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

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

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President's Message

For the August 11th monthly meeting 33 folks joined in person, and 23 via Zoom. At the August program Dr. Alan Slade presented very interesting data from the long-term Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey. NTAS was treated with details on the Clovis data in north-central Texas. The August 11th meeting was recorded and is available on the NTAS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChDKM9I3UdiYizPyG3duohQ/featured>

During the August 11th monthly meeting NTAS fundraisers brought in over \$700! Keep in mind for the September 8 NTAS monthly meeting that NTAS will have the same fundraiser items available: hats, photo scales, handmade scoops, and archeology books (see below for details).

See this month's newsletter for numerous volunteer activities coming up over the next couple of months! Folks are always asking about volunteer opportunities, and they are definitely here. Please consider signing up for excavations, TAM events, the TAS Annual Meeting in Tyler, and more (see this month's newsletter for details).

The September 8, 2022 monthly meeting will be a hybrid meeting (in person 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 a 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. The September guest speaker is Dr. Heather Para, Exhibits & Collections Manager for the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College. Dr. Para will provide an interesting program from well outside of north-central Texas based on her research in Britain. Thank you and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on September 8th.

Jimmy Barrera

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www.NTXAS.org

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North Texas Archeological Society

September Speaker: Heather Para

The First Vikings of Britain

Lindisfarne is one of the most iconic sites in Britain. This is where the Kings of Northumbria established an important religious centre, where resident monks created the Lindisfarne Gospels, and where skilled artisans forged the treasures that adorned the altars of early Medieval Europe. It's also where Vikings launched a series of devastating raids in the 8th, 9th, and 10th centuries. The early medieval monastery that once stood there was lost to time. In 2014, commercial archaeology company Digventures joined forces with experts from Durham University and unearthed the first concrete evidence of the lost monastery. This presentation will discuss what this project has discovered, and what the archaeology tells us about life before, during, and after Vikings arrived on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.



Dr. Heather Para is the current Exhibits & Collections Manager for the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College. Para holds a PhD in Archaeology from the University of Wales Trinity St. David. Para taught at the post-secondary level for ten years and has worked in museums for ten years as well. Her archaeological work has been primarily in Britain and has taken her to Greece and coastal Alaska. In her current role Para oversees an ongoing excavation at 41VT141, the McNeill Ranch Site, and manages the museum's archaeology lab where materials for the site are processed.

Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

October 13th: Dr. Catrina Banks Whitley (BaahKu Site in New Mexico)

November 10th: Bonnie Etter (Unraveling the Toyah Paradox)

December 10th: Holiday Party

Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge Tour

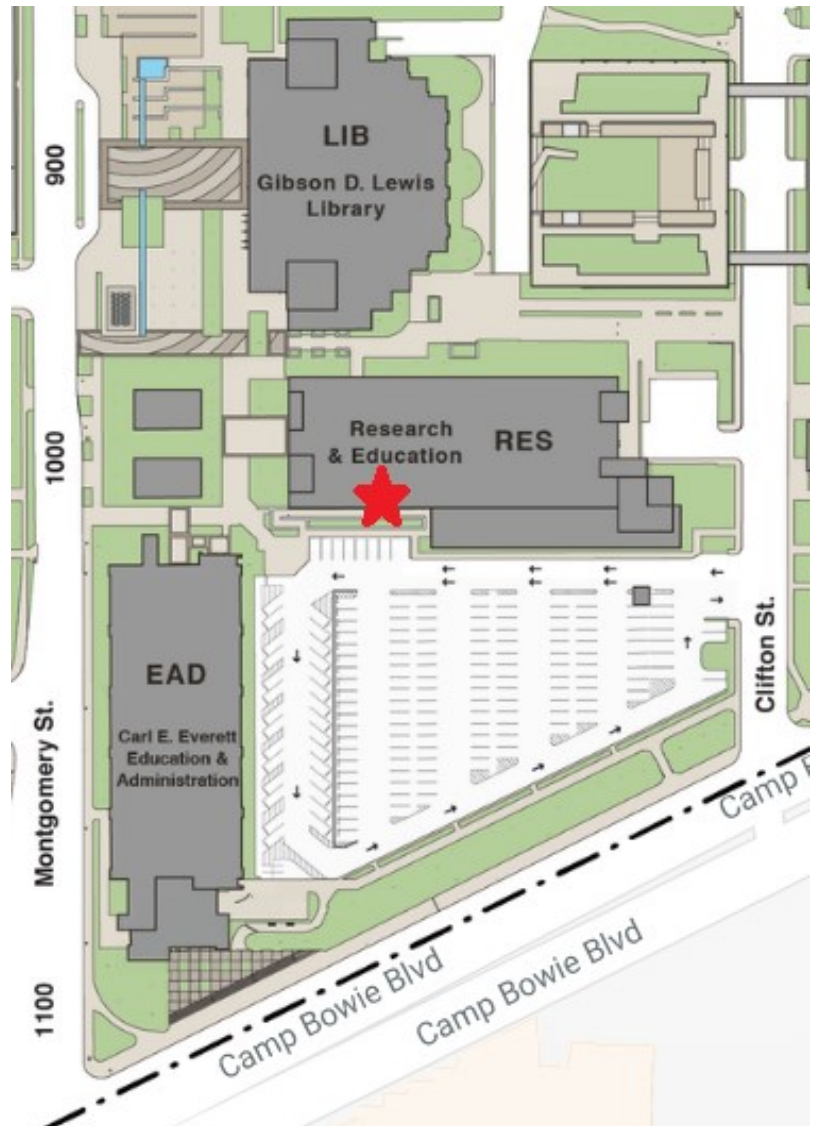
Jimmy Barrera

On October 15, NTAS will lead a tour of archeological sites (mostly historic in age). Limited to the first ten participants. If interested please contact NTAS President - Jimmy Barrera: president@ntxas.org

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.**



From the Archives

Linda Lang

To pique your interest this month, we look back twenty years to the September 2002 issue of the *TCAS Benchmark*. This full newsletter featured several articles and interesting informational shorts. Topics included the use of artifacts in West Texas architecture, how trail maps could give insight into pre-Columbian Native lifestyles, information on a site in San Bernard Wildlife Refuge in Brazoria, and the work to authenticate an artifact known as the Vinland map. Consider checking out this little gem! If you are interested in this month's featured document, please email Linda Lang at lottlang@gmail.com. If you wish to access other newsletters or materials not currently featured, or have questions, feel free to contact me for those requests as well!



Check back next month for the latest installment...**from the archives!**

TAS/ETAC 2022 Annual Meeting

The 93rd TAS Annual Meeting and the East Texas Archeological Conference will be a combined event this year. We will meet on the UT Tyler campus in the new Soules College of Business Building. The meeting dates are October 21 – 23, 2022

The co-hosts for this year's meeting are North Texas Archeological Society and the Department of Social Sciences at UT Tyler, TX. The Program Co-Chairs are Dr. Thomas Guderjan and Dr. E. Cory Sills of UT Tyler. Their "First Call for Papers" was distributed in an earlier email and is included in the TAS Newsletter and the "Last Call for Papers" is included on page 5.

The Friday night Public Forum Speaker will be Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman of the Caddo Nation. Our keynote speaker for the Saturday night banquet is Dr. Rolfe Mandel, Distinguished Professor, Director of Kansas Geological Survey, Senior Scientist, Geoarchaeology/Quaternary Geology.

Since we are not meeting in a hotel, those attending will be responsible for securing their own accommodations. The Local Arrangements Committee has obtained special rates at the Days Inn, Homewood Suites, and Hilton Garden Inn (see the Summer TAS Newsletter for details).

Register online at <https://www.txarch.org/event-4880412> or with the mail-in form available on page 12.



Please Register for the 2022 TAS Meeting!

Don't forget to register for the TAS Annual Meeting

<https://www.txarch.org/event-4880412>

October 21-23, 2022!

Not only will it be under two hours from the Metroplex in Tyler, Texas, but NTAS is co-hosting the meeting along with UT Tyler!

Important Deadlines:

Sept 9th — paper and poster submission deadline

Sept 20th — registration deadline (fees increase after this date)

Sept 25th — deadline to order food at the banquet and/or lunch

Final Call for Papers

TAS/ETAC 2022 Annual Meeting

Submit your abstract soon to update the community on what's happening in Texas!

Abstracts and creative ideas are sought for papers, symposia, and posters to be presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society on October 21-23, 2022, at the University of Texas at Tyler. TAS encourages presentations by avocational, student, and professional archeologist members on any topic of archeological interest.

In addition to individual papers, we welcome regional and topical symposia. Anyone interested in presenting at the meeting should contact the program chair for availability.

All presenters must be TAS members and be registered for the meeting. Papers will be limited to 15 minutes. The deadline for receipt of paper abstracts is September 9, 2022.

Poster presentations can effectively convey visual, graphic, and quantitative information, and posters reach a larger audience than oral papers. Members are encouraged to consider poster presentations as an alternative to papers. Poster abstracts must be received by September 9, 2022 to appear in the program; late poster entries may be accommodated after consultation with the Program Chair.

Other presentation formats such as discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on workshops may be held on approval of the Program Chair and Annual Meeting organizers.

Submit all abstracts as files attached to email. Meeting rooms will be equipped with data projectors and laptop computers; additional audiovisual needs may be accommodated given prior notice. Contact the Program Chair with questions about submission dates, formats, and/or equipment. We look forward to your contributions to this meeting.

Abstracts must include the following information: Paper/Symposium/Poster (indicate one); Title; Author(s) and Affiliation(s); Abstract for each presentation (150 words maximum).

Thomas Guderjan and E. Cory Sills, 2022 TAS Annual Meeting Program Chair's
Email: tguderjan@uttyler.edu or esills@uttyler.edu

Attention College Students:

Free TAS Annual Meeting Registration Available!

The first 40 college students to register for the TAS Annual Meeting, will have their registration paid for by the UT Tyler Department of Social Sciences!

See the TAS website for details and registration:

<https://www.txarch.org/event-4880412>

If you are unable to register in time to receive one of these free registrations, consider applying for a TAS or NTAS scholarship to help with the cost of attending the annual meeting.

TAS Scholarship Information: <https://www.txarch.org/TAS-Scholarships-Overview>

NTAS Scholarship Information: <https://ntxas.org/scholarships>

Denton Dig It Archeology Fair

Ashley Green

October is sure to be an exciting month for NTAS with another TAM event on our calendar. The Denton County Historical Commission is hosting their first annual "Denton Dig It Archeology Fair" on October 1st at History Park on Carroll Boulevard in Denton. The fair will be adjoining the Denton Community Farmers' Market that occurs every Saturday featuring live music, kids' activities, local farms, local artists, food trucks, food vendors, and, on this weekend, a section dedicated to celebrating TAM and archeology happening in Denton County. In addition to NTAS, other participants include the Denton County Office of History and Culture, the City of Denton Preservation Office, and Integrated Environmental Solutions, LLC. The fair will feature different exhibits and activities including one hosted by Doug Boyd that highlights the TxDOT Bolivar excavations of Tom Cook's blacksmith shop, a project many of our members volunteered on in the past. There will be an earth oven demo, a presentation of prehistoric Texas rock art, and flintknapping by our very own Dylan Holubar. In addition, local Scouts have been invited to attend the fair and participate in a mock excavation and an activity that demonstrates stratigraphy where they will attempt to reconstruct a past event by exploring the contents of an intentionally stratified trash can.

Volunteers will be needed at this event to talk with folks about NTAS and archeology at our booth and to guide participants through the mock excavation dig and trash can stratigraphy activity. Volunteers for the mock dig will need to feel comfortable walking participants through a basic excavation process whereas the stratigraphy activity is scripted. The archeology fair and market will be open 9 AM to 1 PM but volunteers need to arrive around 8:30 to check in.

If you would like to volunteer at this event or have any questions please contact me by email,

internetchair@ntxas.org.

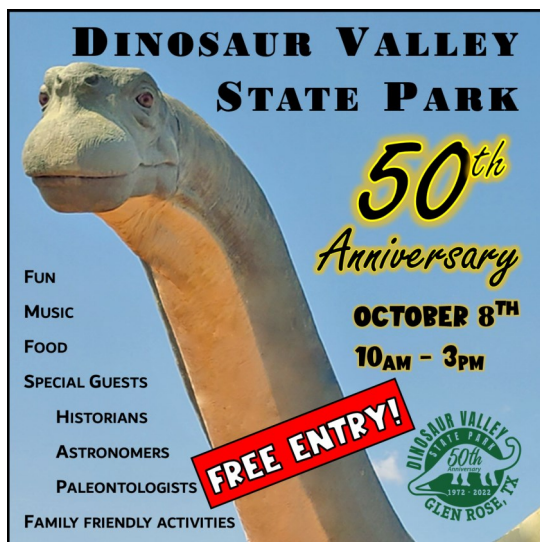

DENTON DIG IT!
 DENTON COUNTY ARCHEOLOGY MONTH

Paluxy River Dinosaur Tracks And a Call to Volunteer

Gen Freix

This summer's drought exposed *Arcocanthosaurus* tracks in Dinosaur Valley State Park. A crew of volunteers under the guidance of Glen Kuban, a Paleontologist from Ohio, cleaned out over 40 new tracks. After bailing water, scooping out mud and sponging out the tracks, measurements were taken of the tracks and the stride. It was amazing to work on these 113-million-year-old tracks.

Saturday, October 8, NTAS will have a table at the Dinosaur Valley State Park Anniversary Event. Please, join us.



**DINOSAUR VALLEY
STATE PARK**

**50th
Anniversary**

**OCTOBER 8TH
10AM - 3PM**

FREE ENTRY!

**DINOSAUR VALLEY
STATE PARK
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Doss Pioneer Heritage Fest

Katrina Nuncio

The Doss Heritage and Culture Center will host their annual Pioneer Heritage Fest at their Pioneer Log Cabin Park on October 1 from 10:00 to 4:00, to celebrate Texas Archeology Month. NTAS members will be stationed at the Newberry Cabin, which we excavated from 2016 to 2019. Volunteers to help staff our area are still needed. There will also be music, pioneer demonstrations, other log cabins on display, and activities for the children along with a petting zoo. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Katrina Nuncio, ksnuncio@aol.com.

Save the date

PIONEER HERITAGE FEST

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10am-4pm
OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

Featuring the Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band, Pioneer Demonstrations,
Log Cabins, Children's Area, Petting Zoo & More!

Texas Archeology Month (TAM) Kits — Call for Volunteers

Maggie Moore

Last year, we gave pinch pot kits to 400 kids in Central Texas. These simple kits cost less than 45 cents apiece and consist of a half-pound ball of clay (wrapped in plastic wrap so it doesn't dry out), tools to create designs in the wet clay, and a handout with instructions and links to online educational materials about ceramic traditions in Texas.

This year, we want to build on that success--our goal is to distribute 5,000 kits to students around the state.

To meet our TAM 2022 goal, we need volunteers to help with assembly! Here's what you can do:

If you have a group of 4+ volunteers, we can bring the supplies to you and help set up an assembly line!

Please contact Maximilian Hall at Maximilian.Hall@thc.texas.gov or Maggie Moore at Maggie.Moore@thc.texas.gov to volunteer your assistance. We welcome ideas and collaboration. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you think might want to help.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal of assembling and distributing 5,000 kits!



Archeological Events & News

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center Educational Courses September-November 2022

If you are interested in any of these, online educational courses please call 520-798-1201 or email info@oldpueblo.org

An Overview of Mississippian Archaeology of the Eastern US September 12-November 28, 2022
Indigenous Forms of Resistance and Revolt in Colonial Mexico September 14, 2022
The Hohokam Culture of Southern Arizona September 21-December 14, 2022
Understanding Indigenous Mexico through the Maya and Aztec Codices October 4 and 18, 2022

Denton Dig It Archeology Fair

Denton, TX

October 1, 2022

See page 6 of this newsletter for details.

Doss Pioneer Heritage Fest

Weatherford, TX

October 1, 2022

See page 7 of this newsletter and the Doss website for details.

<https://dosscenter.org/>

Dinosaur Valley State Park 50th Anniversary Event

Glen Rose, TX

October 8, 2022

See page 6 of this newsletter for details.

Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge Tour

Fort Worth, TX

October 15, 2022

See page 2 of this newsletter for details.

TAS Annual Meeting

Tyler, TX

October 21-23, 2022

See the TAS website for details <https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting>

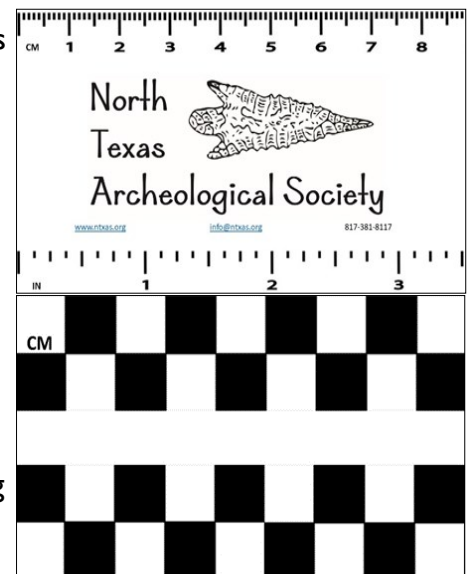
NTAS Gear Available!



Bring your cash or checks to the next meeting and score some NTAS gear!

For a \$15 (or more) donation, you can have one of the first-ever NTAS hats!

For a \$1 donation, you can have a business card/ ruler - plan to get several to share with any budding archeologists that you may know.



Who Are Those People? The NTAS Photo Archive Project

James Everett

Thanks to months of hard work by NTAS Historian Linda Lang and President Jimmy Barrera, the NTAS paper and digital archives were accepted by the University of Texas at Arlington's Special Collections section in January. (See the January and February 2022 NTAS *Benchmark*.) The NTAS newsletters, publications, and administrative records will be protected at UTA and will be readily available to NTAS members and the public. However, the many photos that had been part of the NTAS archives have not yet been submitted to UTA. Before that happens, decisions need to be made concerning which photos should be placed in the Special Collections. Also, to the extent possible, archived photos need to be identified regarding the event that is taking place in the photo, the date of the event, and any people involved.

I began this project by eliminating photos that were not appropriate for the archives (e.g., casual scenes from past parties; individual campsites or trailers with no people pictured; antique cars displayed at museums visited by members; etc.). I have also turned over to Paula Vastine, the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Historian, a number of photos that pertained more to TAS events and members than to NTAS members. Those pictures will become part of the TAS photo archive.

For many of the remaining NTAS photos, I have been able to provide identifying information based on personal knowledge of the events and the members involved. However, there are still a number of photos for which I need help to determine what was happening, when the photo was taken, and/or who is pictured. Since June, I have shown these photos to several NTAS members individually, and their responses have completed the documentation for some pictures. Over the next few months, I will schedule times when other longtime members can provide input on the photos. If you would like to view the several hundred photos on an individual basis, just let me know (immediatepastpresident@ntxas.org).

On August 11, I brought 10 photos to the NTAS meeting, each with an attached sheet asking for information regarding the event, the date, and the name of the person or people in the photograph. I plan to bring 10 different photos to the next few NTAS monthly meetings for similar member input. **Each month, please look for the photo display** on a table near the front of our meeting room and provide any information you can. Even if you cannot help identify any of the photos, the pictures provide interesting insights into our organization – who we are, how we have changed, and what we have done through the years.

We Need **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 Catrina Whitley (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, please understand they can be used on the NTAS website and social media platforms such as Facebook.

Newsletter 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).

Nominate a member for our member spotlight feature!



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:
 North Texas Archeological Society
 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!

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| Eric & Dawn Baldwin | Jesse Brown |
| Allen Dart | Tobin Dietrich |
| Patti Anne Hamilton | Tyler Herring & Family |
| Sydney Lowenthal | Nativa O'Brien |
| Elizabeth Paulk & Family | Alexis Ramirez |
| Rachael Riggs | |
| Kenneth Saintonge & Family | |

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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.

NTAS - Preserving the Past for the Future

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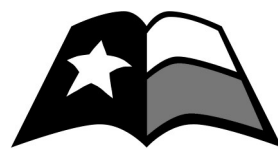
The newsletter submission deadlines are two weeks prior to the monthly meetings, and upcoming deadlines are listed below for 2022.

October Newsletter: September 29

December Newsletter: November 24

November Newsletter: October 27

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REGISTRATION FORM
93th Texas Archeological Society
East Texas Archeological Conference
Annual Meeting UT- Tyler, Texas October 21 -23, 2022

Please complete the form with the name that will be printed on your name tag and accurate email address for contact information. Saturday lunch is included with the Annual Meeting Registration fee.

If paying by credit card, please register online at www.txarch.org

If registering by mail, make checks payable to:

Texas Archeological Society – Annual Meeting:

Mail to: Dept. of Anthropology

Texas State University

601 University Drive

San Marcos, TX 7866-4684

Note the price change after September 20. Deadline to register for meals is September 25.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State and Zip _____ Date _____

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| MEMBERS | REGISTRATION | @ \$65.00 | @ \$75.00 | |
| | STUDENT REGISTRATION | @ \$30.00 | @ \$40.00 | |
| | BANQUET AND SPEAKER | @ \$65.00 | @ \$75.00 | |
| | SPEAKER ONLY | @ \$15.00 | @ \$25.00 | |
| NON-MEMBERS | REGISTRATION | @ \$70.00 | @ \$80.00 | |
| | STUDENT REGISTRATION | @ \$35.00 | @ \$40.00 | |
| | BANQUET AND SPEAKER | @ \$70.00 | @ \$75.00 | |
| | SPEAKER ONLY | @ \$20.00 | @ \$25.00 | |
| FIELD TRIPS | | | | |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | CADDO MOUNDS S. P. | NO CHARGE | NO CHARGE |

Meal Choices: Circle your choice

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| <u>SATURDAY BOX LUNCH - CIRCLE</u> | <u>BANQUET DINNER – CIRCLE</u> |
| CLUB TURKEY VEGTARIAN | BEEF CHICKEN VEGETARIAN |

The first 40 college students will be granted free registration

Meet at Caddo Mounds S.P. @ 10:00 AM for Free Tour

A separate form is required to request table space in the Exhibit Room - available online at, www.txarch.org