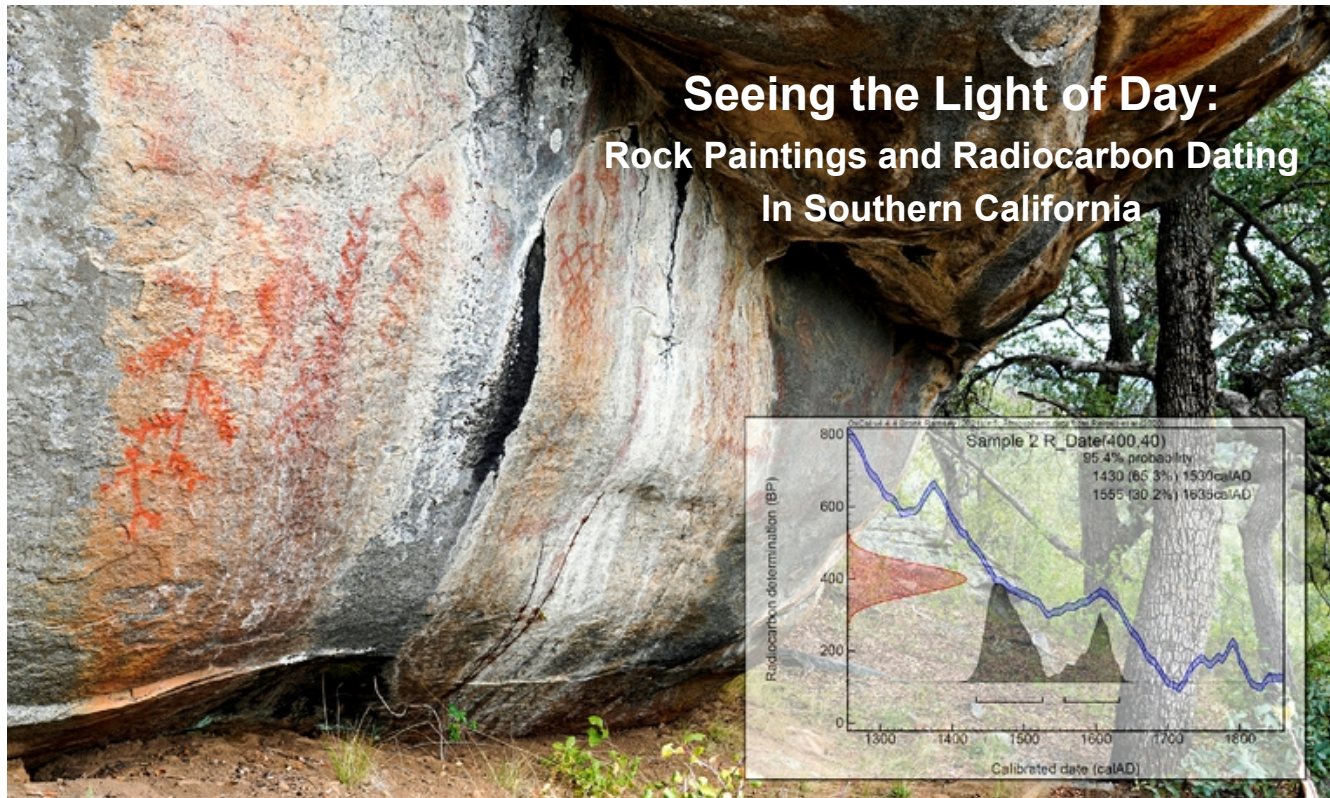


San Diego Rock Art Association Virtual Meeting
Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time



A Presentation by Steve Freers

Significant advances in technology, recording, and conceptual models have greatly improved our understanding of rock art in southern California. Jon Harman's now indispensable DStretch programs, and Marvin Rowe's radiocarbon dating advances, are obvious examples of technological improvements. Steve Freers presented a paper in 1993 at the Rock Art Symposium titled, "A Shamanistic Pictograph Site in Northern San Diego County." It was published in 1994. This presentation uses that 30-year old paper as a springboard to present ample new information regarding this and other regional pictograph sites. A particular focus will be on regional pictograph sites that feature the use of black pigments. The influence of John P. Harrington's work at these sites will be covered, along with applications of digital enhancement, and a recounting of significant ethnohistoric events—including murder. The core of the talk presents radiocarbon data from several pictograph sites incorporating three of this region's published rock art styles. This is the first known radiocarbon data set of its kind for this part of the state. The resulting information will be compared against a recently proposed Late Period chronological model, and applied to pertinent rock art and ethnographic questions.

Steve Freers has coauthored two books on rock art: *Fading Images* in 1994 with Gerald Smith, and *Rock Art of the Grand Canyon Region* in 2013 with Don Christensen and Jerry Dickey. He and his co-authors received the 2014 Arizona Governor's Award for Special Achievement in Public Archaeology. Steve was honored to receive the 2016 Crabtree Award from the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), then humbled again in 2020 by ARARA's Klaus Wellmann Award for his contributions to the field of rock art research, conservation, and education. Steve currently serves as the program and conservation chair for the San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA). He conducts ongoing fieldwork in San Diego County.

**This meeting will be held via Zoom
December 10, 2023, Starting at 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Meeting room will open approximately 15 minutes early
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