



San Diego Rock Art Association Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center • 13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail (formerly Silver Lake Drive) • Poway, CA 92064



It's Curious, by George!

A Presentation by Steve Freers

The Colorado River cuts through a broad swath of Sonoran Desert to discharge into the Gulf of Mexico. As one moves away from this life-giving river, deeper into the expansive desert biome, water readily becomes a scarce commodity. Members of native prehistoric and historic groups, like the Chemehuevi and Mojave, could succeed at times in making a life beyond convenient reach of the River by exploiting their knowledge of scant but reliable water sources. During the late 1800s, Thomas H. Blythe and O. P. Calloway managed to exploit water from the Colorado to sustain commercial agriculture, eventually spawning the city that bears Blythe's name. Decades later, as the clouds of war again enveloped the world, this desert region became part of a greater temporary home to over one million American troops conducting military maneuvers that helped turned the tide of WW-II. Recently, a team of rock art specialists conducting desert fieldwork, led by BLM archaeologist George Kline, recorded a group of closely related rock art sites that reflect a fascinating intersection between this region's prehistoric and historic peoples. A member of this investigative group, Steve Freers, will share a highly visual and entertaining multimedia presentation to weave a unique narrative describing the findings of our research and demonstrate, in detail, the interesting recording process employed at these sites.

● **4:00 Potluck: Bring food of your choice to share** ● **5:00 Meeting and Presentations**

Meetings are included in your SDRAA Membership. Suggested Donation for Guests is \$5.00