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Rock Art Eccentrics

Incorporation of Natural Rock Elements Into Rock Art Images

A Presentation by Roger Cook

Rock art images sometimes incorporate natural elements of the rock, such as holes, cavities, cracks, knobs, rock colorations or rock edges. This can create some very unique images—even quasi 3-dimensional at times. Because these are relatively rare compared to the thousands upon thousands of images that do not use this technique, they really get your attention when you find one. This presentation will feature a selection of these images that Roger has catalogued over the past 20+ years. These images are all from the Southwestern U.S. with the majority of the images from New Mexico and Utah, and a few from Arizona, Texas, and Colorado.

Roger is an engineer by training and profession, having had a full career in semiconductor manufacturing. He has been interested in archaeology for most of his adult life. He became interested in rock art after moving to the New Mexico in 1987. Since that time, Roger has been smitten by the rock art bug and has travelled extensively throughout the 4-Corners states to enjoy the remote canyons and scenery and also the rock art. He has been a member of URARA (Utah Rock Art Research Association) since 2019 and has been an URARA board member and officer since 2022. He is also a member of ARARA (American Rock Art Research Association).

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