



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

OCTOBER 2019

S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, OCT. 19th

10 am – 2 pm

SKILL #10 FELTING -

**RELATED Processing Animal Fibers
with Ancient Tools by Albert Abril**

at PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, November 16th SKILLS MEETING at PGM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #19 ATLATLS – Level II Make an Atlatl
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Saturday, December SKILLS MEETING at PGM
S.A.L.T. SKILL #2 – CORDAGE Level II
Process Agave for Cordage

**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

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 AUGUST 2019
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!
Saturday, October 19th 10am-2pm**



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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

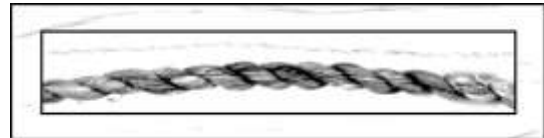
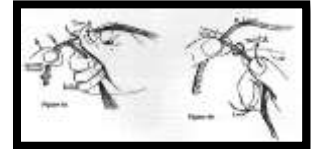
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

32ND RABBITSTICK HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2019
in Rexburg, Idaho



Woniya Thibeault just came in 2nd Place on ALONE.



The awesome instructors!



Yep, there's our Albert in the middle!



Mask Night at the fire



Host Dave Wescott, Cody Lundin and David Holladay



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

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Pueblo Grande Museum

Board Members in attendance were: Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Jennifer Ahumada and Esther Diamondstone

Members in attendance: Lynn Marks, Steven Hall, Peter Huegel, Gary Alves, Carlos Acuna, Cano Ramirez, Lynn Marks, Luis Ahumada, Olalla, Fiona & Mary Carlin, Travis, Marla & Nazri Slusser and Linda & Emilio Jolle

WELCOME NEW Members in attendance: Rachel Hungerford, Yelanda & Rosa Lynn Romero, Andrew Burchill and Kelly O'Meara

Guests in attendance: Archer Shelton, Danny Andrew and Simon Burrows

SKILL # 14 - BASKETS Pine Needle Baskets

Great class with Jennifer Ahumada!



Jennifer Ahumada





Olalla, Fiona, Peter, Rachel and Steven



Yelanda and Rosa Lynn



Gary, Archer and Cano

SOME OF THE PINE NEEDLE BASKET MAKERS...



Mary



Marla, Simon and Esther



Olalla



Andrew & Kelly



The anonymous basket maker! (Fiona)

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



Luis



Jennifer



Peter



Andrew



Steven



Travis



Steven



Olalla



Mary



Rachel



Andrew



Kelly



Nazri



Marla



Lynn



Luis



Emilio



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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7448 S. J-B Ranch Rd.
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www.reevismountain.org



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 nonrefundable unless RMS reschedules or cancels the class.*

Early Registration: 10% discount if you register with full payment 30 days prior to class date.

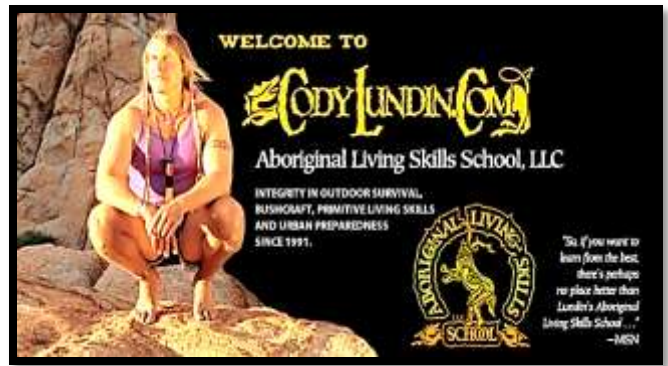
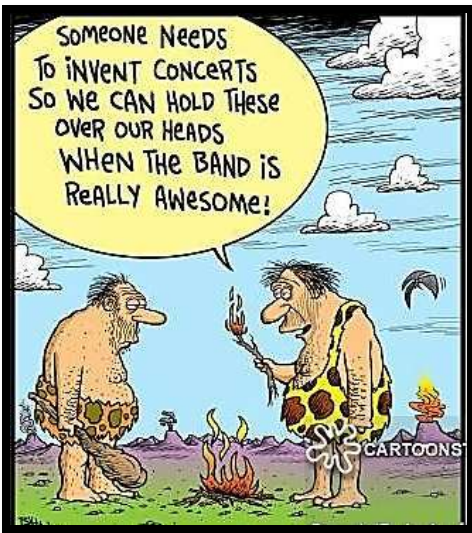
Important Information

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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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

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

"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
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**

**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!)

S.A.L.T. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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For **MEMBERSHIP** information call Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910 or Bob Sizemore at 520-705-9780 or e-mail saltskills@gmail.com

For **EVENT** information or if you would like to participate in an Event by doing skills demos, please call Albert Abril at 602-265-0177 or e-mail him at aabril1@cox.net

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