



## 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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APRIL 2022

### S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

#### NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am – Noon (earlier time)**

**S.A.L.T. SKILL #13 POTTERY**  
with Donald Raker

*(Please bring a dish to share for the potluck Brunch!)*

**at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM**

#### UPCOMING 2022 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> SKILLS MEETING at PGM**  
S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION – Argillite Jewelry with Charlie  
**QUARTERLY S.A.L.T. BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS**

**Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD ATLATL DAY**  
at PGM from 9 am - Noon

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> SKILLS MEETING at PGM**  
S.A.L.T. SKILL #4 TOOLS – Pump Drills with Bob Sizemore

**Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> SKILLS MEETING at PGM**  
S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION – ROCK ART with Peter Huegel

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

*All Members make sure Tamara has your name  
on the membership list for free entry into PMG!*



## PUEBLO GRANDE 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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**"Unless there is CONTEXT,  
it's all arts and crafts." Steve Watts**



**DON'T MISS THE APRIL 2022  
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**  
Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am - noon



### SKILL #13 POTTERY SMALL POTS with Donald Raker

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
13. Pottery	Take a class and make a simple piece such as a bowl	Take a class and make item of choice	Find clay in nature and make an item of choice on your own



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

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice 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

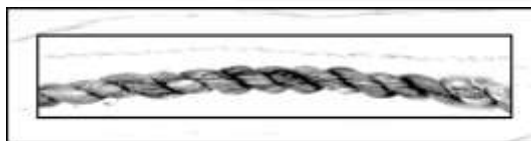
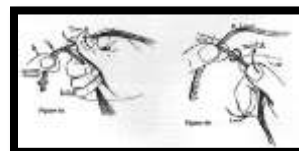
#### SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

*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!



# ANCIENT TECH DAY at PUEBLO GRANDE

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 9am - 3pm**

S.A.L.T. Members Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Ron & Donna Moses, Carlos Acuna, Peter Huegel Steve Hall, Linda & Emiliano Jolle and Marilyn Nolan represented S.A.L.T. at the PGM Event. The weather was beautiful!



We had over 100 participants on the Atlatl Range.



Charlie Tadano



Julie & Amaya Read



Steven Hall



Ron & Donna Moses had a Corn Husk Dart Game with prizes!



Noah, Tamara, Linda & Emiliano Jolle



Peter took his granddaughter, Elyse, on a tour of the event....



Atlatl



Primitive Archery



Pottery



Adobe Bricks



# MARCH 2022 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Pueblo Grande Museum

**Board Members in attendance were:** Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Bob & Carol Sizemore, Jennifer Ahumada and Ron & Donna Moses

**Members in attendance:** Luis & Noah Ahumada, Arturo Ramirez, Peter Huegel & Elyse, Donald Raker, Susan Roxburg, Carlos Acuna, David, Missy, Ezra & Lucy Lauck, Dale Gagner, Brian, Huck & Jack Read

**Guests:** Thomas Cann, Rachel Burger, Raul & Maria Ferran

## SKILL #25 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS GOURD RATTLES with Ron & Donna Moses

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

Very interesting and fun class! Thank you to Donna's brother, Dale, for helping out.



Ron & Donna Moses



The Laucks



Carol, Jennifer, Tamara and Diane



Diane & Tom







Carlos, Don, Noah, Luis, Ron and Jennifer



Tamara, Charlie and Arturo



Carlos



Tamara



Arturo

THE POTLUCK BRUNCH WAS AWESOME!!!



Desserts



# SAN TAN ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY EVENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am – 2 pm**

S.A.L.T. Members Charlie & Tamara Tadano and Jax, Ron & Donna Moses, Bob Sizemore, Laura Robins, Peter Huegel, Jennifer, Luis, & Noah Ahumada, Carlos Acuna and Donald Raker displayed and demoed many primitive skills and sold several items.



Donna & Ron



Peter and Bob



We did a 50 / 50 Raffle and Carlos won \$20.00!



Charlie



Don



Jennifer, Donna and Tamara



Jax and Bob



San Tan Display



Flint Knapping



The San Tan Museum



Awesome Pots!

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

## WALNUT CANYON East of Flagstaff, AZ by Tom Wax

This is an archaeological site that has a short 1.5 mile loop trail into the canyon. It has great artifacts to see at the visitor's center that has a Hand-Drill on display.



# S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT GALLERY

## SOTOL FLUTE by Ron Moses



Doing some tuning work on this sweet sounding traditional ancestral style five hole flute. Made this at the Wintercount gathering earlier this month, thanks to the patience and expert guidance of Randy Kinkade at his flute making workshop. Material is Sotol flower stalk about 17 1/2" long by 1 1/2" outside diameter and 1" inside diameter. This was my first experience using Sotol plant for a flute. Plans are to replace the current functional bird with one of redwood carved in the shape of a cactus wren. That project is still in the rough out stage as I give the arthritic fingers a needed break.

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





## Between the Rivers Gathering May 20th- June 4th, 2022

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency  
Sponsored by Bridges to the Past 501(c)(3)

Northeastern Washington State Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

Greetings folks,

We are pleased to announce that we are planning on hosting BtR in the spring!

**Registration will open in March 2022 and will be limited** so it's better to sign up at that point rather than waiting until the last minute.

We spent numerous weekends during the fall clearing more camp sites along with small roads for easier access. Our goal is to keep nourishing & restoring the land that we gather on!

There will be limited work trade positions offered. [Email Mullein](#) to discuss options.

Do you want to be an instructor or know of anyone who's interested? We are always looking to add to our class list. [Email Patrick](#) for the details.

After having a board meeting last month, we decided to bring kitchen service back for BTR! We will host a full dinner each night of the gathering along with a simple breakfast every morning before announcements. This also allows more individuals to join our work crew for food preparation.

Thank you all for supporting this gathering each year and we look forward to seeing you soon! We will send out more information when we open registration in March.

Cheers!

**Between the Rivers Gathering** is a week-long workshop for learning skills that originate 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!

**Warning:** Attending Between the Rivers Gathering may change your life!

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

[BTR T-Shirt](#)

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact

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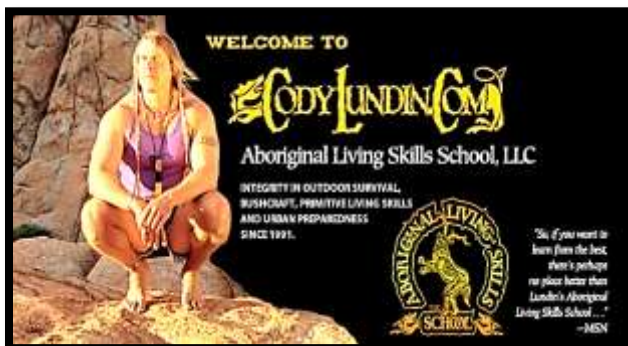
## BTR LOGO HATS ARE AVAILABLE!



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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## 34TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

**SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2022**

**"Rabbitstick is the Mother Church  
of Primitive Technology"**

-Steve Watts, Past President of the Society of Primitive Technology

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 - [rabbitstick.com](http://rabbitstick.com) - 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!

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## WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
**FEB. 19-25, 2023**

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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](mailto:Jeff@primitivelifeways.com)

## PRESCOTT PRIMITIVE LIVING SKILLS

### Prescott, Arizona

Check out Kiowa Sage on Facebook!

Hello friends! It's Kiowa Sage! I started a local meetup group to teach courses on primitive living skills, nature awareness and outdoor survival skills - all of which I've been training in for many years. All classes ranging from two hour workshops, day long classes and multiple day immersion courses. Skills and knowledge bases such as making fire with sticks, edible and medicinal plants, animal trapping and tracking, fiber arts and weaving, basic outdoor survival skills and how to do more with less in the outdoors. Right now I only have a couple classes listed until I acquire more traffic. Check out some of the listings that are available! [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)

Watch for new listings of classes that are offered, and there will be more to come!  
-Kiowa Sage



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](http://www.reevismountain.org) to enroll and to get more information

Sign up online!

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Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns

"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

## 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](mailto:saltskills@gmail.com)



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS



**ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES WHEN WE GET BACK TO PGM!**

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

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

## S.A.L.T. STORE

*T-SHIRTS & PATCHES will be available at all S.A.L.T. Skill Meetings*



S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS are available in all sizes at \$20.00 each *(Special pricing for Members)*



S.A.L.T. PATCHES \$5.00 each  
*(Memberships receive one free)*

*(Special price for members)*  
Call Charlie for availability on Totes  
**602-524-6910**

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !

**SINGLE \$12.00 & FAMILY \$24.00**  
*(New memberships are  
pro-rated throughout the year)*

*Please mail them to S.A.L.T. Treasurer,*

**TAMARA TADANO**  
**12840 N. 45<sup>th</sup> Drive**  
**Glendale, AZ 85304**

**Please make the check out to  
Tamara Tadano**

## S.A.L.T. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

The Tan "Fishing Shirt" Style S.A.L.T. Membership Shirts are available by pre-order. Please contact Charlie Tadano to order your Shirt at **602-524-6910**

## S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS and S.A.L.T. PATCHES are still available!

The S.A.L.T. "Sonoran Desert, Sorting out the Weak" T-SHIRT is available to anyone interested for \$15.00 each. They will be available at most S.A.L.T. Monthly Skill Meetings and Events until they are gone. (Only a few left!)



"The hunting figures add up, but it looks like someone's been doing a little gathering off the books."

Ah yes... A Nokia fossil, from in the Myspacion Period.



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