



# 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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JANUARY 2020

## S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – 2 pm

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** at 10 am  
*Election for President & Treasurer*

### SKILL # 3 FRICTION FIRE

Learn to make fire with Tom Wax and Steven Hall

at **PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM**

### UPCOMING 2020 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> **SKILLS MEETING** at PGM  
S.A.L.T. SKILL #1 DISCOIDAL BLADE  
**QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS**

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> **SAN TAN EVENT**  
S.A.L.T. DEMOS Call Albert if you can help out!

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> **DEMOS EVENT**  
for Legacy Traditional School 4<sup>th</sup> Graders at PGM

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> **ANCIENT TECH DAY** at PGM

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> **SKILLS MEETING** at PGM  
Demos and Games for Archaeology Month

**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 NEW YEAR!



## 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 JANUARY 2020  
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**  
Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm



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
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## SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE

with Tom Wax & Steven Hall



Tom Wax



Steven Hall

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM  
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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

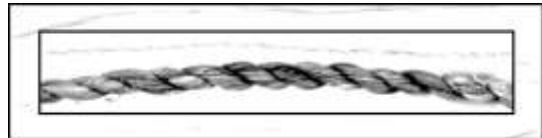
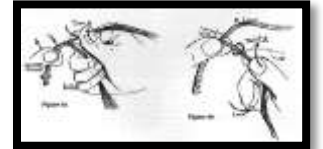
### SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

# DECEMBER 2019 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, December 21, 2019  
Pueblo Grande Museum

**Board Members in attendance were:** Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Albert Abril, Tom Wax, Jennifer Ahumada and Gary Alves

**Members in attendance:** Peter Huegel, Steven Hall, Ron & Donna Moses, Rachel Hungerford, Linda & Emilio Jolle, David Winston, Carlos Acuna, Donald Raker, Yelanda & Rosie Romeno, Shane Linenberger, Nyah Larson and Aiden Duffy

**Guests in attendance:** Rebecca Rodriguez and Kelly Jackson

## SKILL #2 CORDAGE

Process Agave for fiber with Albert Abril



Albert taught a great class on processing agave for cordage! Laura brought several agave leaves that she roasted in preparation.



First, the agave was pounded



Jennifer and Carlos



David, Donna and Ron pounding away



Rachel

Second, scraping the agave to remove the outer layer of the leaf



Rosie, Yelanda and Rebecca

Third, cleaning the fibers



Rachel



Nyah had three feet done in minutes!



Carlos



Albert and Emilio

And lastly, making the fibers into cordage!



Shane and Nyah



Aiden



Yelanda



Emilio & Linda

THANK YOU TO ALL who brought the delicious potluck food!  
There was Ham & Rolls, Posole, Pinwheels, Salami & Cheese,  
Crackers, Fruit & Cheese, Potato Salad, Salads  
and a whole table of Desserts!



**WHITE ELEPHANT DICE GAME GIFT EXCHANGE!**

Laura has been at it again with a new version!



The primitive related gifts were amazing!  
Some beautiful handmade pieces by talented artists!



Joyce & Gary





# 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](mailto:patrickf@bridgestothepast.org)



# 33<sup>RD</sup> 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](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!

[www.rabbitstick.com](http://www.rabbitstick.com)

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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](http://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.

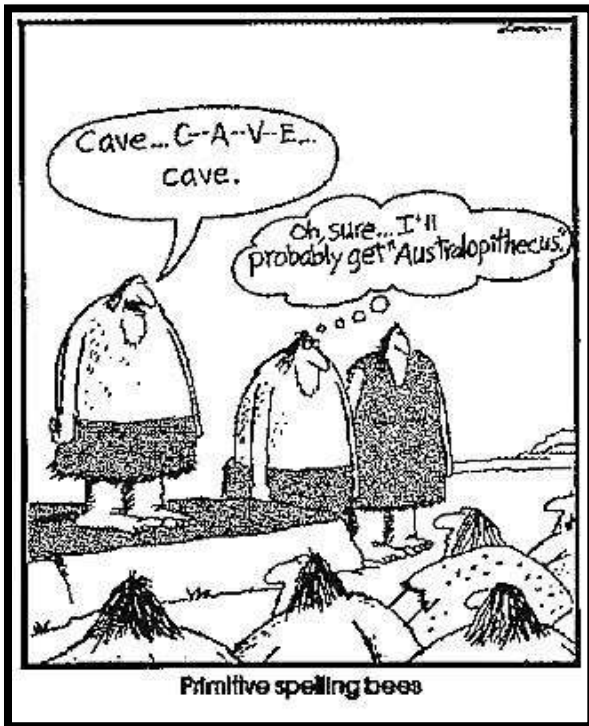
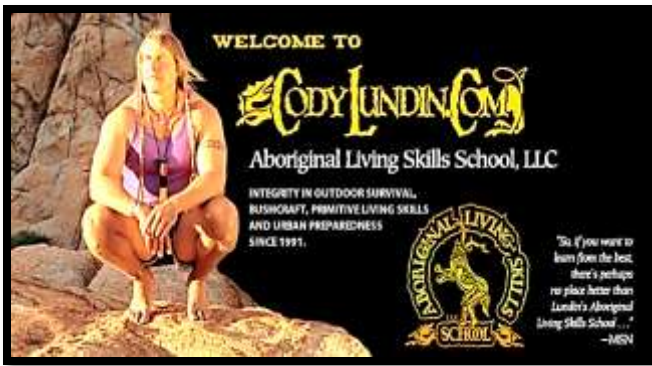
### Important Information

**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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# 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](mailto: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 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. 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!**

**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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For **EVENT** information or if you would like to participate in an Event by doing skills demos, please call Albert Abril at 602-265-0177 or e-mail him at [aabril1@cox.net](mailto:aabril1@cox.net)

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