

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

NTAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

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### **July 2023**

### President's Message

Hello folks, and welcome back to our monthly newsletter! It seems like we haven't spoken in months, but NTAS was very busy during May and our annual June hiatus. Before I dive in, I'd like to thank everyone who attended our May meeting in person or via Zoom. Those who attended got to hear Rebecca Shelton, from the Texas Historical Commission, give a presentation on the Texas Archeological Stewards Network and the importance of outreach for our Texas archeological community. Please check out the May IIth program on the NTAS YouTube channel: https:// youtu.be/aFk5IF4dizQ.

Speaking of outreach, June provided a couple of opportunities for NTAS to engage with the public about archeology and our mission as a society. NTAS participated in the Doss Summer Kids Archeology Camp from June 21-23. A big thanks to Gen Freix for organizing our volunteers and to the Doss Heritage & Culture Center for providing the opportunity. Our folks weathered some hot days to provide support for the camp, but a good time was had by all. NTAS was also given the unexpected opportunity to join Good Morning Texas on WFAA to discuss the society in light of the release of the new Indiana Jones movie. It was an honor to represent NTAS in that setting and, yes, I was asked to wear the hat but politely declined. As a result of our participation on the television segment, our membership was provided free tickets to a pre-



release screening of the film! We have several additional outreach activities on the horizon including "Texas! Can you Dig il?" in September (email president@ntxas.org for more information), the Doss Pioneer Heritage Festival in early October (email ksnuncio@aol.com for more information), and "Denton Dig It!" at the end of October (email <u>lsullivanftwtx@gmail.com</u> for more information). Related to those outreach events, NTAS will be making pinch-pot kits to hand out to eager future archeologists. If you are interested in hosting, or participating in, a pinchpot kit making session please contact Molly Hall at publicationseditor@ntxas.org.

June also brought with it the annual TAS Field School in Nacogdoches. NTAS is pleased to have awarded scholarships to support the 2023 TAS Field

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enthal, Lucy Berry, Danielle Pounds, Hannah Rainey, ntxas.org/scholarships). Atticus LeFan, Jacob Flynn, and Michael Buley. Our awardees represent a cross-section of undergraduate meeting (in person and via Zoom) held in our usual and graduate college students, current professionals, meeting room on the University of North Texas and youth scholarship winners. Congratulations to Health Science Center (UNTHSC) campus in the Reeach of them and we hope they had a wonderful field search & Education Building, Room 114 (see page 3 school experience. NTAS was well represented at the for map). The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and we out the week. My only regret was I couldn't stay long- or on Zoom for the hybrid meeting. Our July 13th er to enjoy the archeology and our community. Be- guest speaker is William Moore of Brazos Valley Recorner! This year's meeting will be held October 6-8 boose and Other Forgotten Jails. We are excited to

School experience for seven applicants: Sydney Low- ships to folks who would like to attend (https://

The July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 monthly meeting will be a hybrid field school with 70 members in attendance through- look forward to seeing you in person at the UNTHSC lieve it or not, the TAS Annual Meeting is around the search Associates. He will present on The Texas Cala-(https://www.txarch.org/Annual- host Mr. Moore for this presentation and look for-Meeting). This is a reminder that NTAS offers scholar- ward to seeing you at our next meeting on July 13!

Allen Rutherford

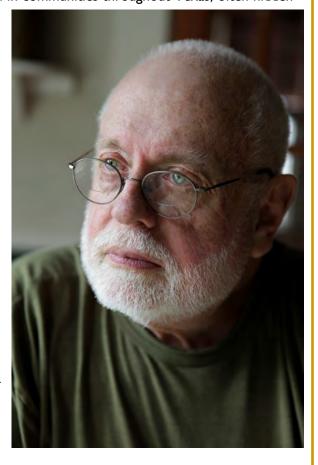
# July Speaker: William Moore

The Texas Calaboose and Other Forgotten Jails

A calaboose is, quite simply, a tiny jail. Designed to house prisoners only for a short time, a calaboose could be anything from an iron cage to a poured concrete blockhouse. Easily constructed and more affordable for small communities than a full-sized building, calabooses once dotted the rural landscape. Though a relic of a bygone era in law enforcement and no longer in use, many calabooses remain in communities throughout Texas, often hidden

in plain sight. This presentation explores the history of the calaboose, including its construction, use, and eventual decline. Most have been long abandoned, but because many remain on city or town property, some have been repurposed into storage buildings or even government offices. In certain ways, these small jails encapsulate the history of outlying communities during a time of transition from the "Wild West" to the twentieth century. Some of the structures have been preserved and cared for, but despite the stories they can tell, many more are endangered or have already been lost.

**William E. Moore** is a professional archaeologist living in Bryan, Texas. His hometown was Park Place, a small suburb of Houston, Texas near Hobby Airport. He holds degrees in Geography (BS) and English (MA) from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas and Anthropology (MA) from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Currently, he is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of Brazos Valley Research Associates (BVRA), an archaeological consulting business located in Bryan, Texas. He has authored magazine articles as a free lance writer and is the author of Bastrop County: 1691-1900, published by Nortex Press 1977, and The Texas Calaboose and Other Forgotten Jails published by Texas A&M University Press in 2019. He self published Guide to Texas Counties in 1975 and Early Homes of Huntsville (Texas) in 1976. He can be contacted through this website or by e-mail at byracrm@gmail.com. Currently, he is writing a sequel about the tiny jails in Oklahoma. He appreciates all comments and always acknowledges those who help.



# **Abundant Opportunities with NTAS**

### Carolyn Coughlin

I've participated in several collaborative NTAS projects. I screened at the TXDot Bolivar project which excavated a post Civil War era blacksmith shop and hotel, excavated at the Clovis site, recorded sites at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, and done lab work at UT Arlington for the BaahKu project. I've enjoyed working on each of these and every time deepened my knowledge of archaeology. The time commitment has been anywhere from a few hours to, at most, a weekend. I urge other members to consider participating. Above all I want to thank the coordinators of these projects and the organizations and people who have included NTAS members. See pages 16-17 for upcoming opportunities!

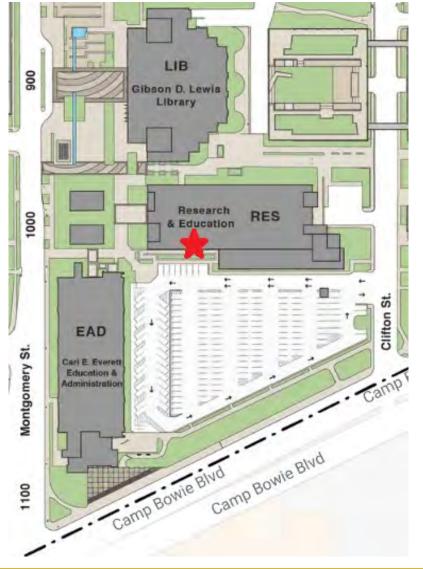
# **Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers**

August 10th: Gus Costa (Geoarcheology in SE Texas)
September 14th: Sherman Horn (Archeological Investigations in Belize)
October 12th: Richard Brija (Battlefield Archeology)

# **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.



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### NTAS in the Lab

### Jimmy Barrera

We all had a good time May 13 processing artifacts in the archeology lab at UT Arlington! The collection was from excavations in March during the Archeology 101 Academy at the Clovis Field site (41MI92). Thanks to our dedicated team, we washed and cataloged the entire collection in one day. Great job team! Much discussion was had about various artifact types including lithics and burned rock. Everyone walked away learning more about lithics and burned rock through processing this collection from Mills County. Thanks to the lab team who included: Jimmy Barrera, Glenn Butler, Carolyn Coughlin, Theresa De Luca, Aly Foreman, Dr. Ashley Lemke (host), Chris Meis, David Ricker, Judy Wood, and John Zumwalt. The collection will be returned to the landowner (Mr. Del Barnett) and the results of this half-day excavation will be written up for the TAS newsletter. Our host Dr. Ashley Lemke showed everybody artifacts from the UT Arlington field school in Hays County. Sincere thanks to Dr. Ashley Lemke and the UT Arlington Department of Sociology & Anthropology for sharing space and lab gear with NTAS.



John Zumwalt cataloging artifacts. Photo by Jimmy Barrera.

NTAS volunteers processing the Clovis Field site (41MI92) collection. Photo by Jimmy Barrera.



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Glenn Butler sorting artifacts. Photo by Jimmy Barrera.



Field artifact sack at left and processed artifacts at right. Left photo by Dr. Ashley Lemke and right photo by Jimmy Barrera.

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# **Horse Nations Article and Special NTAS November Meeting**

### Jimmy Barrera

Jimmy Arterberry of the Comanche Nation is scheduled to be the November 9, 2023, NTAS guest speaker, and might be joined by one or more Comanche members. In advance of his program we want to ask the membership to consider and submit (to <a href="info@ntxas.org">info@ntxas.org</a>) discussion topics on Comanche history and archeology. Having these discussion topics in advance of November 9, 2023, will help guide the program which is intended to be a round table discussion with the NTAS membership on Comanche history and archeology as opposed to a set presentation.

Mr. Arterberry recently coauthored a research article in *Science* entitled "Early dispersal of domestic horses into the Great Plains and northern Rockies." A summary of this article is available for free here: <a href="https://www.science.org/content/article/horse-nations-animal-began-transforming-native-american-life-startlingly-early">https://www.science.org/content/article/horse-nations-animal-began-transforming-native-american-life-startlingly-early</a>.

# Call for Data — Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey

The principal researcher of the TFFPS and colleagues at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) request your assistance to collect and update artifact information to be included in the inaugural edition of the Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey.

To date there has been no official Folsom point survey, or an extensive overview of Folsom point occurrences for Texas. There was however, an attempt to set up a similar Folsom database to that of Clovis in the early 1990s by Floyd Largent, but nothing has been published since. Before that, there were a few earlier accounts by Tom Hester for example, but these were much more localized and on a smaller scale. In the Largent survey there are 329 Folsom points documented from 86 localities in 57 of the 254 Texas counties, or 22.4 %. Moreover, 100 of these points came from one site, Chispa Creek in Culberson County.

The TFFPS will eventually come under the control of and curation at TARL. Phase I of the survey is to carry out a comprehensive literature review and to reach out to colleagues, professional and avocational archeologists, collectors, and the general public who may have information on Folsom fluted points from Texas and the counties bordering Texas. The first phase of the project is already in place, and it is hoped that this 'call for data' will complement our searches. It is anticipated that a comprehensive study and a resulting database of Texas Folsom points will greatly complement the Texas Clovis point database and would be a valuable resource for Texas paleoindian archeology. A study of Folsom point occurrences regionally, and the concentrations of the points within those regions would make for an interesting comparative analysis with the Clovis survey.

If you have data to contribute, please contact Alan Slade at <a href="mailto:alan.slade@austin.utexas.edu">alan.slade@austin.utexas.edu</a>.

The TFFPS survey is funded by the Summerlee Foundation and anonymous donors. Anyone wishing to financially support this project should contact Steve Davis at <u>Gunflint.Lab@gmail.com</u>. This is a project of the Independent Research Initiative managed and administered by the Journal of Texas Archeology and History (JTAH) a tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit Texas organization.



# Historic Marker for Historic African American Freedman Community

#### Tim Sullivan

Dr. Tim Sullivan attended the unveiling of an Historic Marker for Little Egypt, an historic African-American Freedman community in Lake Highlands, Dallas, Texas on May 20, 2023. While at Richland College, part of Dallas College, Dr. Sullivan (retired Anthropology Professor) and his colleague, Dr. Clive Siegle, (History Professor, now retired) directed a multi-faceted, multi-year project from 2015-2019, working with the McCoy family, members, and descendants of the Little Egypt community, culminating in this historic occasion. The project involved oral history, archival and genealogical research, and archeology. Dr. Sullivan's article, "Finding Little Egypt: A Case Study Public/Community Archeology of an Historic African American Community in Dallas, Texas," in the 2022 Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society, provides a full report on the project. See the following link for a brief summary, and information about the unveiling of the Historic Marker: <a href="https://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2023/05/22/little-egypt-historical-marker-2/?fbclid=lwAR2sVXmCKRisqzwr\_pHmZ4InJpQ5I9IDRqpMtgGONAIxcHiyD3i24dydqY">https://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2023/05/22/little-egypt-historical-marker-2/?fbclid=lwAR2sVXmCKRisqzwr\_pHmZ4InJpQ5I9IDRqpMtgGONAIxcHiyD3i24dydqY</a>

### **NTAS Archives Update**

#### Gen Freix and Linda Lang

Beginning in the early 2000s, historians Jim Blanton and James Everett led the effort to save 60 years of TCAS/NTAS history. Members of the organization contributed newsletters, flyers, reports, photographs, and other important documents. Since those initial efforts, the records expanded to the society's minutes, published papers, membership lists, and records of archeological events.

Approximately three years ago, NTAS president Jimmy Barrera and historian Linda Lang developed a plan to archive the compiled TCAS/NTAS history. The Special Collections and Archives at the University of Texas at Arlington accepted our collection in January of 2022. UTA felt our archives made a great addition to their Texana collection. For NTAS, UTA offered a reputable facility centrally located for society members.

In June, Katrina Nuncio and Gen Freix visited Pricilla Escobedo (pictured here), the UTA Special Collections Archivist, and discussed our collection's progress. Ms. Escobedo provided a tour through the archives describing the location and organization of the NTAS collection. Now that our records are documented digitally, she affirmed the ability to add to the collection and submit new NTAS information electronically.

On a special note, the Archives at UTA has offered a



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# **Tarrant County Historic Preservation Office Opportunity**

#### **Bill Perdue**

The Tarrant County Historic Preservation Office is interested in finding interns and volunteers to assist with various projects related to the identification, preservation, and protection of sites, archeological and historic in Tarrant County. This would include site surveys, data entry, location designations, and outreach programs to name a few. These tasks will support the goals of the Tarrant County Historic Preservation Plan. All of the work will be related only to locations in Tarrant County.

The Tarrant County Historic Preservation Office is also interested in working with College and University professors on class visits or incorporating work for the department into curriculum, for which we are open to ideas and suggestions.

With this, we hope to encourage interest in county historic preservation projects, allow hands on learning, and provide insight into the workings of the County Historic Preservation Office,

All inquiries should be directed to the Historic Preservation Officer for Tarrant County, Jaimi Parker, at <a href="mailto:jkparker@tarrantcountytx.gov">jkparker@tarrantcountytx.gov</a>.

# NTAS on Good Morning Texas

#### **Bill Perdue**

NTAS President, Allen Rutherford, appeared on Good Morning Texas on June 23rd to discuss the society, and archeology, in light of the new Indiana Jones movie releasing Friday, June 30 (<a href="https://www.wfaa.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/good-morning-texas/a-local-achaelogist-inspired-by-indiana-jones/287-4c54585d-3cda-4a25-842c-24e1a72b3724">https://www.wfaa.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/good-morning-texas/a-local-achaelogist-inspired-by-indiana-jones/287-4c54585d-3cda-4a25-842c-24e1a72b3724</a>). In conjunction with this appearance, around 30 NTAS members were able to see the film before its official release!



# Fascinating Finds (2022 TAS Field School Scholarship Follow-Up)

### **Garrett Powell**

Field School 2022 was awesome. I previously had the opportunity to participate in Field School of 2021 that was also held in Kerrville, Texas. However, this time I was able to work at the prehistoric site. Though I have more of an interest in historic research, it was great to see another side of archeology. My team excavated our unit for the entirety of the week. We uncovered a few points and an earth oven. The site proved to be an outstanding opportunity to become familiar with how prehistoric excavation is conveyed. I wish to become an archeologist in the future and have enjoyed meeting talented and skilled archeologists that are members of the Texas Archeological Society. This Field School has given me experience in the field that cannot be achieved in a classroom. I have just completed my associate degree at Weatherford College and will soon transfer to university to major in anthropology with a minor in history. I'm excited about the opportunity of the Field School in Nacogdoches County, as Stephen F. Austin is one of my top school choices and this will also provide an opportunity to experience the area. I have met many wonderful and supporting people as peers and mentors with my encounters with TAS. As a full-time college student and working full-time for school expenses, scholarships are greatly appreciated to help me along the journey of learning archeology. I am looking forward to the opportunity to attend Field School 2023 and digging up some fascinating finds.

# 2023 TAS Field School Youth Group Trip to Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

### **Charlene Erwin**

Below is a photo I took of the Youth Group on June 14th on the field trip to Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. NTAS members Allison Weathers, in the green cap holding the Youth Group sign, and her dad Matt Weathers (back row, wearing the TAS tan cap) were part of the group. Carol Macaulay-Jameson is on the front left and Doug Boyd is on the front right. I went with the group and transported three other FS participants. This was a wonderful short road trip to Alto. The primary tour guide of the mound sites was Dr. Victor Galan, the TAS Region 4 Director, whose expertise and site knowledge was invaluable. Another archeologist, leff Williams, discussed the Caddo grass house and how the current structure was built. Doug Boyd, Carol Macaulay-Jameson, Sharon Menegaz,



and Neil Stilley, along with several parents, joined the students as they enjoyed throwing the atlatl and the rabbit stick. The Snake Woman's Garden, also on site, showcased vegetable plants, blackberries, and gorgeous wildflowers and featured a rock garden that included hand-painted rocks (photo above). Per our guide, the design of the rock garden, the painted symbols and use of the color purple were requested by the Caddo advisers who worked on the site. It really was a fun morning.



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# **2023 TAS Field School Photos**



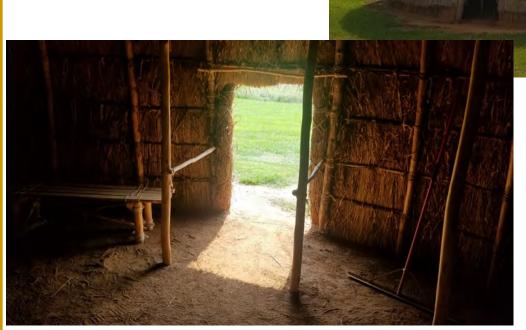
Excavations at the Belle Gallant Site. Photos by Jimmy Barrera.



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Brian Luetchford excavating in the Mission area. Photo by Gen Freix.



Interior and exterior views of the grass house at the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. Photos by Jimmy Barrera.

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# **Doss Kids Camp Photos**



James Everett and Gen Freix breaking up the soil on several of the mock excavation units. Photo by Susan Everett.

A mock hearth for one of the units excavated by the 42 children at the camp. Photo by James Everett.



The NTAS crew who prepared 7 excavation units for the mock dig. Back row: Gen Freix, James Everett, David Macias, and Nathan Palmer. Front row: Allen Rutherford, Dani Fitzgibbon, and Malinda Mosher. Photo by Susan Everett.





Close-up of several of the pinch pots. Photo by James Everett.



Crew who assisted with corn grinding, pinch pot making, rabbit stick throwing, and atlatl throwing: Hannah Rainey, Gen Freix, Katrina Nuncio, Dawn Crawford, Eric Nordstrom, Annaliese Sonntag, Brian Schultz, Susan Everett, Linda Lang, Charlene Erwin. Photo by James Everett.

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# **Doss Kids Camp Photos, continued**

Eric Nordstrom practicing his atlatl skills. Photo by James Everett.



The pinch pot crew: Charlene Erwin, Annaliese Sonntag, Katrina Nuncio. Photo by Susan Everett.



Hannah Rainey and Dawn Crawford preparing for the corn grinding activity. Photo by Susan Everett.

# Jay C. Blaine Obituary

Jay C. Blaine passed away June 22, 2023 in Allen, Texas at the age of 99. He was born to Foy Alden and Erna (Renkwitz) Blaine on May 30, 1924 in Santa Cruz, California.

lay married Jerrylee Marie Hawkins on June 10, 1944 at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He served in the Army and was a veteran of both World War II and Korea. While serving in WWII, he was stationed in New Guinea and the southern Philippines, where he was awarded three campaign stars. During the winter of 1950 while serving as a Sergeant in Korea, he was also awarded three campaign stars. He qualified as an expert rifleman and infantryman, serving in 99th Infantry.

Jay worked for more than 30 years as a postal supervisor. He was a Past President and Fellow of the Texas Archeological Society. He participated in archeological investigations in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Louisiana and published the results of his studies in local, state, and regional journals. He was awarded the Crabtree Award by the Society for Ameri-



can Archaeology for being an outstanding avocational archaeologist. He was an authority on Southern Plains archaeology and on the identification and conservation of metal artifacts.

Jay worked with tribal members and archaeologists of the Chickasaw Nation as a consultant to identify historic materials from sites in Mississippi. In this capacity, he identified English and French gun parts and trained Chickasaw citizens how to recognize and preserve metals for future generations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Foy and Erna Blaine, and his wife, Jerrylee Blaine.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, Texas 75211.

(https://www.turrentinejacksonmorrow.com/obituaries/jay-c-blaine)

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# **Archeological Events & Opportunities**

### Lives of the Gods: Divinity in Maya Art

May 7- September 3, 2023

Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX

https://kimbellart.org/maya-gods

In an exhibition of nearly 100 rarely seen masterpieces and recent discoveries, Lives of the Gods: Divinity in Maya Art will depict episodes in the life cycle of the gods, from the moment of their birth to resplendent transformations as blossoming flowers or fearsome creatures of the night. Created by masters of the Classic period (A.D. 250–900) in the spectacular royal cities in the tropical forests of what is now Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, these landmark works evoke a world in which the divine, human, and natural realms are interrelated and intertwined.

### The World of the Maya Film Series

2pm, Various Sundays, Summer 2023

Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX

https://kimbellart.org/calendar?event-type%5B0%5D=99

July 23 - Popol Vuh: The Creation Myth of the Maya

August 6 - Guatemala: On the Edge of Discovery

August 27 - Ancient Maya Metropolis

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

Fort Worth, TX <a href="https://www.fwmuseum.org/news/press-releases/beauty-of-clay/">https://www.fwmuseum.org/news/press-releases/beauty-of-clay/</a> 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!

### **Pinch-Pot Kit Making Sessions**

Date TBD

bttps://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-archeology-month lt's pinch-pot kit making season! NTAS will be requesting the materials from the Texas Historical Commission to make pinch-pot kits to hand out (typically to kids) during the Texas Archeology Month (TAM) events in which NTAS is participating. NTAS anticipates needing up to 500 kits (if not more!) this year. One session will be at Richland College (date TBD). We are still looking for a location on the western side of the metroplex. Contact Molly Hall (publicationseditor@ntxas.org) if you are interested in helping with kit making or hosting a kit making session on the west side of the metroplex.

# **Texas! Can You Dig It?** Gainesville, TX

10am-1pm, September 22, 2023

NTAS will be participating in TxDOT's "Texas! Can You Dig It?" event at the Texas Travel Information Center in Gainesville on Friday, September 22 from 10am-Ipm. We are looking for some volunteers to help staff the table and engage with the public about archeology and NTAS. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Allen Rutherford (president@ntxas.org).

## Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting

October 6-8, 2023

San Marcos, TX

https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting

In addition to fabulous presentations by Texas archeologists, the Public Forum (Doug Boyd) and Banquet (Ashley Lemke) Speakers are both NTAS members! Join TAS for a weekend of learning, prizes, vendors, and all things Texas archeology.

# Doss Pioneer Heritage Festival

October 7, 2023

Weatherford, TX

This year's Pioneer Heritage Festival overlaps with the TAS Annual Meeting in San Marcos, so we need some volunteers for this event who *do not* plan to attend the TAS Annual Meeting. This is one of our most successful events with respect to community engagement, not to mention our involvement with work on Newberry Cabin which is at Doss. More than 1,000 people attended last year. So, it is a very im-

portant relationship to NTAS and a wonderful opportunity. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Katrina Nuncio (ksnuncio@aol.com).

### Denton Dig It!

9am-1pm, October 28, 2023

Denton, TX

Last year's event was very successful and it coincides with the Denton Community Market. So, it's a wonderful opportunity for NTAS to discuss the society and archeology with the Denton community and beyond. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Lynn Sullivan (<a href="mailto:lsullivanftwtx@gmail.com">lsullivanftwtx@gmail.com</a>).

## The West Texas Archeological Society — A New Society in Texas

The West Texas Archeological Society has been going strong for almost a year. Note that their 2023 membership is free for everyone! From the WTAS website:

We are an organization of avocational archeologists and historians interested in discovering new or lost history in the West Texas Region, known as the Trans Pecos and the Concho Valley. This covers from the southern border and Rio Grande area, over to El Paso, up to Midland and to the western Concho Valley and San Angelo. Our projects cover everything from archaic to historic. Our reports are provided to universities, professional publications and historical archival centers interested in this region. This website is our effort to make those reports, events and publications available to the general public. https://westtexasarcheologicalsociety.website/

### What Can You Do with NTAS? What Can NTAS Do for You?

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

Contact <u>vpofprojects@ntxas.org</u> if you know of a field, lab, data collection, or reporting project that could use the skilled labor of experienced and knowledgeable NTAS members.

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

Photos are a great way to showcase what NTAS is all about. We'd love to share your NTAS experiences with the world immediately following NTAS events! Please send your images and captions to <a href="mailto:internetchair@ntxas.org">internetchair@ntxas.org</a>. By providing these photos, they may be used on the NTAS website and social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

# **Newsletter and Journal Content**

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 <a href="mailto:publicationseditor@ntxas.org">publicationseditor@ntxas.org</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:publicationseditor@ntxas.org">publicationseditor@ntxas.org</a>. Volume I of the Journal is now available for purchase on Amazon. Visit <a href="mailto:amazon.com/dp/B0BJYD52JP">amazon.com/dp/B0BJYD52JP</a> or scan the QR code:



# NTAS scholarships are now available to -ANYONE- who applies for TAS Academies, the TAS Field School, and the annual TAS Meeting.

Please visit the NTAS scholarships webpage to submit your application. Apply now! <a href="https://ntxas.org/scholarships">https://ntxas.org/scholarships</a>

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

Online membership form and payment option available at <a href="https://nxxx.org/join-and-renew">ntxas.org/join-and-renew</a>

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☐ Student Membership – under 18 must contact NTA	10 (18 or older student with minimum half-time course load. Those in advance of applying.)
Communication Prefere	ces: I/WE want to be added to the following lists:
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