



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

MARCH 2020

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st

10 am – 2 pm

S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS for Archaeology Month

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2020 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 11th DEMOS EVENT
for Legacy Traditional School 4th Graders at PGM

Saturday, March 14th ANCIENT TECH DAY at PGM

Saturday, March 21st SKILLS MEETING at PGM
Demos and Games for Archaeology Month

Saturday, April 18th SKILLS MEETING at PGM
SKILL #19 Atlatl Darts with Charlie Tadano

Saturday, May 16th SKILLS MEETING at PGM
SKILL #14 Baskets with Bob Sizemore
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!*



PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM ANCIENT TECH DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th

SET UP 8:00 am

EVENT is from 9 am – 3 pm



ATTENTION S.A.L.T. MEMBERS who would like to help out on the Atlatl Range or display and demo your primitive skills! Please call or e-mail S.A.L.T. Event Chairperson Donna Moses at 602-384-1359 or saltdonna1@gmail.com

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



**DON'T MISS THE MARCH 2020
S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS!**
Saturday, March 21st 10am-2pm



S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS for Archaeology Month

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS, PLEASE BRING YOUR PRIMITIVE SKILLS TO DISPLAY AND DEMO!



at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM
4619 E. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034
[\(602\) 495-0901](tel:6024950901)

**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

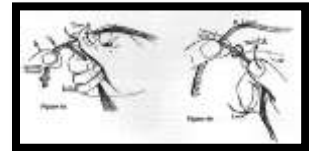
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

FEBRUARY 2020 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, February 15, 2020
Pueblo Grande Museum

Board Members in attendance were: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Bob Sizemore, Jennifer Ahumada and **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Ron & Donna Moses and Aiden Duffy

Members in attendance: David Winston, Linda & Emilio Jolle, Carlos Acuna, Yelanda, Raina, Roahon & Rosie Romeno, Shane Linenberger, Nyah Larson, Elena, Ryder & Lra Underhill

Guests in attendance: Michelle Martin, Shauntel Rylie, Edgar Vila, Dmras Rudakeurn, Elyas Algharib, Kevin Sheehan, Andrew Estes, Hunter Hogue, Keely Quinn, Roberta Waldron and Rhian Stotts

SKILL #1 DISCOIDAL BLADE with Charlie Tadano & Bob Sizemore



Charlie started the class with a lecture on Discoidal Blades



Then, we moved outside and he demonstrated how to make a Discoidal Blade.



Bob instructing



Nice one!



Always a delicious Potluck Brunch!



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



Carlos



Aiden



Laura



Elena



Jennifer



David



Nyah



Shane



Donna



Ron



A BABY SHOWER FOR JENNIFER!



BABY NOAH WAS BORN 2/24/20!



Congratulations to Jennifer & Luis and Grandpa Tom Wax!



WINTER COUNT

February 9 - 15, 2020 AT THE BOULDERS!

Winter Count, 2119 Calle Tecolote, Santa Fe, NM 87505
Winter Count 505-570-9484 WinterCountCamp@gmail.com
www.WinterCountCamp.com



Josh welcoming everyone to Winter Count



Tom Wax's camp



A FAREWELL TO ALBERT AT WINTER COUNT on Tuesday, February 11, 2020



By Tom Wax: At Winter Count we had a celebration of life memorial service for Albert. Those who were close to Albert spoke of his kindness, love to others and the primitive skills that he shared.



Josh Sage



"Mom" Janet Snyder



Hawk



Charlie



David Holladay



Many good memories that we had with Albert were shared and there is now a big hole in our hearts.



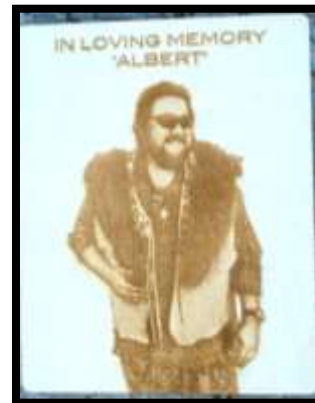
At the end of the memorial service candy was passed out from one of the last knotted bags that he made,



a whisky bottle that was opened with everyone taking a sip (even I took a sip who does not drink) until the bottle was empty



and cigars were lit up even if you did not smoke in memory of Albert.



Please take the time and go through the photos and you will see how big of a heart Albert had and how he had a wonderful influence in our lives.

So through tears, I manage a smile because that is what Albert would want us to do. For us to smile and laugh in our lives.

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT GALLERY

ANCESTRAL WATER DRUM By Ron Moses

I just completed this ancestral water drum. The decorated drum shell, made from half of a gourd, is floated in a wooden bowl of water and tapped with a beater made of wood, cotton, and leather. The air trapped under the gourd causes the water to vibrate when the shell is struck with the beater. This produces a pleasant resonating sound. The pitch can be varied by the depth that the gourd is submerged which changes the volume of air under the gourd. The decorated design symbolizes a lady bug floating on the water.





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](#).

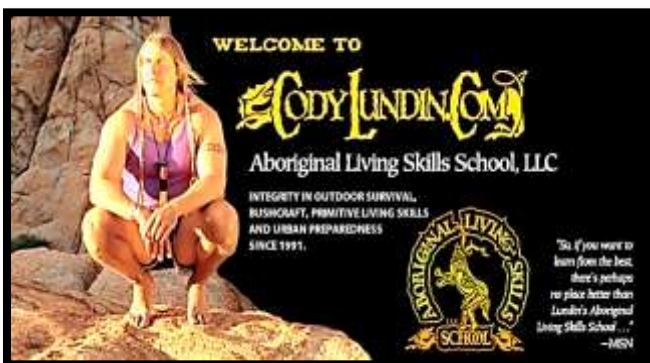
Other [Primitive Skills Gatherings](#)

[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!

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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 non-refundable 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

"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

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

"Knowledge is not complete until it is passed on." 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. 45th Drive
Glendale, AZ 85304

Please make the check out to
Tamara Tadano

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

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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