

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

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

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President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome to our final newsletter before our June hiatus. April was a very busy month for archeology, both within the state of Texas and at the national level. NTAS members attended the Council of Texas Archeologists meeting in the middle of the month where a new set of reporting standards was voted on and adopted by the Texas Historical Commission. The Society for American Archaeology conference returned to New Orleans for an exciting weekend of archeology, po-boys, and I hope at least a little crawfish. The month ended with the Caddo Conference at the University of Arkansas and the Texas Archeological Society's Ceramics Academy at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge. I had the pleasure of being an instructor for that academy and NTAS was well represented in the audience and as the local heartbeat of the academy via the Local Arrangements Committee. A big thank you to Stephen Lowe, Tommy and Cyndi Standefer, and Glen Lee for all their help with the academy. It truly could not have been as successful as it was without you all.

Of course, our busy month of archeology kicked off with a wonderful presentation from Mike McBride at our April 11th meeting. Mike is leading some pretty impressive work at the Crying Woman Ranch in Kerr



County and those in the audience were able to see his even more impressive knapping skills on display. Mike took us from Belize to Kerr County up to and including sharing results of work that had just wrapped up the week before he joined us. If you missed his presentation, it is available on [YouTube](#).

If you have not signed up for the TAS Annual Field School in Nacogdoches, [registration is open](#). A general reminder that NTAS offers scholarships for the field school and the [applications are open](#) to anyone who would like to apply. So, if you, or someone you know, would like to attend the field school and need some support to do so, please apply today. In addition to TAS Field School, NTAS will once again be par-

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icipating at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center's kids' archeology camp from June 25-28. NTAS needs volunteers to help set up the excavation units the morning of June 25th, to help with supervision of excavations on June 26th and 27th, and to demonstrate corn grinding, rabbit stick throwing, pinch pot making, and atlatl throwing on June 28th. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact [Gen Freix](#).

We are excited to welcome Vicky Roberts for our May 9th meeting. Vicky will be presenting "Unexpected Finds: A Study of Incised Designs found in a D-shaped Temple Complex at Huaca del Loro, Nasca, Peru". Vicky has a wealth of experience in rock art research in the state of Texas but will be presenting on current research she's conducting in Peru in support of a graduate degree from Texas State. We are excited to host Vicky and we hope everyone can join us! The May 9th 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 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. As a general reminder, this will be our last meeting for the first half of the year. We will take a break in June and be back on July 11th.

Allen Rutherford

May Speaker: Vicky Roberts

Unexpected Finds: A Study of Incised Designs found in a D-shaped Temple Complex at Huaca del Loro, Nasca, Peru

With the discovery of a Wari D-Shaped structure and other adjacent architectural structures in 2019, the 2022 field season at Huaca del Loro focused on excavation of the Wari complex. Wari occupation takes place from AD 678 to about AD 1139. Well preserved plaster still remained on many of the walls and floor of the structures and closer examination of some of the walls revealed unexpected incised designs. In total we identified at least seven quadrupedal zoomorphic figures and many other sets of deeply incised lines within two main areas of the complex. This presentation summarizes the attributes of these unusual zoomorphic figures and explores what these incised images can tell us about interactions between coastal and highland societies of Peru.

Vicky Roberts is currently the Rock Art liaison for the Texas Archeological Society, a Senior Archaeological Technician with Terracon Consultants Inc., and a graduate student at Texas State University. Her focus is on lithic technologies of the hunter-gatherers in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. Previously she worked for Shumla Archaeological Research and Education Center as an archaeologist and the outdoor coordinator for 8 years.



Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

June: No Meeting (TAS Field School)
July 11th: Robyn Dodge (Hun Tun, Belize)
August 8th: Amy Bluemel (Chickasaw Nation Storyteller)

An Evening with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Archeologists

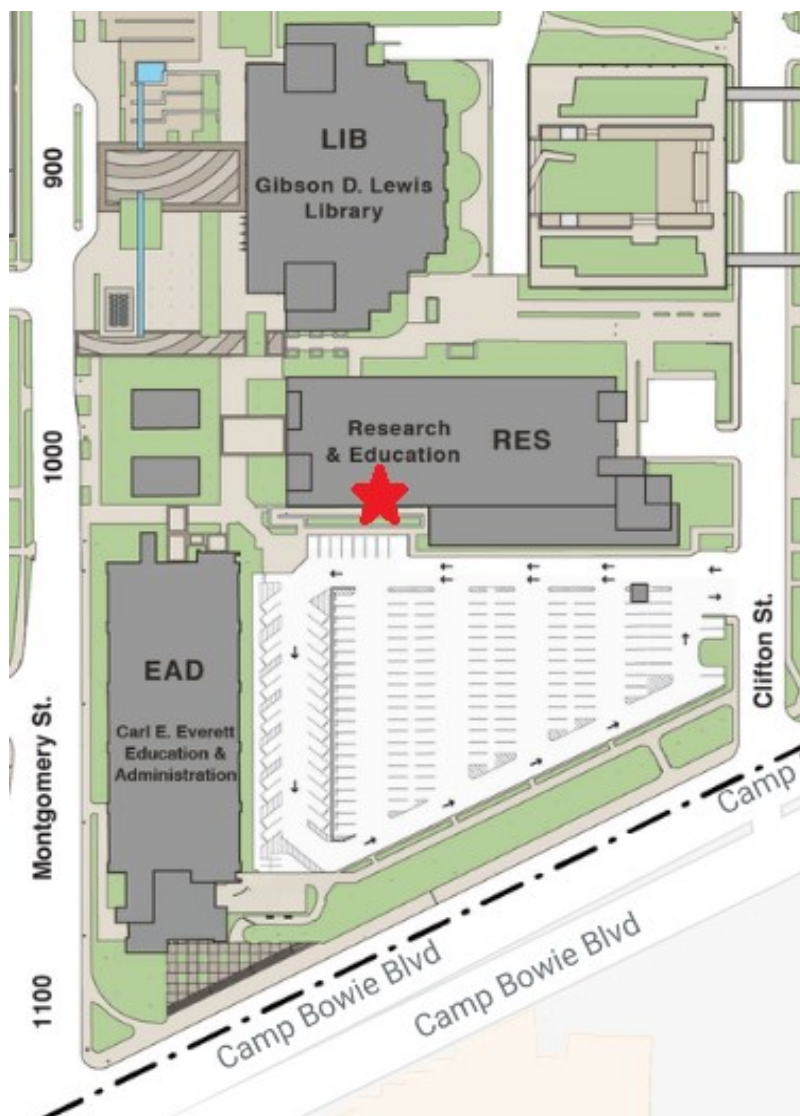
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Current and former USACE archeologists are scheduled to participate in a panel discussion at the November 14, 2024 NTAS meeting. In advance of this program we want to ask the membership to consider and submit (to info@ntxas.org) discussion topics on the **USACE**, and especially the role USACE archeologists play in protecting and managing archeological resources. Having these discussion topics in advance of the November meeting will help guide the program, which will be a panel discussion with the NTAS membership as opposed to a set presentation. We look forward to receiving your discussion topics and questions and to hosting Arlo McKee, Skipper Scott, Jay Newman, and others on November 14!

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.



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!](#)

Archeological Events & Opportunities

Pompeii: The Immortal City Exhibit

March 30-June 23, 2024

Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX

Through a world-class multi-media experience, journey back in time with the AMA to Rome just before, during, and after the fateful eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Hear and feel the roar of the volcano erupting while you take in the wonder of original artworks and newly-discovered artifacts.

Fort Worth Westerners Zoom Programs

Third Tuesday of the Month

Zoom

If you are not a FW Westerner member, click [here](#) to request access to the zoom meetings as a guest.

May 21 - *Great Western Trail: 150 Years of Conflict* by Sylvia Mahoney, President West Texas Historical Association, FW Westerners Member

June 18 - *Truth, Myth, and Consequences: Adobe Walls at 150 Years* by Michael Grauer, Curator National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, FW Westerners Member

July 16 - *Southwest Train Robberies: Hijacking the Tracks Along the Southern Corridor* by author Doug Hocking, Cochise County Westerners

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site Reopening Event

10am-3pm, May 18, 2024

Alto, TX

Following its near-total destruction after a tornado in 2019, Caddo Mounds State Historic Site will celebrate its official reopening on Saturday, May 18. The ribbon-cutting ceremony commences at 11:30 a.m. with speakers reflecting on the importance of restoring the site and the resiliency of the Caddo Nation.

SMU Lab Days

9am-5pm, May 25, 2024

Dallas, TX

Assist in organizing, cataloging, and re-bagging artifacts from the 1971 TAS Field School. For more information or to sign-up, contact [Brian Luetchford](#).

TAS Field School

June 8-15, 2024

Nacogdoches, TX

The week-long program offers activities and learning opportunities for all ages and experience levels, including excavation techniques, survey and laboratory methods, and special training for newcomers and teachers. The TAS website contains detailed information about what to expect at field school and specifics about this year's archeological goals.

Doss Kids Camp

June 25-28, 2024

Weatherford, TX

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TAS 95th Annual Meeting

October 25-27, 2024

Victoria, TX

The Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB) at Victoria College and the Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT) are official hosts for the 95th TAS Annual Meeting. Guest speakers will be Texas' State Archeologist Dr. Brad Jones for the Friday Public Forum and Dr. Leland C. Bement, Senior Researcher at the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey at the University of Oklahoma, for the Saturday evening Banquet.

Bolivar Archeology Video Now Online

Doug Boyd

We are excited to share that a new Bolivar Archaeological Project video just went live on our Stantec website! The star of this film is Howard Clark, the great, great-grandson of the blacksmith Tom Cook. For those of you who didn't get to meet Howard in the field, he is an amazing guy, and since rediscovering the fact that Tom Cook was a freedman blacksmith, Howard is now an accomplished blacksmithing student!

Here is the link to the [video](#) on our company webpage to share:

Also, here is a link to a [journal article](#) titled: *At the Intersections of History Collaborative, Public Archaeology of the Nineteenth-Century Tom Cook Blacksmith Shop along the Chisholm Trail in Bolivar, Texas*

Thanks so much for the interest and support in spreading the word of the history of Tom Cook and the Bolivar Archaeological Project. We greatly appreciate y'all's work and the Society of Black Archaeologists community.

TAS Ceramics Academy Site Tour at the FWNC&R



TAS Ceramics Academy participants enjoying the tour of archeological sites at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge given by NTAS on Friday, April 26. Photos courtesy of Bret Williamson.

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

Involve NTAS in Your Field, Lab, or Reporting Project

Contact the [Vice President of Projects](#) 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 the [Internet Chair](#). 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 the [Publications Editor](#).

NTAS is now looking for articles to fill the 2024 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 2024 calendar year. For submissions and inquiries regarding the journal, please contact the [Publications Editor](#). The current volume (2023) is available to members by logging in [here](#). A digital copy of Volume I is available to the public [here](#), and physical copies are available for purchase on [Amazon](#).

North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) Membership Application Form

(renew online by clicking above)

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City\State\Zip _____ Email _____

Membership Type and Fees (Membership Term: January to December)

Choose One:

Individual Membership - \$20

Family Membership - \$25

Total Family Members _____

Student Membership – \$10 (18 or older student with minimum half-time course load. Those under 18 must contact NTAS in advance of applying.)

Choose One:

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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: \$ _____

Where should your donation go? General Fund Memorial Scholarship Fund BaahKu Project

Would you like to remain anonymous? Yes No

Media Release: I/We DO -or- DO NOT [circle as appropriate] give permission to NTAS to use my/our image (photographs and/or video) in any NTAS publications, website, or social media.

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!

Alex Barker
James Byrne
Mike McBride
Katey Pirot
Liz Ringo
Eli Scott
Lance Tahmahkera

Donors

Kim A. Wright — *General Fund*
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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.

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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.

July Newsletter: June 27

August Newsletter: July 25

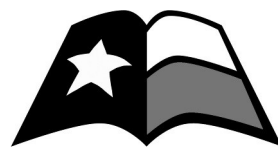
September Newsletter: August 29

October Newsletter: September 26

November Newsletter: October 31

December Newsletter: November 28

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