



Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

There are lots of chances for you to get involved in archeology this Spring. Just a warm-up for the big event – TAS Field School in June!

Katrina Nuncio has established dates for her Weatherford College students and for our TCAS volunteers to work on the Newberry Cabin in Parker County. We are still working on excavation units on the back side of the cabin but the surrounding areas need to be surveyed to locate the family's well, out-house and out-buildings. These dates are in Katrina's article elsewhere in the newsletter but the first one coming up is March 2, 2018. Please come out and help with excavation, screening, giving advice, telling jokes, pouring drinks, etc. If none of those excite you, then try to make it for a lab day at Weatherford College to help wash, sort, label and record the artifacts that the Newberry Cabin is yielding. Tarrant County Archeological Society needs to finish this project and do more projects in the future. We can only do this if we get more of our members motivated to join in these projects.



Chris Meis, President

The TCAS Board has decided to sponsor 5 scholarship students/teachers for the 2018 TAS Field School. Our Memorial Scholarship Fund is getting fairly low, so please consider giving a donation so that we may continue this great program.

2018 will be an election year for our TCAS Board of Directors. This marks my fourth year as President. The term for a director is two years, but it has been the norm that the Board rolls over for another two year term, so in actuality you serve four years. It has been a busy, rewarding time for me but as they say "all good things must come to an end." Some of the current

board may stay in place but we know already that the Newsletter Editor and the Internet Chair positions, along with the position of President, will need to be filled in 2019. If you are interested in serving on the board, or have someone to recommend for one of these slots, let us know as we start planning for this Fall.

If you want to add to your archeological skill set, sign up for one of the TAS Academies. They are a great bargain and a chance to learn from interesting, accomplished instructors and meet other professional and avocational archeologists from around the state. The Spanish Colonial Academy is coming up first, being held in San Antonio on Feb. 17-18th.

February means your TCAS dues need to be paid. Lloyd Erwin is our secretary, so please give him your registration and your money at this month's meeting if you haven't already. Also don't forget about those TAS dues which renew each January.

Our great speaker line-up continues this month with our own TCAS member Dr. Leah McCurdy. Dr. McCurdy's bio and abstract info are on Page 2. Hope to see you at our **Meeting on February 8th.**

March Speaker: Dr. Chris Lintz

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

Connect with TCAS!

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TCAS-Tarrant-County-ArcheologicalSociety>

Website: www.tarrantarch.org

Email: info@tarrantarch.org

TCAS meetings are open to the public! Visitors are always welcome!

February Speaker: Dr. Leah McCurdy

The TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) will welcome Dr. Leah McCurdy as the featured speaker for the February 8th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

BIO: Leah is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Art + Art History at the University of Texas at Arlington. She received her PhD in Anthropology, specializing in archaeology, from The University of Texas at San Antonio. Leah teaches nonwestern art history and archaeology in courses such as Art of Nonwestern Traditions, Art of the Ancient Americas, Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art, and Arts of Sub-Saharan Africa. Her research focuses primarily on ancient Maya architecture and artistic practice at the site of Xunantunich, Belize. Generally, her interests include all things architectural and monumental from the ancient world.

Topic: When It's Gone, It's Gone: Cultural Heritage Loss and Destruction in the Middle East and Egypt



Photo courtesy of Leah McCurdy

Abstract: This presentation focuses on both past and very recent examples of cultural heritage loss and destruction in one of the most impacted areas of the world. I discuss a variety of examples, focusing primarily on archaeological remains, of how heritage can be lost (both intentionally and unintentionally) and destroyed through violent and/or subversive means. I will primarily focus on recent events of destruction in Iraq and Syria, with additional discussion of looting activities occurring in Egypt. This discussion is founded on my recent experience teaching the course "Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art" in the Department of Art + Art History at the University of Texas at Arlington. This talk is the result of a collective effort with my students to investigate and better understand this topic.

TCAS Members Receive TAS Membership Certificates

Congratulations to the following TCAS members on your years of service with the Texas Archeological Society:

- 45 Years: James Blanton
40 Years: Brenda Jackson, Ron Jackson
25 Years: Art Tawater, Paula Vastine
15 Years: Jimmy Barrera, Ben Termini
10 Years: Benny Roberts, Gena Roberts



Mammoth Work Dates at Weatherford College

From Lori Gouge, Department Chair, Physical Sciences, Weatherford College

All dates are tentative. As it is planned on the calendar in advance, always check with me the week prior to confirm. Due to the high volume of volunteers (which is a wonderful thing!), I will permit the first 12 volunteers for each work day. Please do not confirm your spot until the week prior to the date. If you have NEVER VOLUNTEERED to work with us on these bones, I am requesting that you arrive at 9:00 a.m. to receive training. ALL work days are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Feel free to contact me at any time should you have any questions. Thanks, Lori

Feb 9, 10, 23, 24

Mar 9, 10

Apr 13, 14, 27, 28

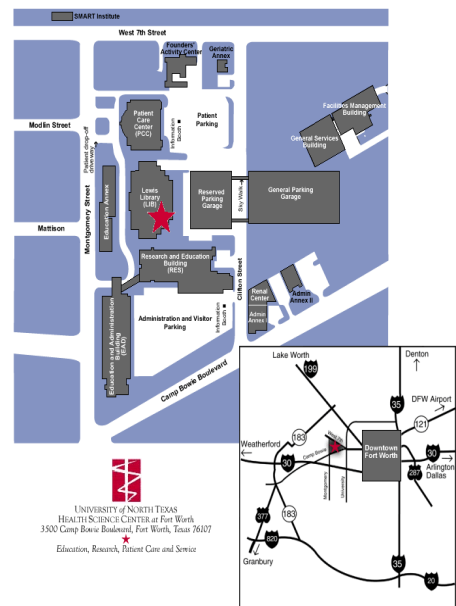
Note: Thanks to Lori and Gen Freix for sharing this schedule. To learn more about this 2017 mammoth discovery, and the work that Lori, her colleagues, students, friends, and TCAS members have done to preserve its bones, check out the original televised reporting by Yori Gavino on CBS 11 (July 24, 2017) at <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2017/07/24/mammoth-remains-parker-county/>; or read the Weatherford Star-Telegram newspaper report by Lance Winter at <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/weatherford-star-telegram/article162860383.html>

Please remember to email Lori at lgouge@wc.edu to confirm lab\space availability.

Welcome to New TCAS Members

Welcome to our newest TCAS members, **Emily Goetschius and Gloria Smith**. We're so glad that you have joined TCAS and are looking forward to getting to know you.

TCAS meets at 7:30 p.m. 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 5:00 p.m.) 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.



Progress At The Historic Newberry Cabin Excavation Site

By **Katrina Nuncio**

It has been a couple of months since I last communicated the happenings at the Newberry Cabin excavation site in Millsap, Texas. Our last excavation in 2017 was in December and I have a list of dates below for our excavations during the spring semester. I have five highly motivated students this semester at Weatherford College who all say the reason they signed up for this class was to learn how to excavate.

Along with my five Weatherford students, my standard TCAS excavation crew of Chris Meis, Art Tawater, Bret Williamson, Mike Shannon, and Lori Gouge were there every work day (don't know what I would do without them). Gen Freix, Royce Baker, Daniel and Miranda Davenport, a future archeology student from Weatherford, and one of Johnny Byer's students also joined us. We also had some surprise additional TCAS visitors with the presence of Sonny Wheeler and Max Ratheal. Sonny helped us excavate and Max offered advice from his years of practicing archeology. Everyone's help is always greatly appreciated and much needed.



WC Students



Sonny and Andrea



**Art's grandson,
Max and Mike**



Daniel and Miranda

Photos by Katrina Nuncio

We had one set of visitors that we were so excited to receive at the Cabin. A woman who spent much of her childhood living in the Newberry Cabin came out to the site with her daughter and a family friend who had seen an article about the Cabin excavation in one of the Weatherford publications. This family friend told the daughter and her mother about us excavating the Cabin and her mother just had to come out to the site. Even though the woman who lived at the Cabin is now quite elderly, her memory was very good about the location of many of the former structures. She was able to tell us about the kitchen addition that was on the north side of the Cabin, a fence that surrounded the Cabin to keep out the livestock, and the general location of the last known outhouse. One of the things she also revealed to us was that her childhood bedroom was built in the approximate location of what we have been thinking of as a much newer building that was built by the military when the area was used for military practice. Art Tawater dug a quick test pit in the kitchen area and immediately found numerous artifacts, so this will be an area that we will definitely be excavating this spring.

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Update: Progress at the Newberry Cabin

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As for excavation progress, we closed some units and opened several new ones. We continue to find lots of square nails, buttons of various designs, an intact pair of scissors, glass and ceramic pieces along with a large amount of unknown metal fragments from the years this land was farmed.

Thanks to Dean Hungate from the Doss Heritage and Culture Center, we were able to dispose of the non-functioning orange temporary fencing that the cows seemed to find extremely tasty. To replace the orange fencing, Dean brought us enough cattle panels to encircle our excavation units. I am very happy to report that the cattle panels are a complete success in keeping the cows out of our excavations.

In my last article I stated that we were expecting the Cabin to be moved to the Pioneer Village by the first of this year at the latest. The company that will be moving the Cabin has had some adjustments in their moving schedule on the other cabins to be moved into the Village and the Newberry Cabin move date is undetermined right now.

Chris Meis and I want our fellow TCAS members to realize that the excavation of the Newberry Cabin is a TCAS project and not just a project that I accepted with my teaching Introduction to Archeology classes at Weatherford College. Should my Weatherford classes go away, TCAS is still obligated to complete the excavation of the Newberry Cabin. With this in mind, please consider spending some time and lend us your knowledge and expertise at our historic excavation site. If you just want to come out and see the Cabin and see what is happening, that is okay. You don't have to excavate if you just want to come and visit. My fellow excavators and I really need the help and support of any and all of our fellow TCAS members that can assist in the excavation of this Cabin. We need to make some major progress this spring and I sincerely hope to see more of you come visit and participate in this historic excavation.

The following days are currently scheduled at the Newberry Cabin for excavation and lab. If we have an excavation day scheduled and the weather is bad, we can quickly turn the day into a lab day at Weatherford College.

March: 3/02, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

3/17, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

3/23, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

3/24, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

April: 4/06, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

4/20, Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. – lab day sorting artifacts at Weatherford College

4/21, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – excavation at Newberry Cabin

May: 5/05, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 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. Directions to the site will be available at our monthly meetings or I can email you a copy.



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What a deal! You shop at Kroger and/or Tom Thumb. You purchase online and use AmazonSmile. TCAS receives a monetary donation. Kudos to all of the TCAS members and friends for taking the time to sign up. Thanks to these merchants for continuing to support local communities and non-profits!



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Register your Kroger Plus Card online by clicking on the link below. Then by searching for Tarrant County Archeological Society or entering our NPO number (21007), you can link your Kroger Plus Card to TCAS. Every time you shop at Kroger and swipe your card, TCAS will receive a rebate based on your purchase. You will need to relink your card each year on or after August 1.

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>



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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2876464>

Please share! If you know of additional shopping reward programs that benefit non-profits, please send the info to Dana Ritchie Parker, TCAS Treasurer. Dana will handle all the paperwork for TCAS to participate and gladly deposit all funds received!

It's Local! At the Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas

First Sculpture: Handaxe to Figure Stone

Exhibit Dates: January 27—April 28

“First Sculpture: Handaxe to

Figure Stone is the first museum exhibition to present ancient handaxes and figure stones as works of art. Traditionally understood as the longest-used tool in human history, with examples dating back more than 2 million years, some handaxes are equally fascinating for their non-utilitarian, aesthetic qualities.”

This handaxe is from the exhibition and is featured on the Nasher website. Click on the link above to feast your eyes on more of these beautifully photographed tools.



Thanks to Katrina Nuncio for bringing this to our attention!



25th East Texas Archeological Conference
Saturday, February 24th
8AM- 4:30PM
Ornelas Center, University of Texas at Tyler

Registration begins at 8AM. A registration fee of \$20.00 includes lunch on site.

More info is available at
<https://sites.google.com/view/easttexasarchaeologyconference/home>

Archeology 101 Academy in San Felipe

Event Dates: March 9-11, 2018

Registration Deadline: February 23, 2018



From the TAS website, <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/185> :

The course's primary goals are to provide each participant with the tools necessary to identify, properly record, and assess an archeological site.

The Archeology 101 Academy will be held in the newly developed facilities at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. This will be an excellent opportunity for participants to enjoy the State Historic Site and also nearby [Stephen F. Austin State Park](#) for camping, hiking, and biking!

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By mail: Complete the application below and mail it with your check to:
Tarrant County Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

In person: Give your dues and completed application to Lloyd Erwin at the monthly meetings.

February 2018

TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Type of Membership and Fee

New _____ Renewal _____

Address _____

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

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

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Membership Term: January to December

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