



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

JUNE 2019

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th

10 am – 2 pm

SKILL #23 – TRACKING

Animal tracks, scat & sign
with Al Cornell

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, July 20th SKILLS MEETING at PGM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #9 FINGER WEAVING with Albert Abril

3rd Annual S.A.L.T. CAMPOUT 7/25-28/19
at Woods Canyon Lake Spillway Group Campsite
call Charlie to reserve your spot! 602-524-6910

Saturday, August 17th SKILLS MEETING at PGM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 – DECORATION – Scallop Shell Necklaces
with Charlie & Tamara Tadano

**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!*



WORLD ATLATL DAY



Come join us on Saturday, June 1st
9 am until Noon (8:00 am if you can help out)
at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

www.pueblogrande.com

The Museum is located on the Southeast corner of 44th St. and Washington

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 JUNE 2019
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**
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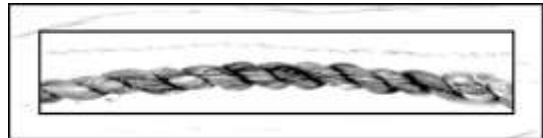
LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...

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!

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS GALLERY

PRIMITIVE ARROWS by Peter Huegel



Peter took the arrows he made at the April 20th S.A.L.T. Skills Meeting and antiqued them with traditional paint colors to the shafts and changed the fletching to antiqued turkey feathers. He used the above variegated obsidian point on one arrow that he made about two years ago at a S.A.L.T. Skills Meeting.



"My carved Jaguar head is now proudly helping to display my new "antique" arrows in my den." - Peter



They look great!

SHOOTING THE PRIMITIVE ARROW



Esther sent in this photo (taken by Ariel) of her nephew, Luke, who made a primitive arrow at the April 20th S.A.L.T. Skills Meeting.

PBS VIDEO SHOOT on APRIL 24, 2019

Bob Sizemore was asked by ASU Journalism to demonstrate some flint knapping on video.



They are doing a piece as part of a PBS show on an individual (anthropologist) who is doing some work of note.



They did it near South Mountain and all seemed to go well. They will keep Bob in the loop and let him know when it will be aired.



We will send out an e-mail to the S.A.L.T. e-list when it is available to view. Albert took the pictures.

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

Saturday, May 18, 2019
Pueblo Grande Museum



Board Members in attendance were: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Albert Abril, Thomas & Laura Robins, Tom Wax, Jennifer Ahumada and Cano Ramirez (Thank you Archer for bringing him!)

Members in attendance: Steven Hall, Esther, Ariel & Jesse Diamondstone-Cruz, Carlos & Sylvia Acuna, Ron & Donna Moses, Peter Huegel, Linda & Emil Jolle and Lynn Marks

Welcome NEW MEMBERS: Simon Burrow and Leah, Liam & Rainer Wickey!!!

ALL SKILLS – Show & Tell

All S.A.L.T. Members brought their examples of Skills completed or that were works in progress to display and talk about.



Tamara greeted everyone who came



Thomas and Albert displayed and taught Cordage



Charlie displayed Shell and Argillite Jewelry



Jennifer displayed Pine Needle Baskets

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



Tom taught Friction Fire



Laura displayed several items and played the flute. Cano gave Laura an amazing Yucca Flute and Tamara a beautiful Shell Pendant!



Esther won a beautiful Beaded Pin and Donna a Pine Needle Pendant made by Cano. Cano won back a Pine Needle Basket he made!



Peter and Ron had large displays of primitive items



Cano



Ron



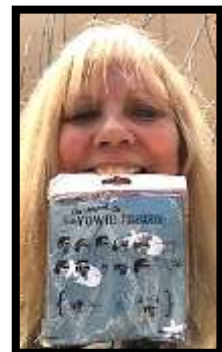
Lynn brought the Digging Stick she is working on.



Great Potluck Brunch!



Thomas



Laura



Steven



Peter



Albert



New Member Simon



Jesse



Ariel



Sylvia



Carlos



Linda



Emil



Jennifer



Luis



Tom



New Members Leah, Rainer & Liam

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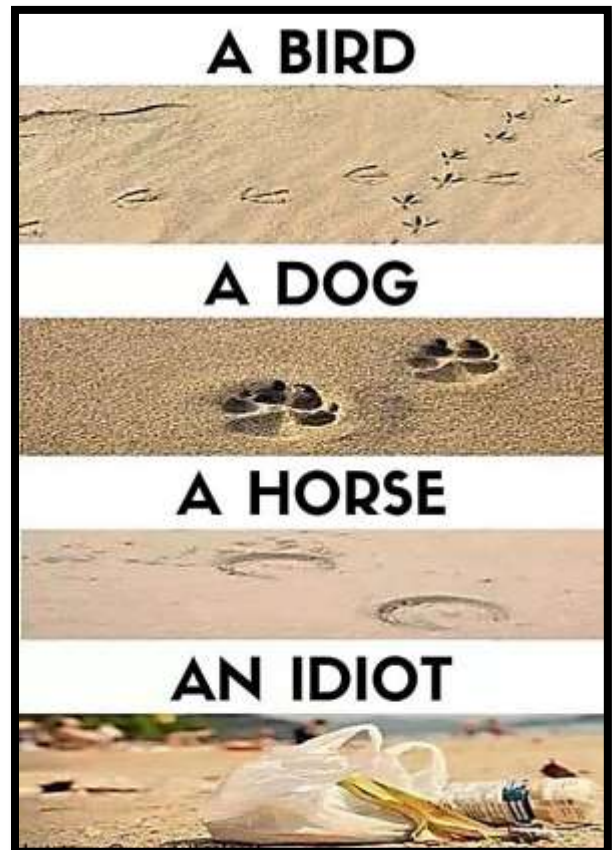
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Saskatoon Circle
Primitive and Traditional Skills Gathering
June 17-23, 2019

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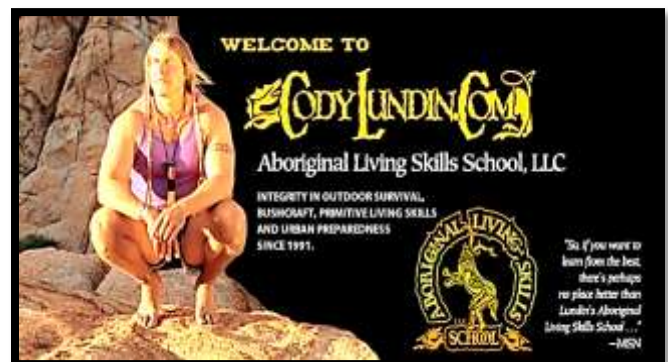

32ND RABBITSTICK
SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2019
in Rexburg, Idaho

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

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GRANDMASAURUS



YOU'LL GET

JURASSKICKED

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
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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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