



# San Diego Rock Art Association Meeting

Sunday, April 1, 2012

Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center

13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail (formerly Silver Lake Drive)

Poway, CA 92064

## The Western Desert

An Overview of the Rock Art,  
Including the Gilf Kebir and Jebel Uweinat

Presentation by Jeff LaFave • Sunday, April 1, 2012



The Western Desert, extending from the Nile Valley to the contested borders of Sudan, Egypt, and Libya, is one of the most remote and barren places on earth, a dangerous logistical nightmare to visit, even before the "Arab Spring." It contains some of the most important rock art concentrations in the world, notably in the Gilf Kebir plateau and the Jebel Uweinat massif. The rock art in this region is extremely rich and complex, including a variety of painted styles and engravings, especially the paintings of pastoral cultures from thousands of years ago, when the region was much wetter.

Jeff LaFave has been hiking to rock art sites and photographing them for 25 years. Professionally he is a trial lawyer, but he spends most of his free time visiting or reading about rock art sites, and has visited rock art sites throughout the United States and on all six continents that have rock art. For the last 15 years, he has been involved in site monitoring and documentation for various land managers including the BLM and Forest Service.

**4:00 Potluck: Bring food of your choice to share • 5:00 Meeting/Photo Share  
6:00 Presentation**

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