

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

NOVEMBER 2023

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
5th ANNUAL PORTAL FEST
at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS & DRUMMING CIRCLE
meet at 9 am

S.A.L.T. DISPLAYS & DEMOS
10 am – 3 pm

S.A.L.T. QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS
(Please bring a dish to share for the potluck Brunch!)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, December 16th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

S.A.L.T. SKILL # 24 – DECORATION – Carve a wooden ornament with Gary

December 17th – 20th S.A.L.T. WINTER CAMPOUT
on the old Winter Count Abril property in Maricopa, details to follow..

Saturday, January 20th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

S.A.L.T. SKILLS #1, 2, & 3 Blade, Cordage & Fire & Flintknapping

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!*



5TH ANNUAL
PORTAL FEST

O'ODHAM ARTISANS
MUSIC | DANCE | STORYTELLING | BOOK SIGNING
KIDS CRAFTS | GALLERY CHAT | FOOD TRUCK

SATURDAY NOV 18, 2023 12-4 PM

FREE EVENT S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM
(FORMERLY PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM)
4619 E. WASHINGTON STREET,
PHOENIX 85034

CULTURAL COALITION
MORE INFORMATION:
CULTURALCOALITION.COM/PORTALFEST

City of Phoenix
TCC gives
RAZA DEVELOPMENT
HUMANITIES
FROM THE EXPERIENCE

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

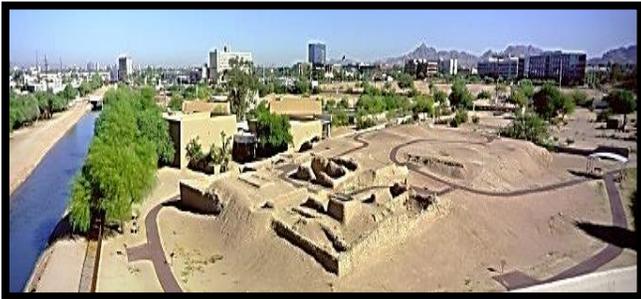
S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

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



Starting on the new Mural at SVM!



Save the Date! 2023

**46th Annual S'edav Va'aki Museum
Indian Market &
Young Artist Market**

December 9 & 10, 2023
S'edav Va'aki Museum
Phoenix, AZ 85034
(formerly Pueblo Grande Museum)



ARTIST APPLICATIONS OPEN
MAY 15 - OCTOBER 15

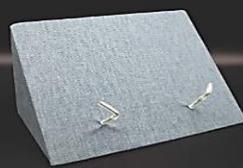
www.PuebloGrande.org
480-867-8886 (Lorenzo)





Kevin Quannie
2023 Featured Artist

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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**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!



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



**DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER 2023
S.A.L.T. SKILLS DISPLAYS & DEMOS!
Saturday, November 18th
10 am - 3 pm**

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

S.A.L.T. SKILLS DISPLAYS & DEMOS

for PORTAL FEST 10 am - 3 pm

S.A.L.T. QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS

(Don't forget a dish to share for the potluck brunch!)

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

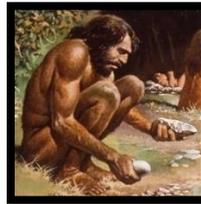


**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

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

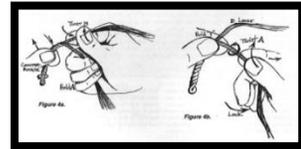
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

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

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

Members in attendance: Arturo Ramirez, Bill Waner, Luis & Noah Ahumada, Carol Schroeter, Jodee & Bingham Hortin, Slyvia Lee, Linda Jolle, Susan Jeffay, Joe Hodges, Marilyn Nolan

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



Gary, Bob, Luis, Jennifer, and Carol



S.A.L.T. DRUMMING CIRCLE



Charlie, Joe, and Donna

S.A.L.T. SKILLS DISPLAYS & DEMOS for INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY



Tom Wax





Bill Warner



Charlie Tadano



Bill Warner and Arturo Ramirez



Marilyn Nolan and Linda Jolle

ALWAYS A DELICIOUS POTLUCK BRUNCH!



Jennifer Ahumada



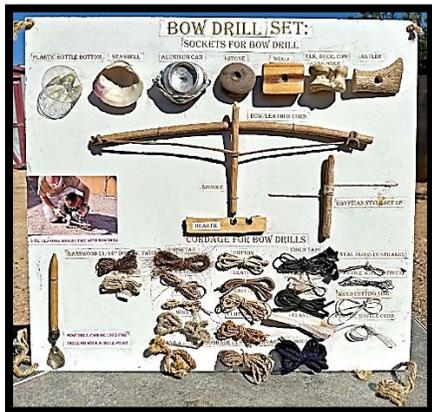
Ron Moses



Thank you to everyone who brought food!

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

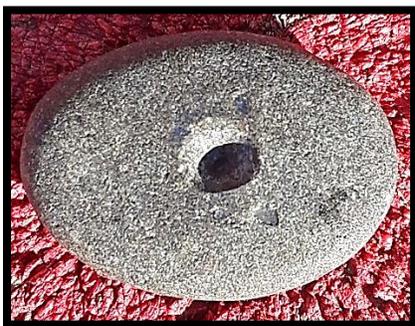
THE BOW DRILL SOCKET by Tom Wax



The Bow-Drill has four parts, (1) The socket, (2) The Bow and cord, (3) Spindle and (4) hearth or fireboard. Here I will only be discussing the Bow-Socket. There are many things you can use for a Bow-Drill Socket in a survival situation that you may come across in the wilderness.



In this first photo you can see all the different things you can use for a Bow-Drill Socket. The bottom of a plastic bottle is usable, and some have a made in dimple for the socket. However, use a bandana or cloth on the outside of the socket because the plastic bottle end can get hot in the hand. A seashell works great with the spindle up inside the Seashell. An aluminum can that is crushed and then a dimple put in the bottom of the can makes a good socket. Use a pointed rock to peck in the dimple.



This is a stone socket. Stone sockets are my favorite material for a bow-drill socket. As in ancient times, you find a pointed stone that is harder than the stone for the socket and peck out a dimple.



Next is wood. If you use wood, it needs to be hardwood for it to last. Soft wood will not last for a long period of time, but will get the job done. I like using Ironwood or Oak for a wood bow-drill socket. The back leg knee bone of a deer, elk, cow, etc. makes a good socket. It already has a dimple made into the bone. I have come across a few on the trail and in the wilderness.



This is one I found when I was hiking on the Arizona Trail. It is an elk bone. Antler can also make a good socket, but you have to put a dimple in it. Things found in the wilderness are only limited to your imagination to use for a bow-drill socket or other things.

THE NAME, MOCCASIN by Peter Huegel

So where did the word come from?
It has been suggested that the word "moccasin" possibly had its roots in Scotland. The word comes from the Native American mockasin and it was once recorded that Native Americans may have got it from early Scottish settlers speaking in Gaelic and referring to their shoes as "mo chasan" (my footwear).



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

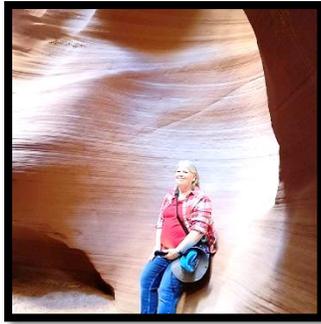
S.A.L.T. MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

ANTELOPE CANYON with Ron & Donna Moses

A beautiful October morning hike through Secret Antelope Canyon with Donna, Mireille, and Gary
#wanderingwithmoses



Gary & Mireille



Donna,
my favorite tour coordinator takes
a break in Secret Antelope Slot Canyon



What an incredible place!

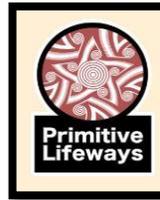
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Visit the Primitive Lifeways Store!

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.

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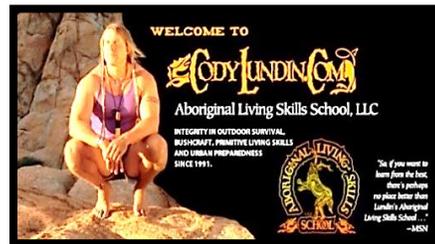
Jeff Martin

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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.

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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.

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《 》 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
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Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

[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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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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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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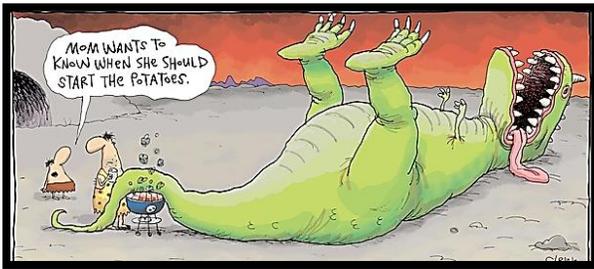
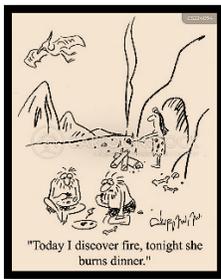
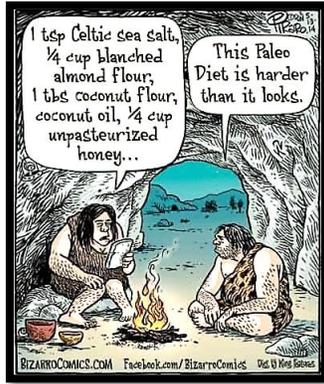
Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns



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
Jax and the Veterans



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

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

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

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