

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

MAY 2025

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

10 am – 2 pm

**at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM
FOR INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY**

Please bring items to display and demo!

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

S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION

Making Pectin Shell Pendants

with Charlie Tadano

S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

NO WORLD ATLATL DAY on June 7th this year...

Saturday, June 21st SKILLS MEETING at the Tadano House
12840 North 45th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85304
S.A.L.T. SKILL # TBD

JULY S.A.L.T. FIELDTRIP TO THE HEBER/OVERGAARD PARADE

Saturday, July 19th SKILLS MEETING at the Tadano House
12840 North 45th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85304
S.A.L.T. SKILL # TBD

**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!*

~SENDING THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE~



S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM



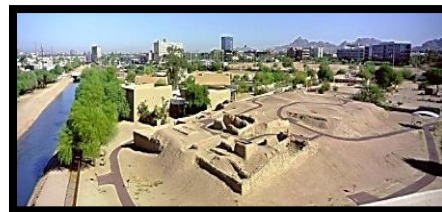
in English it is "Central Platform Mound."

Pronounced:

SUE DOVE VE AWKEY

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

**SVM WILL BE CLOSED FROM MAY 19th to
early OCTOBER for renovations.**


S.A.L.T. will be back at SVM on October 18th and
will celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

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




"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

✦ Museum Store Opening Hours ✦




Tuesday - Saturday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Sunday & Monday	Closed
store hours are subject to change	
store@svmfoundation.org	602-534-2430







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www.saltlife.com
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ANCIENT SKILLS?
 Everyone is welcome to join our S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETINGS
 at SEDAV VA-ARI MUSEUM from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 on the third Saturday of every month for free instruction of ancient skills!



OBSIDIAN BLADE



CORDAGE


FICTION FIRE



PUMP CHILLS



SHELL SCRAPERS



WOOD ENGRAVING



BONE NEEDLES


BONE AWLS



PRESSURE FLAKES



ATA HEADS



FLINT CHOPPERS


PINE WEAVING



GOURDS



POTTERY



BASKETS


RUTH CHACO FALL


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HICKORY BAGS


SHELL & ARGILLITE JEWELRY


PETROGLYPHS

...AND MANY MORE

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Friends of Hubbell Native American Arts AUCTION!

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Collect the world's classic art forms. Approximately 400 vintage and contemporary Navajo Weavings, Katsina Dolls, Jewelry, Baskets, and Silversmith Works will be available.

The Auction will follow current CDC and New Mexico Dept. of Health COVID guidelines currently in effect.
 Masks may be necessary.

Auction Preview:
9:00 – 11:30 am MST

Auction:
Noon – 5:00 pm MST

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No Buyer registration fee
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Location
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410 Bataan Veterans Street
Gallup, New Mexico 87301
505-722-9230

Exit 22 From I-40, Free parking










**DON'T MISS THE MAY 2025
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING
SUNDAY, May 18th 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. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

**S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION
Making Pecten Shell Pendants
with Charlie Tadano**

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
24. Decoration – Pigments, etc.	Make a personal S.A.L.T. Bead	Research 6 different kinds of decoration such as pigments, etc.	Display 3 different items that were decorated by you

This month's Skill will be working with shells.
BRING THE HAND DRILL YOU MADE TO DRILL YOUR SHELL NECKLACE!

We will learn how a stone tipped hand drill works on shell jewelry, how to polish the shells, and if you want paint will be available to paint a design too!

Don't forget if you took shafts for atlatl darts (don't forget to scrape them down like you did the hand drill blanks) or blanks for the atlatl to bring them too. I will give instructions on what to do next...

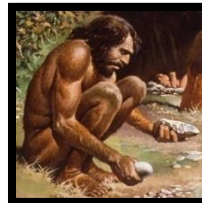


**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL
MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

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

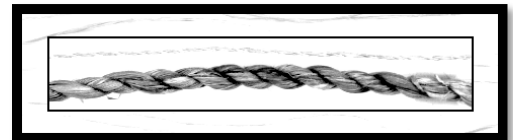
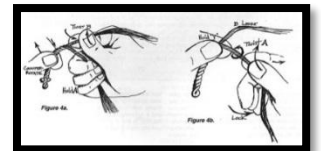
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

APRIL 2025 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Board Members in attendance: Charlie Tadano, Laura Robins, Jennifer Ahumada, Bob Sizemore, Gary Alves, Bill Warner, and Don Raker

Members in attendance: Luis & Noah Ahumada, Arturo Rameriz, Joyce Alves, Billy & Reena Nickel, Travis Slusser, John Lavra, Dalen & Mari Townsend, Carol Schroeter, Sue Roxburgh, Ernie Verrue, Brian Calaway, Justin Sowden, Carlos Acuna, Chanana & Awak Mc Garry, Sam Sargent, Christina Tatalovich,

Welcome New Members: Dan & Conrad Alexander and Stephanie & Victoria Searer

Guests: Dennis & Sharon DuBose and Alexis Gourinat

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS & DRUMMERS 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



So good to see Bob!



S.A.L.T. SKILL #24 DECORATION Hand Drill for Jewelry Making with Charlie Tadano

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
24. Decoration – Pigments, etc.	Make a personal S.A.L.T. Bead	Research 6 different kinds of decoration such as pigments, etc.	Display 3 different items that were decorated by you

These hand drills will come in handy for drilling holes in your jewelry, and other primitive items you will be producing in the future.



Charlie taught a great class on the hand drill!



First step was choosing the stick and then straightening it and cleaning it.



Bill and the knappers made all the points for us.



After cutting a notch at one end of the shaft to fit the point we chose, Charlie heated up the pitch to glue it in.



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



Laura, Mari, Don and Sam



The last step was securing the point with sinew.



Some of the finished hand drills.



Reena found a box to drill!



TRADE & EXCHANGE BLANKETS

with Justin Sowden



This is the EXCHANGE BLANKET where primitive raw materials were put out for anyone who needs them. If you bring something, you can take something off the blanket. Justin directed everyone to take a turn.



Then we did a TRADE BLANKET where you can trade primitive items. They went around the circle; someone took a turn putting out something for trade. Others around the circle put out something they would trade for it. The person who put out the item looks around the circle and if they see something they will trade for they do or they can withdraw their item and not trade. Then it was the next person's turn and so on.



It was a great success! Thank you, Justin!
We plan on doing one in the Fall, too!



Laura was teaching Ernie to play the flute.



Thank you to everyone who brought delicious food!

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

TURKEY CREEK April 2025

with Dalen & Mari Townsend

Dalen and I came upon this small single room cliff dwelling. We were jeeping up Turkey Creek adjacent to the Aravaipa Wilderness.



This one room dwelling was built by the Salado people around 1300 AD. It would have been a seasonal dwelling inhabited by farmers during the growing season and possibly hunter gatherers, as well. This lush area is rich in flora and fauna with a year-round water source at Aravaipa Creek and seasonal water in Turkey Creek.

S.A.L.T. V-President RON MOSES

will be teaching at

**White Rock Traditional Skills & Crafts Gathering
Summer Lake, Oregon ~ May 4th – 10th, 2025**



<https://whiterockgathering.com/>

White Rock is an annual spring gathering of like-minded souls that celebrates the traditional skills and crafts used by our ancient ancestors. It's a 7-day gathering held in the high desert of South-Central Oregon, where people come to learn these skills from experienced instructors who have spent years honing their craft. Classes cover many subjects and may include: Bow making, Basketry & Weaving, Blacksmithing, Tanning, Campcraft, Fiber & Cordage, Fire making, Felting, Flint knapping, Leather Work, Hunting, Tracking & Trapping, Butchering Animals, Kids Program, Pottery, Shelters, Tin Smithing, Wild Edibles, botany & Medicinals, Natural Plant Dying.

Location

The gathering will be held at Summer Lake in the Central Oregon High Desert. Set in remote rangeland & sagebrush on the edge of grass meadows, flood irrigated by artesian springs. It's a beautiful spot with big blue skies and amazing stars at night. Being at 4,500ft and with no light pollution, the Milky Way is clearly visible. Close by is Ana Reservoir which is great for swimming, fishing & boating, and the Summer Lake Hot Springs is 15 miles away.

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

BONE-BLADED KNIVES

by Ron Moses



A bevy of bison bone-bladed beauties, Oh, and birch bark sheaths too! The bone collector has been bbbbusy.

[#wanderingwithmoses](#)



A plethora of Cervidae second phalanxes ready for my Moses First Skills workshops, May 4-10, during the White Rock Gathering in southern Oregon. Come see what fishy stuff is afoot!

Whiterockgathering.com

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AMAZING PRIMITIVE POTTERY!

by Kiowa Sage



Pots from the end of 2024 to the beginning of 2025. Pictured in the Tonto, Four Peaks.

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

《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

May 26th – 31st, 2025

Registration opens April 1st for returning students
and April 7th for first timers.



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!

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

Betweentheriversgathering.com

Hi folks, I'll be renting furnished and unfurnished Yurts and Bell tents again this year. Included is a community Kitchen yurt or shade cloud to store your cooler and will also include cooking tables, stoves & pans etc.

See between the river's website for more info.

Prices for the whole week are \$300 unfurnished, \$400 furnished. Call or email CampingYurts.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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**IMAGINE US IN
THE STONE AGE**



37TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

SEPTEMBER 14 – 20, 2025

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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FALL CAMP for ANCESTRAL SKILLS October 9 - 12, 2025

Instructors:

Please check in with Patrick if you would like to teach.

[Email Patrick HERE](#)

[Fall Camp Website](#)



WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
FEBRUARY 15-21, 2026

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2025

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

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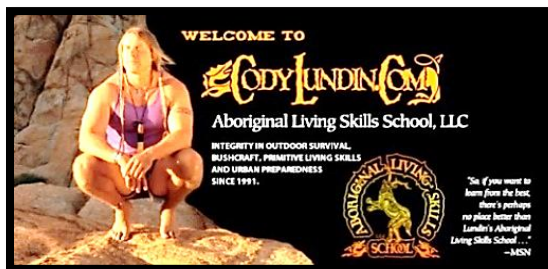
PRESCOTT PRIMITIVE LIVING SKILLS Prescott, Arizona

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

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

All classes held at Reeves 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

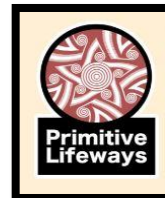
Sign up online!

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Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns



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.

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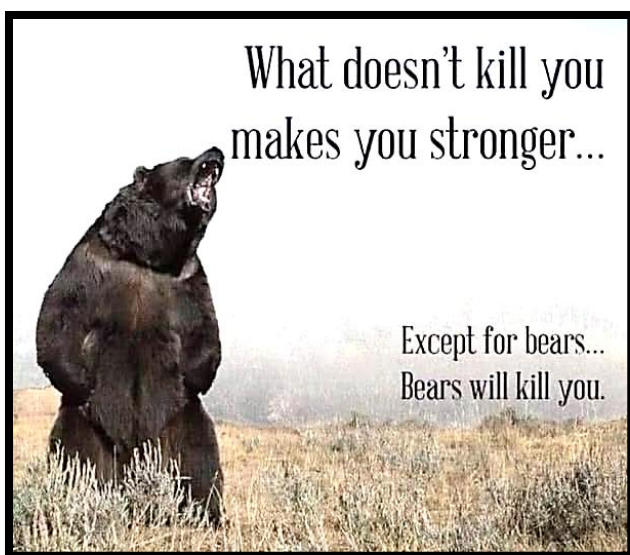
Volunteers Needed for City of Phoenix Park Steward Program



The City of Phoenix Park Steward Program is looking for volunteers to help maintain, clean, and preserve our trails. Help make a difference in your community!

Visit volunteer.phoenix.gov to apply or

reach out to 602-495-5458 for more information on how to get involved!



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

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

SINGLE \$20.00 or FAMILY \$40.00

Please pay at a 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

Or Zelle Tamara at 602-920-8228

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