

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 2023

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th

10 am – 2 pm

S.A.L.T. SKILL #23 Tracking /

DESERT ANIMALS with Peter Huegel
and make a clay animal effigy!

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

WORLD ATLATL DAY Saturday, June 3rd

9 am - Noon at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

Saturday, July 15th SKILLS MEETING at SVM

S.A.L.T. SKILL # 14 BASKETS – Make a small Pine Needle Basket with Tom Wax and Jennifer Ahumada

Saturday, August 19th SKILLS MEETING at SVM

S.A.L.T. SKILL # 24 DECORATION – Lecture and Make a Winter Count Skin with Peter Huegel

Saturday, September 16th SKILLS MEETING at SVM

S.A.L.T. SKILL # 22 – WEAPONS – Make a Blow Gun / Darts with Bob Sizemore

**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 at SVM

Come join us on Saturday, June 3rd
9 am until Noon



(Come at 8:30 am if you can help out and remember to wear your orange S.A.L.T. Range Shirt if you have one!)

**S'edav Va'aki Museum's
Summertime Storytelling**

Explore the desert with an adventurous tale! Join us with the authors at 10am for storytelling, crafts, and snacks. Fee is \$5/child, which includes museum admission.

S'edav Va'aki (formerly Pueblo Grande) Museum
4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034
(602) 495-0901 | www.pueblogrande.com
pueblo.grande.museum.pks@phoenix.gov

**JUNE 10, 2023 – Who Will Save
the Desert?** by Judy L. Paris

**JULY 1, 2023 – The Mohave
Book for Little Ones**
by Dr. Jay Cravath

**JULY 8, 2023 – The Seed
& the Giant Saguaro**
by Jennifer Ward

City of Phoenix

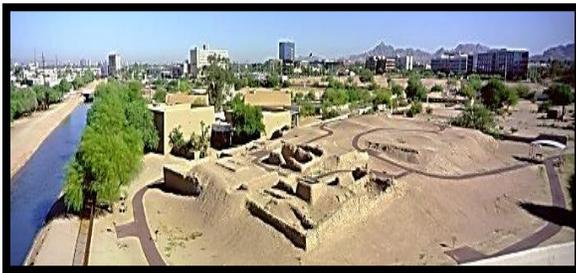
**“Unless there is CONTEXT,
it's all arts and crafts.” Steve Watts**

S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

in English it is "Central Platform Mound."



S'EDAV VA'AKI 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.



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

Sending Their Ancestors Home



Exploring the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, thirty years later and still striving for healing.

Exhibit Opens June 22, 2023 through May 2024

S'edav Va'aki Museum

Formerly Pueblo Grande Museum
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pueblo.grande.museum.pks@phoenix.gov



LOOK FOR OUR S.A.L.T. POSTER IN THE MUSEUM LOBBY!





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WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ANCIENT SKILLS?
Everyone is welcome to join our **S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETINGS**
at **S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM** from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
on the third Saturday of every month for free instruction of ancient skills!


DISCOIDAL BLADE


CORDAGE


FRICTION FIRE


PUMP DRILLS


SHELL SCRAPERS


BONE KNIVES


BONE NEEDLES


BONE AWLS


PRESSURE FLAKERS


AXE HEADS


FLINT KNAPPING


FINGER WEAVING


GOURDS


POTTERY


BASKETS


PUTE DEADFALL


ATLATL


CORN DUSK DOLLS


MEDICINE BAGS


SHELL & ARGILLITE JEWELRY


PETROLITHS

... AND MANY MORE

"You are here today because YOUR ancestors knew these things."





**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

**DON'T MISS THE JUNE 2023
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**
Saturday, June 17th 10 am - 2 pm
(Don't forget a dish to share for the potluck brunch!)

**S.A.L.T. SKILL #23 Tracking -
DESERT ANIMALS with Peter Huegel**

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
23. Tracking / Animals	Take a class and be able to identify at least 12 tracks	Take a class and learn how to follow a track	Demonstrate how to track an animal or man proficiently



The presentation will be about various animals of the Sonoran Desert and the facts, myths, legends surrounding them as well as the various types of effigies made of them by the ancients.



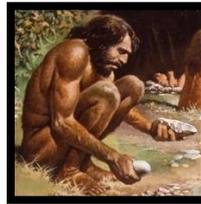
One of the animals was believed to be able to receive secret wisdom from the spirit world. Another is believed to have become the North Star. Another turns you into a monster if you eat its flesh. Yet another is believed to be the physical manifestation of lightening. Another is believed to be a symbol of fertility. And there are more.

The "skills" part of the meeting will be everyone making a clay effigy of their choosing - animal, human, or whatever.

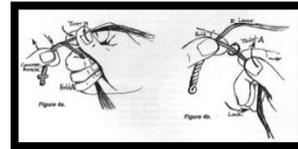


So, what is an "Effigy"? Effigy is a visual rendering of a living thing. Indigenous people made effigies of many living things for many different reasons. We will be looking at various animals the ancient people encountered in the Sonoran Desert and the facts, myths, and legends they built around those animals. - Peter

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!

MAY 2023 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, May 20, 2023

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

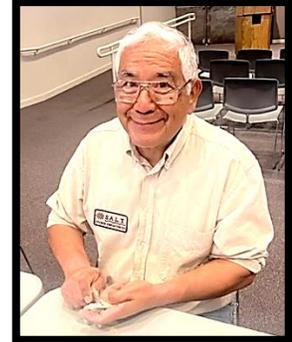
Members in attendance: Carlos Acuna, Sienna Sutton, Beau & Ryann Robins, Noah Ahumada, Amy, Marc & Thaddeus Espinera, Jax O'Conner, Joyce Alves, Bill Warner, Katie Shields, Sylvia Lee, Tom Adkins, Linda Jolle, Christina Tatalovich, and Russell, Jodee, Calvin, Wesley & Bingham Hortin,

Welcome New Members: Carol Schroeter and Justin Sounder

Guests: Phong Le, Jean Mellen, Marc & Dalen Townsend, Jim Britton

S.A.L.T. SKILL #4 TOOLS Make a Hoko Knife with Gary Alves

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
4. Building Tools	Make a fire hardened Digging Stick, Shell Scraper, and Bone Needle	Make a Hoko Knife, Bone Awl and Pressure Flaker	Make a pecked and ground Stone Axe and a Pump Drill



Carlos



Gary Alves
Thank you for a great class!



Beau



Ron and Donna



Gary and Tom



Bill



Linda





After making the Hoko Knives, Gary had a small bird woodcarving project for us to do.



Some of the finished Hoko Knives



Beau's finished Hoko Knife and Bird Carving



Ryann and Sienna



Marc, Amy & Welcome Thaddeus!

POTLUCK BRUNCH! YUM!



Donna, Amy & Thaddeus, and Jennifer



Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious food!

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT GALLERY

PINE NEEDLE SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS
by Tom Wax

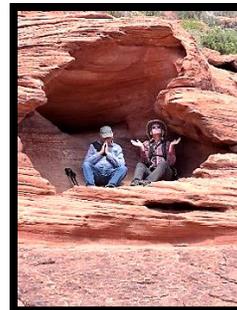
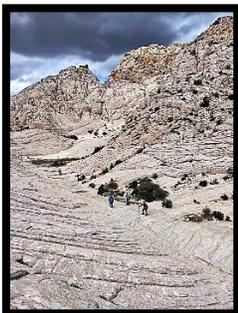
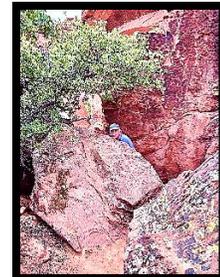
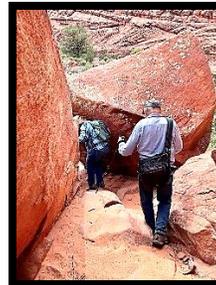
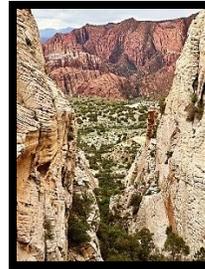


Made a set of salt and pepper shakers made with Pine needles, raffia, and a small glass bottle. This is the third set I have made. The first two were claimed by others and now this set has already been claimed. I used the basketry coiling method to make the salt and pepper shakers and drilled holes in the lids for the salt and pepper to be shaken out.

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

SNOW CANYON STATE PARK 5/5/23
Washington County, Utah
with Debra & Richard Gagner and Ron & Donna Moses
[#wanderingwithmoses](#)

White Rocks Amphitheater (I loved it as a big playground), overlook, and Hidden Pinyon Trail. Such diversity and beauty in this park! So glad Donna and Ron joined us in discovering this this special place.
- Debra



Ron and Richard

Ron & Donna



Ron, Debra, Donna, and Richard



《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

May 29th - June 3rd, 2023

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency

Greetings BtR Family,
Registration for this year's gathering has reached capacity for the student total! We are truly looking forward to it and feel beyond grateful for your continued support.

Kitchen and work crew members, please register as "Work Trade Deposit"

Our website IS up to date and we encourage you to check there if you have any questions. Mullein is also available for further inquires you might have.

Email Mullein [HERE](#) with any further questions

Between the Rivers Gathering is a week-long educational workshop for learning skills that originated 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!



Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency
Sponsored by Bridges to the Past 501(c)(3)
Northeastern Washington State Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

FALL CAMP October 12-15, 2023

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact us: patrickf@bridgestothepast.org

betweentheriversgathering.com

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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Intern Dates & Focus Topics for 2023

JUNE 5 - 30 **JULY 1 - 31** **AUGUST 8 - 24**

High Altitude Food & Fruit Growing, Horse & Buggy Transport, Tipi Living, Natural Water Catchment, Plasters & Pigments, Home Butchering, Fire Making, Traditional Hide Tanning, Preserving Meat & Eggs, Adobe Horno Baking

Classes for 2023

JUNE 16 - 20 Buffalo Bull Boat with Ken Wee

JUNE 23 - 25 Ancestral and Survival Fishing with Patrick Monroney

JULY 7 - 10 Fibers Fantastic! Felting - Spinning - Weaving - Dyes- and Leather Strap Braiding with Val Herenchak & Mike Foltmer

JULY 15 Survival, Edible & Medicinal Rocky Mountain Plants with Cattail Bob Seebeck

JULY 21-24 Primitive Arrows with Ken Wee

JULY 28-31 Atlatl and Darts with Ken Wee

AUG. 12- 13 Fire! Fiber! Flint! Survival Basics with Ivan Lakish

OCT. (dba) Homestead, Blacksmith & Butcher Tools Repair and Maintenance with Papa Dean Smith

Robin Blankenship, Founder, Owner and Instructor of Earth Knack School

Author: [How To Play In The Woods](#) (Gibbs Smith, Publisher 2016)

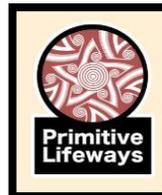
[Earth Knack: Stone Age Skills for the 21st Century](#) (Peregrine Books - Gibbs Smith 1996)

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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



35TH RABBITSTICK in Rexburg, Idaho SEPTEMBER 10 - 16, 2023

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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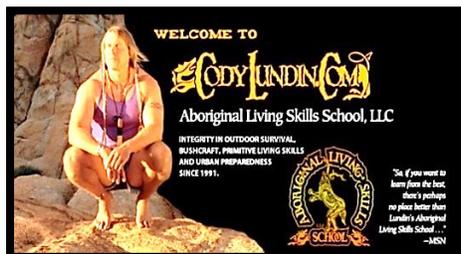
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<https://www.facebook.com/Backtracks-Keeping-Traditions-Alive-213565755397099/?fref=nF>



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](#) to enroll and to get more information

Sign up online!

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www.reevismountain.org/country-store

Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns

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

-Kiowa Sage



WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
FEBRUARY 18-24, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2023!

Winter Count, (started 1995), is part of a family of gatherings that strive to reconnect people with old ways of making fire, tanning hides, forming metal, weaving baskets, hunting, gathering and much more. We teach ancestral skills that were essential to the survival and well-being of all cultures, no matter what continent your ancestors came from. Through the understanding and mastery of these skills, people find that they can connect not only to a simpler way of living life but also to the roots of their heritage and to a pathway to interact more deeply with the natural world.

We provide a camp with some of the best instructors in their fields, teaching what they have learned through experience, experimentation and through source materials. Some of the instructors have spent many years perfecting their crafts. Some have managed archeological sites while others have lived deeply among the wild places, hunting, raising their own food and making their own clothing and tools from the most basic elements. We are a diverse group of people from many experiences, opinions, and family backgrounds, who come together to share what it is that makes us excited about life.

Winter Count is a drug, alcohol, and firearm free event.

Winter Count 505-570-9484
369 Montezuma Avenue, #326, Santa Fe, NM 87501

WinterCountCamp@gmail.com
www.WinterCountCamp.com

NEED YOUR HELP!



Jax and the Veterans

Jax's Project has been growing by leaps and bounds! He has had the opportunity to touch the lives of 185 Veterans who are transitioning from homeless to healing. If you would like to help, put bags together, supply items, or donate money for supplies, you can partner with Jax in honoring these Veterans.

Please call Tamara if you can help at 602-920-8228.

The website is:

www.americanveteransranch.org

2023 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. 45th Drive

Glendale, AZ 85304

Please make the check out to
Tamara Tadano

~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



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 BLACK S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS, HOODIES



and S.A.L.T. PATCHES are available!

(Special pricing for members) S.A.L.T. PATCHES \$5.00 each

(Memberships receive one free)

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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!

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