



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

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

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone who assisted both behind the scenes and during the monthly meeting to make the first meeting of the year a success! On January 12th approximately 30 folks joined in person for the meeting and 26 folks joined via Zoom. Dr. Matthew Boulanger gave a very interesting presentation about his current research on lithic sourcing in the Taos Valley. Through a combination of prior collections held at SMU, local DFW and Taos area volunteer help, and scientific research, Dr. Boulanger has begun the process of collecting and synthesizing lithic data from previously unknown site locations while addressing the question of where lithic raw material was procured. This program was recorded and is available on the NTAS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzkAjwoFEoE>.

Reminder to pay your membership dues, thank you! Please renew your membership online <https://ntxas.org/join-and-renew> or mail a check with the membership form found on page 5 of this newsletter.

On January 21st, NTAS had a lab day at the Richland Campus of Dallas College where Dr. Tim Sullivan, joined by NTAS members Gwen Durrant and Kristina Wolfe, prepared ten Learning Kits for Introduction to Archeology students. The Learning Kits are de-



signed to help students gain hands-on experience working with lithic tools and debitage. Thanks to Dr. Sullivan for organizing this event and to Gwen and Kristina for volunteering. We look forward to future opportunities at the Richland Campus!

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, NTAS has once again accepted an invitation to volunteer at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center Summer Camp from June 21-23! This is an exciting opportunity to teach the summer campers archeological methods and share our love of archeology with a younger generation. Please consider volunteering for this event. We will provide more information in future meetings and newsletters.

The February 9, 2023 monthly meeting will be a hybrid meeting (in person

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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 February guest speaker is Dr. Brendon Asher who is an Assistant Professor at Eastern New Mexico University and Director for the Blackwater Draw Historical Land-

mark and Museum. Dr. Asher will present on 90+ years of archeological research at the Clovis Type-Site located in eastern New Mexico. We are excited to host Dr. Asher for this presentation and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 9th!

Allen Rutherford

February Speaker: Dr. Brendon Asher

Blackwater Draw Then and Now

90+ years of Professional Archaeological Exploration at the Clovis Type-Site

Blackwater Draw Locality No. 1, the Clovis Type-Site, was first investigated by professional archaeologists over 90 years ago. Since that time, numerous excavations have been conducted by different institutions (including several from Texas), the results of which have shaped our current understandings of past human behavior in the Southern High Plains region. This presentation reviews the rich history of archaeological research and excavations at the site since 1929 and highlights significant discoveries and contributions to the field of archaeology. As a National Landmark maintained by Eastern New Mexico University, the site and museum today strive to foster public outreach and education. Ongoing excavation projects and continued research as well as the difficulties associated with maintaining an open excavation for public display are discussed. Plans for future interactive exhibits and public outreach opportunities are noted.

Brendon P. Asher is the director of the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark and Museum in Portales, New Mexico, and an Assistant Professor at Eastern New Mexico University. With over 20 years of archaeological experience primarily within the Great Plains region, his interests focus on land use studies of prehistoric groups revolving around lithic procurement practices and lithic transportation and use, as well as prehistoric subsistence strategies and butchering practices. As the director of the Clovis type-site, he is also interested in discussions of the early peopling of the Americas and has worked at several pre-Clovis sites throughout the Plains region.



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.



An Evening with Dr. Zahi Hawass

Brian Luetchford

Dr. Zahi Hawass, the former Minister of State for Antiquities in Egypt will be coming to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center in downtown Dallas on Saturday evening, June 24. The presentation begins at 6:00p.m.

Dr. Hawass will discuss his discovery of the **Lost Golden City**, the death of **King Tutankhamun**, the mummy of **Queen Hatshepsut**, **Queen Nefertiti**, the **Sphinx**, the **Step Pyramid**, and much more including many of his personal experiences during a life of discovery.

General admission tickets start at \$79. To register, go to: zahilectures.com.

Archeological Events & News

Queen Conjurors of the West - Dallas Museum of Art **7pm, February 7, 2023**

Dallas, TX <https://www.dma.org/programs/event/queen-conjurors-west-masterwork-dallas-museum-art>

The ancient Maya stone panel known as La Corona Panel 6 is the single most informative Maya monument dedicated by, and to, the work of queens during the Classic period (200–900 CE). The work continues to provoke scholarly discussion as the subject of numerous articles and book chapters.

Clovis Field Site Excavations (NTAS) **February 11-12, 2023**

Excavation weekend at the Clovis Field Project in Mills County. No experience necessary! If interested, to sign-up, or for more information including lodging please contact Chris Meis at iptmeis@sbcglobal.net.

TAS Rock Art Academy **February 25-26, 2023**

El Paso, TX

<https://www.txarch.org/Rock-Art>

TAS Archeology 101 Academy **March 24-26, 2023**

Goldthwaite, TX

<https://www.txarch.org/Archeology-101/>

SAA 88th Annual Meeting **March 29-April 2, 2023**

Portland, OR

<https://www.saa.org/annual-meeting>

TAS Field School **June 10-17, 2023**

Nacogdoches, TX

<https://www.txarch.org/Field-School>

An Evening with Dr. Zahi Hawass **6pm, June 24, 2023**

Dallas, TX

<https://zahilectures.com/>

The Beauty of Clay: Cultural Works of Mesoamerica - Fort Worth Museum

Fort Worth, TX

<https://www.fwmuseum.org/news/press-releases/beauty-of-clay/>

Showcasing ceramic and earthenware from the Huastec, Zapotec, and Colima. Examine the jaguars, birds, deer and even dogs depicted in these works as part of a style known as zoomorphism!

NTAS Needs *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 Brian Luetchford (vpofprojects@ntxas.org) if you would like to involve experienced, skilled, and knowledgeable NTAS members in your project.

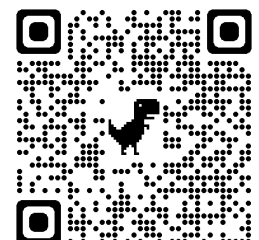
Contribute Photos and Memories of NTAS Events

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

Newsletter and Journal 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).

NTAS is now looking for articles to fill the 2023 Journal of the North Texas Archeological Society. Please consider submitting an article about your North Texas research, fieldwork, or other related topics. The lead author must be an NTAS member in good standing for the 2023 calendar year. For submissions and inquiries regarding the journal, please contact Molly Hall (publicationseditor@ntxas.org). Volume I of the Journal is now available for purchase on Amazon. Visit amazon.com/dp/B0BJYD52JP or scan the QR code:





North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) Membership Application Form

Online membership form and payment option available at ntxas.org/join-and-renew

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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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 (publicationseeditor@ntxas.org) or Secretary (secretary@ntxas.org) for pricing.

Donation: Amount: \$ _____ General Fund Memorial Scholarship Fund BaahKu Project

Media Release: I/WE DO -or- DO NOT (circle as appropriate) give permission to NTAS to use my/our image (photographs and/or video) in any NTAS publications, website, or social media.

Code of Ethics (signature required): I/WE PLEDGE THAT I/WE 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/WE UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Mail your Membership Form with check or money order made payable to:

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P.O. Box 24679 Ft. Worth, TX 76124

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!

Matthew Boulanger
Christopher Goodmaster
Sara C. Klein
Christine Parker
Jim Wietholter

Donors

Anonymous — *General Fund*
Carolyn Coughlin — *BaahKu Project*

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.

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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

March Newsletter: February 23

April Newsletter: March 30

May Newsletter: April 27

July Newsletter: June 29

August Newsletter: July 27

September Newsletter: August 31

October Newsletter: September 28

November Newsletter: October 26

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