

S.A.L.T.
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

SEPTEMBER 2023

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS Meet at 9 am
10 am – 2 pm

S.A.L.T. SKILL #22 WEAPONS
Make a primitive **BLOW GUN & DARTS**
with **Bob Sizemore**

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

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

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, October 14th Rewilding Wellness Event
9 am – 6 pm at Giving Tree Café, 2024 N. 7th St.

Saturday, October 21st SKILLS MEETING at SVM
AND IS INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY!

S.A.L.T. SKILL # 4 TOOLS – make a split deer rib bone knife with Ron Moses

Saturday, November 18th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL # 24 – DECORATION – make a Winter Count Skin/Lecture
with Peter Huegel
S.A.L.T. 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 SVM!*

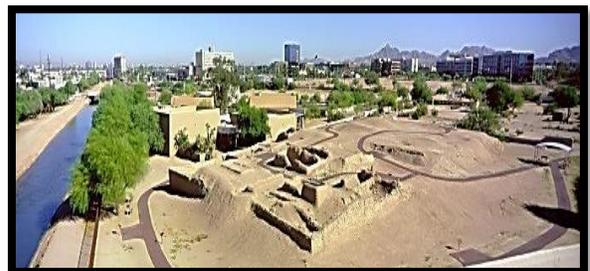


S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

in English it is "Central Platform Mound."



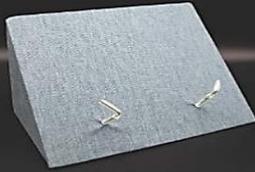
S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum (Pueblo Grande Museum) is an archaeological site once inhabited by the Hohokam culture, just east of downtown Phoenix, next to Sky Harbor International Airport. It's a National Historic Landmark and Phoenix Point of Pride accessible by the Sky Train and the Light Rail. Part of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department since 1929, it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix.



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

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.pls@phoenix.gov



SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 14, 2023 9 am – 6 pm
at the Giving Tree Café, 2024 N. 7th Street, Phx, AZ
\$22.00 presale / \$33.00 at the door
www.rewildingwellnessfallfest.ticketleap.com/rsvp

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

Save the Date!
2023

Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum
Indian Market & Young Artist Market

December 9 & 10, 2023
Pueblo Grande Museum, Phoenix, AZ

ARTIST APPLICATIONS OPEN
MAY 15 – SEPTEMBER 15

www.PuebloGrande.org
480-667-8886 (Lorenzo)

Kevin Quannie
2023 Featured Artist



**DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER 2023
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**
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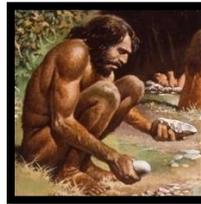
SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
22. Slings/Spears Throwing Sticks	Take a class and make a Sling, Spear and Throwing Stick	Make your own Sling, Spear and Throwing Stick	Demonstrate how to use the Sling, Spear and Throwing Stick proficiently



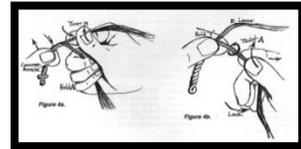
**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

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!

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

Saturday, August 19, 2023

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

Members in attendance: Bill Waner, Joyce Alves, Carlos Acuna, Luis & Noah Ahumada, Jax & Eva O'Connor, Susan Jeffay, Rocky Hettinger, Carol Schroeter, Russell, Jodee, Calvin, Wesley & Bingham Hortin, Sam Sargent, Slyvia Lee, Lanly Le and Linda Jolle

Welcome New Members: Dalen & Mari Townsend

Guests: Andrew, Karilyn Kober, Mike Harris, Steve Jonas and Donetta

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



S.A.L.T. President Charlie Tadano

Our meeting was held in the classroom again due to the AC not working in the Community Room.

ARTIFACT DISPLAY & MUSEUM TOUR with Peter Huegel



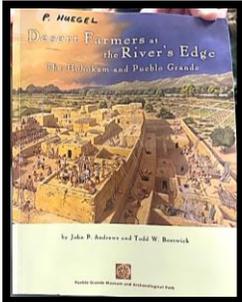
Peter has a vast knowledge of almost everything at the museum! Great tour and information!





S.A.L.T. SKILL #2 CORDAGE
Make a 3-foot length of cordage with
Bill Warner, Laura Robins & Jennifer Ahumada

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
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



A must have book available at the museum.



The Gallery



Bill brought a fantastic display of Cordage! He talked about almost all of them. Great presentation! Laura and Jennifer helped teach.



The Store



Gary and Bob



S.A.L.T. QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING



Bob, Tamara, and Charlie

Many years ago on a trip out to Quartzite, Tamara found a purple stone she wanted Charlie to make an axe head out of... Charlie had Bob help him get it finished and voila, it's awesome!



Jennifer, Bob, Carol, and Charlie



Charlie, Donna, and Peter

DELICIOUS POTLUCK BRUNCH!



Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious salads and goodies!



Peter, Joyce, Gary, and Linda



Laura and Ron

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

RECONSTRUCTING ANCIENT POTS by Peter Huegel

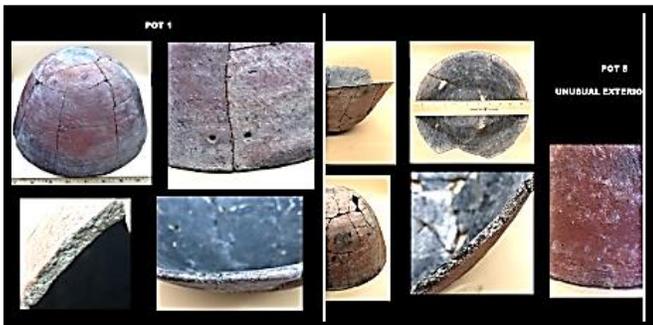
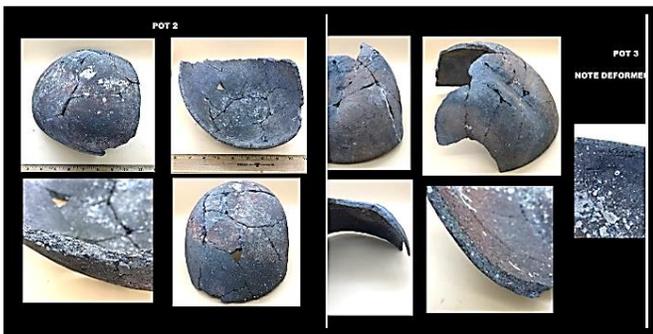
Well, the project of trying to find a pot in a pile of broken sherds is coming close to an end. It was not what I had hoped for, but I was able to bring back to life a couple of ancient Native American pots. It also raised some questions because I ran into things I have never seen before.

Two of the pots – not complete but complete enough to label as a pot rather than a large sherd – look to have been made at the same time by the same person. The odd thing is BOTH pots are misshapen! Why would someone have purposely put all the work into gathering and processing the clay and shaping it into a pot that is purposely misshapen? The other oddity about BOTH pots is that they were both fired for WAY too long, or they were both in a major fire AFTER they were made. They are black clear through from inside to outside. At first the pieces looked like pieces of volcanic rock.

Two of the other pots are large plainware pots. They are nearly complete. Both have “smudged” interiors. Smudging is a process of blackening the interior of the pot to make it more waterproof. These pots were obviously made to hold some form of wet food or liquid.

A fifth pot – only about 50% complete – is going to be an additional challenge for me. It is going to require that I do something I have never done. I am going to attempt to fill in with a special plaster the missing pieces. On this pot it is necessary because the small place that connects the two sides is not strong enough to hold if the pot is handled by anyone.

There are still several groups of sherds that are probably from the same pots, but they do not connect to each other enough to say it is a “pot.” BUMMER.



MINI EGYPTIAN BOW DRILL by Tom Wax

This goes to show that you can make fire with a very small Egyptian Style Bow-Drill. It fits in the palm of the hand where as a traditional type Bow-Drill would need a longer bow limb. This little Egyptian Bow-Drill will fit into a large pocket or small leather bag. The bow limb itself is only seven inches long with the cord length at six inches from end to end. I made two embers with this little Bow-Drill.



We need Tom to teach a class on the Egyptian Bow Drill!

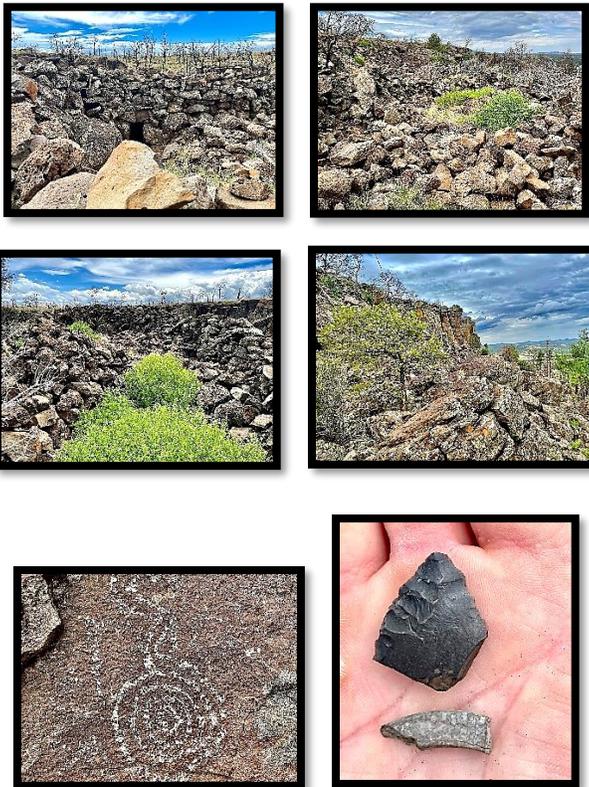
“Knowledge is not complete
until it is passed on.”
Steve Watts

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT SOMEWHERE OUT THERE!

August 2023
with Steven Hall

I was joined on a hike today with @hodes.brandon @bosshodges and a nice family, Drew, Donna, and their daughter Sami. We Hiked to another prehistoric fort.

This fort had several rooms terraced on the outside perimeter and we came upon another room on the Ridgeline with likely many more in the area and I we found 4 tips of points.



Most likely all proven during the manufacturing process. I also found a small piece of a glycymeris shell bracelet or pendant that had been burnt by wildfire. Drew found a nice piece of corrugated pottery with a mend hole drilled in it.



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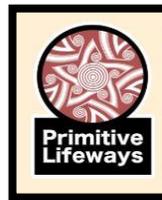


Intern Dates & Focus Topics for 2023

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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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.

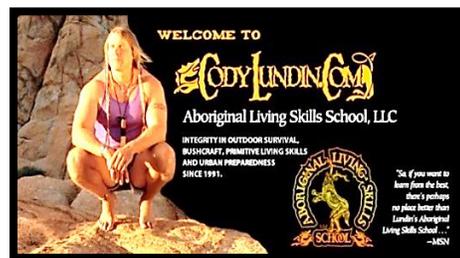
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Jeff Martin

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35TH RABBITSTICK
in Rexburg, Idaho
SEPTEMBER 10 - 16, 2023
REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

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!**

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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



《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

FALL CAMP October 12-15, 2023
Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency

Registration for FallCamp will open on September 1st. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



Email Mullein HERE with any further questions

May 27th - June 1st, 2024

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](#)

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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.

kandiscreated@gmail.com

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

“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



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

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www.WinterCountCamp.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

Jax and the Veterans



"These are tough times to be a contract law attorney.
Everything's written in stone."

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

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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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