



## Tarrant County Archeological Society

### President's Message

Thank you TCAS members and guests for being so generous at our last monthly meeting. When the Board decided to "pass the hat" to raise money for TCC and Weatherford College students' TCAS memberships we hoped we'd raise \$50.00. Well, we did significantly better, raising \$110.00 which will be used to pay the \$10.00 TCAS membership fee so these students can participate in the Newberry Cabin excavation and get hands-on experience in Archeology. We were able to close a couple of units and open some new units in the footprint of the kitchen structure which has long since been destroyed. Our two day excavation over March 23-24 included 4-5 students each day; it always rewarding and fun to see their enthusiasm and budding interest for Archeology.

Our other Weatherford College related project, the mammoth preservation has four dates set for April. Those are April 13, 14, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting project, which has received a lot of publicity and is led by TCAS member Lori Gouge,



**Chris Meis, President**

head of the Geology Department at Weatherford College.

If you have not yet been to the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin, it is definitely worth a trip to see Texas' heritage on display. Our planned tour of La Salle's La Belle shipwreck and associated artifacts is an added incentive to make the trip. The tour will be conducted by Amy Borgens, State Marine Archeologist and is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

Admission fees are being waived for us, but the tour is limited to 25 people. There will be a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting, and there are still plenty of spots available, so make sure to get your name on the list if you are

interested.

Our return trip to Camp Wood for the 2018 TAS Field School is fast approaching and the registration form is on-line at their website (<https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/188>)

I am starting the process of assigning crews next week, so if you are not sure where you would like to volunteer this year, let me know and I will give you my insight. We had over 300 participants last year and I think everyone is looking forward to the interesting archeology, scenery and cool waters of the Nueces river, so I expect that we will have another good turn-out for June 9-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

TCAS has agreed to sponsor five student scholarships to Field School this year, so if you know of deserving students or teachers who might be interested, encourage them to get their application submitted by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Applications are on-line at our TCAS website.

If you are unable to attend the TAS Field School in June, there is an opportunity to participate in Dr. Ashley Lemke's UTA field school being held May 15-30 on the Way Ranch in San Marcos, Texas. All this fun comes with 3 hours credit in Anthropology, ANTH 4398. For more information, contact Dr. Lemke

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**May Speakers: Charles Koenig and Amanda Castaneda**

### 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)

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

April Speaker: Sarah Linden, Marine Archeologist

The TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) will welcome Sarah Linden as the featured speaker for the April 12th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

BIO: A native Texan, Sarah holds a B.A. in History from Texas A&M University and a M.A. in Historical Archaeology from the University of West Florida. She has worked on projects in Florida, North Carolina, Sweden, Malta and now Texas. She is just beginning her third year at the Texas Historical Commission in the Marine Archeology Program as a Marine Archeologist and the Diving Safety Officer.



Sarah Linden

Abstract: The oldest shipwrecks in the United States are two small separate Spanish fleets off the coasts of Florida and Texas. The discovery of the 1554 Spanish plate fleet off of Padre Island, Texas directly influenced enactment of Texas' first antiquities law and was one of the first scientific underwater investigations conducted in the United States. The Emmanuel Point wrecks in Pensacola Bay are significant as evidence of the first Spanish colonial enterprise in Florida. These shipwrecks, differing by only 5 years in age, closely link these two Gulf states with some of the best Spanish colonial artifacts of this period in the country. Now as an archeologist at the Texas Historical Commission, Sarah Linden has traveled full circle in her underwater Spanish colonial experience, having worked on the Emmanuel Point Shipwreck Project in the past and now as a member of the THC investigative team in the new chapter for the 1554 Shipwreck Project at its semicentennial.

Learn more about the protracted legal battle fought by the State of Texas that resulted in the passage of the Texas Antiquities Bill of 1969, as well as the 1554 ships, cargo, and their last dispositions at Handbook of Texas Online, J. Barto Arnold III and Melinda Arceneaux Wickman, "Padre Island Spanish Shipwrecks of 1554," at http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/etpfe.



Astrolabes, coins, and other objects recovered from the shipwrecks of April, 1554. Photo: National Park Service at https://www.nps.gov/pais/learn/historyculture/1554-1.htm



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(Ashley.lemke@uta.edu).

Thanks to Larry Borne, Roger Fry, Bryan and Carol Jameson, and Art Tawater for suppling refreshments this month, to Mike Shannon for coffee production, and another thank you to Bryan Jameson for his on-going work to secure great-speakers for our meetings. This month's speaker is Sarah Linden, Marine Archeologist and Dive Safety Officer with the Texas Historical Commission. Sarah will be speaking about the Spanish Colonial shipwrecks at our April Meeting.

Hope to see you at our meeting on April 12, 2018.

Welcome to new TCAS members!

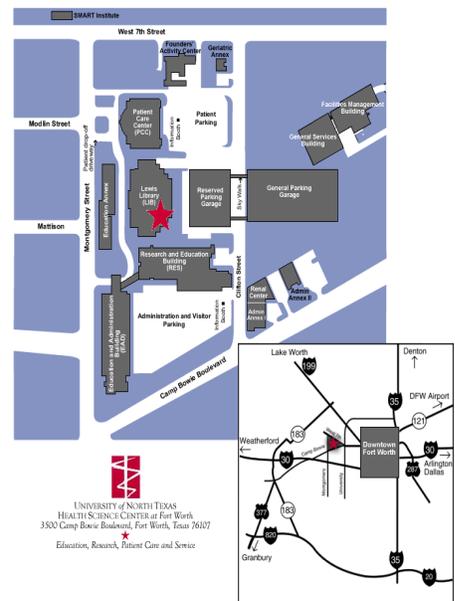
Welcome to our newest TCAS members: Nathan Banks, Kathryn Banks, Bryn Banks, Shelbi Burgett, Ashley Green and Van Hunn. We're delighted that you have decided to join TCAS and look forward to getting to know you!

Update your calendar: TCAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

- May 10th: Charles Koenig and Amanda Castaneda
July 12th: TBA August 9th: TBA
September 13th: Brad Jones
October 11th: Jeff Durst
November 8th: Dr. Ashley Lemke



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.



## Newberry Cabin Historic Site: Recent Excavation History

By *Katrina Nuncio*

The strange weather we are experiencing this spring is playing havoc with the excavation days I planned at the beginning of the spring semester. To avoid the rain and still be productive, on March 2 instead of excavating at the Cabin, Amanda Edwards from the Doss Heritage and Culture Center of Weatherford visited my class at Weatherford College. Amanda gave us a wonderful presentation on museum curation practices which differ from our archeology curation practices. Chris Meis and I learned that the Doss prefers that we do no cleaning of the artifacts we are recovering at the Cabin. Learning this fact will certainly speed up our processing the artifacts when we finally do get to spend some time in the lab.

We have been able to get in the field and excavate on March 16, 23 and 24. Of course my standard TCAS excavation crew of Chris Meis, Art Tawater, Bret Williamson, Mike Shannon, and Lori Gouge were there along with Gen Freix, Daniel Davenport, Andrea Johnson, Jose Garcia, Sonny Wheeler, Lloyd Erwin and granddaughter Caroline. Much to our surprise and pleasure, we had a star appearance from one of our long time TCAS members when Ona B Reed came out for a visit! My five students from Weatherford College, and two students from my Tarrant County College Introduction to Archeology class were also at the site. Everyone's help is always greatly appreciated and much needed so even if you can't excavate, please just drop by and we will give you a short tour of the site and visit for a little bit.

If you will remember from my last update, I wrote about the woman visiting us who lived at the Cabin when she was a child and shared details from the past about the Cabin. Her telling us about the kitchen addition and the fence on the north side of the Cabin has proved to be very helpful. We already had two large pieces of flat stone exposed in one unit, and with the above knowledge, we opened up three more 2 X 2 units and the two pieces of flat stone turned into a stepping stone path to the north from the kitchen area. Late in the day on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Lori Gouge was excavating in a unit that we think would have been underneath the kitchen area and found our first intact glass bottle of a cobalt blue color. We can't wait to get back out there and see what else this area is going to reveal to us! Please look for pictures of the blue bottle, stone path and some of our crew further in this newsletter.

**The following days are currently scheduled at the Newberry Cabin for excavation.** Please note the change from the previous schedule that April 20 is a Friday and at the request of my Weatherford students, this will be an excavation day not a lab day. I am hoping to get in a couple of more excavation days in May before we all head to TAS field school, but we will look at those days later in the month.

**April:** 4/06, Friday, 9:00 a.m.; 4/20, Friday, 9:00 a.m.; 4/21, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

**May:** 5/05, Saturday, 9:00 a.m

Directions to the site will be available at our monthly meetings or I can email you a copy.

When the Newberry Cabin is relocated to the Pioneer Cabin Park at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center (DHCC) in Weatherford, it will join the McDonald Cabin, which was moved to the park on September 14, 2017.



Newberry Cabin Photo by Gen Freix

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# Newberry Cabin Historic Site: Recent Photos



Part of the TCAS crew (l-r): Sonny, Chris, Lori, Jose, Gen, Art and Ona B.

Photo by Katrina Nuncio



Kitchen walkway

Photos by Gen Freix



The blue bottle in situ



Lori, Katrina, Ona B. and Sonny

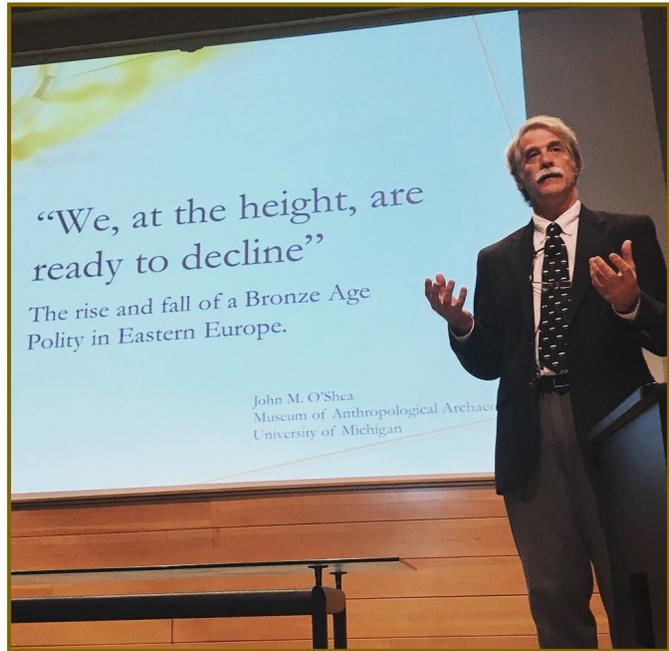
Check out the TCAS website for more Newberry photos by Gen: [www.tarrantarch.org](http://www.tarrantarch.org)



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## Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture Series

Thanks and bravo to Ben and Trudy Termini for their continued support and sponsorship of the Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture Series at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. John O'Shea was the guest lecturer for the 2018 event, which was the 18th in the Series. Dr. O'Shea is the Curator of Great Lakes Archaeology at the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA), and the *Emerson F. Greenman Collegiate Professor of Archaeology* in the Department of Anthropology. He received his PhD in Prehistoric Archaeology at Cambridge University in 1979. In addition to underwater research, he is active in terrestrial archaeology in the Great Lakes region and in the Bronze Age of Eastern Europe.



**Dr. John O'Shea** Photo by Ashley Lemke

## Earth Day: April 22nd

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The World's Largest Environmental Experience

**Eco Expo**

April 20-22  
Fair Park  
Dallas, TX

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Earth Day 2018 Campaign



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**From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet. Learn how to chart and then reduce your plastic footprint at the Earth Day Network at**

**<https://www.earthday.org/earthday/>**

## TCAS Field Trip: Guided Tour of the *La Belle*

Join us on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, for a special tour of the *La Belle* Exhibit at the Bullock Museum. The address for the Bullock Museum is 1800 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. The museum opens at noon and we will meet there at noon. Amy Borgens, the State Marine Archaeologist and Admiral in the Texas Navy, will give us a tour of the exhibit and a tour of the artifacts in storage awaiting the final exhibit redesign. Amy is a co-author on the book *La Belle, The Archaeology of a Seventeenth-Century Vessel of New World Colonization*, Texas A&M Press, 2017. **Be sure to sign-up at the April 12th TCAS meeting.**

**Before you go, check out more of the story of La Salle, the *La Belle*, and the archeological work done in Matagorda Bay at The Texas Historical Commission webpage, <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/archeology/la-salle-archeology-projects>**

## Archeobotany Academy in Alpine Event Dates: April 28–29, 2018

**Event is full! If you wish to be placed on a waiting list, add your name at <https://txarch.org/civicrm/event/register?id=186&reset=1>**

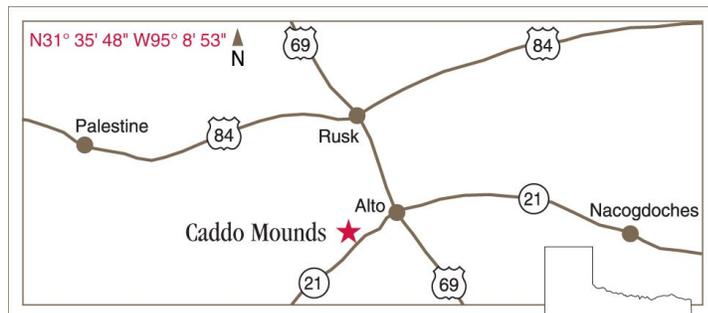


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## Caddo Culture Day

**From the CMSHS newsletter:** Please join us on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. as we celebrate Caddo Culture Day. Visitors will experience Caddo culture through a number of activities including a live performance of Caddo Indian music and dance. Other activities include: talks about Caddo culture, guided hikes, children’s activities, exhibits by Caddo artists, and more.

More than 1,200 years ago, a group of Caddo Indians known as the Hasinai built a village 26 miles west of present-day Nacogdoches. The site was the southwestern-most ceremonial center for the great Mound Builder culture. Today, three earthen mounds still rise from the lush Pineywoods landscape, where visitors discover the everyday life and the history of this ancient civilization.

For more information, go to [visitcaddomounds.com](http://visitcaddomounds.com)

*Thanks to Katrina Nuncio for sharing this event info!*

# TCAS: Preserving the Past for the Future

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**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.

April 2018

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

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

Type of Membership and Fee

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