



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

AUGUST 2019

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th

10 am – 2 pm

SKILL #24 DECORATION –

Scallop Shell Necklaces

with Charlie & Tamara Tadano

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, September 21st SKILLS MEETING at PGM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #14 PINE NEEDLE BASKETS
with Jennifer Ahumada

**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

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



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.

Purchase Native American gifts, art and jewelry at the Museum Store. Open 7 days a week Oct.-Apr.; Closed Sundays & Mondays May-Sep.



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



**DON'T MISS THE AUGUST 2019
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**
Saturday, August 17th 10am-2pm



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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 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

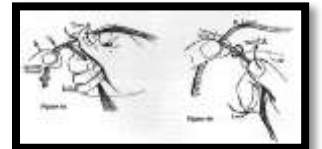
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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 and skills 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!

JULY 2019 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, July 20th, 2019
Pueblo Grande Museum

Board Members in attendance were: Charlie Tadano, Laura Robins, Albert Abril, Tom Wax and Jennifer Ahumada

Members in attendance: Aiden Duffy, Steven Hall, Luis Ahumada, Marc, Amy Wax, Linda & Emil Jolle, Jacque Hodges, Shannon McQuinn, Peter Huegel, Eric & Mary Goo and Olalla, Fiona & Mary Carlin

Guest in attendance: Eric Claussen

SKILL # 9 – FINGER WEAVING Peruvian Braids

Great class with Albert Abril



Albert



Tom Wax opened the meeting with his walkabout adventures



Aiden, Peter, Steven, Mary, Fiona and Albert



Always a fabulous Potluck Brunch! Thank you to everyone who brought food!



S.A.L.T. Secretary Jennifer Ahumada



Amy Wax



Mary, Olalla & Fiona and Albert

S.A.L.T. SKILL MEETING DRAWING WINNERS!



Peter



Amy



Linda



Emilio



Marc



Aiden



Jacque



Shannon



Steven



Eric



Fiona



Mary



Jennifer



Luis

JULY 2019 S.A.L.T. ANNUAL CAMP OUT at Woods Canyon Lake 7/25-28/19 PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Spillway Group Campground on the lake



We all had a great time with the cool weather! It was 78-80 during the day and 58-60 at night. We only had one monsoon downpour on Friday afternoon. The elevation at 7,500 ft. was indeed a challenge for some of us.

Charlie & Tamara, Jason & Alicia, Thomas & Ali, Thomas & Laura, Beau, Kate, Ryann & Jack, Ricky, Chrissy, Kaylin & Logan, Steven, Gary & Joyce all camped. Emilio & Linda came up for the day on Saturday.



Steven and Thomas



Joyce, Gary, Alicia, Jason and Charlie



Alicia was gifted a flute from Thomas Robins. There was music from the wind in the trees, blue birds, Joyce's mandolin and Laura played her flute a little...



Ricky and Beau

Gary & Joyce brought their canoe and Ricky came with a large blow-up kayak and two paddle boards. The kids spent lot of time out on the lake on Saturday and Sunday.



There were pine pitch nodules on several trees on site, so Thomas taught Gary and Steven how to make pitch sticks.



Thomas taught his Gorge Hook and Agave Leader Class. They carved bamboo hooks and made cordage with Flemish loops out of agave.



Steven's Gorge Hook & Leader



Laura made a Peruvian Braid out of black & tan jute for her flute.



Steven had some small pinch pots and fired them with success!



He used one to cook the pine pitch and charcoal.



Gary and Ali
Charlie had Argillite for people to make pendants.





Ali & Thomas



Emilio & Linda



Gary & Joyce



Tamara & Charlie at his best!



There was trout for breakfast each morning! Yum!



The Saturday Potluck Dinner was awesome! We had Posole, Chicken & Cheese Tostadas, Beef Brochette, Steak, Bratwurst, Veggies, Salad, Fruit, Nuts and S'mores for dessert.



Steven made the Beef Brochette & Steak



Jack & popsicle



Sunset on Woods Canyon Lake. Thank you Steven for some of the pictures!



32ND RABBITSTICK

SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2019

in Rexburg, Idaho

"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 - 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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Our Farm and Sanctuary

Reevis Mountain School began in 1980 as a community focused on self-sufficiency and the teaching of survival skills. Today it is a more quiet place: a sanctuary, organic farm, and off-grid homestead. Nature has endowed this remote canyon with paradise-like features: a year-round creek, two underground springs, and an altitude (3,300 feet) that takes much of the misery out of Arizona summers. Human effort has added an orchard of one hundred fruit and nut trees, a one-acre garden, a flock of some fifty chickens, a greenhouse, a community house, a beautiful native stone shower house, a solar power house, and shelters including a teepee, cabins, and yurpees (Bigfoot's design, a combination of teepee and yurt).

Our first-rate "Nature's Classroom" is enjoyed by a permanent staff of two and a varying number of interns and retreat seekers. It is cherished by those wishing to experience a place free from most modern-day pollutants (including cell phones!) and to reconnect with Earth, Self, and Spirit. Visitors rave about the wholesome, nourishing, and tasty meals, featuring fresh, organically home-grown ingredients prepared with love.

What to bring: Camping gear or, with yurpee reservation, a sleeping bag or bedding; water bottle; sun-protective hat; flashlight or headlamp; battery-powered lamp (optional); sunglasses; towel and toiletries. Also: openness, appreciation, and desire to learn. The temperature at RMS is usually about 12 degrees cooler than Phoenix, and nights can be cool in the spring and fall—bring warm clothing.

What to leave at home: Drugs, alcohol, firearms, smoking materials, electronic equipment, pets, junk food, and negative attitudes.



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.

Registration

Visit www.reevismountain.org to register online. Or mail your name, phone number, postal and email addresses, and a 50% deposit (check or money order) to RMS, 7448 S. J-B Ranch Rd., Roosevelt, AZ 85545. Indicate whether you will need our free shuttle service from Roosevelt and/or wish to stay in a yurpee or cabin instead of camping. Balance due prior to class. Deposits are nonrefundable unless RMS reschedules or cancels the class.

Early Registration: 10% discount if you register with full payment 30 days prior to class date.

Important Information

Classes held at RMS include: meals (arrival night meals are a potluck party—bring a healthful, natural dish to share!), class supplies, hot showers, and campsite. Camping is free, or stay in a yurpee (shared, \$10/night/pers.) or cabin (single \$25/night or double \$50/night).

Class fee includes shuttle service from Roosevelt—or caravan in your own 4X4. Shuttle pickup is at 4 p.m., first day of class (note exception for Stone Masonry), at M&S Marine, Hwy. 188, Roosevelt (between mile posts 233 & 234). Further details will be provided after registration.

For more information, please contact us—see below.

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Thank you for your kind wishes and best thoughts. We are okay. Job No. 1 is we are working hard on repairing the critical water lines that melted and that are leaking all over the farm.

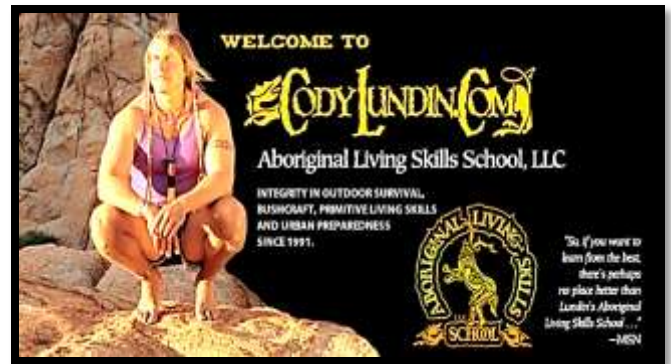
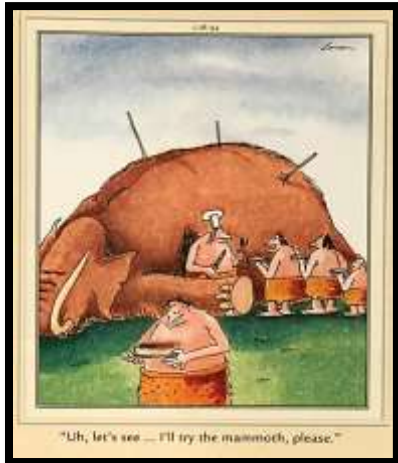
Appreciate you checking in with us.

Tied up with with many projects, please forgive me for the shortness of this reply.

If you wish to know more about what happened and is happening at the farm, please visit our website: www.reevismountain.org and click on the button that says "About the Fire" and you can see the timeline I wrote. Also, Lee Ann, an owner, has been doing updates on the Reevis Mountain School of Self-Reliance Facebook page.

Hope you can make it back to share another Thanksgiving celebration at Reevis with us.

Peter



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*)



Have a place to store and carry all of your **S.A.L.T. Projects and Tools!** \$15.00 each
(*Special price for members*)
Call Charlie for availability on Totes
602-524-6910

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



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS



ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES!

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

"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

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

SINGLE \$12.00 & FAMILY \$24.00

(New memberships are pro-rated throughout the year)

Please bring it to the next Skills Meeting or mail them to S.A.L.T. Treasurer,

TAMARA TADANO

**12840 N. 45th 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**

**NEW S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS
and S.A.L.T. PATCHES
are now available!**

There may be some Tote Bags, too.

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!)

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