



## Tarrant County Archeological Society

### President's Message

#### OCTOBER = ARCHEOLOGY MONTH IN TEXAS

As one of the largest and most active archeological societies in the state we need to be involved! This year you have the chance to participate in our own Archeology Month project by signing up to volunteer at the Doss Cultural & Heritage Center's Pioneer Heritage Fest on October 13, 2018. Those who have worked on the Newberry Cabin in Parker County will especially enjoy getting to see the creative, impressive display the Doss has set-up in the museum, highlighting all the work TCAS has done over the last couple of years. It is really gratifying to see our society getting the acknowledgement it deserves in making this project a reality. We should be proud of our efforts and for the leadership of Katrina Nuncio and Lori Gouge of Weatherford College for making this project available. There will be a chance to volunteer at the museum display or outside at the log cabin village



**Chris Meis, President**

near the Newberry Cabin. Hopefully, we will get enough participants so that we can each sign up for only a couple of hours.

If you never made it out to the actual site, please come by and see the cabin in its new setting. It will motivate you to get involved in the next phase of our excavation work, which will take place underneath the cabin floor. We may also try to define and excavate the outhouse area, as this should produce some interesting artifacts also!

If you are traveling across

Texas in October, check out the list of archeological activities by city at the Texas Historical Commission's website at [http://](http://www.thc.texas.gov/texas-archeology-month-2018-calendar-events)

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Speaking of traveling across Texas this month, I hope you will at least be traveling to San Antonio for the 89th Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting scheduled for October 26-28<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great meeting with a fantastic set of presentations and the perfect setting in the Menger Hotel next to the Alamo and the Riverwalk. It has been said by many that archeologists like to party and drink, so here's your chance!

If you haven't registered yet, you have until October 11<sup>th</sup> before the on-line registration closes ([www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org)), while mail-in registrations will incur late charges after October 5<sup>th</sup>. The group room rates at the Menger are also available through October 5<sup>th</sup>, so hopefully they still have some availability under the TAS room block. If you are not attending the meeting

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### Connect with TCAS!

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



**Website:** [www.tarrantarch.org](http://www.tarrantarch.org)

**Email:** [info@tarrantarch.org](mailto:info@tarrantarch.org)

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and want to donate something for the Silent Auction, bring your donations to our meeting and someone will carry them to San Antonio for you.

Tarrant County Archeological Society has some important business to take care of in October and November, so I hope that you will be at our meetings these next two months. We will be nominating the slate of officers that will serve for the next two years this month and we'll vote on that slate at our November meeting. We have had an excellent Board these last several years and thankfully some of them have agreed to serve in their current positions for another two years. We do however, have some new nominees to introduce and that information can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

In addition to the election of new officers for 2019, we will also be deciding on an issue that has been bandied about for a number of years – changing our Society's name. We mentioned this at our meeting a couple of months ago, but we will actually take a vote on the name change at our November meeting. The proposed name is **North Texas Archeological Society**. I think this change is long overdue as we really function as a regional archeological society but I also know there are valid questions, concerns or comments, so please bring them up at this month's meeting.

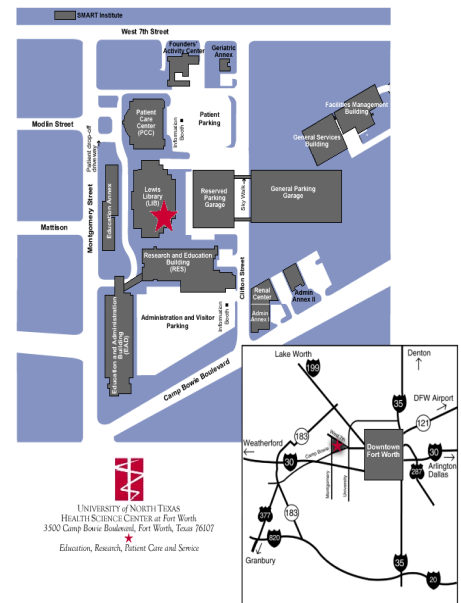
Mark your calendar for this month's meeting when our speaker will be Jeff Durst from the Texas Historical Commission. Jeff is a Regional Archeologist with the THC and will discuss the excavations at San Felipe de Austin over the years spanning 2014-2016.

**THANKS FOR BEING A TCAS SUPPORTER!**

## Update your calendar: TCAS November Meeting Speaker

**November 8th: Dr. Leah McCurdy**

**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.**

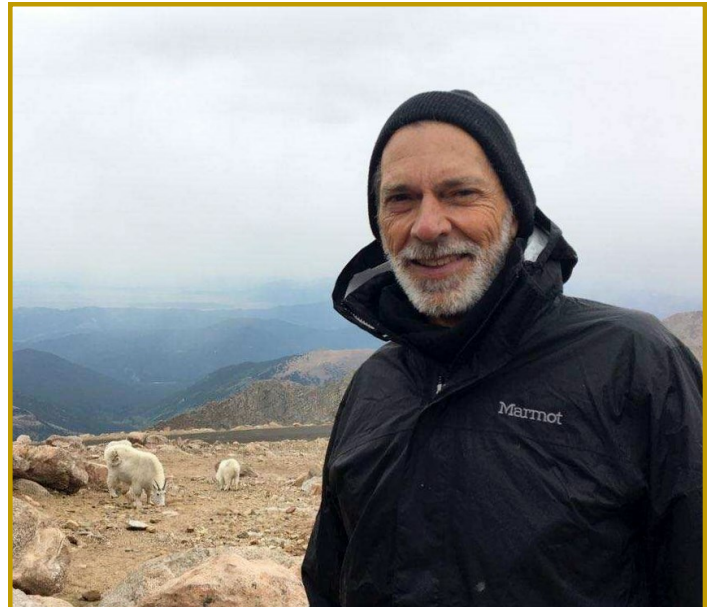


## October Speaker: Jeff Durst

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome Jeff Durst as the featured speaker for the October 11th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

**At right: Photo of Jeff taken in early September on Mt. Evans (14,265 ft.) in Colorado**

**Bio** Jeff Durst has a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Durst has been actively employed in archeology for the past 24 years, most recently as a THC Regional Archeologist and Project Reviewer for southeast Texas. Prior to his current position he served as the project director of the THC's Fort St. Louis Archeological Project. He has experience in both historic and prehistoric archeology and has worked in Texas, New Mexico, and Belize, Central America. His educational research was focused on the prehistoric Maya civilization with a concentration on the archeology of the Maya Lowlands. Durst previously was employed by the Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio and acted as a Project Archeologist conducting archival research, archeological surveys, site excavations, artifact analysis, and report preparation. Durst has authored and coauthored numerous publications and papers on the archeology of Texas, New Mexico, and Belize.



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### Topic: Excavations at San Felipe de Austin 2014-2016

**Abstract** Excavations at the site of San Felipe de Austin began in June of 2014 as part of the annual Texas Archeological Society Field School and continued on in the 2015 and 2016 TAS Field Schools. The excavations which took place at the Texas Historical Commission's San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, focused on the historic "town lot" 566 where the Farmer's Hotel was reportedly constructed between 1829 and 1830. While still under construction the building served as the town hall described by San Felipe resident Noah Smithwick in his memoirs. The structure was described as being 32 feet square with a brick cellar 6 feet deep. The first season focused on attempting to locate the four corners of the

brick cellar and getting an idea of the construction method of the brick outer wall of the cellar. The second season continued the attempt to define the four corners of the cellar and also included a centrally located unit aimed at identifying the floor of the cellar. A third session was held in November of 2015 in order to take at least a few of the previously opened units all the way to the floor of the basement. Returning in 2016 excavations focused on two other features known to have been located on this same lot. The four seasons produced an interesting array of artifacts and features which will be discussed during this presentation.

## TCAS 2019-2020 Board Candidates

Thanks to James Everett, Molly Hall and Linda Lang for volunteering to serve as officers on the TCAS Board of Directors for 2019-2020. Nominations for each of the candidates will be officially offered at the October 11th TCAS meeting, with voting to follow at the November 8th TCAS meeting. If you are a new TCAS member, it is hoped that this biographical information will be helpful.

### TCAS President: James Everett

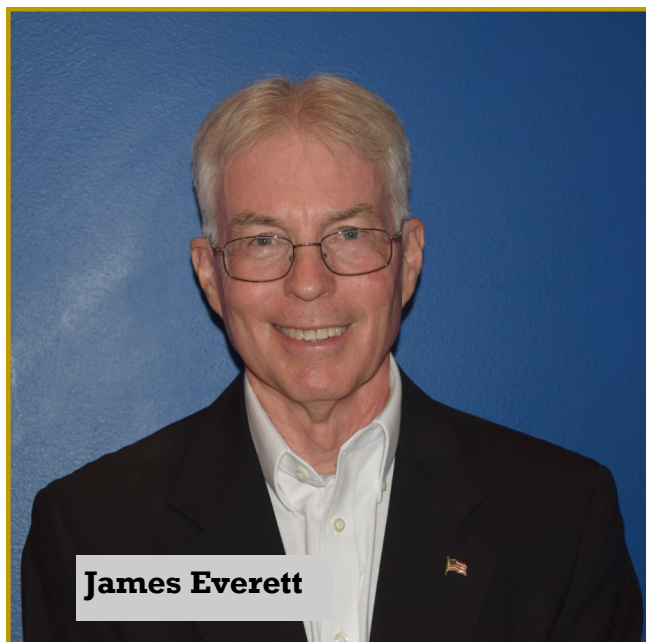
James was born and raised in Fort Worth, but has lived in many other places (e.g., Madrid, Spain; Baltimore, MD; Denver, CO). He credits his grandfather with kindling his interest in archeology, since his grandfather had a collection of Indian artifacts from the Great Lakes area and often discussed the points with James when James was a child.

In 1970, James joined TCAS, TAS and the Dallas Archeological Society. Since then, he has served in a number of positions, including:

For TCAS: President (1975-1978), Vice-President/  
Program Chairman (1995-1998), Historian  
(2016-present)

For TAS: Regional Vice-President (1978-1980),  
Director (1984-1988), Region 3 Director  
(2016-present),  
Secretary of the Field School Committee  
(1988-1990),  
Parliamentarian (2018)

For DAS: Vice-President/Program Chairman  
(late 1970s, 1980s)



James has written a number of articles for the TCAS newsletter through the years, has done a dozen presentations for us, and has also spoken at the meetings of other archeological societies (Collin County, Parker County, Iraan) as well as at outside organizations (e.g., Rotary Clubs, AARP, Department of Agriculture). He is an Archeology Steward for the Texas Historical Commission, attends Southwest Federation meetings each April, and is a member of the Iraan and Concho Valley Archeological Societies.

James received a BA in Spanish with a minor in History from the University of Texas at Arlington and an MA in Spanish with a minor in Linguistics from Indiana University. He taught school in Dalhart and at Dallas Highland Park before becoming a bilingual Claims Representative with the Social Security Administration (SSA). He ended his 32-year career with SSA as the Regional Commissioner over the 6-State Denver Region. He then managed a tax preparation office, conducted investigations for Federal top secret clearances, and taught Communication and Leadership Skills for The Graduate School throughout the United States, in Thailand and in Japan.

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TCAS Newsletter Editor: Molly Hall



Molly Hall

Molly first discovered archaeology at Brigham Young University, where she received her bachelor's and master's degree in the discipline. During her undergraduate studies, she began research in coordination with the Parowan Valley Archaeological Project, which she continues today. While completing her Master's degree, she focused her research on worked bone artifacts and social organization of the Fremont. During and after school, she worked on CRM projects throughout the Great Basin and Southwest before moving to Texas in 2010.

Though she grew up in Pennsylvania, she has deep Texas roots: her grandfather was born here and her great-great-grandfather was a one-armed Texas Ranger. She has been working at AR Consultants, Inc. for the last seven years and has enjoyed learning about the archaeology of this region. She lives in Sachse with her husband, Geoff, and son, Jacob.

TCAS Historian: Linda Lang

Linda Lang, originally from Virginia, moved to Texas in 1988. She received her Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of North Texas and her Master of Education in Teacher Leadership from Lamar University. Linda is an experienced educator having taught 18 years at Springtown High School. Through her undergraduate studies at UNT, she became interested in archeology and attended her first Texas Archeological Society field school at Red River in 1992. She joined the Tarrant Country Archeological Society the following year and never looked back.

As a result of archeology, she met her husband Brett, made connections for her job in Springtown, made numerous friends, and found her dog Hank. Archeology has been important for her both professionally and personally.



Linda Lang, Brett, and Hank

Open position on TCAS Board: Internet Chair—Media savvy volunteer needed to maintain the TCAS website, Facebook page, and use Twitter to tell the TCAS story.

## Volunteers needed at Pioneer Heritage Festival on 10.13.18

Plan now to join us as we represent TCAS at the Pioneer Heritage Fest at the Doss Heritage and Cultural Center in Weatherford! This is a terrific opportunity to promote TCAS, to demonstrate the continuing importance of archeology today, and to display and discuss the work that has been done by TCAS members at the Newberry Cabin. Bring the family along to enjoy the day with us. Volunteers must be TCAS members to work at the cabin display site. Two hour shifts is the goal but your participation is needed to maintain that schedule.

Please sign up at the October 11th meeting or contact Katrina Nuncio directly via email at [Pastpres@tarrantarch.org](mailto:Pastpres@tarrantarch.org)

Photos and more info about the Newberry Cabin are both available on the TCAS website at [www.tarrantarch.org](http://www.tarrantarch.org)



### October 13th 2018

with demonstrations, activities, crafts, food, music,  
a mercantile and more!  
Featuring Music By:

10am-5pm

**FREE**



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## Preview: J.T.A.H. International Scholars Symposium - Spanish Borderlands

2018 T.A.S. Annual Meeting October 27, 2018

Congratulations to Steve Davis on assembling a group of outstanding scholars to present abstracts about the Spanish Borderlands for the 2018 Journal of Texas Archeology and History Symposium, which is being held in conjunction with the 2018 TAS Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The Symposium has been made possible with generous financial support from the Gilmore Foundation through the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission. Scheduled presenters and abstracts are as follows:

**Russell K. Skowronek, Ph.D.**, Nuevo Santander - The Unrealized Archaeological Potential of a "Civilian" Province In Northern New Spain; **Gustavo Alberto Ramirez Castilla, M.A.**, The Mier Codex and the Distribution of Land to the Tlaxcaltecan Founders of the Village of Mier in 1753; **Bradford M. Jones**, Barbery on the Frontier - The Obsidian Blades from the 1554 Wreck of the San Esteban (41KN10); **Martin Salinas, M.A.**, Languages, Culture and the Displacement of the Historic Ethnic Units of the Lower Rio Grande; **Rolando L. Garza**, The End of Empire: The Lingering Spanish Colonial Influences in the U.S.-Mexican War; **Dr. Emiliano Gallaga Murrieta**, The Presidio San Carlos, a Remote Outpost in the Nueva Viscaya Region; **Casey Hanson, Ph.D.**, The Falcon Reservoir, A Landscape in Despair, and **Mary Jo Galindo, Ph.D.**, Con Un Pie En Cada Lado: Nuevo Santander Ranching Communities Along The Lower Rio Grande.

## Download available: Article on Boca Chica No. 2 Shipwreck by Amy Borgens

Congratulations to Amy Borgens, State Marine Archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, on the publication of her article, "Chasing the Phantom Ship—Revisiting Interpretations of the Boca Chica No. 2 Shipwreck on the Texas Coast." The article is available for download from the website of the Journal of Texas Archeology and History at <https://jtah.org/2018/08/22/new-article-by-amy-borgens-texas-state-marine-archeologist/>



## Donate to support TAS: Items for 2018 TAS Silent Auction



**If you are unable to attend Annual Meeting, bring your items on October 11th to the TCAS meeting. We will happily deliver them to San Antonio for you!**

"New or gently used items in good condition" are needed for the TAS Silent Auction at the TAS Annual Meeting. Donations may include books, jewelry, dig kits, field tools, artwork and photography. The Wish List also includes gift baskets, gift cards, and, of course, a car—preferably a new one from a dealership! A complete list and a Donor Receipt/Donation Form are featured on Pages 12 and 13, Fall 2018 edition of the TAS newsletter, *Texas Archeology*.

## Calendar this: 2019 Rock Art Academy in El Paso

When: February 16-17, 2019 Registration starts: October 28, 2018

Where: El Paso Museum of Archaeology & Hueco Tanks State Park

From the TAS website:



Learning to record and interpret rock art can illuminate both how a site was used by people and how people interacted with the natural environment and cultural influences. This Academy will include classroom instruction, and field trips where participants will have the opportunity to participate in a rock art recording session at Hueco Tanks State Park. The instructor team includes experienced rock art specialists and archeologists who specialize in Mogollon culture.

More information is available from TAS at <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/192>

***This Academy is being presented in partnership with the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, the El Paso Archaeological Society, and Texas Parks and Wildlife – Hueco Tanks State Park.***

# TCAS: Preserving the Past for the Future

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### Three easy and quick ways to pay your 2018 TCAS dues!

**By PayPal:** Complete the Application Form and pay online using your PayPal account at the TCAS website, [www.tarrantarch.org](http://www.tarrantarch.org)

**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.

October 2018

### TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership and Fee

Address \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

City\State\Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_