

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

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

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President's Message

Wow, we just experienced a whirlwind of a Texas Archeology Month! The North Texas Archeological Society was well represented from Weatherford to San Marcos to Denton and many places in between over the course of October. In the middle of all of that, we had another successful society meeting that included a wonderful presentation from one of our own members, Richard Brijia. I'd like to thank everyone who attended our October meeting to hear Richard's presentation on World War I graffiti in France. I know Richard appreciated the opportunity and dialogue his presentation provided and is thinking fondly of his home society while wrapping up his work in France this month.

Thank you to everyone who attended our TAM events in Weatherford and Denton this year. The Doss Pioneer Heritage Festival in Weatherford was well attended and over 600 pinch pot kits were given away to future DFW-area archeologists! The Denton Dig It! event held concurrently with Denton's monthly community market was...very wet. A special thanks to those who donned their rain gear and made the effort to get out to Denton that day to show that a little (a lot of!) rain won't stop archeologists from getting outside. Thanks to Doug Boyd, we were excited to be given the opportunity to share work from the Bol-



ivar project with the public alongside our usual vigor for archeology.

As a reminder, during our October 3, 2023 meeting, the NTAS Executive Committee voted to approve a \$250 donation to Texas Beyond History as a contributing partner for 2024. As with last year, we are asking our membership to match (or exceed!) that donation by the beginning of December. Texas Beyond History is an invaluable resource to the Texas Archeological community and we are thrilled to continue being one of their partners. Please consider donating (<https://ntxas.org/donate>).

The November 9th, 2023 monthly meeting, which will be our final meeting of 2023, will be a hybrid meeting (in person and via Zoom) held in our usual meeting room on the University

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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 November 9th guest speaker is Jimmy Arterberry, a historian and former Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator, whose presentation is entitled “A Short Discourse on Comanche History and Archeological Investigations.” We are excited to host Mr. Arterberry for this presentation and would like to encourage as many of you who can attend in person to please do so. The format of Mr. Arterberry’s presentation will be more discussion based, so please come ready to ask questions on November 9!

Allen Rutherford

November Speaker: Jimmy W. Arterberry

A Short discourse on Comanche History and Archeological Investigations

This presentation will focus on Comanche culture and history as it relates to archeological research. Additionally, a short discussion with audience members will follow, and include a question-and-answer session.

Mr. Arterberry is an historian with more than 20 years of service to the Comanche Nation. He is the former Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator, serving from November 2015 to January 2019. Mr. Arterberry also served as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Comanche Nation from 1999 to 2015. He is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, who received his M.A. in Museum Administration (2009) from the University of Oklahoma, B.A. in American Indian Studies (2001) from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, A.F.A. in two-dimensional Art (1994) and A.A. in Museum Studies (1994) from the Institute of American Indian and Alaskan Natives Arts. He has been an Adjunct Professor in the History Department at the Comanche Nation College.



Distributing Pinch Pot Kits across North Texas

Molly Hall

Twenty-four NTAS members put together over 1,300 Texas Archeology Month Pinch Pot Kits with supplies provided by the Texas Historical Commission in preparation for Texas Archeology Month. 1,093 of these kits were distributed to the following groups/events.

Dallas College	100
Texas! Can You Dig It? (Gainesville)	45
Plano Conservancy Archeology Fair	100
Irving ISD	150
Doss Pioneer Festival	543
Kaufman County Historical Commission	150
Denton Dig It!	5

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped gather supplies, make kits, and distribute them to the public! We saw hundreds of enthusiastic, young Texans enjoy making their very own pinch pots this past month.

Texas Historic Tree Coalition Dedication Ceremony at the Comanche Creek Site

Jimmy Barrera

In 2022 NTAS members recorded the Comanche Creek site (41HD111) south of Granbury in Hood County. The landowners diligently worked with the Texas Historic Tree Coalition (THTC) to preserve and document the marker trees located at this site. At 10am on September 23, 2023, there was a ceremony dedicating these trees as historic marker trees.

<https://www.hcnews.com/stories/granbury-trees-gets-recognized-by-texas-historic-tree-coalition,16771>

Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

December 9th: NTAS Holiday Party (see page 5)

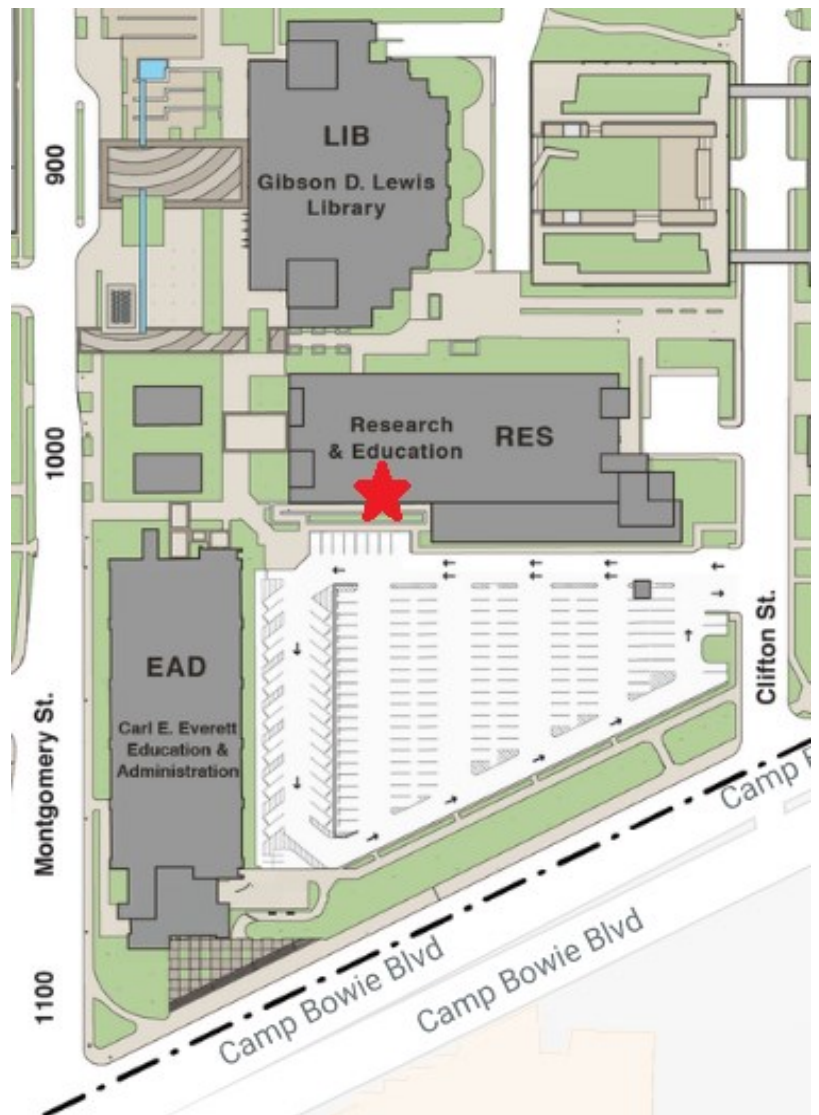
January 11th: Jessica Lee Hamlin (Shumla)

February 8th: TBD

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.



Welcome, Tommy Standefer as NTAS Secretary

My wife, Cyndi, and I are both semi-retired pharmacists who joined NTAS and TAS last spring. We attended Archeology 101 in April, Field School in June, and the TAS annual meeting last month. We have enjoyed all we have learned and the many new people/friends we have met and look forward to getting to know more of you and learn about your areas of interest and experience.

I was born and raised in Azle and we continue to live in my family home there. Since selling my family's pharmacy in 1997, we have each worked in many independent and chain pharmacies in Azle, Springtown, Bridgeport, Jacksboro, as well as several locations in Fort Worth. My wife and I both received our BS in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, and in 2005 I received my MA from Brite Divinity School at TCU. We have one son and daughter-in-law who currently live in Oklahoma and both work for the National Park Service.

Our interest in archeology goes back to our youth and Cyndi considered archeology as a career before deciding on pharmacy. It was somewhat expected that I would be a pharmacist to follow in the steps of my father and grandfather; however, throughout my life I have had a passion for history, especially in the State of Texas as I am a 6th generation Texan. Thus far, NTAS is feeding my desire for knowledge and challenging this interest for me.

My first contact with this organization was in 2019 when I contacted then president, James Everett, for help in my goal of determining the history of a stone lined cistern located on some property we acquired in 2016 in Jack County. This is a project I continue to research with the assistance of several members of this organization as well as others throughout Texas.



NTAS Volunteers at Denton Dig It!

Lynn Sullivan

NTAS volunteers Lynn Sullivan, Jimmy Barrera, Patti Hamilton, Alyson Foreman, Tamara Feazell, Misty Alloy, and Molly Hall forged on through wind, rain, and dropping temperatures to ensure NTAS has a great representation at the annual Denton Dig It! event on October 28.

Although we had few participants, they were highly engaged, asked questions, and appreciated our efforts!



Patti Hamilton, Tamara Feazell, and Misty Alloy await visitors with artifacts and pinch pot kits at the ready.

2023 NTAS Holiday Party Details

Paula Vastine

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you! The annual NTAS Party will be December 9, 2023. We will gather at 301 Tulip Way, Keller, TX.76248. The festivities begin at 5:30 pm **but if you would like to help set up, please come around 4 pm.** Our party will be in the Villas of Stone Glen Clubhouse, directly in front of the entrance gate (and across from Paula's house). The gate code is 3020 enter but it may be open. You may park in front of any house as long as you avoid the driveway and fire lanes. Some parking is available behind the Clubhouse. This is right off of FM 1709, also known as Keller Parkway, Golden Triangle Blvd, and Southlake Blvd. The exit off of I-35 Golden Triangle is now open.

Please bring a food item for the covered dish dinner e.g. entrée, veggie, salad, or dessert. Soft drinks, tea, water, and coffee will be provided as well as dinner rolls, and all dining utensils. We will have Christmas Punch and you are welcome to bring your own preferred drink.

After dinner the fun really begins with the Archeo Gift Exchange. The rules for the game are to bring a wrapped gift for the tree, take a number from Santa, and when your number is called, pick out a gift from under the tree OR steal it from another. The THIRD time a gift is stolen it is FROZEN. Be creative, bring or make an archeologically related gift. **They are cherished (and occasionally brought back the next year for re-gifting).**

Join us for the face-to-face opportunity to reconnect with your friends in NTAS. Please call Paula if you need directions or have any questions—817-988-8405.

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

Involve NTAS in Your Field, Lab, or Reporting Project

Contact vpofprojects@ntxas.org 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 internetchair@ntxas.org. 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 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 publicationseditor@ntxas.org. Volume 1 of the Journal is now available for purchase on Amazon. Visit amazon.com/dp/B0BJYD52JP 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!

<https://ntxas.org/scholarships>



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 _____

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

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

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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!

Dalton Dokupil
 Robyn Dodge and Family
 Diedre Hood and Family
 Melissa Huemmer and Family
 Richard Reese
 Tina Rust

Editor's correction: The September 2023 issue misspelled new member Tamara Feazell's name in the New Members section

Donors

Jimmy Barrera — *Texas Beyond History campaign, in honor of Jay C. Blaine*
 Tim Sullivan — *Texas Beyond History campaign*

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.

December Newsletter: November 30

January Newsletter: December 28

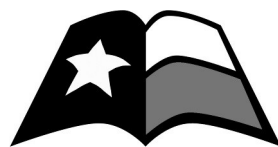
February Newsletter: January 25

March Newsletter: February 29

April Newsletter: March 28

May Newsletter: April 25

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