



The **NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS)** meeting for **April** will be **in person and on Zoom**.

**NTAS** meetings are **free** and visitors are always welcome.

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# Benchmark

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## President's Message

For the March 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting 20 folks joined in person and 47 folks via Zoom. Ms. Rhiana Ward provided a great overview of the ongoing archeological investigations that she is overseeing at the Alamo. The variety of construction sequences from the mission period and later periods, especially the volume of overlapping floors, was incredible. And how about bagging every teaspoon of soil and then putting it back with precision including matching moisture content? The March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was recorded and is available on the NTAS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChDKM9I3UdiYizPyG3duohQ/> featured

Chris Meis and team hosted another round of excavations in Mills County March 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at the Clovis Field site. And March 26<sup>th</sup> 13 NTAS volunteers recorded three archeological sites at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge.

The April 14, 2022 monthly meeting will be a hybrid meeting (in person and via Zoom) held in our usual meeting room on the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) campus in the



Research & Education Building, Room 114 (see page 3 for map). The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and we look forward to seeing you in person at the UNTHSC or on Zoom for the hybrid meeting. Our April guest speaker is Brad Jones – Division Director, State Archeologist, and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Archeology. Mr. Jones will present on stone tools from AD 1554 – 1726 and the role in the lives of indigenous and European communities. Thank you and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Jimmy Barrera**

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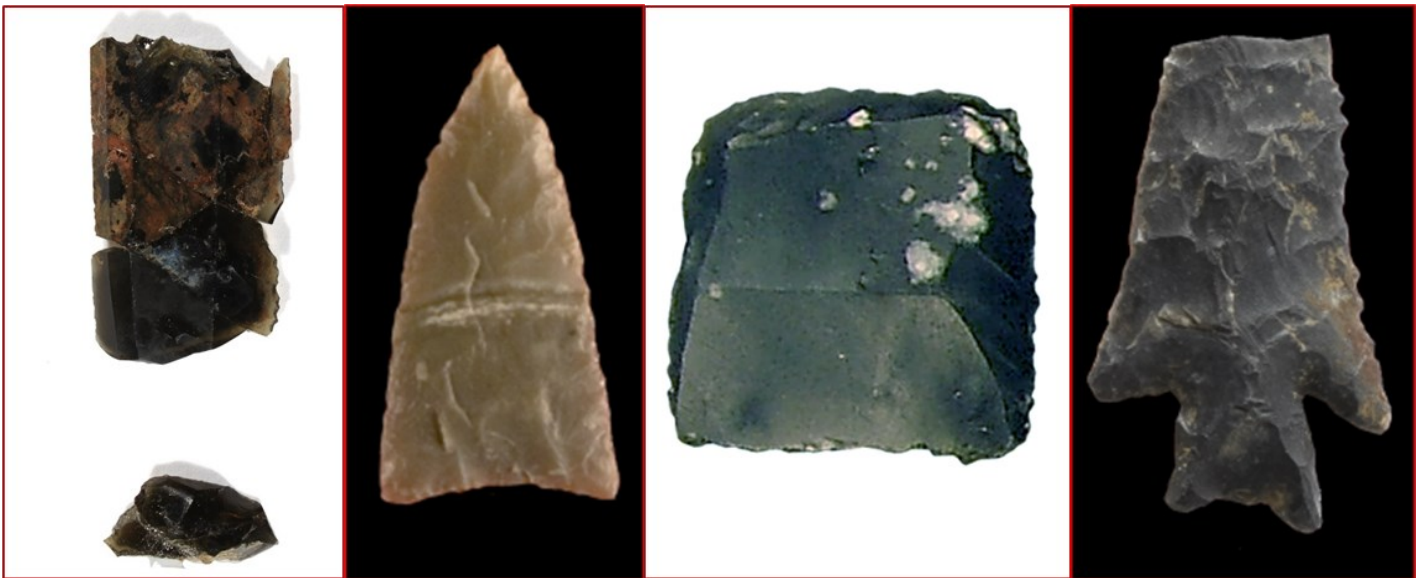
## April Speaker: Brad Jones

### Stone Age Peoples of Texas – AD 1554 – 1726

For many people, the use of stone tools is the hallmark of non-European peoples. In the Americas, this thinking plays out in popular histories emphasizing the role of steel in the European conquest of the indigenous empires and nomadic bands, for whom stone tools played a predominant role as weapons of war and in everyday life. In Texas archaeology, this mindset can manifest itself as the oversimplification of stone tools as a peculiarly Native American tradition. In this presentation, I use the archaeology and history of the Texas, and particularly the south Texas coast, to look at the role of stone tools in the lives of both the indigenous and European communities. Far from representing material culture from exclusive worlds, stone tools provide an opportunity to break down static notions of indigenous and European identity and reveal the unexpected richness and complexity of human experience that archaeology can uncover.



**Bradford M. Jones** has been an archeologist for thirteen years with the Texas Historical Commission's Archeology Division. Currently the Division Director, State Archeologist, and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Archeology, Mr. Jones has over 25 years of experience in the archaeology and history of Texas, Ecuador, and Peru.



## Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

**May 12th: Leslie Bush (Caddo Houses in East Texas)**

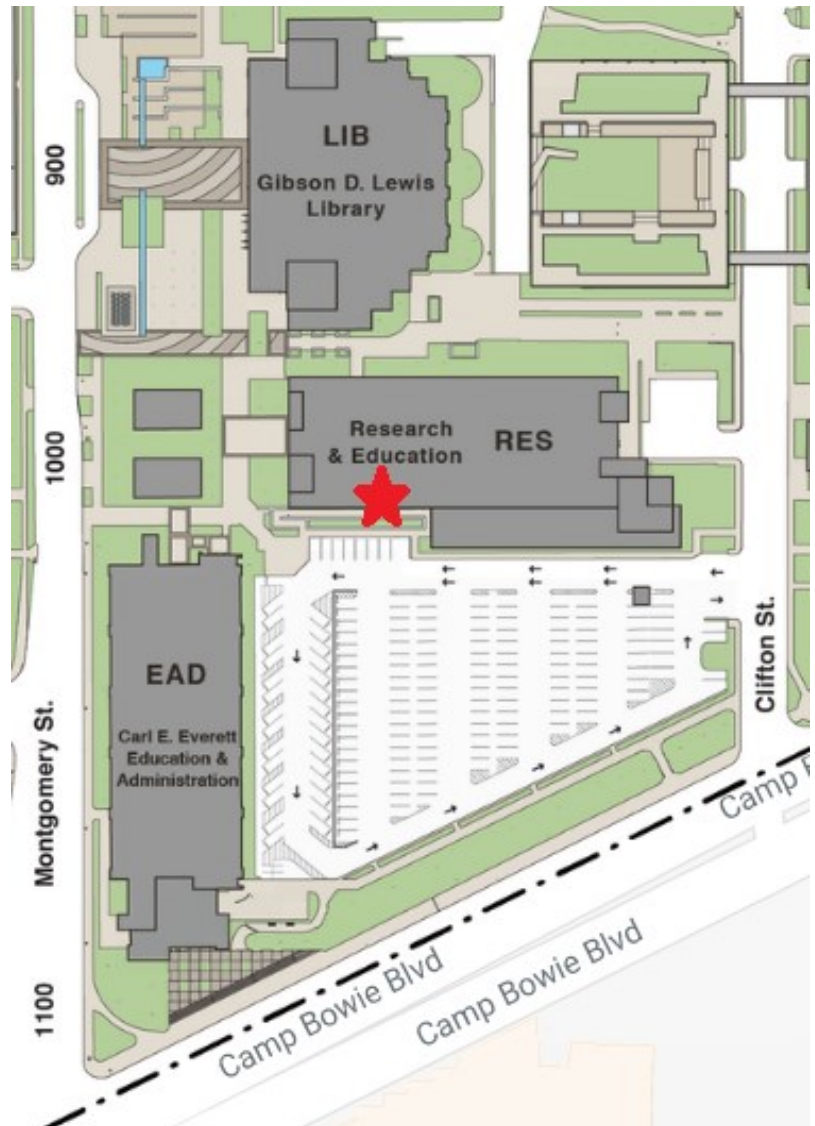
**June: No Meeting (TAS Field School)**

**July 14th: Tim Roberts (Rock Art & Archeology of Hueco Tanks)**

## NTAS Monthly Meeting Location & Directions

NTAS meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except June and December) at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, 3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth (in the **Research and Education Building, Room 114**), near the intersection of Camp Bowie and Montgomery Street.

Traveling west on I-30 from downtown, take the Montgomery Street exit. Turn right on Montgomery and continue to the five-way intersection at Camp Bowie. Turn right onto Camp Bowie, followed by an immediate left onto Clifton Street. **Turn into the first parking lot on the left (Administrator and Visitor Parking).** You will drive past an information booth as you enter the parking lot. Park on the far (north/west) end of the parking lot and enter the Research and Education building. Once you enter the building, turn right and proceed down the hallway to Room 114.



## NTAS Is Co-Hosting the 2022 TAS Meeting!

**Mark your calendars for the TAS Annual Meeting:**

**October 21-23, 2022!**

**Not only will it be under two hours from Tarrant County in Tyler, Texas, but NTAS is co-hosting the meeting along with UT Tyler!**

**Join us for the presentations and comradery, as well as the opportunity to volunteer as part of the Local Arrangements Committee!**



## Bolivar Film Available on TxDOT Website

### Doug Boyd

The 5-minute mini-documentary film on the Bolivar Archeological Project is now in its new permanent home online.

It now lives at TxDOT's "Beyond The Road" website.

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/bolivar.html>

## Texas Historical Marker Dedication for Daggett's Crossing

### Gen Freix

On the West Fork of the Trinity River in the late 1860's and early 1870's C.B. Daggett and his sons operated a ferry. Immigrants, trail drivers, cargo and several thousand head of cattle crossed at this point encouraging the growth of Ft. Worth, TX.

NTAS member, Bill Perdue, Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, spoke at the dedication of this historical marker as an Honored Guest.



## From the Archives

### Linda Lang

For April, we look at the society twenty years ago in the April 2002 TCAS Benchmark. This issue offers a variety of topics including the possibility of grasshoppers as a food source for Native inhabitants of North Texas, an account of a Chihuahua Trail survey, a summary of weekend work at the Gault Site, and other interesting topics. If you wish to check out this newsletter chock-full of archeological tidbits, email Linda Lang at [lottlang@gmail.com](mailto:lottlang@gmail.com). If you wish to access other newsletters or materials not currently featured, feel free to contact me for those requests as well!



Check back next month for the latest installment...*from the archives!*

## Blast from the Past

1992 TAS Field School. Left to right: Bret Williamson, Bryan Jameson, Mike Shannon, and Jim Blanton at the show barn in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Thanks to Mike Shannon for providing this image!



## TCFPS (Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey) Call for Data

Alan M. Slade<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

The author of the TCFPS and colleagues at the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory (TARL) and the Prehistory and Research Project (PRP) ask for help in updating information for the 4th edition of Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey.

In 1985, David Meltzer initiated a survey of Clovis fluted points in Texas. That survey continues to the present, and as of 2007 when the 3rd edition of the survey was published there was over 544 Clovis fluted points recorded by the Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey (TCFPS). Clovis fluted points occur throughout the state.

The TCFPS has now come under the control and curation at TARL. It is anticipated that the number of Clovis fluted points from Texas will be increased as will the counties from where the points were reported. This call for data will provide details of how to report any Clovis fluted point discoveries and where you can report your find.

**Contact Information:** [alan.slade@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:alan.slade@austin.utexas.edu) Tel: (512) 232-4898 (please leave a message)  
<https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/tarl/texas-clovis-fluted-point-survey.php>





## Archeological Events

### **Executive Committee Nominations (NTAS)**

Several Executive Committee member slots will be available for the 2023-2024 term. Please contact James Everett at [immediatepastpresident@ntxas.org](mailto:immediatepastpresident@ntxas.org) if you would like to volunteer or nominate someone for positions.

### **Spirit Lodge: Mississippian Art from Spiro through August 7, 2022**

Dallas Museum of Art <https://dma.org/art/exhibitions/spirit-lodge-mississippian-art-spiro>

General admission to the DMA is free, but tickets are required.

### **Boshell Family Lecture Series on Archaeology 7pm April 14, 2022**

Dallas Museum of Art <https://dma.org/programs/event/boshell-lecture-making-mississippian-meanings-0>

Dr. Alex W. Barker, Director of the Arkansas Archeological Survey will be speaking on how ancient iconography found at the Spiro Mounds in Oklahoma can be used to reconstruct what systems of objects conveyed to their viewers, and not only *what* these objects mean, but more importantly, *how* they mean. The talk is held in conjunction with the DMA's current *Spirit Lodge: Mississippian Art from Spiro* exhibition organized by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

### **Local Tales by Local Folks—The Earliest People 2-4pm April 16, 2022**

Granbury, TX <http://bshc-granbury.org/wp/local-tales-by-local-folks>

Ian and Melinda Patrick will host a talk on the practice of archaeology and how it is applied to managing heritage resources. They will touch on what archaeology is, federal and state regulations guiding the field, how archaeology studies are conducted, and provide hands-on activities with artifacts.

### **Pathways to Freedom through Texas and into Mexico (THC Webinar) April 21, 2022**

While most of the pathways of the Underground Railroad led north into Canada, Mexico also became a magnet for refugees seeking liberation. A lesser known and historically underappreciated movement through Texas crossed the treacherous “Nueces Strip” desert. Freedom seekers then had to avoid slave catchers and bounty hunters. Still, an unknown number successfully slipped away to freedom in Mexico, settling into small colonies, where they learned to speak Spanish and made a modest living. This presentation will highlight the abolition of slavery in Mexico and showcase the Tejano and biracial families who played a role in shepherding enslaved people through Texas to freedom south of the border.

### **Artifact Identification Class (NTAS) noon-3:30pm April 22, 2022**

Midlothian, TX Contact Catrina Banks Whitley at [vpofprojects@ntxas.org](mailto:vpofprojects@ntxas.org) to sign up

Come learn how to identify artifacts from New Mexico, catalogue, and prepare them for accession into a collection. The artifacts come from an active archaeological site in Taos, NM. We will send specifics on what to bring when you sign up.

### **Workshop on Looting, Vandalism, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act May 11-12, 2022**

<https://jornadaresearchinstitute.com>

The Jornada Research Institute will be offering a two-day training course on the looting and vandalism of archaeological sites, on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The course combines classroom presentations along with a field exercise. Participants can expect to learn to recognize profiles of looters, the signs of looting, the importance of databases that register vandalism, understanding looted site chronology, and how to conduct a field damage assessment. Moral and ethical considerations will also be discussed. Cost: 175.00 per attendee, and 150.00 for students. Location: US Bureau of Reclamation Area office, Albuquerque, NM.

**Exploring Undertold Stories of Texas (THC Webinar)****May 12, 2022**

Even with more than 16,000 Official Texas Historical Markers, many aspects of the state's history remain underrepresented. Since 2006, the Texas Historical Commission has promoted more than 200 of these stories through the agency's Undertold Markers program. The history of important individuals, events, communities, buildings, and structures is being told to new generations through this initiative designed to address historical gaps, promote diversity of topics, and proactively document significant underrepresented subjects or untold stories. Best of all, the selected topics receive a historical marker for free. Join THC staff for a presentation about Undertold Marker stories, what makes a successful submission, and how to apply for an Undertold Marker in your community.

**Free Virtual Lectures — The Archaeological Conservancy****May 12, 2022**<https://www.archaeologicalconservancy.org/virtual-lectures-2022/>

Color and Directional Symbolism at Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon  
Check the website for over two years worth of past lectures.

**TAS Annual Meeting****October 21-23, 2022**

Tyler, TX

See the TAS website for details <https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting>**NTAS Scholarship Recipient Report****Lori Connolley**

In 2020, I participated in the TAS Geoarchaeology I Academy, I was not familiar with Geoarchaeology, but I loved both Geology and Archaeology, so a field specialization that combined both intrigued me. The Academy opened my eyes to a whole new world right under my feet - soil! While the inner workings of soil processes may not seem interesting to most, I was hooked! At the first Geoarchaeology Academy, I learned that by reconstructing the past depositional processes, that led to the formation of certain soils; Archaeologists can better determine where on the landscape that human activity may have occurred. From that point on, I began to look at Archaeological sites from an entirely different perspective. So when the advanced level TAS Geoarchaeology Academy II was announced, I was beyond excited! It was only October, but both Sessions had nearly filled up. Fortunately, I was able to enroll and secure my spot! But in December, I was met with a major, and unexpected financial setback, and now I wasn't sure if I could even afford to go. The months went by, and I thought I could make things work, but I was running out of time. It was now three weeks before the Academy, and I was about cancel my registration - when it was announced that there were still scholarship funds available. So at the last minute, I applied for a Collegiate Scholarship through The North Texas Archaeological Society, and thankfully I was approved. It is only because of the NTAS Collegiate Scholarship, that I had the opportunity to attend the Academy; and it was by far the best Academy I have attended to date! Two days, 6 trenches of various soil profiles, a very accommodating ranch owner, and 6 amazingly patient, and talented Geoarchaeologists, who genuinely shared my passion for soil! I'm several weeks into my Geoarchaeology Class at ASU, and every time I open my textbook, I find myself referring back to what I learned at the Academy - it was truly a valuable experience. I would like to thank all the people who made the TAS Geoarchaeology II Academy happen, and extend a special thanks to those at my local Society, NTAS. Your encouragement and support is greatly appreciated, and I am so grateful to be surrounded by such a talented group of individuals, as I continue my academic pursuits in hopes of becoming an Archaeologist someday.

## TAS/ETAS 2022 Annual Meeting

The TAS Annual Meeting and the East Texas Archeological Texas Conference will be a combined event this year. We will meet on the UT Tyler campus in the new Soules College of Business Building. The meeting dates are October 21 – 23, 2022

The co-hosts for this year's meeting are North Texas Archeological Society and the Department of Social Sciences at UT Tyler, TX. The Program Co-Chairs are Dr. Thomas Guderjan and Dr. E. Cory Sills of UT Tyler. Their "First Call for Papers" was distributed in an earlier email and is included in the TAS Newsletter.

The Friday night Public Forum Speaker will be Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman of the Caddo Nation. Our keynote speaker for the Saturday night banquet is Dr. Rolfe Mandel, Distinguished Professor, Director of Kansas Geological Survey, Senior Scientist, Geoarchaeology/Quaternary Geology.

Since we are not meeting in a hotel, those attending will be responsible for securing their own accommodations. The Local Arrangements Committee is working with several hotels in the area to secure favorable rates. The Hotel information will be published in the Summer TAS Newsletter.

Watch for continuing Annual Meeting information in the TAS Newsletter and on the TAS website.



## We Need *YOUR* Help!

*There are numerous ways we would love for our members to contribute to NTAS. Just a few are noted here:*

### **Involve NTAS in Your Field, Lab, or Reporting Project**

Contact Catrina Whitley ([vpofprojects@ntxas.org](mailto:vpofprojects@ntxas.org)) if you would like to involve experienced, skilled, and knowledgeable NTAS members in your project.

### **Contribute Photos and Memories of NTAS Events**

Photos are a great way to showcase what NTAS is all about. Please send your images and captions to [president@ntxas.org](mailto:president@ntxas.org). By providing these photos, please understand they can be used on the NTAS website and social media platforms such as Facebook.

### **Newsletter Content**

Please contribute highlights from NTAS volunteer opportunities, summaries of archeological research and field projects, announcements and links to events, exhibits, media, and publications, etc. by sending them to Molly Hall ([publicationseditor@ntxas.org](mailto:publicationseditor@ntxas.org)).

**Nominate a member for our member spotlight feature!**





## North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) Membership Application Form

Online membership form and payment option available at [ntxas.org/join-and-renew](http://ntxas.org/join-and-renew)

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**City\State\Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type and Fees** (Membership Term: January to December)

- New  Family Membership - \$25
- Renewal Total Family Members \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual Membership - \$20
- Student Membership – \$10 (18 or older student with minimum half-time course load. Those under 18 must contact NTAS in advance of applying.)

**Communication Preferences:** I/WE want to be added to the following lists:

- General Announcements - *For Meetings, Events, Publications, Membership Dues and NTAS Updates*
- Personal Updates - *For personal updates on NTAS members such as illnesses, and obituaries*

**Digital copies of the newsletter are included with every membership.** If you are interested in receiving paper copies, please contact the Publications Editor ([publicationseditor@ntxas.org](mailto:publicationseditor@ntxas.org)) or Secretary ([secretary@ntxas.org](mailto:secretary@ntxas.org)) for pricing.

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Mail your Membership Form with check or money order made payable to:  
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Thank you for renewing or joining the North Texas Archeological Society! We will send an email to confirm your membership once your payment has been processed. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

## Welcome, New Members!

Elyse Bromser-Kloeden	Jaime Ross
Paul Christmas	Alexis Tovar
Jose R. Garcia	Rhianna Ward
Caleb & Susan Hollingshead	
Grace Mallory	Alfonso Zamora & Family
MariaFernanda Marin	John Zumwalt
Rachelle Moores	

## March Donors

Keith Elwell  
Catrina Whitley

## NTAS Aims & Objectives

The purposes of the Society are

- (1) the promotion of scientific archeological exploration and research,
- (2) the preservation and conservation of archeological materials and sites,
- (3) the interpretation and publication of data pertaining thereto, and
- (4) education of the public to the aims of archeology.

## NTAS - Preserving the Past for the Future

### Executive Committee

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**James Everett**  
*Immediate Past President*

**Molly Hall**  
*Publications Editor*

### Newsletter Submission Deadlines

The newsletter submission deadlines are two weeks prior to the monthly meetings, and upcoming deadlines are listed below for 2022.

May Newsletter: April 28

October Newsletter: September 29

July Newsletter: June 30

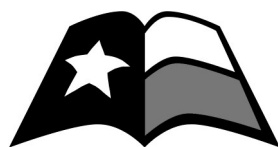
November Newsletter: October 27

August Newsletter: July 28

December Newsletter: November 24

September Newsletter: August 25

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