



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

DECEMBER 2019

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, DEC. 21st

10 am – 2 pm

SKILL #2 CORDAGE

Level II – Process Agave and other plant fibers for cordage 10am-Noon

S.A.L.T. HOLIDAY PARTY from Noon to 2pm

Bring a Special Potluck Offering and a wrapped gift (AS PRIMITIVE AS POSSIBLE) for the White Elephant Gift Game!

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

UPCOMING 2020 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, January 18th SKILLS MEETING at PGM

S.A.L.T. SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE with Tom Wax

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Elections for President & Treasurer

Saturday, February 15th SKILLS MEETING at PGM

S.A.L.T. SKILL #1 DISCOIDAL BLADE
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS

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!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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 DECEMBER 2019
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!
Saturday, December 21st 10am-2pm**



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
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SKILL #2 CORDAGE – Level II

Process Agave and Yucca fibers for cordage from 10am-Noon with Albert, Bob & Laura



Agave



Yucca

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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!

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

Saturday, November 16, 2019
Pueblo Grande Museum

Board Members in attendance were: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Albert Abril, Bob Sizemore and Tom Wax

Members in attendance: Gary Alves, Peter Huegel, Eric Goo, Ron & Donna Moses, Joe & Jacque Hodges, Rachel Hungerford, Travis & Nazri Slusser, Linda & Emilio Jolle and Aiden Duffy

Guests in attendance: Charlie & Jill Warner, Donald Raker, Judy Lindstrom, Alecia Moreno and Annette F.

SKILL #19 ATLATLS Level II – Make an Atlatl with Charlie Tadano



Charlie Tadano taught a great class on simple atlatl making with some options on hand-holds.



Tamara welcomes everybody!



Tom Wax and Tamara Tadano



Thank you to Peter Huegel for helping out with the Atlatl blanks!





Always a great Potluck Brunch!



Albert Abril



Travis and Nazri Slusser



Eric Goo and Joe Hodges



Linda & Emilio Jolle



Rachel Hungerford

After making the Atlats, we went out to the Range and tried them out!



Eric nailed it!

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



Joe



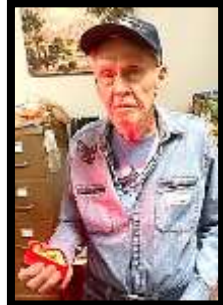
Travis



Nazri



Linda



Emilio



Gary Alves
Our NEWEST BOARD MEMBER!!!



David



Peter



Albert



Eric



Aiden



Ron



Donna



Rachel



Laura

Thank you to those of you who brought items for the Drawing!



WINTER COUNT

**February 9 – 15, 2020
AT THE BOULDERS!**

About 1/2 hour east of Florence, AZ on the East Florence-Kelvin Highway which is just south of Florence off Hwy. 79.

Registration starts November 15, 2019 and will be open until we reach our limit.

If you prefer to mail us a certified money order or cashier's check, contact us ASAP so that we can put you on the registered list. You will have a week to get your payment to us.

Prices:

Adult Early Registration \$345 (November 15-January 15 unless we sell out before that)

Adult Regular Registration- \$435 (January 16 - February 10 unless we sell out before that.)

Teen Registration- (Ages 13-15) \$175

Youth Registration- (Ages 9-12) \$150

Kids Registration- (Ages 4-8) \$50

Kids (ages 1 to 3) **FREE**

Refund and Discount Policy: \$50 of each tuition is a non-refundable deposit. This applies to Refunds or Rollovers. Refunds can be obtained by contacting the office 30 days prior to the start of the event. After that date, arrangements can be made to Rollover the tuition to the gathering you registered for or to our other gathering SkyEarth, or transfer it to another participant. No refunds or transfers after the event begins.

Extreme weather conditions are becoming more of a concern. If catastrophic conditions require us to close the camp during an event, refunds will not be available. There are trip insurance options available through brokers that provide a policy to cover such an occurrence.

We maintain a small scholarship fund generated through raffles. Requests may be made for access to that fund. Contact us ASAP if you will be requesting a scholarship. People trying to register using Internet Explorer as their browser may have trouble. Please use Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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Instructors at the BTR Gathering May 2019
Find Albert!

Between the Rivers Gathering May 25th - May 30th, 2020 Primitive Skills for Self-Sufficiency

Northeastern Washington Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

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 will have a multitude of instructors offering a broad-range of classes all week long. Included will be wilderness survival skills of all kind, primitive and homespun living, basic preparedness and skills of a practical and archeological nature.

We offer *hands-on classes in primitive 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 a primitive skills gathering is all about!

Come and experience the entire week with us!

To register click [here](#).

Day registration click [here](#).

Other [Primitive Skills Gatherings](#)

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Day rates available, too!

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact

us: patrickf@bridgestothepast.org



33RD RABBITSTICK

SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2020

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!

www.rabbitstick.com

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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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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.

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.

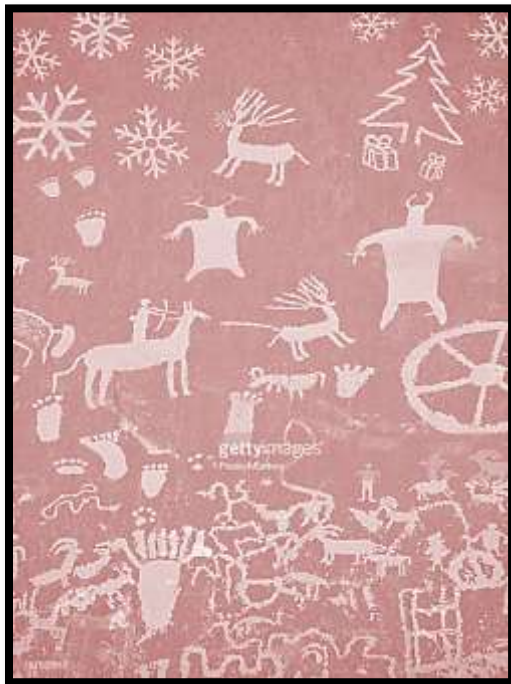
Important Information

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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www.reevismountain.org



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

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY!

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**

**S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS
and S.A.L.T. PATCHES
are still 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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