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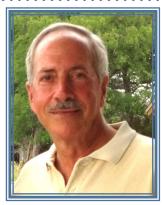


Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

SPRING goes hand-in-hand with the TAS ACADEMIES. I know it's just February and not officially spring but these 75 degree days have me and most of the trees and shrubs confused! The first Academy, Lower Pecos Canyonlands, has come and gone and from all accounts, it was a huge success. It was a unique opportunity to visit the Bonfire Shelter and Eagles Cave before the excavated areas are backfilled. Luckily you still have the chance to enroll in the two upcoming events, the first of which is in our own backyard. The Ceramics Academy (Feb 25-26) is going to be at Fort Richardson State Park in Jacksboro. Mosey on up the Jacksboro Highway with the family and friends; they can hike, bike, fish and tour the fort while you learn about ceramics found on archeological sites. The Technology in Archeology Academy will be coming up on April 29-30 in Fredericksburg.

TCAS is offering scholarships to the academies this year, so please pass the word on to any deserving students. The Ceramics Academy application deadline is 1-30-17, the Technology



Chris Meis, President

Academy deadline is 4-1-17. Scholarship application deadlines and forms are on our website at www.tarrantarch.org.

February also means that it is time to open the pocketbook and pay your TCAS dues. Your dues are what keeps the society afloat in between receiving funds for hosting annual meetings. It is easier than ever to renew your membership on-line via PayPal and, of course, Lloyd Erwin will gladly take your cash or check.

Katrina Nuncio has set several tentative dates for Spring work trips on the Newberry Cabin. There are two set for March and another one scheduled for April. Dates and signup sheets will be provided as we get closer to those times. This project is another reason to

attend the Ceramics Academy! The excavation units at the Newberry Cabin are revealing numerous earthenware and ceramic sherds to identify and catalog.

Your TCAS Board is already working on the 2017 TAS Annual Meeting. Thanks to all of you members who returned your volunteer form and offered to help. We still have lots of unfilled jobs so don't be surprised if you notice some cajoling or pleading by the Local Arrangements Committee in the coming months! This year's meeting should be well attended due to its location, venue and the excellent speakers lined up for Friday and Saturday evenings (more details to follow shortly).

Keep your calendar open for our monthly meeting on February 9th. Our own Larry Borne will share his lifelong interest in Southwest pottery. Besides educating us about the manufacturing process, Larry is bringing many pots from his collection to display.

Hope to see you there!

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!



Upcoming Speakers





March 9: Dr. Ashley Lemke April 13: Dr. Kat Brown May 11: Dr. Mary Black June: No TCAS Meeting

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Website: www.tarrantarch.org Email: info@tarrantarch.org

Member Spotlight

Meet Jesse Clark

By Mike Shannon

Say hello to Jesse Clark. You may have worked with him at one of the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Field Schools between 1979 and 2015. He probably even sharpened your trowel for you.

Jesse was born in Galveston, Texas, but the family moved to Fort Worth soon afterwards. He went to school on the north side of Fort Worth and in the far north side in Diamond Hill. Linda, Jesse's wife, was raised in Dallas near Love Field. Interesting enough her family home site now sits in the middle of one of the runways due to airport expansion. His parents



were A. D. and Willa Clark and he has one brother, Dale.

Jesse continued his post high school education by attending Arlington State College, which later became the University of Texas at Arlington. He also logged some hours at night school at Southern Methodist University and at Dallas Community College.

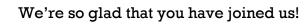
Early employment for Jesse included a college summer work program at General Dynamics on the B-58 bomber. Also while going to school he worked about three years for a vending company. After getting married, he started a career with Texas Instruments that ran from 1958 to 1998. While at T.I., he produced four patents. One patent dealt with semi-conductors he had worked on with others.

Jesse's first interest in archeology came about when he read about digs in the National Geographic magazines. Somewhere along the way, he met a lady named Silvia Sullivan who was a member of the Dallas Archeology Society (DAS). He joined that May and went to his first TAS Field School in June 1979 at Cross Timbers, Texas. He loved the dig and he loved camping. That really hooked him to becoming a long time member of DAS, TAS, and TCAS.

Jesse would like to note that Jim Blanton, then a member of DAS, as well as TAS and TCAS, was very instrumental in his joining TCAS. He enjoys being around all the folks of TAS and TCAS "because of their professionalism and friendliness."

Welcome to new TCAS Members!

Welcome to our newest TCAS members, Lynn Lang and Rachael Williams.

















February Speaker: Larry Borne

The TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(**TCAS**) will welcome TCAS member Larry Borne as the featured speaker for the February 9th meeting. Meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

Larry is married to Sian, his wife of 34 years, and they have two married daughters and four grandchildren. He is a native of Fort Worth, graduating from Carter Riverside HS and UTA. He is a lifetime member of Broadway Baptist Church where he met Sian, is a member of the adult choir, and is the teacher in the Special Needs Sunday School class. He has been an active member of the Navajo Mission trip that goes to Arizona and New Mexico each summer. A retired Professional Landman, Larry now devotes some of his time to oil painting.

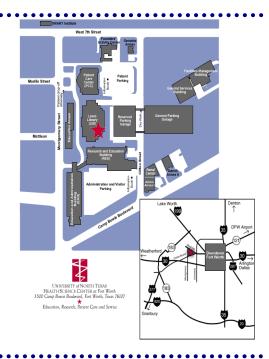
He says his interest in pottery probably started back on a family vacation when he was a child and they went to Mesa Verde. Seeing the ruins, climbing the ladders and seeing the pottery in the museum must have planted a seed for this interest. Long friendships with people like Dr. Bob Coleman, Gene Rainwater, Bob Forrester, Jim Blanton and James Everett were made back in the 70's when TCAS met at the Rock House over on Ripy Street.



Topic: How Native American Pottery is Made

Larry will be showing 30 of the pots in his collection. He will give information regarding the collecting of clay and its preparation for molding the pots and then the painting and firing of them. His travels have taken him to the pueblos and into the homes of several of the potters, getting to talk with them firsthand about their work. Plan now to join us and see these beautiful works of art.

TCAS meets at 7:30 pm 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 5PM) 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.



TCAS 2017-2018 Board Members

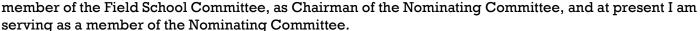
Who's who and what do they do? As a way to welcome our newer members, we are featuring the friendly faces of the TCAS 2017-2018 officers. This is the second installment of this article.

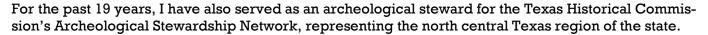
Bryan Jameson, Vice-President

I am a retired engineer from Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth. I retired in 2008, after 40 years of service which included working on numerous military aircraft programs. My wife, Carol Macaulay-Jameson and I have moved to Bosque County and currently live in the country near the town of Meridian.

I have been a member of the Tarrant County Archeological Society (TCAS) for the past 30 years. From 1990 through 1994 I served TCAS as President and from 1987 through 1989 and from 1995 until present I have served as Vice-President. Since 1986, I have also been responsible for the majority of the guest speakers for this society's monthly meetings.

I have also been a member of the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) for the past 30 years and during this time I have served the TAS as President, as Regional Director, as Chairman of the Field School Committee, as a





My interest in archeology started as a young man while growing up in the Panhandle of Texas. It was there that I found my first arrowhead and since that time my interest in Texas archeology has grown considerably. My interest in archeology is not confined to Texas but also extends into New Mexico and the Southwest. Through my involvement with the Tarrant County Archeological Society, the Texas Archeological Society and the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, I have had the pleasure of working with professional and avocational archeologists on numerous projects throughout Texas and New Mexico.



Katrina Nuncio, Immediate Past President

My interest in archeology began very early with my family. I grew up on an eighty acre farm that was located in the Cedar Hill / Duncanville area. As a side bar to archeology, my father and I were always looking for fossils in the limestone creek bed that ran through our property, but my maternal grandmother was the one that would take me hunting for arrowheads. I still have her collection of points that came from both Oklahoma and our property here in Texas.

My love of archeology became serious when I enrolled in a Principles of Archeology class at UT Arlington. This was the major turning point in my life when I switched my major from Accounting to Anthropology. I have been fortunate in that my infatuation with archeology morphed into a teaching career.

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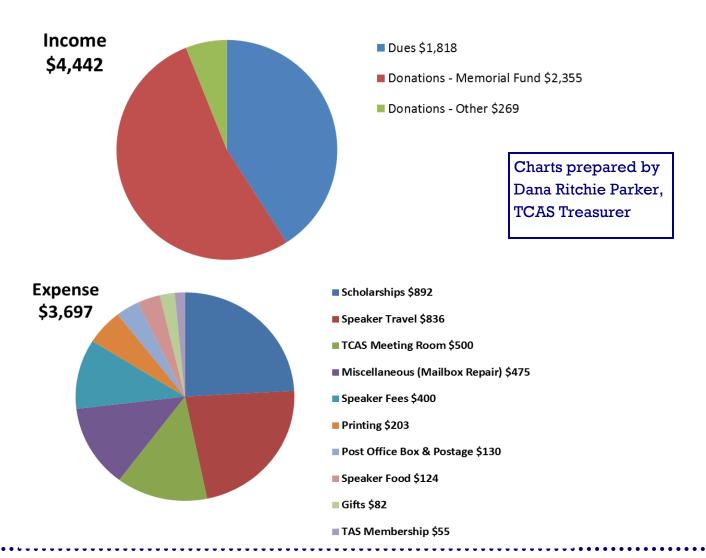
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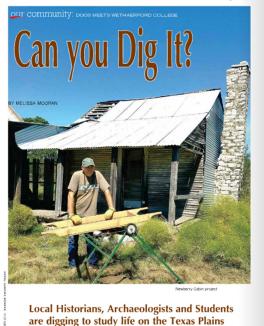
After graduating with a master's degree in Anthropology from UT Arlington in 2011, I was quickly hired as an adjunct instructor at Tarrant County College on the Trinity River Campus and am actively employed there teaching General Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology and Introduction to Archeology classes. I am also employed at Weatherford College teaching an Introduction to Archeology class.

Since 2007 I have had the pleasure of serving on the TCAS board of directors in various positions as Treasurer, President and currently as the Immediate Past President. I also serve on the Education Committee of the TAS.

TCAS Income & Expense January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016



Newberry Cabin Project: Great PR from Parker County Today



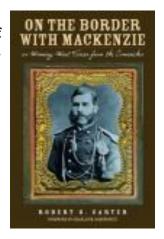
Wow! Art Tawater has his own cover! Thanks to Parker County Today, a monthly publication available in digital format at http://www.parkercountytoday.com/our-issues, for this terrific article in the December issue about the ongoing work being done to preserve the archeology that surrounds the old Newberry Cabin. Professor Katrina Nuncio is coordinating this effort with her students at Weatherford College and Tarrant County College as well as lots of TCAS volunteers, one of whom is the cover celebrity, Art Tawater. Kudos to the Doss Heritage and Cultural Center and to Lori Gouge, the Department Chair of Physical Sciences at Weatherford College, for making this opportunity available for the students and volunteers to be a part of an actual archeological excavation. Yes, we can Dig It!

TAS Ceramics Academy: Fort Richardson

Come for the ceramics, of course, but embrace the history of the fort, too. Fort Richardson State Historical Park is off U.S. Highway 281 a half mile south of Jacksboro in Jack County. The 396.1-acre park was the site of Fort Richardson, a United States Army installation built in 1867 in an attempt to pacify the Indians on the Western frontier. After the army abandoned the facility in 1878 the buildings were left to the elements, and many of the structures collapsed. The city of Jacksboro acquired title to the fort and deeded it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1968. The department purchased the adjoining 347 acres in 1970 and 1974. The fort hospital now serves as a museum; it and several other buildings have been restored. The ruins of many of other structures can also be seen. Facilities include a hiking trail, camping and picnicking areas, and restrooms. Source for text and photo: Handbook of Texas Online, Vivian Elizabeth Smyrl, "Texas Parks and Wildlife Department," accessed January 28, 2017, http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/mctqb.



Written in 1935 by Captain Robert G. Carter, a Medal of Honor recipient who was assigned to Fort Richardson from 1871-1873, and a participant in the Texas Indian wars, On The Border with Mackenzie, is available through the THSA Press at https://tshaonline.org/ publications/books/611



Mark your calendar: Register, go, discover, enjoy

Texas Archeology Academies 2017

Ceramics Academy, Fort Richardson, Jacksboro, Date: February 25-26, 2017

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017

Technology in Archeology Academy, Fredricksburg, Date: April 29-30, 2017

Registration Deadline: April 14,2017

Registration form and more info in the March issue of Texas Archeology or:

http://txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2017/index.php

Check out the TAS Student Scholarships at

http://www.txarch.org/scholarships/diversity.php



Texas State Historical Association 121st Annual Meeting

March 2-4, 2017

Hang out with the historians at the Hyatt Regency Houston Annual Meeting offers 46 sessions spread out over three days, with each session block offering the choice among six different sessions.

Late registration begins February 2. Online registration ends February 20. You may register onsite beginning March 2. Complete info at: https://www.tshaonline.org/home/

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2017 TAS What:

Field School

Where: Camp Wood

When: June 10-17, 2017

A Return to Colonial Times with PI Dr. Tamra L. Walter

Historic sites: Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz and **Camp Wood Military Outpost**



What: 88th TAS

Annual Meeting

Where: Embassy Suites,

Grapevine

When: October 20-22, 2017

Host: Tarrant County Archeological

Society



TCAS volunteers needed! Plan now to be a part of the fun in Grapevine.



TCAS: Preserving the Past for the Future

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Date

Signature