

STUDY of ANCIENT LIFEWAYS and TECHNOLOGIES

S.A.L.T. MISSION STATEMENT

S.A.L.T.'s primary goal is to understand, practice and share all life skills and arts of the ancient world. This is accomplished by regular Skills Meetings and informing the public through various Events.



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S.A.L.T. e-NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

S.A.L.T. DISPLAYS, DEMOS, AND ATLATL RANGE
10 am – 3 pm (set up at 9 am)

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS / DRUMMING CIRCLE 9am

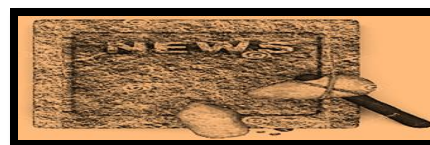
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, November 15th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #4 TOOLS – Bone Needles & Bone Awls
S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

Saturday, December 20th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T.'S 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
S.A.L.T. Holiday Party, Curry Potluck, White
Mammoth Gift Exchange
S.A.L.T. SKILL #19 ATLATLS – Make an Atlatl

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR S.A.L.T. SHIRTS
TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS!**

“SENDING THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE”



International Archaeology Day at SVM

October 18, 2025, 10 am – 3 pm

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**“Unless there is CONTEXT,
it's all arts and crafts.”**

Steve Watts

S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM



in English it is "Central Platform Mound."

**Pronounced:
SUE DOVE VE AWKEY**

S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum (Pueblo Grande Museum) is an archaeological site once inhabited by the Hohokam culture, just east of downtown Phoenix, next to Sky Harbor International Airport. It's a National Historic Landmark and Phoenix Point of Pride accessible by the Sky Train and the Light Rail. Now part of the City of Phoenix Arts & Culture Department, it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix.

4619 E. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034 (602) 495-0901

SAVE THE DATE for 2025!

**48th Annual
S'edav Va'aki Museum
Indian Market
& Young Artist Market**
formerly Pueblo Grande Indian Market
December 13 & 14, 2025



S'edav Va'aki Museum
4619 E. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85034

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ARTISTS, PLEASE GET ON THE EMAIL LIST:
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OR TEXT/VOICEMAIL: 623-335-2695

Committed [S'edav Va'aki Museum Indian Market](https://www.svmfoundation.org/volunteersmakeadifference) volunteers gathered for the continued planning of the upcoming 2025 [S'edav Va'aki Museum - formerly Pueblo Grande Museum](https://www.svmfoundation.org/volunteersmakeadifference) Indian Market. Save the date and artists get your application in. December 13 & 14, 2025, Phoenix Arizona. Follow the websites for updates and volunteer opportunities. We need volunteers to ensure a successful event.
<https://www.svmfoundation.org/>
[#volunteersmakeadifference](https://www.svmfoundation.org/volunteersmakeadifference)

INVITATION TO THE MINERAL MUSEUM'S 35th ANNIVERSARY!

"The Sun City Rockhounds are very excited to celebrate the Mineral Museum's 35th anniversary. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

The museum has undergone extensive renovation this summer with changes in several displays. As a club, we are grateful for the contributions S.A.L.T. has made to the club and the museum itself.

Should your schedule allow, please stop by to join us in honoring this special occasion."

The museum is located in the Sundial Recreation Center at 14801 N 103rd Ave, Sun City, AZ 85351

"Primitive (first) skills are our shared inheritance. It is the shared thread which links us to our prehistory and binds us together as human beings." Steve Watts



**DON'T MISS THE OCT 2025
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20th 10 am - 2 pm**

**S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS and the S.A.L.T.
DRUMMING CIRCLE will meet at 9 am**

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ATLATL RANGE
for INTERNATIONAL
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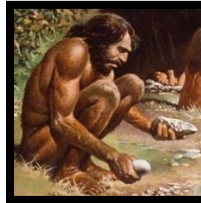


**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

SKILL	Apprentice Level Level I	Apprentice Level Level II	Apprentice Level Level III
1. Cutting Tool	Make a flake and Discoidal Blade	Make flakes from three different rocks and refine the tools	Demonstrate a use or project with the tool
2. Cordage	Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage	Process three different fibers and make cordage	Demonstrate a use or project with the cordage
3. Friction Fire	Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting	Forage for materials, construct hand drill or bow drill and make fire	Make a complete Fire Kit to use and display

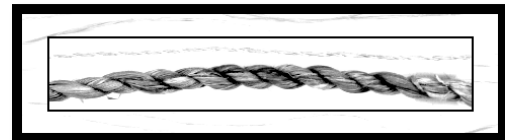
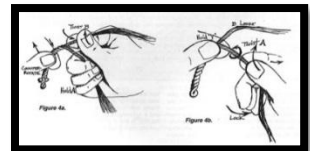
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

Make a flake and discoidal blade.



SKILL #2 CORDAGE: Level I

Make a uniform 3-foot length of cordage.



SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE: Level I

Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting.



(Beads will be given out to new members when Level I of all three of the above Membership Requirement Skills are completed, and dues are paid.)

Remember to bring your own primitive tools and materials to the Monthly Skill Meetings, if you have them. Materials for the Membership Requirement Skills are provided at each meeting for guests and new members.

Also, you are responsible to sign in at meetings and events to be included in the newsletters, etc. and note on the sign-in sheet each level of each skill you complete to be awarded your beads. You need to make a Personal Bead to receive the leather thong for your Skill Beads. Thanks!

SEPTEMBER 2025 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

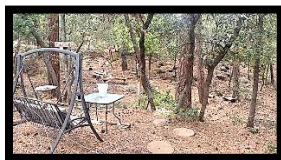
Saturday, September 20, 2025

Board Members in attendance: Bob & Carol Sizemore, Laura Robins, Jennifer Ahumada, and Bill Warner

Members in attendance: Molly Fraley, Luis & Noah Ahumada, Saige Sutton, Carol Schroeter, Billy & Reena Nickel and Rocky Hettinger

Welcome NEW Members: Michelle Henry & David Brown

Guests: William Carr, Steve Fraley, Renae Richmond, Lois Fraley, and Sharon & Dennis DuBose



IN BEAUTIFUL PINE, ARIZONA!

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS & DRUMMERS MEET BEFORE OUR SKILLS CLASS at 9:00 am

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
5. Flint Knapping	Demonstrate Core Reduction by Percussion	Use Percussion to produce Bi face Preform	Make primitive tools such as Southwestern Points



Luis and William



Saige, William, Luis and Bill



William's first awesome attempt!



Luis, the master!

NO DRUMMERS...

S.A.L.T. SKILL #14 BASKETS

Make a Small Twig Basket
with Bob Sizemore

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
14. Baskets	Take a class and make a simple basket	Take a class and make a large basket or pack basket	Forage for materials and make a basket on your own



Great class that featured a fundamental basket for utility purposes. It's not intended to be artistic. However, it should give you a basic understanding of this type of basket making. This type of basket can use many different types of shoots, twigs, vines, etc. This class used shoots from a sumac tree.



Bob teaching Twig Baskets

Reena & Billy



Bob



Jennifer and Molly



Bob, Reena, Billy, Carol, Jennifer & Luis



Cleaned the sumac branches, started the basket, kept adding and weaving and there's the basket! - Laura



William and Saige



Bob and Reena



Bob and Laura



William



Some of the baskets in different stages of completion



Bob and Renae



Carol and Bill



DELICIOUS POTLUCK! Thank you everyone!



Great music by Renae!



Visitors around the corner!

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

RABBITSTICK 2025 by Tom Wax

Sunrise on the Henry's Fork River.

Thank you [David Wescott](#) for hosting a another great Rabbitstick gathering this year.



Rabbitstick 2025 was a great event once again.

Here are a few photos from my Agave Fibers Class. We processed Agave leaves, made them into fibers and made a two-ply cordage with the fibers.



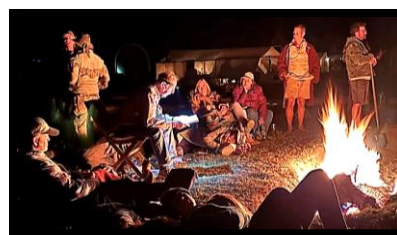
We also made a needle and thread with the needle of the Agave Leaf and fibers.



Dave Wescott



Rabbitstick 2025 Instructors



Duck Tom



Linda, Woniya and Teresa



Baskets



Brain Tanning



David Holladay



Trade Blanket

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT / INFO GALLERY

INFO from Ron Moses



Around 30,000 years ago, an Ice Age hunter set down a small pouch containing essential survival tools beside a campfire in what is now the Czech Republic but never came back to retrieve it. Archaeologists are now studying the 29 small blades and points to determine how the hunter used each of them—and why the individual held on to tools that had broken.

archaeology.org/news/2025/09/24/personal-toolkit-of-ice-age-hunter-recovered/

 Dr. Martin Novák)

INFO from Carlos Acuna

S.A.L.T. is in an article in the October 2025 edition of The Petroglyph, which is the newsletter of the Arizona Archaeology Society!

THE PETROGLYPH / October 2025

....More CHAPTER NEWS....

Rick Mathews spoke to us through a Zoom online video connection at the Payson Library. This was a first for Rim Country Chapter.

RCC is sponsoring a Field Trip to the Smith Family Preserve and other sites in Utah October. See above for contact details.

Sep. 20th Visit to S.A.L.T. Meeting (Study of Ancient Lifeways and Technologies): After the September 20 Rim Country Chapter Meeting, several attendees went to the SALT Meeting this month in Pine north of Payson. They were late, but this did not create a problem. Each meeting is a hands-on personal learning experience to carry out some ancient technology or skill. Materials are provided and everyone is very helpful. This month the technology was making a basket. A pile of long sprouted streamers harvested from some stumps was available material. Participants first selected six starter twigs and easily stripped them of leaves. SALT guides at the meeting instructed how to arrange them and tie them together with additional long twigs to form the base. Then, instructions and help were given to form the sides of the basket with more twigs.

Like AAS Phoenix Chapter, the SALT club has met for years at the grounds of S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande) down in the Phoenix Valley, but both are now having to meet elsewhere. Unfortunately, SALT meets at time overlapping RCC monthly meetings.

Membership: Chapter Membership ensures that you will receive emails alerting you to meetings, field trips, and other events. Membership in AAS is required to participate on field trips and hikes. Contact Rim Country Chapter treasurer Dennis DuBose, email dadubose@gmail.com for membership information.



S.A.L.T. Display Case Showing Some of the Ancient Technology Products Made in Past Meetings

-Dennis DuBose



FALL CAMP for ANCESTRAL SKILLS

October 9 - 12, 2025

Instructors:

Please check in with Patrick if you would like to teach.

[Email Patrick HERE](#)

[Fall Camp Website](#)

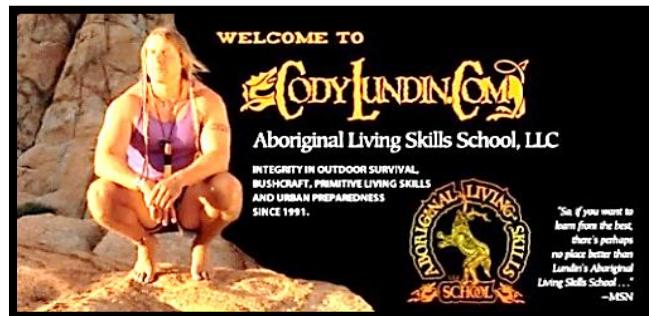


Per [Andy Ward's](#) suggestion, any of our members interested in reproducing ancient SW pottery should definitely check out the SW Kiln Conference <https://www.swkiln.com/> which will be held in Arizona (Safford) for the first time in several years, on **October 16-19**. This year's will be the fourth one I

will attend, and they are always interesting, a load of fun, and will put you in contact with many of the talented potters interested in turning mud into something beautiful and useful "from scratch." The event includes presentations, a tour of the incredible Mills Collection—one of the better public displays of Salado polychrome (red/white/black) pottery—and even trips to collect some local clays that have proven to be good. "Kiln" (these are outdoor trench kilns or surface firings) set-up is Saturday morning, with additional demos that afternoon catered dinner & trade blanket (which is a ton of fun) that evening. Sunday morning will include surface oxidation firings and opening of the reduction-firings from the day before. For a schedule of the talks, see: <https://mailchi.mp/.../sw-kiln-conference-registration...>

"Knowledge is not complete
until it is passed on." Steve Watts

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WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
FEBRUARY 15-21, 2026

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2025



Winter Count, (started 1995), is part of a family of gatherings that strive to reconnect people with old ways of making fire, tanning hides, forming metal, weaving baskets, hunting, gathering and much more. We teach ancestral skills that were essential to the survival and well-being of all cultures, no matter what continent your ancestors came from. Through the understanding and mastery of these skills, people find that they can connect not only to a simpler way of living life but also to the roots of their heritage and to a pathway to interact more deeply with the natural world.

We provide a camp with some of the best instructors in their fields, teaching what they have learned through experience, experimentation and through source materials. Some of the instructors have spent many years perfecting their crafts. Some have managed archeological sites while others have lived deeply among the wild places, hunting, raising their own food and making their own clothing and tools from the most basic elements. We are a diverse group of people from many experiences, opinions, and family backgrounds, who come together to share what it is that makes us excited about life.

Winter Count is a drug, alcohol, and firearm free event.

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Bear Rock



Metate Rock



《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

May 25th – 30th, 2026



Email Mullein [HERE](#) with any further questions

Between the Rivers Gathering is a week-long educational workshop for learning skills that originated in the stone-age all the way up to modern homesteading. We are an annual event located in Washington State about an hour north of Spokane. We will have a multitude of instructors offering a broad-range of classes all week long. Included will be wilderness survival skills of all kind, basic and homespun living, preparedness and skills of a practical and archeological nature.

We offer hands-on classes in ancestral living and survival, and we also focus on the skills of self-sufficiency and sustainable living to minimize our impact on this planet we all share. Come join our community and experience for yourself what an ancestral skills gathering is all about!

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Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact us: patrickf@bridgestothepast.org

BetweentheRiversgathering.com

Hi folks, I'll be renting furnished and unfurnished Yurts and Bell tents again this year. Included is a community Kitchen yurt or shade cloud to store your cooler and will also include cooking tables, stoves & pans etc.

See between the river's website for more info.

Prices for the whole week are \$300 unfurnished, \$400 furnished. Call or email CampingYurts.com

BTR LOGO HATS ARE AVAILABLE!



Kandis Larson is making Between the Rivers Gathering Logo Hats and making them available to you! Each hat has a leather patch branded with our BTR logo that we have all grown to love, no two are alike, and have a primitive touch to them.

kandiscreated@gmail.com

509-994-0585 cell . @kandis created (Instagram)





38TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

SEPTEMBER 13 – 19, 2026

Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, held the 3rd week of September in ID, is the premier Backtracks event. Rabbitstick is the oldest of all of the modern primitive skills events and has been the model for most of the events currently running worldwide. Each year we host nearly 150 instructional and support staff who provide a camp with hands-on classes that run 9am-5pm for 5 days for about 400 registered participants. This is an unparalleled opportunity to learn skills and get to know teachers that you can trust. Visit our new website -5- for complete event and registration details.

Backtracks has assembled one of the largest and most complete rosters of primitive skills teachers and practitioners available anywhere. Backtracks is your source for the best instructional staff you'll find at any event. **Join us next year!**

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Dear RMS family & friends,
 ~ Live What You Love ~

All classes held at Reevis Mountain School include hearty meals fresh from the homestead, class supplies, hot showers, and campsite. Camping is free, or stay in a yurpee (\$10 per night per person), single cabin (\$25 per night, sleeps 1), or double cabin (\$50 per night, sleeps 1-2+), availability permitting. We provide complimentary shuttle service from Roosevelt, AZ, or caravan in your own 4X4. Shuttle pickup is at 4 p.m., first day of class.

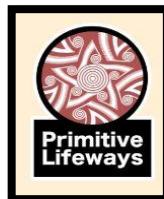
Please see our [website](#) to enroll and to get more information Sign up online!

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Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns



Visit the Primitive Lifeways Store!

The Primitive Lifeways store is up and running. This month we are featuring new merchandise including beautifully crafted prehistoric replica pottery and jewelry. We are still selling stickers for less than a cup of coffee at Starbucks. By purchasing our new merchandise, you are helping us educate the public on archaeological preservation and the

sharing of free information.

[Click Here](#) to visit our store.

Jeff Martin

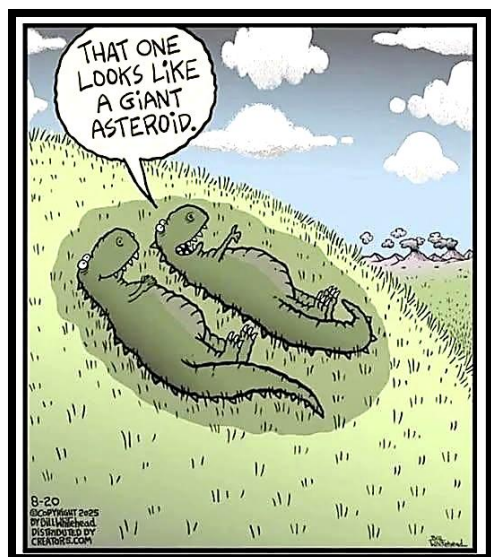
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Volunteers Needed for City of Phoenix Park Steward Program



The City of Phoenix Park Steward Program is looking for volunteers to help maintain, clean, and preserve our trails. Help make a difference in your community!

Visit volunteer.phoenix.gov to apply or reach out to 602-495-5458 for more information on how to get involved!



ATTENTION

S.A.L.T. Members and Associates!

Please send in pictures and articles for this newsletter! Send in information on projects you are working on, information you have found on primitive skills, pictures from trips to archaeological sites, etc.

Send it to saltskills@gmail.com



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS

ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES!

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

MEMBERSHIP DUES

SINGLE \$20.00 or FAMILY \$40.00

Please pay at a Skills Meeting!

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