



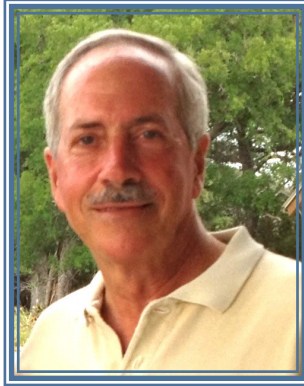
Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

WHEW! The 88th Annual TAS Meeting is over and from all the many comments we received, it was a very successful one! The compliments I heard centered on how smoothly things ran and how the Embassy Suites with the newly renovated lobby and meeting rooms was a great place to hold the Annual Meeting. Your Local Arrangements Committee started work on this meeting way back in January of 2016, although the really hectic, stressful parts occurred in the 6-8 weeks leading up to the event.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who helped make the meeting a success. Without your help and willingness to do whatever was needed at the moment, things would not have gone so smoothly. The following Local Arrangements Committee members deserve recognition for a job well done:

Glynn Osburn – Co-Chair and for all his help handling the audio visual details and planning with the hotel arrangements.



Chris Meis, President

Linda Lang – Registrar, who has this job so “down pat,” she could start a consulting business for other large meetings. Many people noted how smoothly registration was this year.

Dana Ritchie-Parker – Treasurer, Dana does a superb job as TCAS Treasurer and was on top of all the Annual Meeting finances as expected.

Gen Freix – Silent Auction Coordinator, this is a difficult task but Gen makes it look effortless and did a fantastic job of raising money for the TAS coffers.

Charlene Erwin and Tim Sullivan – Publicity Coordinators, Tim worked with the

Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau and Charlene wrote the press releases.

Alan Skinner and Molly Hall – Program Chairs for the concurrent paper and poster presentations, they made sure deadlines were met, abstracts were organized and presentation schedules developed. This is a difficult job, but they made the rest of our jobs so much easier.

Catrina Whitley – Poster Presentation Coordinator, Catrina made sure that the posters were organized, displayed and that the authors were available for questions. She was also directly responsible for the providing what must be the youngest poster presenter ever, Carter Whitley!

Katrina Nuncio – Talk about stress! The fluid situation with our speakers up until the day before the Annual Meeting was hectic and frustrating. Katrina did a great job of balancing this and insuring that other speakers were on stand-by to make it a success.

Lloyd Erwin – Lloyd coordinated the volunteers and kept the LAC

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Upcoming Event

Dec. 9th : TCAS Holiday Party

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Website: www.tarrantarch.org

Email: info@tarrantarch.org

November Speaker: Arlo McKee

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome Arlo McKee as the featured speaker for the November 9th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

BIO: Arlo McKee has been living in Richardson and working as a Geoarchaeologist since 2009. He has a MA degree in Geoarchaeology from the University of Kansas and is currently working on his PhD dissertation in Geospatial Information Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. He has experience conducting archaeological and remote sensing studies throughout Texas and most of the Midwest. Much of Arlo's interest in archaeology centers on the use of geospatial technologies to understand site preservation. He is also the current website editor for the Texas Archeological Society, and he wants to give an open invite to folks with interest to join the TAS internet committee.

Arlo and a Vapor 55 drone

Photo provided by Arlo



Topic: Exploring Photogrammetry and 3D Laser Scanning Data at Several Scales

From Arlo: Structure from Motion photogrammetry and 3D laser scanners allow for very high data sets to be generated for a variety of archaeological subjects. For several years I've been using these techniques to study natural and cultural archaeological site formation processes in Texas, New Mexico and North Dakota. At a Caddo site in East Texas, I'll present data where we used a 3D laser scanner at the sub millimeter level to identify how sherds may have been eroded and redeposited over as little as a couple hundred meters. At a pit house village site in New Mexico, I'll show how milli-

meter resolution photogrammetry data was used to explore building construction techniques. Finally, I'll be showing how centimeter level topographic data collected with small unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, can be used to map archaeological features at Mandan/Hidatsa villages in North Dakota. Through these examples I'll be presenting an argument that these new technologies offer archaeologists unique ways to interact with and understand how archeological processes often cross through what we think of as different spatial scales.

Welcome to New TCAS Members

Welcome to our newest TCAS members, James Barrett, Dustin Bethel, Sharon Lowe and Stephen Lowe. We're so glad that you have joined TCAS and are looking forward to getting to know you.

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abreast at all times of our volunteer needs.

James Everett – Thanks to James for always being available, organized and accessible through-out the process and for helping with the audio visual side of things.

TCAS Volunteers – Without your willingness to show up from Thursday through Saturday and be in place at the right time this meeting would not have gone so smoothly. The LAC is very appreciative of all your efforts!

What makes a successful Annual Meeting? Besides the many compliments from attendees, let's look at some numbers. We had 322 registrants, raised over \$5,000 from the Silent Auction, \$1,600 of which was from the raffle proceeds. Jerry Grubis did a superb job of being visible in the lobby for two days, selling raffle tickets to his screen and stand. This was a good decision to raffle off the "Grubis donation" and TAS merchandise rather than the traditional basket of wines. Grants and contributions from donors totaled close to \$3,500.

We had two symposiums, one panel discussion, over 50 papers presented and 15 posters displayed. Steve Davis and The Journal of Texas Archeology & History.org hosted seven interesting authors over the two days. This is a biannual event at Annual Meetings so we were fortunate that it occurred this year.

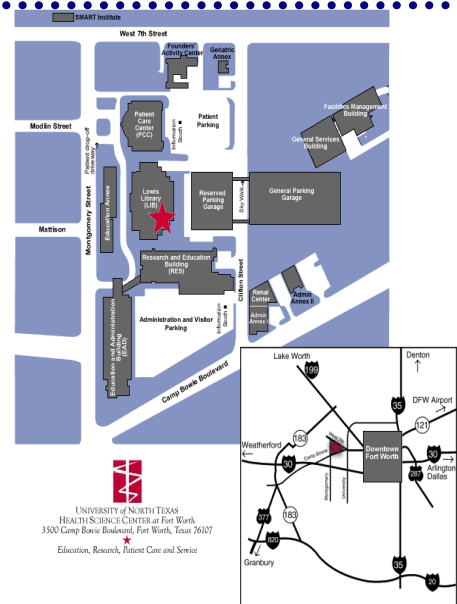
We owe our speakers, Dr. Tom Williams and Dr. D. Clarke Wernecke a debt of gratitude for adjusting their schedules on short notice to address the TAS membership. Their insights on the questions surrounding the peopling of the Americas was enlightening.

With the end of 2017 in sight, find time to help with our excavation of the Newberry Cabin and pencil in December 9th for the TCAS Christmas/Holiday party at Paula Vastine's. Please remember to keep the TCAS Memorial Fund in mind when you consider tax-deductible year-end contributions. The scholarship program has been something we should all be proud of and it has only been successful because of your generosity.

Hope to see you at our meeting on November 9th.

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

TCAS meets at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month (except June and December) at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), 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 "1" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Park in the patient spaces (after 5 PM) 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.



TAS Annual Meeting: Grapevine Memories



Cheers and many thanks to TCAS on-site volunteers: Terry Baker, Royce Baker, Larry Borne, Bonnie Etter, Susan Everett, Roger Fry, Lori Gouge, Deana Grubis, Jerry Grubis, Linda Hornsby, Leah McCurdy, Patsy Jeffries, Bill Perdue, Mike Shannon, Annaliese Sonntag, Bill Stallings, Teresa Thornton, Teresa Vinson and Carter Whitley.

THANK YOU



Big Ticket Raffle Winner! Congratulations to Katrina Nuncio! She won the Grubis Screen and Stand. Jerry donated the hand made screen and stand plus worked the crowd to sell \$920 in tickets!

Photo by James Everett

Silent Auction



The 2017 Silent Auction was a tremendous success! Thanks to coordinator Gen Freix for volunteering her time, organizational skills and merchandising talents. Donations of jewelry, original art work, books and periodicals, even a pool float, brought in the bidders. TCAS members generously donated beautiful items that sold really well. For example, an original hunting bow, crafted by TCAS member Mickey Miller, sold for \$130!

Thanks to all the TCAS members who took the time to prepare items for sale or who made a purchase at this Auction. The Silent Auction is one of the primary fundraising events for TAS. All funds raised go directly to TAS.

Check out the TCAS website for more photos!
www.tarrantarch.org

TAS Annual Meeting: Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to honorees Carol Macaulay-Jameson and Bryan Jameson! Both are long-time TAS and TCAS members. Each received well-deserved recognition from the Texas Archeological Society at the 88th Annual Meeting. Carol received the *Distinguished Service Award* for her many contributions to both TAS and to Texas archeology. She is a Senior Lecturer of Anthropology at Baylor University.

Bryan received the *Golden Pen Award*, which is given to an avocational archeologist in recognition of "a significant published contribution to Texas archeology." Bryan is recognized for his work on the report, "An Archeological Evaluation of the Fort Worth Nature Center Gravel Quarry Site (41TR113)."



Congratulations to honorees Bryan Jameson and Carol Macaulay-Jameson, shown here with Alan Skinner, Chairman of the TAS Awards Committee

Photo by James Everett

Additional Thanks for a Great TAS Annual Meeting

By Katrina Nuncio, TCAS Immediate Past President

There is an article by Chris Meis elsewhere in this newsletter that gives well deserved acknowledgement and praise to all of our wonderful TCAS members that assisted and enabled our Society to produce a great TAS Annual Meeting. That article covers just about everybody in our Society except the person that guided and lead us through the trials and tribulations in the production of this Annual Meeting and that person is Chris Meis, our TCAS President.

The Local Arrangements Committee and those of us not particularly listed as part of this Committee but who were diligently working side by side with the Committee were all guided by Chris's kind patience and business management skills. During all of the preparations involved in producing this Annual Meeting, Chris maintained a cool and calm demeanor despite the many road blocks and obstacles that were thrown in our path (and believe

me there were quite a few).

We archeologists are a rare breed of human and most of us seem to have rather strong, determined types of personalities, especially so if you add the term curious into this mix. I think that is what makes us successful archeologists. These are all excellent personality traits, except when you start trying to herd us all in the same general direction to accomplish a goal that isn't specifically about digging in the dirt! Now reference this back to producing this Annual Meeting and it took a lot of management skill to calmly work with all of our various personalities to keep us centered on task for this Annual Meeting and Chris did an excellent job.

So to conclude this article, I just want to say to Chris "Thank you for a job well done!"

TCAS Event: Visit the Southwest Nature Preserve in Arlington

Please plan to join us as we tour the Southwest Nature Preserve in Arlington on the morning of November 19th. Additional information will be provided at the November 9th TCAS meeting.

Thanks to Jim Frisinger, the speaker for the August TCAS monthly meeting, who first introduced us to this wonderful natural area, designated as a "wildscape" by the Arlington Parks Department. More info about the Preserve, including current projects and photos, is available at <http://www.swnp.org>.

Newberry Cabin Work Days Scheduled

By Katrina Nuncio

Well, here we are in the middle of the Fall Semester at Weatherford College and I have five wonderful students in my Introduction to Archeology class that is affiliated with the excavation of the Newberry Cabin. These students have already experienced working in the lab on artifact analysis and a day excavating in the field on October 13.

On October 13, along with my five students, I also had seven folks from TCAS to assist my students and me with the day's excavation efforts. The TCAS members were Lori Gouge, Bret Williamson, Mike Shannon, Art Tawater, Benny Roberts, Gena Roberts and Teresa Vinson. Their help was greatly appreciated.

In a recent meeting with the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in Weatherford, we now know that their current plans are to move this Cabin at the end of 2018 to their Pioneer Village along with four other historic log cabins. The Newberry Cabin will be the last cabin to be placed in the Village.

With an end date in sight, I really need the help and support of any and all of my fellow TCAS members that can assist me in the excavation of this Cabin. We need to really move some dirt! I sincerely hope to see more of you participate in this historic excavation.

I currently have the following days scheduled at the Newberry Cabin:

NOVEMBER

11/11, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – excavation at Newberry Cabin

11/17, Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM – excavation at Newberry Cabin

11/28, Tuesday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – lab day sorting artifacts at Weatherford College

DECEMBER

12/02, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – excavation at Newberry Cabin

Please email me at ksnuncio@aol.com if you want to be added to the updates about the scheduled excavation and lab days.



L-R: students, Gena, Benny, and Mike Photo by Katrina Nuncio

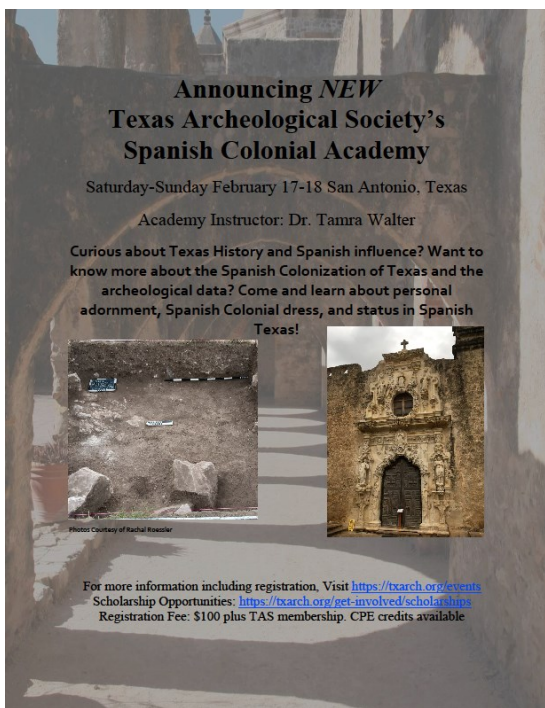
TAS Academies for 2018



2018 offers opportunities to attend a set of wonderful TAS Academies! Thanks to Jimmy Barrera, the TAS Academies Committee Chair, and the Committee, for all of the organizational work that they have done to provide these three Academies. Start making plans now to join the fun in San Antonio, San Felipe, and Alpine!

TAS Membership is required to attend. Cost to TAS members to attend is \$100 per Academy.

Spanish Colonial Academy
February 17-18, San Antonio
Dr. Tamra Walter, Instructor
Registration Ends: February 3, 2018



Announcing *NEW* Texas Archeological Society's Spanish Colonial Academy
Saturday-Sunday February 17-18 San Antonio, Texas
Academy Instructor: Dr. Tamra Walter
Curious about Texas History and Spanish influence? Want to know more about the Spanish Colonization of Texas and the archeological data? Come and learn about personal adornment, Spanish Colonial dress, and status in Spanish Texas!

For more information including registration, Visit <https://txarch.org/events>
Scholarship Opportunities: <https://txarch.org/get-involved/scholarships>
Registration Fee: \$100 plus TAS membership. CPE credits available

Archeobotany Academy
April 28-29, Alpine
Dr. Leslie Bush & Dr. Kevin Hanselka, Lead Instructors
Registration Ends: April 4, 2018

Registration available at:

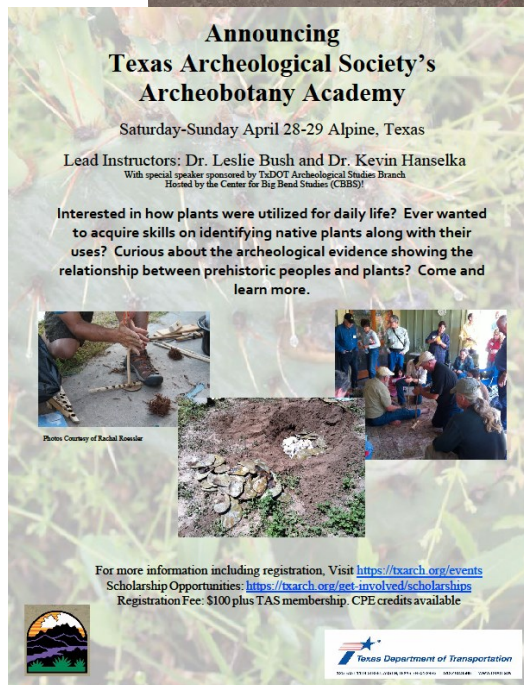
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Archeology 101 March 9-11, San Felipe
Dr. Jon Lohse, Instructor
Registration Ends: February 24, 2018



Announcing Texas Archeological Society's Archeology 101 Academy
Friday-Sunday March 9- 11 San Felipe, Texas
Academy Instructor: Dr. Jon Lohse
Does archeology strike an interest in you? Come and learn the basics behind archeology and partake in hands-on experiences to strengthen your understanding.

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Announcing Texas Archeological Society's Archeobotany Academy
Saturday-Sunday April 28-29 Alpine, Texas
Lead Instructors: Dr. Leslie Bush and Dr. Kevin Hanselka
With special speaker sponsored by TxDOT Archeological Studies Branch
Hosted by the Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS)
Interested in how plants were utilized for daily life? Ever wanted to acquire skills on identifying native plants along with their uses? Curious about the archeological evidence showing the relationship between prehistoric peoples and plants? Come and learn more.

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Tarrant County Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

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TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Type of Membership and Fee

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Address _____

_____ Individual \$20 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

City\State\Zip _____

_____ Family \$25 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

Preferred Phone _____

_____ Student \$10 (**enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more**)

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Membership Term: January to December

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.

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Date _____