Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents

Rock Imagery Inventory and Documentation Course

A Seven-Session Course with Archaeologist Aaron M. Wright, PhD
Preservation Anthropologist, Archaeology Southwest, Tucson

8 am-5 pm Each Saturday
January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 25, April 8, and & April 22, 2023

Rock imagery – as in petroglyphs and pictographs – is found the world over and is especially abundant in the southwestern region of North America.

With 20 hours of seminar and 42 hours of fieldwork, this course will provide enrollees a basic intellectual and practical experience in the inventory and documentation of rock imagery.

Both the classroom and fieldwork components will be situated in southern Arizona, but the knowledge gained and skills developed will be applicable to any rock imagery context worldwide.

Participants who successfully complete the course will have developed a general familiarity with rock imagery to be able to converse with more experienced avocational and professionals in the field.

Registrants also will come to understand the relevant laws, methods, and ethics, and be field-ready for future field projects.

$99 donation per participant ($80 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, Arizona Archaeological Society, and Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum members).

Donation is due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 p.m. Friday January 13, whichever is earlier.

Class meets Arizona Archaeological Society’s Rock Art Recorder certification course requirements.

To register contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at info@oldpueblo.org or 520-798-1201.
A prerequisite is required to enroll, see next page.
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Each day of class will include 2½ hours of in-classroom and 5½ hours of field recording time, with two half-hour breaks each day. Most or all of the fieldwork will be at the Picture Rocks petroglyphs site west of Tucson.

The class meets the requirements of the Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS) Training, Certification and Education Program's (TCEP) “Rock Art Recorder” course. See box below for information on the TCEP.

Prerequisite to enroll in this course is successful completion of either the AAS “Archaeology of the Southwest” class, the AAS “Advanced Southwest Archaeology - Hohokam” class, or equivalent training approved by Dr. Wright.

Participants are responsible for providing their own transportation, lunches, and lodging on each class day.

Participants are encouraged to attend the March 3-6, 2023. American Rock Art Research Association Conference at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, 5151 E. Grant Rd., Tucson.

Instructor Aaron M. Wright is a Preservation Anthropologist with Archaeology Southwest, a Tucson-based organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the Southwest’s cultural heritage. His current research centers on cultural landscapes in southwestern Arizona. He is the lead researcher on Archaeology Southwest’s long-term goal of establishing a Great Bend of the Gila National Monument.

The Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS) Training, Certification and Education Program (TCEP) is designed with help from professional archaeologists to give training in various aspects of archaeology outside an academic degree program. Because many of the program’s courses provide field experience in addition to classroom training, students can develop those skills to become qualified and valuable members of archaeological projects. For students who join the Certification program, AAS keeps records of courses taken and issues certificates upon successful completion of course requirements.

To enroll in the AAS Certification program an individual must be a member of the Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS), complete the Certification Program Application form, and pay AAS a one-time fee of $10. When the application is accepted, the Department Recorder will establish a file in the individual’s name to maintain a permanent record of qualifications. As each course is completed the applicant will receive a certificate that the instructor will sign, and the individual becomes certified in that aspect of archaeology.

AAS members and others who are not seeking certification may take these courses without joining the TCEP. For complete information on the AAS TCEP visit www.azarchsoc.org/page-807603.

AAS is a separate organization from Old Pueblo Archaeology Center.

Aaron received his BA from Ohio State University and his MA and PhD (2011) from Washington State University. He is the author of Religion on the Rocks: Hohokam Rock Art, Ritual Practice, and Social Transformation (Univ. of Utah Press, 2014) and co-edited Leaving Mesa Verde: Peril and Change in the Thirteenth-Century Southwest with Timothy A. Kohler and Mark D. Varien (Univ. of Arizona Press, 2010).

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Photos by Allen Dart: Page 1, upper, some petroglyphs at the Picture Rocks site, where most of the class sessions will be held; page 1, lower left, Apache pictographs near Lake Roberts, New Mexico; page 1, lower right, pictograph in Jaguar Cave near El Paso, Texas; this page, upper, “Goggle-eye” petroglyph at Frying Pan Canyon site on Cooke’s Peak near Deming, New Mexico; this page, lower: Aaron Wright at Sears Point petroglyphs site, southwestern Arizona, December 2017