

The NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS) meeting for October will be on Zoom only.

NTAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

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President's Message

Happy Texas Archeology Month, NTAS!

I hope that you enjoyed the September 9th program with Dr. Ashley Lemke. Approximately 55 folks joined the monthly NTAS program to learn about Dr. Lemke's archeological research on sites underwater at Lake Huron that date to 9,000 years in age. We learned about some of the difficulties with deep and cold underwater archeological sites, but that the preservation of some organic materials are spectacular. It was very exciting to learn about the obsidian artifacts that Dr. Lemke and her team sourced to a location thousands of kilometers from the archeological site! And always a tremendous presenter, she fielded plenty of questions from the audience. The September 9th program was recorded and is available on the NTAS YouTube channel: https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UChDKM9I3UdiYizPyG3duohQ/ featured.

I am very proud of the hard work that Bret Williamson, Dana Ritchie, and Ray Wallace put into conducting NTAS projects over the past month at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge and at the Joe Reed site (41PR223) in Parker County. Bret and Dana completed site documentation for the Eagle Eye (41TR333) and El Chignon (41TR335) sites to obtain



trinomials from the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory. Ray developed the GIS maps for all three sites and completed documentation for the Joe Reed site. NTAS is fortunate that one of his many talents is GIS guru. Congrats to all three of these fine folks for their articles in this month's newsletter (thank you!).

More action over the past month occurred when the Tarrant County Courthouse ad hoc committee met on September 17th. The committee Chair, and Tarrant County Historical Commission Chairman, Bill Perdue met everyone and led a visit to the Tarrant County Archives along with the 1895 Room and Annex at the courthouse. Much brainstorming occurred during this productive visit.

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President's Message

NTAS is very happy to participate in the development of displays for the courthouse museum on the prehistory and history of Tarrant County.

Also, on September 25th NTAS Historian Ms. Linda Lang coordinated a visit to the UT Arlington Special Collections where members of the Executive Committee met with UTA staff to discuss the possibility of housing the NTAS archives in this prestigious and archival quality library (stay tuned!).

Please consider volunteering for the incredible field opportunity in this newsletter by Chris Meis on behalf of the Gault School of Archeological Research (GSAR) and other volunteers located in Mills County. For those who have been itching to gain more field, lab, and other archeological experience this is a great opportunity!

Since last newsletter Annaliese Sonntag resigned as Internet Chair and the Executive Committee is seeking someone to fill the vacancy and serve out the remainder of the term (December 2022). If interested to work with the Executive Committee in this role please send an email to president@ntxas.org.

Registration is open for the Texas Archeological Society's (TAS) 92nd Annual Meeting which will be virtual on October 22- Photo courtesy of Bill Perdue 23, 2021. And scholarship opportunities are available via TAS and NTAS. Please visit the TAS website for registration and other details (https://www.txarch.org/).

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Tarrant County Courthouse ad hoc committee in the 1895 Room museum.

The NTAS Executive Committee decided to continue holding the monthly meetings via Zoom until the current COVID-19 rates have improved. We will notify the membership once we have decided to return to in-person meetings. Our October guest speaker Mr. Allen Rutherford of AR Consultants, Inc will present via Zoom on a Caddo archeological site within the Bois d'Arc Lake project in northeast Texas. It will be interesting to learn about one of the largest ongoing archeological projects in the state of Texas. Look forward to seeing you there on the 14th! Jimmy Barrera

From the Archives

Linda Lang

For October, we feature another document from the early days of our organization, The Local Archeological Society: An Outline Guide to Its Formation, Organization, Function, & Problems by Richard E. Johnson recorded on March 14, 1956. Johnson stated that the original purpose of this publication was to outline problems the early society had experienced; however, by Johnson's own assertions, it expanded the scope of the task to include a variety of



topics, such as member vetting and retention, society function and purpose, operating committees, meeting structure, and many other interesting details. You really should check out this hidden gem of our collection! If you wish to access this resource, let me know! Email Linda Lang at lottlang@gmail.com.

In other (and very exciting!) news from the archives, NTAS is currently working with the University of Texas at Arlington to transfer our archive holdings to their Special Collections. This will make our collection more readily available to society members and preserve our organization's legacy. We welcome continued donations to the collection.

Check back next month for what might come next...from the archives!

October Speaker: Allen Rutherford

Archaeological Investigations at Site 41FN178 in the Bois d'Arc Lake Project Area, Fannin County, Texas

Site 41FN178 is a sprawling, multi-component Caddo site located in the footprint of the Bois d'Arc Lake project in northeast Fannin County, Texas. The site consists of three distinct activity areas within which a range of activities associated with occupation occurred. These activities included camping, mammal processing, and stone tool retouching, among others. Radiocarbon dates and the artifact assemblage suggest the site was occupied during the Formative Caddo Period (AD 800-1000). It is likely the occupations during this period are local groups whose subsistence practices were adapted specifically to the available resources in the Bois d'Arc Creek floodplain. The presence of Sanders Slipped ceramics suggests a reoccupation during the Middle Caddo Period (AD 1200-1400). This talk will discuss the results of Phase II work at the site and some preliminary interpretations of the Phase III data collection project.



Allen Rutherford is a Principal Investigator at AR Consultants, Inc in Richardson. He has been involved in archaeological projects in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas including survey of oil, gas, and water pipelines, urban developments, and parks. He specializes in ceramic and spatial analyses. For the last two years, he has led field crews conducting Phase II and III work for the Bois d'Arc Lake project in Fannin County, Texas. In addition to his current work, he has worked on archaeological projects in Turkey and New Mexico and is currently in the process of concluding a long term project in coastal Peru.

Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

November 11th: Marybeth Tomka (Artifacts & Records in a Repository)

December 4th: Annual Christmas Party (TBD — see below)

January 13th: Robert Denkhaus (Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge)

We would like to gauge the membership's interest in having a Christmas Party this year. If it takes place, it will be on December 4th, to avoid conflicting with some of the Society's field efforts. **Please contact Paula Vastine** (paulavastine@gmail.com) to make your voice known.

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Archeological Events & Announcements

Compiled by Molly Hall with contributions by James Everett and Skipper Scott

The Archaeological Conservancy Fall Lecture Series

Fall 2021

Virtual and Free https://www

https://www.archaeologicalconservancy.org/virtual-lectures-2021-fall/

October 7 — Archaeology at Lyon's Bluff Past, Present, and Future

October 28 — The Curious Case of Colorado Cannibal Alfred Packer

November 18 — The Moon's Tears Fell on Cahokia

Past lecture series and lectures (including one from September 2021 on the Gault site) are available on the same website.

Kimbell Museum Film Series

October 10, 2021, 2pm

Forth Worth, TX Free, Kahn Auditorium, https://kimbellart.org/event/hispanic-heritage-month-l

Maya Astrology: An Instrument of Political Power (2016, 26 min.)

Teotihuacan: The Birth of a Metropolis (2018, 26 min.)

TAS 92nd Annual Meeting

October 22-23, 2021

Virtual See page 10 and the TAS Website for details https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting

TAS Geoarch 201 Academy

March 6-7, 2022

Victoria, TX See page 11 and the TAS Website for details https://www.txarch.org/Geoarcheology-Academy

SAA 87th Annual Meeting

March 30-April 3, 2022

Chicago, IL

Submission Deadline: September 9, 2021 3pm EDT

TAS Lithics Academy

April 23-24, 2022

Austin, TX See page 12 and the TAS Website for details https://www.txarch.org/page-18216

Register Now for the October 22nd and 23rd TAS Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is one of the major fund raising events for TAS, so your participation matters!

https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting

Clovis Field Archeological Excavations

NTAS member Chris Meis is working with Texas Archeology Stewards on a project in Mills County at the Barnett Clovis Field. They have begun excavations of more than 100 targets identified during a ground-penetrating radar survey of the site. The site on the ranch can be driven to easily and camping is available. **NTAS will be supporting this research with excavation days on December 11th and 12th.** All levels of experience are welcome!

Excavation is also planned for October 9th and 10th, and more dates will be scheduled in the future. Look for more information in next month's newsletter, or reach out to Chris Meis (lptmeis@sbcglobal.net) if you just can't wait!

Artifact Collections at Dallas College

NTAS has an opportunity to help examine, sort and set up learning activities at the Richland campus of Dallas College on two donated collections - one is lithics from Central Texas, and one includes mainly Southwestern ceramics. We are currently looking at two dates for this project - Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. Participants may attend one or both days. Interested members should contact Tim Sullivan at secretary@ntxas.org for more information

NTAS Executive Committee Voting Items

A new feature in the newsletter is the publication of all Executive Committee voting items. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the membership, and minutes from the meetings can be obtained from the President or Secretary.

The following items passed via vote during the October 5, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting.

-Development of the NTAS Awards Committee (an ad hoc committee). Please let the President (president@ntxas.org) know if you are interested in serving on this committee

-Transfer the NTAS archives to the UTA Special Collections by early December 2021. Please consider donating to the archives and visiting the Special Collections! See the From the Archives on page 3 and contact the Historian (lottlang@gmail.com) if you have NTAS documents to donate.

-Remove the option for paper newsletter from the Membership Form and Website, and replace it with language to contact the Publications Editor or Secretary for the cost.

33rd Texas Archeology Month

October is Texas Archeology month and Skipper Scott provided this wonderful photo from 1988 when the proclamation was signed.



Standing (L-R): Ms. Teddy Lou Stickney, Ms. Pat Mercado-Allinger (Texas Historical Commission), Ms. Bonnie McKee, Dr. Robert Mallouf (State Archeologist), Mr. Skipper Scott (CTA), Mr. James Walker (Archeological Conservancy), and Dr. Curtis Tunnell (State Historic Preservation Officer). Seated: Governor Bill Clements.

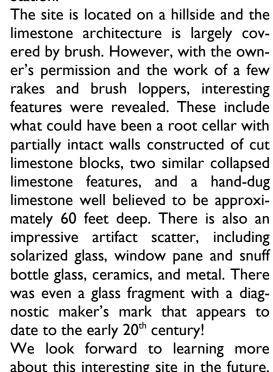
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Joe Reed Site Recording

Ray Wallace

On August 28, 2021, NTAS members Jimmy Barrera, Bret Williamson, and Jerry Grubis led NTAS volunteers Josh Haefner, Phillip Darce, Dylan Holubar, and Ray Wallace to record a historic site on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed (Joe Reed Site/41PR223). This exciting historic site in Parker County could be associated with the now largely abandoned mid-19th to early-20th century community of Veal's

Station.



We look forward to learning more about this interesting site in the future. Much appreciation goes to Jerry Grubis for reporting this site to NTAS and to the Reed family for allowing this recording effort!



Ray Wallace (left) and Dylan Holubar recording the Joe Reed site (41PR223). Photo by J. Barrera



Left: Historic ceramics and glass. Right: Historic glass including bottle base. Photos by J. Barrera.



Possible root cellar at Joe Reed site (41PR223). Photo by R. Wallace.

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The Eagle Eye and El Chignon Sites

Bret Williamson and Dana Ritchie

On August 27, NTAS returned to the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge (FWNCR) to record two more archeological sites! Bret Williamson along with Morgan Beck, Phillip Darce, Dylan Holubar and Ashley Green recorded the "Eagle Eye" site (41TR333). The site is named for Dana Ritchie's success at finding artifacts there on the "recon" visit in July. This historic site has a scatter of plain whiteware ceramic and glass (including a small quantity of solarized purple glass), a small quantity of mussel shell, a man made depression that may have been a cellar, and the remains of a wagon/farm implement, and scattered metal refuse. The wagon/farm implement is puzzling, and may have been repurposed, as a newer looking drive shaft is nearby, and it has rubber tires on wheels that appear to be more recent than the body. This site is very possibly affiliated with the historic component of 41TR118, which is nearby.



Eagle Eye site (41TR333). Photos by Bret Williamson.





Jimmy Barrera, Royce Baker, Lori Connolley, Carolyn Coughlin, Dana Ritchie and Ray Wallace recorded the "El Chignon" site (41TR335) at FWNCR. This possible Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) site has the remains of a potential bathroom and dump along with two fire rings. Interesting artifacts found include fragments of glass bottles, stoneware, and flatware, concrete piping, a sanitary can, steel fan blade and bone with saw marks. This morning of recording was a great success due to all participants' interest and enthusiasm, and the fact that everyone contributed meaningful information to the site forms.



Artifacts from the El Chignon site (41TR335). Photos by J. Barrera.



El Chignon site (41TR335). Photo by Jimmy Barrera.

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THE 92ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS A *VIRTUAL* GO IN October 2021!!!

Linda Gorski and Bob Sewell

The TAS Board of Directors and the Local Arrangements Committee for the 92nd Annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Society have confirmed that there **WILL** be a TAS annual meeting October 22 – 23 this year. This meeting will be held virtually Friday afternoon, October 22 and all day Saturday, October 23, via Zoom and YouTube Livestream.

On Friday night, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Professional archeologist **Douglas K. Boyd, Senior Archeologist with Cox|McLain Environmental Consultants** will be the Public Forum Speaker for the 92nd annual meeting. His fabulous presentation will highlight a recent archeological project in downtown Houston entitled **BRICKS, BOTTLES, AND BONES AT FROST TOWN:** *Historic Archeology of a 140-year-old Working-Class Houston Neighborhood.*

Our featured Saturday evening, October 23, 6:30 p.m. speaker will be **Dr. Carolyn Boyd**, **Shumla Endowed Research Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Texas State University and founder of a nonprofit organization, Shumla Archaeological Research and Education Center**. Dr. Boyd will present a program presenting the preliminary findings generated by her latest research project, "Origins and Tenacity of Myth in Archaic Period Rock Art of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands," funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As most of you have noted during the past year when attending other virtual meetings, there are several benefits to registrants for an online event:

Value! Normal expenses for travel, accommodation and food are not necessary this year, opening the opportunity for attendance to virtually every interested TAS member. Your registration fee will give you full access to the entire meeting.

Virtual! Connect from anywhere! The technological advancement in the modern world has improved the internet connection such that users on the web can connect and interact from any part of the world. Finally, our out of state and even out of country members can enjoy our annual meeting with the rest of us!

Variety! You can pick and choose from a wide variety of online topics and sit in on those virtual meetings from the comfort of your own home.

Voice! You will have an opportunity for interaction and question and answer periods with speakers and other members of TAS.

en**Vironment!** Since virtual meeting systems work on green technology, organizations and businesses reduce the amount of carbon in the environment. This environment-friendly communication method reduces travel and paper printing!

Viewing Parties! Get together with friends from your neck of the woods to attend this meeting virtually – sort of like Tailgating for Archeology! These Watch Parties will be especially fun for the evening talks by Doug Boyd and Carolyn Boyd.

TAS members will be receiving frequent updates about presentations, topics and speakers. Registration forms for the 2021 TAS Annual meeting are now available on the TAS website. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this meeting, please contact LAC co-chairman Linda Gorski at president@txhas.org.

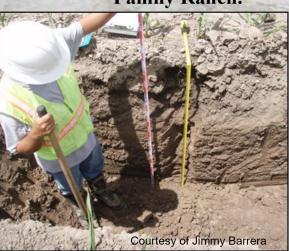
Texas Archeological Society's Geoarcheology 201 Academy, Victoria

March 4&5 and March 6&7, 2022

In partnership with the Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team, the Museum of the Coastal Bend, Victoria College, and McNeill Family Ranch

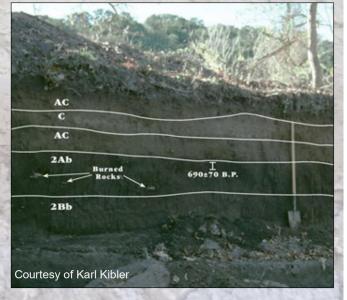
Advanced geoarcheology course is offered both March 4&5 or March 6&7 with a short classroom session followed by two days in the field with an experienced team of geoarcheologists. Participants will document, analyze, and interpret soil profiles in a variety of landscape settings and then compare with the descriptions and analysis from the instructors. Learn to interpret landscapes, utilize geoarcheological reports and experts for projects. The Academy will be held at Victoria College with the majority







Courtesy of Pam Wheat-Stranahan



To Register, visit: https://www.txarch.org/Academies

Scholarship Opportunities: https://www.txarch.org/TAS-Scholarships-Overview

Registration Fee: \$250 plus TAS membership. CPE credits available.

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Texas Archeological Society's Lithics Academy, Austin, Texas

April 23-24, 2022

Learn to identify stone artifacts, how they are produced, and interpreting stone artifacts and patterns in the archeological record. The course will include a overview of stone tools, raw materials, their importance, production and use, and contribution to the record. Lithics Academy will be held at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin.





To Register, visit: https://www.txarch.org/Academies

Scholarship Opportunities: https://txarch.org/TAS-Scholarships-Overview

Registration Fee: \$100 plus TAS membership. CPE credits available.

Photo sources: Texas Beyond History and Katrina Nuncio

Several major retailers have included NTAS in their rewards programs. **There is no cost to you**, but NTAS benefits from your shopping!

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Welcome, New Members!

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David Ferring
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Jules Pavliska
Alexandra Ponette
Hannah Rainey
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NTAS Aims & Objectives

The purposes of the Society are

- (I) 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.

We Need YOUR Help!

There are numerous ways we would love for our members to contribute to NTAS. Just a few are noted here:

Involve NTAS in Your Field, Lab, or Reporting Project

Contact Catrina Whitley (<u>vpofprojects@ntxas.org</u>) if you would like to involve experienced, skilled, and knowledgeable NTAS members in your project.

Contribute Photos and Memories of NTAS Events

Photos are a great way to showcase what NTAS is all about. Please send your images and captions to president@ntxas.org. By providing these photos, please understand they can be used on the NTAS website and social media platforms such as Facebook.

Newsletter Content

Please 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 Molly Hall (publicationseditor@ntxas.org).

Nominate a member for our new member spotlight feature!

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North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) Membership Application Form

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Signature(s)	Date

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!

NTAS - Preserving the Past for the Future

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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 for the rest of 2021 and start of 2022.

November Newsletter: October 28 December Newsletter: November 25 January Newsletter: December 30 February Newsletter: January 27 March Newsletter: February 24

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