



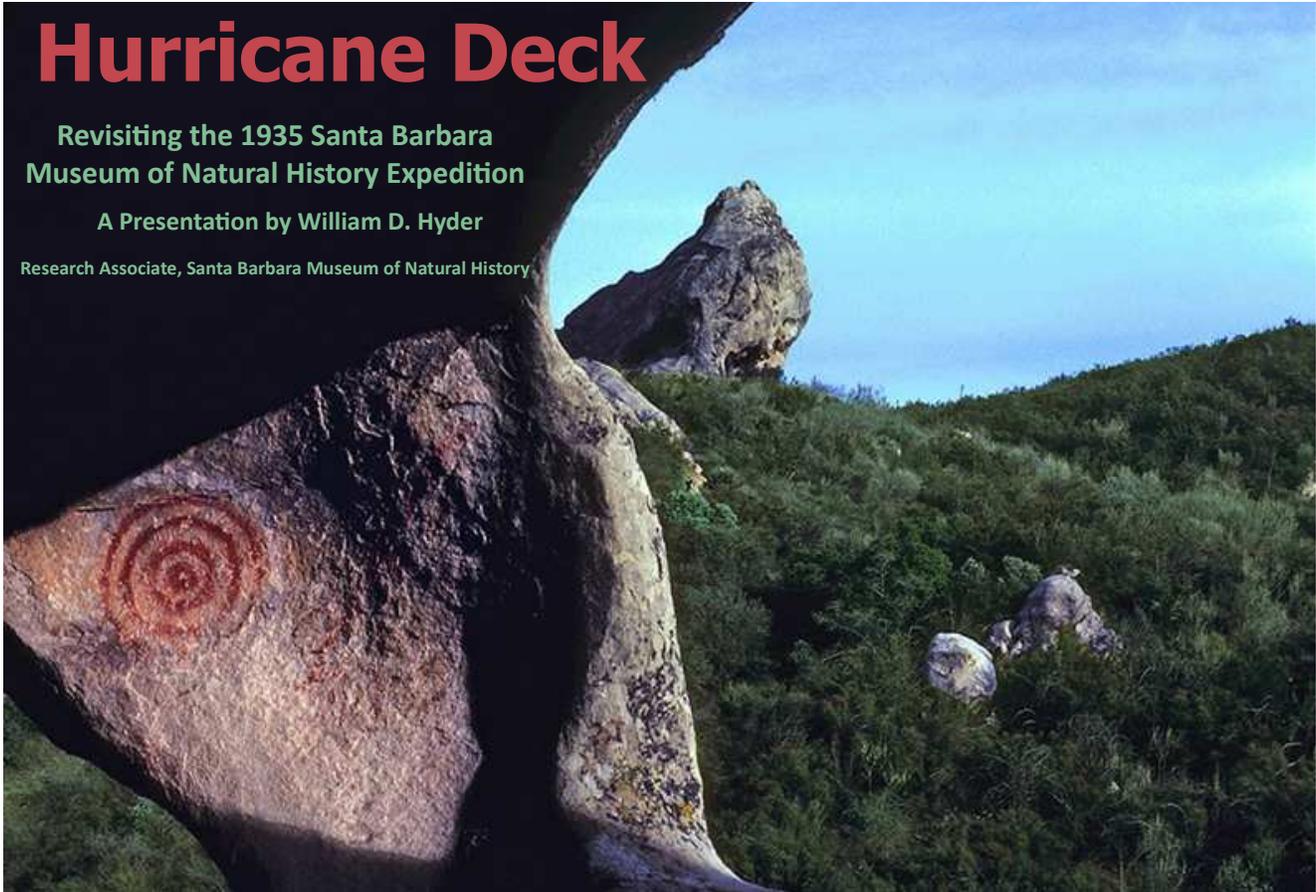
San Diego Rock Art Association Virtual Meeting
Sunday, April 3, 2022, 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time

Hurricane Deck

Revisiting the 1935 Santa Barbara
Museum of Natural History Expedition

A Presentation by William D. Hyder

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Reports of spectacular painted caves in the remote Santa Barbara back country attracted the attention of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History archaeologist David Banks Rogers in 1935. On January 25, 1935, Rogers set out on horseback from the Sunset Valley CCC camp along with Forester C. S. Robinson, head of the Fish and Game and Grazing Department, and guide Harry Roberts. Rogers wrote:

To reach the district at all is a most trying ordeal. We went in absolutely light, carrying nothing in the way of luggage beyond our canteens of water. This latter was essential, as the limited water of that entire region is very unwholesome, even the guide's dog, and the horses refusing to touch it.

Alarmed by reports of pothunting, Rogers recommended that the area be surveyed in late spring or early summer 1935. Despite their good intentions, the expedition findings were never completed or analyzed with the exception of one brief published summary.

The presentation focuses on discoveries that shed light on the use of *Datura* in healing and infusing power into pigments prepared for trade. In addition, attention will be paid to the role of women in creating Chumash rock art and pigment production.



Bill Hyder retired from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he managed IT support services, in 2010. He conducted rock art studies for California State Parks, the National Park Service, and Vandenberg Air Force Base in partnership with the late Georgia Lee as freelance researchers. He is past president of the American Rock Art Research Association. Today he is active in researching and writing about his other passion, early American numismatics.

This meeting will be held via Zoom
April 3, 2022, Starting at 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Meeting room will open approximately 15 minutes early
Free Registration Required, limit 100 participants

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