



Santa Cruz Valley Chapter
Arizona Archaeological Society
Presents

**Set in Stone but Not in Meaning:
Southwestern Indian Rock Art**

Thursday March 11, 2010, 7 PM
at Santa Cruz County's North County Facility,
50 Bridge Road, Tubac, Arizona

Noted archaeologist Allen Dart will give a presentation to the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society on March 11, 2010, entitled "Set in Stone but Not in Meaning: Southwestern Indian Rock Art" The presentation, made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council and Tucson's Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, is free and open to the public.



Ancient Indian pictographs (rock paintings) and petroglyphs (symbols carved or pecked on rocks) are claimed by some to be forms of writing for which meanings are known. But are such claims supported by archaeology or by Native Americans themselves? In this presentation, Mr. Dart will illustrate southwestern petroglyphs and pictographs and discuss how even the same rock art symbol may be interpreted differently from popular, scientific, and modern Native American perspectives.

Mr. Dart has worked and volunteered as a professional archaeologist in New Mexico and Arizona since 1975, for government, private companies, and nonprofit organizations. He is a full-time principal investigator in the Tucson office of EcoPlan Associates, Inc., an environmental and cultural resources consulting firm, and is the volunteer Executive Director of Tucson's nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology and culture. A Registered Professional Archaeologist, he has been a recipient of the Arizona Governor's Award in Public Archaeology for his efforts to bring archaeology and history to the public.

The Santa Cruz Valley AAS chapter meets the second Thursday of each month. In addition to hosting programs featuring experts in historical and archaeological topics that focus on the Santa Cruz River Valley, the chapter offers members opportunities for assisting archaeologists with excavating area sites, hikes and tours to archaeologically and historically significant locations. The chapter's educational and advocacy programs are intended to preserve and protect the region's unique cultural resources and draw upon and partner with other organizations with heritage-based goals and objectives. Santa Cruz Valley AAS chapter members also have the opportunity to participate in many educational, stewardship and excavation activities of the statewide organization's other local chapters.

For more information about the Santa Cruz Valley AAS Chapter and its activities, contact Alan Sorkowitz in Tucson at 520-207-7151 or at asorko@cox.net. The Arizona Archaeological Society web site, www.AzArchSoc.org, offers information about the Santa Cruz Valley chapter and others throughout the state as well as activities and benefits of membership in the statewide organization.

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