

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

MARCH 2026

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR
 NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
 10 am - 2 pm
 at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM
 S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS / DRUMMING CIRCLE /
 WIRE WRAPPING 9am

S.A.L.T. SKILLS #19 ATLATLS
 Make an ATLATL DART with Charlie & Bob

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MARCH IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH:

SVM ANCIENT TECH DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 14 9 am - 3 pm
 S.A.L.T. Displays & Demos & Atlatl Range

Saturday, April 18 SKILLS MEETING at SVM - S.A.L.T. SKILL #3 FRICTION
 FIRE - Make an EGYPTIAN BOW DRILL with Tom Wax
S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Classes

Saturday, May 16 SKILLS MEETING at SVM - S.A.L.T. SKILL #24
 DECORATION - Make an Argillite Pendant with Charlie Tadano

WORLD ATLATL DAY Saturday, June 6

Saturday, June 20 SKILLS MEETING at SVM - S.A.L.T. SKILL #21
 FISHHOOKS & TOOLS - Make a BONE FISHHOOK with Ron Moses

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

*All S.A.L.T. Members make sure Laura has your name
 on the membership list for free entry into SVM!*

-SENDING THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE-



ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
9AM - 3PM
S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

4819 E. Washington St. Phoenix AZ
 (602)495-0991
www.phoenix.gov/SVMuseum

Fun for the whole family with hands-on experiences where visitors can try their hand at throwing an atlatl (spear), weaving their own cloth, adobe brick making and much more!

Bring the entire family to SVM's annual Ancient Technology Day! Enjoy many hands-on activities, including adobe brick making, atlatl (spear) throwing, petroglyph designs, storytelling, and much more! Join a mound tour with our knowledgeable Engagement Guides at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm. We are launching a special Ancient Technology Day mission in the Agents of Discovery app as part of the Explore Arizona Campaign. Follow this link to download the app.
[Click here to download the app!](#)

All Ancient Technology Day activities are included with general museum admission.

**"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.

Part of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department since 1929, it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix.

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www.svmuseum@phoenix.gov

- 3/5/26: Parched Lecture Series: Glory Tacheenie-Campoy, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm [Click here to learn more.](#)
- 3/12/26: Gourd Decorating with [Southwest Gourd Association](#), 6:00 pm-7:30pm
- 3/14/26: Annual Ancient Technology Day, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- 3/19/26: Mocktails in March, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- 3/21/26:SALT Skills, 9:00 am-2:00 pm [Click here to learn more.](#)
- 3/26/26: Superbloom Desert Craft, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
- 4/2/26: "Parched: The Art of Water in the Southwest" documentary screening, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
- 4/9/26: Archaeology Café, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 4/18/26 SALT Skills, 9:00 – 2:00 pm
- 4/18/26:"Harmony:Balancing Past & Present" A Indigenous Sonoran Desert Experience, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm [Click here for tickets!](#)
- 5/7/26 "Parched: Life Extended with Debra Edgerton

Attention all SALT Members and prospective members!

ANCIENT TECH DAY at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM!

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9am - 3pm
Set up begins at 8 am

S.A.L.T. will be participating in S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum's Ancient Technology Day as we have been doing for many years. Please make every attempt you can to help us with the Atlatl Range and Skills Demos.



We need many hands to man the Atlatl Range as it is always a very popular activity. Mark the day on your calendar and make plans to be there. Call Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910 or Bob Sizemore at 520-705-9780 to sign up to help. Thank you!

Get ready for the next installment of our Thursday evening programming, Parched! Speaker Series!

Join us on February 5, 2026, at 6pm in the S'edav Va'aki Community Room for a very special guest lecture featuring Marie Gladue, the artist behind *The Healing Dance at Hooghan* that is on display at the museum.

Marie Gladue will be presenting virtually. In-person attendees are still welcomed.

In collaboration with Coconino Center for the Arts

#SedavVaaki #Museum #ThursdayEveningPrograms #ParchedLectureSeries #GuestLectures #FreeEvents #ContemporaryArt #FineArt

PARCHED: Speaker Series

Marie Gladue
The Healing Dance at Hooghan

The Parched speaker series showcases artists featured in the changing exhibit at SVM, which explores the role of water in the Southwest through an artistic lens.

Ya'at'ee! Marie Gladue grew up a part of the Edgewater Clan in the beautiful homeland of Dził Yigín (Black Mesa) located in Northern Arizona. In working with hoop communities, arid environment, social, and healing justice issues, she reminds people our Natural Laws are our laws that call for taking care of land, water, and air.

FEB 5, 2026 6:00 PM
FREE LECTURE
 SVM Community Room
 4619 E. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ANCIENT SKILLS?
 Everyone is welcome to join our S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETINGS at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM from 9:00am - 2:00pm on the third Saturday of every month for free instruction of ancient skills!

"You are here today because YOUR ancestors know these things."

S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

Involvement in opening up professional development, fulfilling volunteer requirements, and building your resume within a museum setting? Do you want to have fun and help teach the public about the ancient at Southern Desert?

Ages 14-17

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- initiating informative artifact interactions with the public
- assisting outdoor educational programs
- leading indoor exhibit-based activities

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SCAN ME!

Apply Today

TEENS MUST COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING 16 OR MORE HOURS FROM OCT-DEC

"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



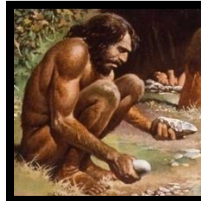
**DON'T MISS THE MARCH 2026
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING
SATURDAY, MAR 21 10 am - 2 pm**

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS, the S.A.L.T. DRUMMING CIRCLE, & WIRE WRAPPERS meet at 9 am

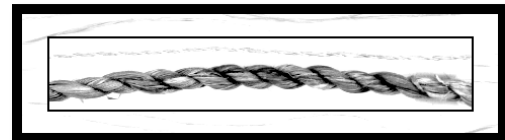
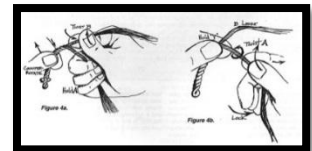
**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

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.



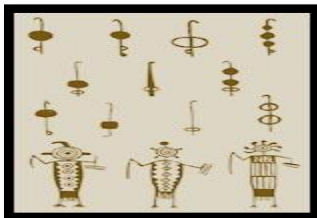
(Beads will be given out to new members when Level I of all three of the above Membership Requirement Skills are completed, and dues are paid.)

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!

SKILL	Apprentice Level Level I	Apprentice Level Level II	Apprentice Level Level III
19. Atlatls / Darts	Successfully throw both a training and traditional atlatl	Make your own atlatl and dart and hit a target at least 3 out of 5 times	Make a primitive atlatl and dart with & out of primitive materials / hit target 3 out of 5 times

**S.A.L.T. SKILL #19
ATLATLS & DARTS – Make an Atlatl Dart with Charlie & Bob**



FEBRUARY 2026 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Board Members in attendance: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Donna Moses, Laura Robins, Bob & Carol Sizemore, Bill Warner, Justin Sowden, and Don Raker

Members in attendance: Jax, Mari & Dalen Townsend, Reena Nickel, Linda Jolle, Carlos Acuna, Sam Sargent, Tom Adkins, Molly Fraley, Dan, Lisa, Neil, and Conrad Alexander, Jasmine Peng, and Eva Liu

Guests: Isaac Mythery, Ernie Verrue

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS and DRUMMERS and WIRE WRAPPERS meet 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



Bill, Dalen, Carlos, and Justin



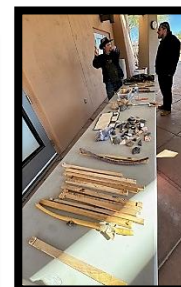
S.A.L.T. President Charlie & Bob opened the meeting

S.A.L.T. SKILL #19 ATLATLS & DARTS – Make an Atlatl with Stone Tools with Charlie, Bob, & Bill

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
19. Atlatls / Darts	Successfully throw both a training and traditional atlatl	Make your own atlatl and dart and hit a target at least 3 out of 5 times	Make a primitive atlatl and dart with & out of primitive materials / hit target 3 out of 5 times



Bob and Charlie



SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
25. Musical Instruments / Games	Take a class and make an instrument or game	Make and learn how to play 1 instrument and 1 game on your own	Demonstrate and display 3 instruments and 3 games



Mari made a Water Drum!



The Alexander family



Some of the Atlatls made today!
Make sure you bring it to the Ancient Tech Day on March 14 to try it out at the Atlatl Range!



Jasmine and Eva



Tom Adkins



Dalen, Reena, and Carlos



Justin



Thank you to everyone who brought delicious goodies for our Potluck!



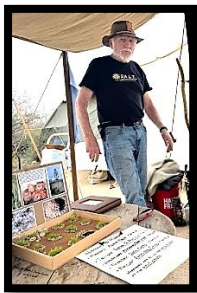
Reena and Carlos



Tamara, Charlie, and Jax

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

S.A.L.T. WINTER COUNT FIELDTRIP
Monday, February 16, 2026



Ron Moses



Donna & Ron



Tamara & Charlie



Carol, Carlos & Sylvia



Susan



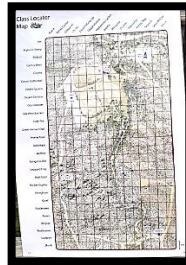
Susan, Robin, and Dulce



Peter Bigfoot



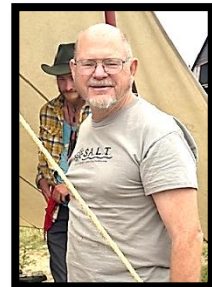
Rocky



Brain Tanning



Tom Wax



Noah, Jennifer, and Luis

FAREWELL BOB, TIL WE MEET AGAIN...



Bill Warner in the Knapping Pit



Bob & Gayle Kitch

MEMORIAL FOR BOB AT WINTER COUNT



Primitive Bows



Burning Bowls



Drum Circle



Primitive Xylophone



Sylvia, Carlos, Donna, Laura, and Charlie



Sylvia, Carlos, Donna, Charlie & Tamara



Lynx, Robin, and Laura

WINTER COUNT ATLATL RANGE



Tom Wax at the Atlatl Range



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

PARFLECHE KNIFE SHEATHS by Ron Moses



I was fortunate to receive a beautiful Bo Earls obsidian and antler knife and have wanted to protect it while showing it off. I have been doing parfleche creations over the last couple years, and a while back there were some unused odd size rawhide pieces that got stored in the freezer. These were being saved for that future project that you don't yet know about. Well, when digging in the freezer, I came upon that forgotten cache of rawhide and immediately knew why it was put there. The result is this parfleche belt sheath.

[wanderingwithmoses](https://www.instagram.com/wanderingwithmoses)



A new Parfleche rawhide sheath just completed for an old Morakniv. So looking forward to seeing friends old and new in just a few weeks! May the morning sunrise warm our souls and the sound of the desert bring us peace and harmony.

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!

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency
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Gathering

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)
[BtR T-Shirt](#)

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

[Betweentheriversgathering.com](http://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.

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FALL CAMP for ANCESTRAL SKILLS
October 8- 11, 2026

[Fall Camp Website](#)

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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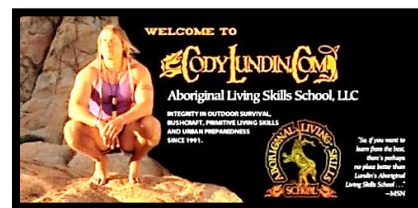
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Bulletin of Primitive Technology website at - primitive.org. Order back issues, download a complete index of topics and titles, or view the entire first issue and newsletters for free. Don't miss out on this amazing collection of information. It's up and running and ready to take your orders now.

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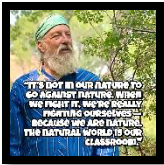
[Woods](#) (Gibbs Smith, Publisher 2016)

[Earth Knack: Stone Age Skills for the 21st Century](#) (Peregrine Books – Gibbs Smith 1996)

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Primitive wilderness survival

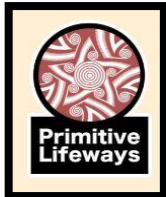


"It's not in our nature to go against nature. When we fight it, we're really fighting ourselves — because we are nature. The natural world is our classroom. We're part of the pattern, the organizers of our own experience. We recognize beauty in every sense because it's woven into who we are." -Holladave
Talked to Holladay and we've decided to open up a few more spots to the sold out "Echoes of the ancestors" class this February!

We have a massive venue and both of us are teaching so we're going to allow 4 more students in!

Message me to snag your spot or check out the link in my bio. – Dave Wescott

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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

Jeff@primitivelifeways.com



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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



WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

FEBRUARY 14-22, 2027

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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.

Winter Count 505-570-9484

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www.WinterCountCamp.com

Please call Charlie if you want a S.A.L.T. 25th Anniversary T-shirt for \$18.50 at 602-524-6910. Only 4 left!



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



**IMAGINE US IN
THE STONE AGE**



Primitive spelling bees

ATTENTION

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

Please send 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

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

are due!

SINGLE \$20.00 or FAMILY \$40.00

Please pay at a Skills Meeting or mail them to
S.A.L.T. Treasurer,

LAURA ROBINS

1922 W. Kristal Way, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Please make the check out to Laura Robins

or Zelle Laura Robins at 623-533-0847

S.A.L.T. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

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