



The **NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS)** will welcome **Tim Sullivan** as the featured speaker for the **February 14th** meeting (see **Page 2**).

NTAS meetings are **free** and visitors are always welcome (see **Page 3** for location and directions).

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# Benchmark

## North Texas Archeological Society

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### President's Message

February brings a wide range of opportunities for NTAS members to learn about different aspects of Texas archeology, from the earliest inhabitants of our State to residents who lived here just a few years ago. On February 23, the 2019 East Texas Archeological Conference will present a series of lectures on "The Paleoindians". Registration for this all-day event is only \$20.00, which includes lunch. Payment can be made at the door on the UT Tyler campus. Additional details are available in this newsletter.

On February 14, NTAS member Dr. Tim Sullivan will present a program at our monthly meeting that focuses on an archeological/anthropological project related to people in the Little Egypt community of mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century Dallas. And, on February 16-17, several of our members are scheduled to attend the TAS Rock Art Academy in El Paso. We will continue to advertise opportunities available to all of us so that you will be able to plan for and participate in the wonderful educational experiences of interest to you.

On January 19, I was honored to serve as the speaker for the Iraan Archeological Society's annual banquet, where I discussed "Coronado East of the Pecos". I took the opportunity to discuss NTAS, to invite audience members to participate in the upcoming TAS field school at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and to encourage attendance at



**James Everett (NTAS President) with C.A. Maedgen (TAS Region 10 Director from San Angelo) on the left and Evans Turpin (Archeological Steward and IAS leader from Iraan) on the right.**

this year's annual TAS meeting in Amarillo.

The NTAS Board is always interested in feedback and input from all of our members. At the January meeting, I mentioned an upcoming survey in which we will formally seek your opinion on many issues of interest to NTAS: start time for meetings, subject matter for presentations, the types of projects we should sponsor, etc. We plan to issue the survey soon. In the meantime, we encourage you to be thinking about things that NTAS is doing that we should do differently as well as what we do as an organization that you want to see us continue to do and anything that we should stop doing.

I hope to see all of you at the February 14 NTAS meeting.

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## February Speaker: Tim Sullivan



**Bio:** Dr. Tim Sullivan received his M.A. in Anthropology (Conservation Archeology) from SMU in 1976. After working as a CRM Archaeologist, before such a thing existed, he returned to graduate school (NTSU, now UNT) to earn 30 hours in Sociology, enabling him to obtain a teaching position at Cedar Valley College, part of the Dallas County Community College District. After years of teaching Sociology and Anthropology, he returned to school again in the 1990s to gain a Ph.D. in History, from UTA. He has taught as an adjunct lecturer in History at UTA, and Anthropology and Sociology at TCU. In 2011, he transferred to Richland College in north Dallas, where he is Lead Faculty and Coordinator of the Anthropology Department. A long standing member of the American Anthropological Association, the World History Association, and the Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges (SACC), as well as TAS, he is a past President of SACC and has presented papers at national and international conferences in both anthropology and history. He is currently working on the completion of ongoing research on the Little Egypt Project, with his History colleague, Dr. Clive Siegle.

### *Shift Happens*

**Abstract:** In 1883, African American couple, Jeff and Hannah Hill, bought land in a relatively isolated area in North Texas. They established a community, that much later came to be known affectionately as “Little Egypt,” after the Egyptian Chapel Baptist Church, the cornerstone on which the community was based. Over the ensuing decades, as Dallas began to grow, the settlement remained rural, in spite of the white suburbs expanding north and eventually surrounding it. The 1940s and 50s saw major shifts as Dallas grew, and the social unrest that was sweeping the nation had its impact on the local landscape. Meanwhile, Little Egypt continued as a rural, African American hamlet, much as it had been since its inception. In the early 1960s, still without running water, paved roads, or sewage, and sharing one electric and telephone line, Little Egypt was a virtual African American island, surrounded by Lake Highlands. Facing condemnation, the members of the community were offered a deal by a real estate company, and in May 1962, moving vans arrived, residents and their belongings were moved out, literally just ahead of bulldozers that razed the small, simple dwellings. Within a few days, Little Egypt was gone, lost to history. In 2015, Richland College professors Tim Sullivan and Clive Siegle, combined their Anthropology and US History classes into a Learning Community to explore this ‘forgotten community,’ and, through oral history, archival research, genealogy, and archeology, their students have focused on reconstructing this community and its legacy for deeper understanding of the political, social and cultural changes that shaped Dallas as we know it today. This is as much a story about what community college students can accomplish, overcoming the challenges they face, as their contributions to bringing an underrepresented part of Dallas history back to life.

## Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

**March 14th: Dub Crook**  
**April 11th: Doug Boyd**  
**May 9th: Dr. Christopher Lintz**  
**June: No Meeting (TAS Field School)**

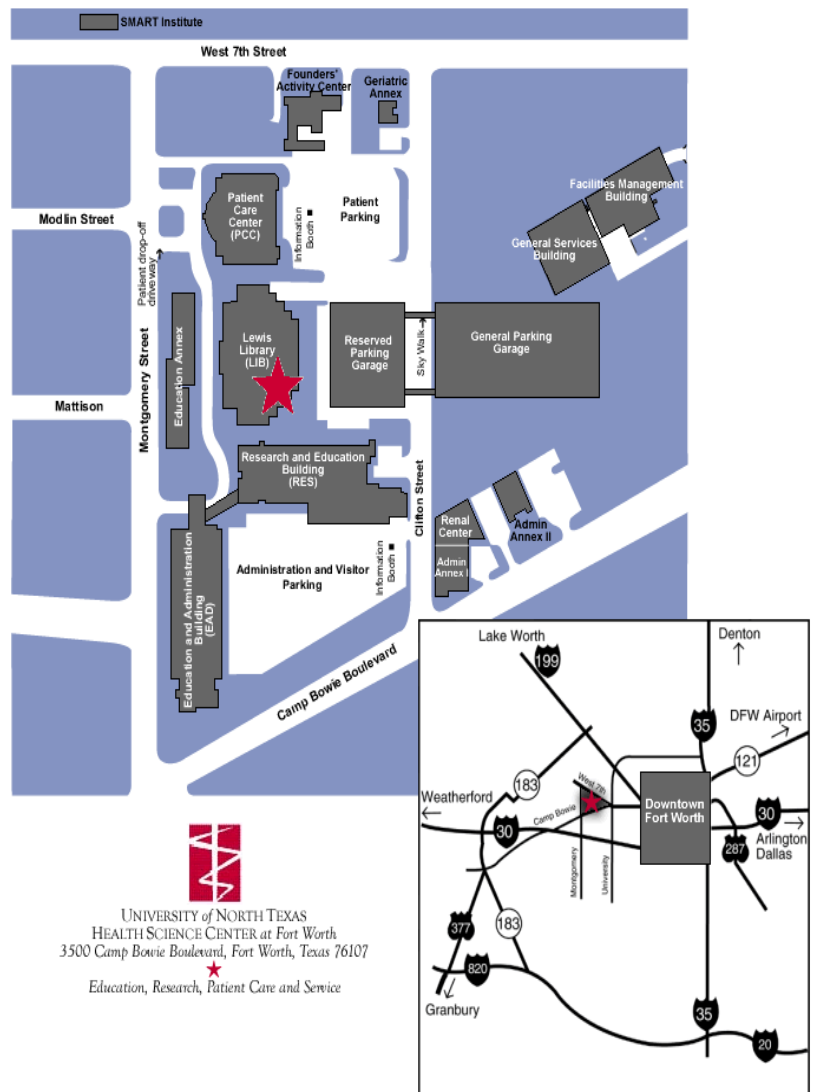
## Welcome New NTAS Member:

**Carolyn Coughlin**

## NTAS Monthly Meeting Location & Directions

NTAS meets at 7:30 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 Lewis Library Building, Room 110), near the intersection of Camp Bowie and Montgomery Street.

Traveling west on I30 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. Continue on Clifton to Parking Lot "I" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Park in the patient spaces (after 5:00 p.m.) and go past the information booth into the underground parking garage. Turn left down the corridor at the double doors in the center. Proceed down the hallway until you come to Room 110 in the Lewis Library building.



  
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## Upcoming Texas Archeology Events

### 25th Annual Rock Art Rendezvous

When: February 22-24, 2019

Where: White Shaman Preserve

From the Witte Museum website:

Join the Witte Museum's Rock Art Foundation for a weekend of fun, friendship and spectacular guided tours of some of the most remarkable rock art sites in the world! The format of the 25th Annual Rendezvous will focus on site tours making as many available as possible.

More information available:

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/rock-art-tour-calendar/>

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### 2019 East Texas Archeology Conference: The Paleoindians

When: February 23, 2019

Where: Ornelas Activity Center at The University of Texas at Tyler

From the ETAC website:

The East Texas Archaeology Conference includes speakers from across East Texas and surrounding regions, presenting the latest in archaeological research. The conference is open to the public. Please note that you do NOT need to preregister for the ETAC conference! You can register at the event starting at 8am on Saturday! The \$20 registration fee includes lunch served on site (with vegetarian options).

We are pleased to announce the 26<sup>th</sup> annual East Texas Archeology Conference will focus on Paleoindians. We look forward to keynote presentations by Dr. Michael Waters, Dr. Michael Collins, and Dr. Amanda Evens.

More information available:

<https://sites.google.com/view/easttexasarchaeologyconference/home>

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### 2019 Lithic Academy in San Marcos

When: April 27-28, 2019

Where: Texas State University

From the TAS website:

Join archeologists to learn about Texas history and prehistory as revealed through archeological investigations. The course will include a brief overview of stone tools, why stone artifacts are important, how they are produced and used, and how stone tools contribute to the archeological record. The academy will include a review of raw stone materials and how they were used.


More information available:

<https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/193>

## Winter Has Arrived!

The days of sweltering north Texas hikes and chasing slivers of shade during excavation are far behind us. Though we all enjoy field work, the temperatures are dropping and the cozy indoors are a bit more appealing. Here is an all-day activity that you can enjoy while staying warm!

The East Texas Archeological Conference and TAS Lithic Academy detailed on Page 4 are also great options for indoor archeology activities.



# EGYPT AND ANCIENT ISRAEL:

## MERNEPTAH'S CANAANITE CAMPAIGN - HISTORY OR PROPAGANDA?

**MARCH 26, 2019 | 9 AM - 5 PM**  
Riley Center, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary


**COST: \$40 (STUDENTS: \$15)**  
*Prices include lunch, refreshments, and conference materials*

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

<b>Dr. Peter Brand</b> <i>(University of Memphis)</i>	<b>Dr. James Hoffmeier</b> <i>(Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)</i>
<b>Dr. Tom Davis</b> <i>(Tandy Institute for Archaeology)</i>	<b>Dr. Mark Janzen</b> <i>(Scarborough College)</i>
<b>Dr. Michael Hasel</b> <i>(Southern Adventist University)</i>	<b>Dr. Steve Ortiz</b> <i>(Tel Gezer Excavation Project)</i>

To register or for more information, go to [swbts.edu/merneptah](http://swbts.edu/merneptah) or [tandyinstitute.org](http://tandyinstitute.org)

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## An Award for One of Our Own

Our very own, long-time NTAS member, and current Historian, Linda Lang, was honored “for excellence in teaching” during the Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers award ceremony in January.

Congratulations, Linda!

### Food Drive Results!



Paula Vastine with 125 donated items

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the North Texas Food Bank at our December Holiday Party! The items were much appreciated!



### Call for Help with New Logo Design

Because of our name change, we are revamping our logo.

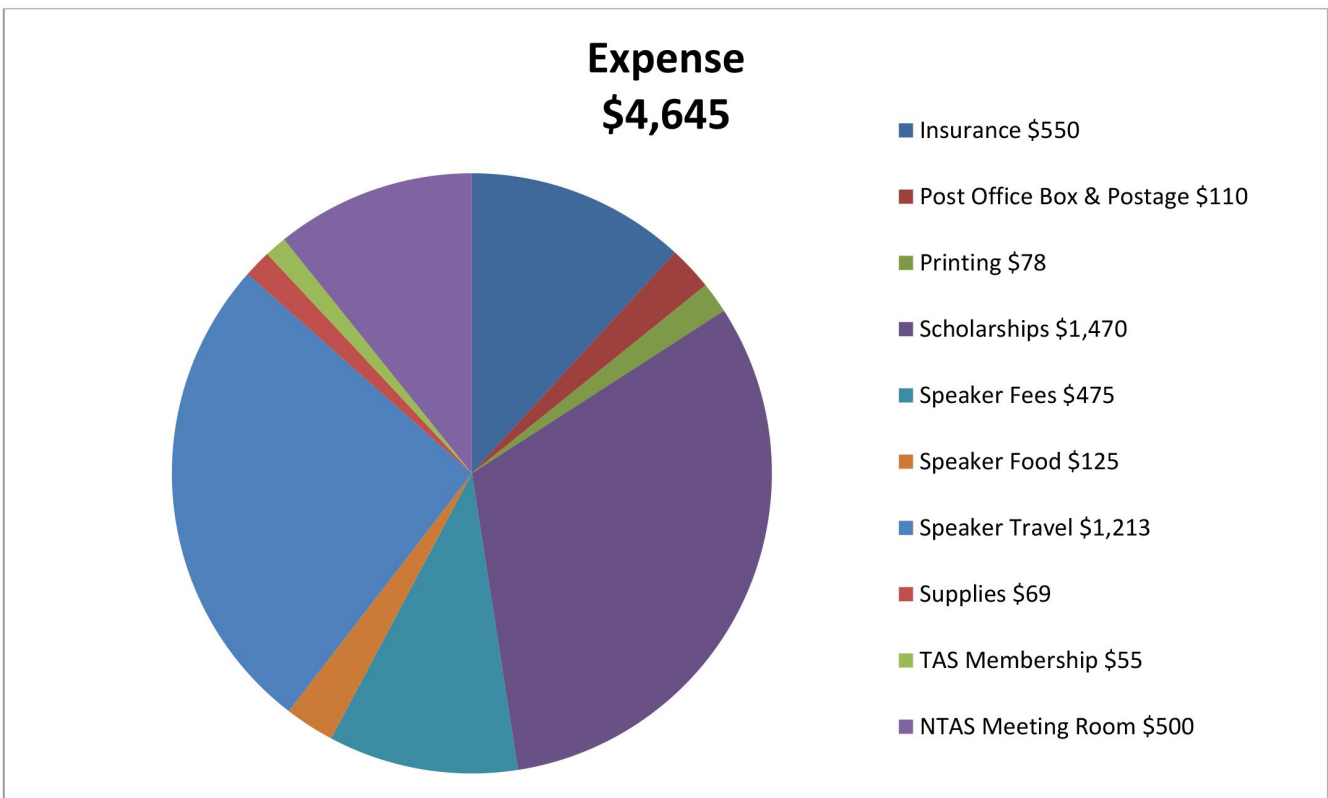
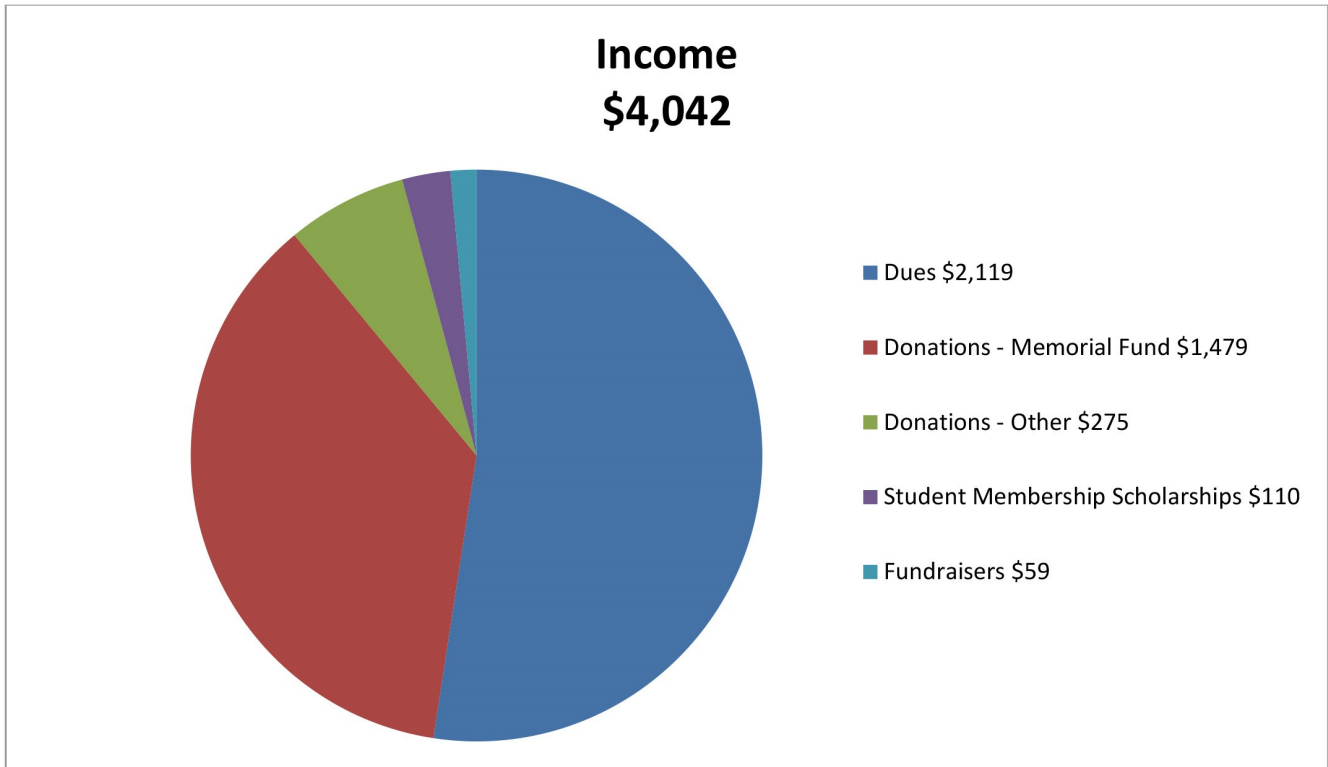
The projectile point image will remain as depicted here. But, we'd like to see some redesign of the text (maybe even add something, like "since 1955"). Anything that our creative members can come up with will be considered.

If you are interested in working on this, a member of the board can provide you with a digital file to work with.



# NTAS Income & Expense

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



## NTAS - Preserving the Past for the Future

### NTAS Board

**James Everett**  
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**Dana Ritchie**  
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**Linda Lang**  
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**Bryan Jameson**  
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**Molly Hall**  
*Newsletter Editor*

### Three easy and quick ways to pay your 2019 NTAS dues!

**By PayPal:** Complete the Application Form and pay online using with PayPal at the NTAS website,  
[www.tarrantarch.org](http://www.tarrantarch.org)

**By mail:** Complete the application below and mail it with your check to:  
North Texas Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

**In person:** Give your dues and completed application to Lloyd Erwin at the monthly meeting.

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#### NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City\State\Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact(s):** Please provide the following information regarding the individual(s) from whom we can request or to whom we may provide information in the event of an emergency. Please consider listing at least one contact who does not live at your residence.

Primary Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I want my newsletter delivered by \_\_\_\_\_ email (\$0) or \_\_\_\_\_ by USPS mail. (\$10) ***Thank you*** for choosing delivery by email.

#### Membership Type & Fees (Membership Term: January to December)

New       Individual \$20       USPS Mail Delivery \$10  
 Renewal       Family \$25       Optional Memorial Fund Contribution  
 Student \$10 (*enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more*)  
 Contributing \$30

**\*\*Until further notice, please make checks payable to TCAS\*\***

**Code of Ethics (signature required):** I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ANTIQUITIES STATUTES CONCERNING CULTURAL RESOURCES OR ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICES OF BUYING OR SELLING ARTIFACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OR ENGAGE IN THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OR DISTORTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA OR DISREGARD PROPER ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_