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DAS Meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Udvar-Hazy Building on the Dixie State University Campus

Room 121 (Boeing Auditorium)

Our March 2020 meeting presentation will be "History and Archaeology of the Old Saltair Resort on the Great Salt Lake" by Dr. Christopher Merritt.

In hopes of making Utah Territory seem more metropolitan and 'normal', the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints embarked on the construction of one of the most unique resorts in all of the United States. The Saltair Resort, opened in 1893, was located deep into the briny reaches of the Great Salt Lake. Advertised for both recreation (swimming, bathing, eating, etc.) and restorative opportunities from the salty waters, the Saltair Resort's Moorish architecture ushered in a unique part of Utah history. Completely destroyed twice by conflagrations, the 1893-1970 story of the Saltair Resort is uniquely Utah, and has left a remarkable archaeological legacy. Conflicts between treasure hunters and archaeologists has also recently hit the mainstream media, and this once-forgotten resort is now again at the forefront of Utah dialogue.

Chris is the State Historic Preservation Officer for Utah, and has worked for the State for over 7 years. Before that he received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Montana studying the Overseas Chinese experience in the state, and a Master's degree in Industrial Archaeology from Michigan Technological University. He has worked throughout the American West for a private consulting firm and the United States Forest Service. Finally, he teaches evening courses in Historical Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management at Salt Lake Community College.

In Remembrance of John Gumm

Former past President for the Dixie Archaeology Society, John Gumm, passed away on February 25. He is survived by his wife Sue. John was dedicated to preserving rock art and founded a company for that purpose.

March Field Trip to Two Rock Art Sites Near Coral Pink Sands

Saturday, March 21, meet at 9:00 AM near Walmart gas pumps on Telegraph St.

Led by Gary Smith (801) 403-6180 and Mel Langness (801) 550-0833.

We will hike to two rock art locations near Coral Pink Sands outside of Kanab, UT. One is a short hike to Indian Canyon and the other is a longer hike to a slot canyon with some slick rock scrambling. A 4wd vehicle is required because of sandy roads. Bring lunch and water.

If you wish to pre-register for this field trip, please send names of those attending and phone number to Gary Smith bluemoose8313@gmail.com). Membership is required for the field trip.

February Presentation by Heidi Roberts on "Protecting the Region's Past for the Future: What Role Does Contract Archaeology Play in the Process"

Heidi Roberts was our speaker for February. Roberts established her business in 1997. HRA, Inc., Conservation Archaeology is a privately held, small, woman-owned business serving the cultural resource needs of government and private clients in the Great Basin and Southwestern U.S. HRA holds permits to conduct archaeological investigations on Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and state lands throughout Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. With nearly 100 years of combined experience in archaeological consulting, HRA's staff is fully familiar with state and federal policies and procedures.

Heidi's main focus is protecting cultural resources primarily on federal lands or lands involving federal funding. Her specialty is human remains. She has surveyed over 180,000 acres, monitored, cleaned, and inspected 5632 miles of backhoe trenches, and excavated 146 major features and 161 burials.

Renew Your DAS Membership

The membership year is January to January, so it is time to renew your annual membership or begin a new one. This year the membership cost is \$15 for a single and \$30 for a couple. The cost of membership includes the monthly meetings and the field trips. We have speakers in all months except July, August, and December, and we have sponsored field trips in all months except June, July, August, and December. Membership also includes email from the Dixie Archaeology Society. We will remove names from the mailing list who have not been members for the last two years.

You can sign up at the meeting with cash or check or fill out and sign the membership form ([click here](#)) and send it and your check for the dues to:

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