

## **For Immediate Release**

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# Rock Art Researchers to Gather in Bakersfield, CA

**Where:** Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel

**When:** May 22 - 25, 2009

**Who:** American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA)

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Phoenix, AZ—Bakersfield, California will be the setting for the 36th annual conference of the American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA), to convene May 22 - 25, 2009. The Bakersfield region is homeland to several Native American tribes, and the cultural evidence of the prehistoric inhabitants is abundant throughout the area.

A diverse program is planned, exploring the many facets of rock art – the study of prehistoric Native American markings found on stone in natural landscape settings. Presentations on the rock art of California and beyond, plus a special session devoted to rock art site conservation issues will form the heart of the conference. Many field trip choices, a workshop on 3-D recording techniques, committee meetings focused on education, archives, conservation and publication, a fundraising auction and the ever popular vendor room that features rock art-related ceramics, jewelry, photography and publications for sale are all planned. Call for papers is extended until April 1.

ARARA, the oldest rock art association, is a diverse community of members dedicated to the preservation, research and communication of the significance of rock art, which is a non-renewable resource of enduring cultural value, and an important expression of shared human cultural heritage.

For more information about ARARA, please visit: [www.arara.org](http://www.arara.org)

For information about the Bakersfield area: <http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/index.htm>



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