

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 2024

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

10 am – 2 pm

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS / DRUMMING CIRCLE 9am

S.A.L.T. SKILL #12 CONTAINERS

Make a GOURD BOWL with Gourd Master Arturo

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MARCH IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH:

ANCIENT TECH DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 9th
S.A.L.T. Displays & Demos & Atlatl

V BAR V EVENT, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 16th & 17th

AZ ARCHAEOLOGY EXPO, SATURDAY, APRIL 6th
10 am – 2 pm SAN TAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, Queen Creek

Saturday, April 20th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #10 FELTING with Susan Jeffay

Saturday, May 18th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION – Argillite Jewelry with Charlie
S.A.L.T. QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS SKILLS CLASS

Saturday, June 15th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #12 CONTAINERS – Rawhide Containers with Justin Sowden

**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 SVM!*



DON'T MISS ANCIENT TECH DAY

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 9am - 3pm

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

in English it is "Central Platform Mound."
Pronounced: SUE DOVE VE AWKEY

Join in on the fun and test your technology skills at the S'edav Va'aki Museum's 22nd Annual Ancient Technology Day on March 9th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Witness demonstrators present technologies inspired by the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People who thrived in a desert environment. Learn about skills such as flint knapping (making arrowheads), raw hide drum making, etching shell jewelry, basketry production, and more! Experts in historic technologies will demonstrate skills from early European settlers such as lace making and adobe brick making! Learn fun facts about the desert environment and try your shot at throwing a spear with an atlatl or using a replica bow to launch an arrow.

Ancient Technology Day: Prehistoric & Historic, an official Arizona SciTech Festival event, highlights technologies to provide our guests with a more complete understanding of Arizona's history and its environment. In addition to hands-on demonstrations, families can enjoy free craft activities and artifact show-and-tell stations. Enjoy an experience that is fun for the whole family!

All Ancient Technology Day activities and Museum admission are FREE for the day!

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



S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum (formerly 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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pueblogrande.museum.pk@phoenix.gov

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

S.A.L.T.
STUDY OF ANCIENT LIFESTYLES AND TECHNOLOGIES

www.saltlab.com

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!

ORIGONAL SLAY, CORDON, FLECTION FILE, POND CREEK, SHILL SCALPERS, SHED ENTIRE, BONE NACLEUS, BONE ATLAS, TRENCH PLAGERS, JEN BEACH, PLANT EXCAVATION, BIRMA TRENCH, BULLDOG, POTTERY, BASKETS, PITH CINDERBALL, ATLATL, COON BONE DOLLS, MEDICINE BAGS, SHILL & ADELITE WIPPLEY, PETROGLYPH, ... AND MANY MORE

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

Attention all SALT Members and prospective members!

ANCIENT TECH DAY at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM!
Saturday, March 9, 2024, 9am - 3pm
Set up is at 8 am

S.A.L.T. will be participating in S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum's Ancient Technology Day as we have been doing for many years. Please make every attempt you can to help us with the Atlatl Range and Skills Demos.



We need many hands to man the Atlatl Range as it is always a very popular activity. Mark the day on your calendar and make plans to be there. Call Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910 or Bob Sizemore at 520-705-9780 to sign up to help. Thank you!

ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY EXPO

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th 10 am – 2 pm

<https://azarchsoc.org/SanTan>

ARCHAEOLOGY MINI EXPO:
LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

FIRE STARTING
ADOBE BRICKS
SHELL ETCHING
SITE STEWARDSHIP
PUMP DRILL
SAFE HIKING SKILLS
ANCIENT WEAPONRY
FLINTNAPPING
POTTERY MAKING
& MUCH MORE!

PRESENTED BY:
THE SAN TAN CHAPTER OF THE AZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 6, 2024 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
SAN TAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
20425 S OLD ELLSWORTH RD, QUEEN CREEK
PARKING IS BEHIND MUSEUM



**DON'T MISS THE MARCH 2024
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING
Saturday, March 16th
10 am - 2 pm**

(Remember to bring something for the Potluck Brunch!)

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS and the S.A.L.T. DRUMMING CIRCLE will meet at 9 am

**S.A.L.T. SKILLS #12 CONTAINERS
GOURD BOWLS**

with Gourd Master Arturo Ramirez

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
12. Containers Agave / Gourds	Gather the materials and clean inside and outside	Make agave container and gourd bowl or canteen	Decorate or embellish Container, Bowl, or Canteen

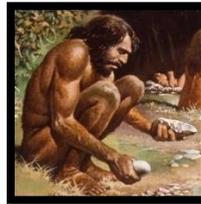


**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

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

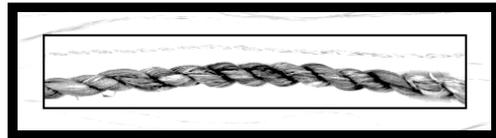
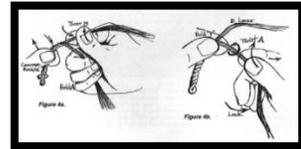
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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 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 2024 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Board Members in attendance: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Laura Robins, Bob & Carol Sizemore, Jennifer Ahumada, Donna Moses, and Peter Huegel

Members in attendance: Luis & Noah Ahumada, Don Raker, Sue Roxburgh, Carol Schroeter, Dalen & Mari Townsend, Linda Jolle, Sam Sargent, Justin Sowden, Lanly Le, Jodee & Bingham Hortin, and Carlos Acuna

Guests: Billy Nickel, Reena Zapata, Keith & Peggy Schueler

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS MEET BEFORE OUR SKILLS CLASS at 9:00 am

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
5. Flint Knapping	Demonstrate Core Reduction by Percussion	Use Percussion to produce Bi face Preform	Make primitive tools such as Southwestern Points



Bingham

Luis

S.A.L.T. DRUMMING CIRCLE

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
25. Musical Instruments / Games	Take a class and make an instrument or game	Make and learn how to play 1 instrument and 1 game on your own	Demonstrate and display 3 instruments and 3 games



S.A.L.T. SKILLS #1, 2, & 3 DISCOIDAL BLADE, CORDAGE & FRICTION FIRE with S.A.L.T. Members

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CHARLIE TAUGHT DISCOIDAL BLADE



Billy and Reena



BILL WARNER TAUGHT CORDAGE



LAURA TAUGHT FRICTION FIRE



Flint & Steel



Justin



Bow Drill with Mari & Dalen Townsend



Mari and Kachina



THANK YOU ALL FOR THE DELICIOUS POTLUCK BRINCH!



The Sun City Mineral Museum Rockhounds Club has donated several awesome items to S.A.L.T.!



Deb Carlone Secretary, Peter, Carol Bankert-George Vice President, and Sue Treadwell club member.



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

S.A.L.T. FIELDTRIP TO WINTER COUNT
at the Boulders East of Florence, AZ 2/19/24



Friction Fire with Tom Wax



Gourd Bowls with Arturo Ramirez



Bill Warner with the Flint Knappers



Charlie and Tamara Tadano



Bob Sizemore



Josh Sage and Carol Sizemore



Noah, Tom, Jennifer



Arturo and Trenton



Josh, Laura, and Arturo





Basket Making



Drummers



Primitive Pottery



In the Arizona desert on a warm February day finding ancient grinding stations makes the day perfect.



According to the Archaeologist I was with the grinding stations were "unusual" for many reasons and probably "Archaic" (8,500 B.C. – 500A.D.) in origin. He also conjectured that based on the number of them and being so close to each other they might be a "star map" And the scenery ain't bad either. – Peter Huegel



S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT / INFO GALLERY

ANCESTRAL SKILLS
with Ron Moses & Richard Gagner



Ron, Richard, and Donna



Richard, Ron, Donna, and Katie

Just returned from an awesome week of teaching ancestral skills at an event in the beautiful Sonoran Desert of Arizona. Assisted by my brother-in-law, Richard Gagner, we co-taught four different hands-on workshops including: birchbark bowls with carved spoons, birchbark jars with lids,



knives with blades made with Bison leg bone, and two sessions on traditional processing of Agave leaves into fibers for cordage. A great time with amazing students, old friends, and newfound friends.

-Ron Moses

“Knowledge is not complete
until it is passed on.”
Steve Watts



《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》
May 27th – June 1st, 2024



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 5011(3)
Northeastern Washington State Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)
[BtR T-Shirt](#)

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

[Betweentheiversgathering.com](http://betweentheiversgathering.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.

kandiscreated@gmail.com

509-994-0585 cell . @kandis created (Instagram)



36TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2024

Registration opens in February 2024

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 next year!**

www.rabbitstick.com

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WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

FEBRUARY 16-22, 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2024

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

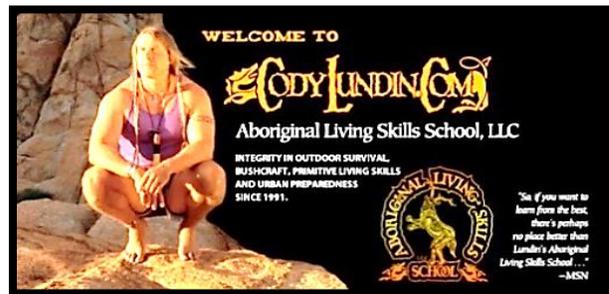
369 Montezuma Avenue, #326, Santa Fe, NM 87501

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www.WinterCountCamp.com



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.

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



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

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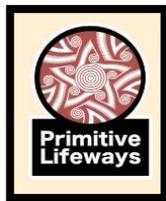
Dear RMS family & friends,
~ Live What You Love ~

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!

www.reevismountain.org/classes

Order all your favorite Reevis Mountain Remedies online!
www.reevismountain.org/country-store

Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns



Visit the Primitive Lifeways Store!

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



NEED YOUR HELP!

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

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

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE !

SINGLE \$12.00 & FAMILY \$24.00

AS OF 3/17/24 DUES ARE GOING UP!

SINGLE \$20.00 & FAMILY \$40.00

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

Or Zelle Tamara at 602-920-8228

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 (Memberships receive one free)

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