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by John G. Douglass

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Our CrossFit group has grown and shrunk over the past decade, but has held steady with a constant core of friends. Like the population of Tucson in general, our group has experienced the exciting birth of new children, the joy of marriages, the difficulty and sadness of divorce, and the soul-wrenching tragedy of losing one of our group to suicide. Through it all, we have worked out together with the common goals of getting fitter and stronger and learning from each other, whether it be new weightlifting skills or what we have gained from life experiences. We come from all walks of life and backgrounds and value that diversity. We semi-regularly have a potluck barbecue together after workout and there may be 20 or more of us floating around, enjoying one another’s company, with kids running in and out.

There’s also been fun spin-offs from the main group, including trail running and/or biking together. We’ve even done a book club several times. These experiences together have helped create a community of friends who know they can rely on each other. We have created a sense of belonging through our shared experiences and interactions. It’s a fun community of which to be a part.

Over the past several years on various writing projects, I’ve been pondering how and why, across time and space, communities form or dissolve. As my good friend and colleague Kathleen Hull and I have argued, communities are not natural occurrences in which people randomly become parts of those communities. If they did, they wouldn’t be interesting to study. Rather, communities are formed through purposeful action and interaction and people having created, as I described above, a sense of belonging.

As some of my past and present Statistical Research, Inc. colleagues and I have recently studied, the prehistoric Anasazi of the Colorado Plateau, through time, created community in part through interdependence of ritual performance. The transformation over hundreds of years of pit structures into kivas and into great kivas, along with associated architectural features and material goods, illustrates the interdependence, and independence, of ritual knowledge that drew diverse groups of people together for ritual performance.

In many cultures, there were and are multi-layered interconnections and dependence on ritual knowledge and performance. In the case of the Anasazi, while small-scale household ritual ceremonies were performed at the local level, through time, communal ritual drew people together from much wider areas. A number of great scholars have studied similar themes across the American Southwest, including Pat Gilman, Jim Potter, Tammy Stone, and Mark Varien, to name just a few. Also check out Kye Miller’s article on related themes in the latest issue of *Kiva*.

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It turns out that, much like the prehispanic Anasazi, ritual and religion was one tie that created and bonded communities. Missionaries in the late 1700s and early 1800s complained that rancheros in southern California were harboring Native Californians and not allowing them to be recruited to the missions. Ironically, our research has indicated that it was actually baptisms by these same colonial rancheros of Native Californians in their home villages that many times led to recruitment to missions. Through colonial baptismal records, we have been able to document personal connections between these groups that led to sustained interaction and trust between them. These interactions led to that sense of belonging that is so important to the creation of communities.

Communities, both in the past and the present, are meaningful and important to people. Without communities, we do not have the social bonding that is so important to our daily lives. All of us are likely part of a variety of communities—professional, personal, what-have-you—whether we realize it or not.

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If you are willing and able to help set up the book sale at 8:00 a.m. on October 12 or take down the sale at 3:00 p.m. on October 13 please contact Katherine Cerino at kcerino@gmail.com. Lots of strong backs make easy work!

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Pueblo Grande Museum
January 11–12, 2019

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University of Arizona Tree Ring Laboratory
Saturday, September 22, 2018; 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a tour of the world’s first laboratory dedicated to dendrochronology, or tree-ring science. Learn how dendrochronology solved the secrets of the southwest by dating pueblo sites in 1929. What can trees tell us about fire history? What can we learn about past societies from trees? Can trees help us develop strategies for dealing with climate change? Join us as we share the science stories behind these questions and more will be found when you explore the exciting world of tree-ring science.

Dr. Jeff Dean will give a special talk at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Pamela Pelletier, pamela@email.arizona.edu.

Rock Art of the Silver Creek Area of Arizona
October 20–21, 2018

This trip is still tentative pending approval from relevant land managers.

A distinctive and intriguing style of rock art, known as Palavayu Linear Style, is found around Silver Creek in northeast Arizona between Snowflake and Woodruff. Palavayu, a Hopi term meaning “red river,” is a name applied to several style designations of a kind of rock art that is only found in the middle portion of the lower Little Colorado River area.

Ghostly figures of beings with rabbit sticks, reptiles, deer, birds, snakes, owls, a birthing scene, anthropomorphs with “antennae,” and numerous other images are located in canyons tributary to Silver Creek and the Little Colorado River. This style of rock art is characterized by beings with elongated bodies, elaborate head attachments, hachure-filled bodies, and triangular heads. This field trip will take participants to several panels in the 5 Mile Wash and Ten Mile Wash drainages, to a birthing panel south of Woodruff, and some images along the Little Colorado River.

Participants should be in good physical condition and able to hike over rocky and uneven terrain. Petroglyph panels are located along cliff walls and in drainages. Hiking distances will be 1–2 miles for each area visited. In some areas, trekking poles will be a hindrance.

The field trip will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday October 20 and continue until about noon on Sunday, October 21. Meeting place to be determined. If you are interested in participating, contact Kirk Astroth at kirkastroth@gmail.com. More information will be provided as it becomes available. The trip is limited to 20 people.

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2018 PECOS CONFERENCE, AUGUST 9–12

Check out the website for the 2018 Pecos Conference at http://www.pecosconference.org/! It includes information about registration, conference location, amenities, accommodations, conference schedule, volunteering, the Cordell-Powers Prize, and much more. The conference will be held at the Hotshot Camp on the Coconino National Forest, about 10 miles outside of Flagstaff. The site will include conference tents, camping, water, and some food sales. Individuals and organizations interested in assisting in the organization as partners, sponsors, or vendors may contact Kimberly Spurr at organizer@pecosconference.org.

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