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President's Message

NO NTAS MEETING IN APRIL or MAY

“Hope springs eternal” at this time of year. Optimism blooms on the budding trees and the nascent flowers. Usually. This Spring has, so far, been different. The coronavirus outbreak around the world has resulted in innumerable cancellations of events and in uncertainty as we look ahead.

In March, NTAS held our monthly meeting as scheduled, but we did have to cancel several other activities, such as the tour of the Perot Museum’s “Origins” exhibit. The Termini lecture at UTA and a rock art presentation scheduled by the Perot were also canceled. TAS postponed the Ceramics Academy and the Archeology 101 Academy, and the Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies Symposium scheduled for April 4 at the Panhandle Plains Museum was canceled. TAS even had to convert the April 18 Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, originally scheduled to be held on the Baylor University campus, into a conference-call-only event for the



James Everett, President

first time in the 91-year history of TAS. Necessary precautions for uncertain times.

Based on the current environment, it should come as no surprise that **our April NTAS meeting has been canceled**. As I wrote this article in late March, the campus of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, where we meet, was closed to onsite classes; the library was open only to students and staff; the institution was encouraging employees to work at home if possible; and meetings and events involving students and faculty had been canceled. The good news is that we have rescheduled Dr. Thomas Guderjan’s presentation on remote

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The **NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS)** meetings for **April 9th** and **May 14th** will be **canceled**.

NTAS meetings are **free** and visitors are always welcome (see **Page 3** for the location and directions).

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sensing and Maya archeology, originally scheduled for this month. He will now be our speaker at the November 12 NTAS meeting.

At our March meeting, Tiffany Osburn did an outstanding job of showing us the fabulous experiences in store for those who participate in this year's field school in Kerrville. With a little luck and the passage of time, perhaps the current restrictions on travel and on gatherings will be behind us by June 13-20, the scheduled dates of the 2020 field school. We certainly hope so.

In the meantime, our current uncertain times are challenging and frustrating. Hopefully we can help each other keep things in perspective, take necessary precautions, stay as healthy as possible, and look forward to better, more normal times ahead.

An Update to the President's Message

After authoring the above message, James Everett sent the following email to all members regarding the May monthly meeting:

The coronavirus pandemic continues, so it is no surprise that the University of North Texas Health Science Center has canceled the use of all meeting rooms through May. As a result of this and due to overall health concerns for our members, NTAS will not have a meeting in April or May. Since we do not meet in June due to the TAS field school, we **hope to see everyone in July**. Until then, stay well.

Homer Norris Art Raffle

The raffle of the Homer Norris print has been delayed until later this year.
Hold on to your ticket stubs!

Upcoming Texas Archeology Events Canceled or Postponed

Termini Lecture— Canceled

TAS Ceramics and Archeology 101 Academies— Postponed, pending future scheduling

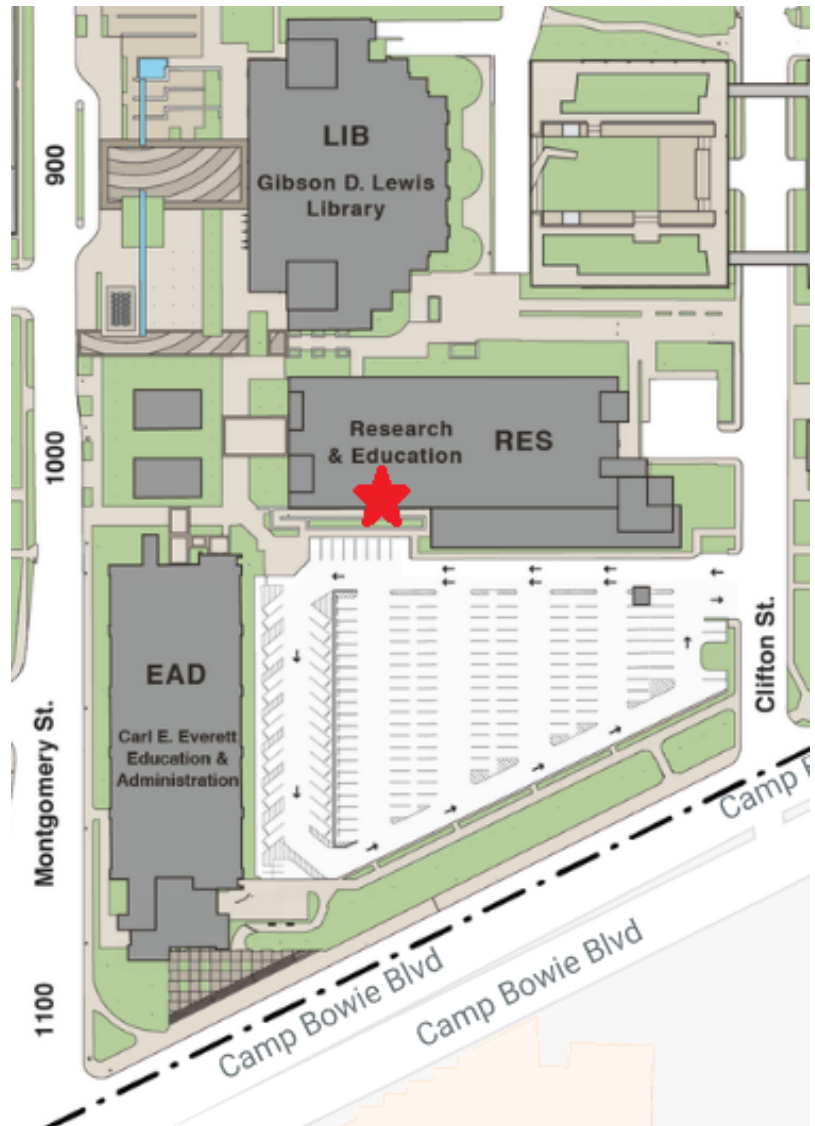
See the TAS website for more details and to register: <https://www.txarch.org/tas-academies>

Scholarships are available from TAS and NTAS via their websites

NTAS Monthly Meeting Location & Directions

NTAS 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, 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.



Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

April 9th: No Meeting
May 14th: No Meeting
June: No Meeting

Welcome New NTAS Members:

Morgan Beck Lanie Garmon

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By PayPal: Complete the Application Form and pay online with PayPal at the NTAS website, ntxas.org/membership

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

In person: Give your dues and completed application to James Everett at the monthly meeting.

April 2020 NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Preferred Phone _____

City\State\Zip _____ Email Address _____

Emergency Contact(s): Please provide the following information regarding the individual(s) from whom we can request or to whom we may provide information in the event of an emergency. Please consider listing at least one contact who does not live at your residence.

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 Renewal Family \$25 Optional Memorial Fund Contribution
 Student \$10 (*enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more*)
 Contributing \$30

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