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Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street NE
Albuquerque, NM
9:15 am to 2:30 pm
February 10th, 2017

CSWT Council Meeting
February 6th 1:00 – 3:00 at
Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street
Albuquerque, NM 87111

The Cherokee Compass

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February ᑕᑎᑎ-ᑎᑎᑎ-ᑎᑎᑎ Stationary Moon

A-ga-ya-lu-di-sgi ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ

This month known in English as February is ᑕᑎᑎ in Cherokee syllabary (Ka-ga'-li rendered in western script). During this month the Cherokees believed the moon, brother of the Sun, did not move from his place of power and control of the night beings. From this seat of power he governed, while the rest of the year he fled from his sister. Those born under the Stationary Moon are stubborn and willful. But they are also great leaders and path killers. The Full moon is February 1st. The New moon is February 15th.

This time of the season is a time for personal and ritual observance, fasting and personal purification. During this season, families prepare for the coming of the new seasons, starting in Windy Moon Anvyi or March. Personal items and tools for planting are repaired, and new ones made. Stories about ancestors and the family are imparted to the younger ones by the elders. A mid-Winter or "Cold Moon Dance" is usually held in the community as well, marking the passing or ending of one cycle of seasons and welcoming the beginning of the new cycle. Hearth fires are put out and new ones made. The putting out of Fires and lighting of new ones anciently is the duty of certain holy men of certain clans, and coincides with the first new-arrival of the morning star in the east.

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The January 9th CSWT Town Meeting



Another new year and flint-knapping was an outstanding presentation to begin it with.

The CSWT program for January demonstrated man's oldest craft. The art of flint knapping is as old as mankind.



It was presented to us by Matt Lewis and his assistant Edwin Lente. Just watching them take a rock and make an arrow was fascinating. The skill and the speed of which they made these arrows was amazing. It's like going to the balloon fest, you can tell people what your saw, but you had to be there to get the full effect. For Matt, this was only a hobby at first, but this has turned out to be a full time passion and job, keeping arrowheads in stock is hard, because