



Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

This time last year we were busily working to finalize the myriad details of the 88th TAS Annual Meeting. Let's help our fellow Annual Meeting local arrangements folks make their 2018 Annual Meeting a success by rounding up your silent auction donations. Gather those items that are of an archeological or historical nature and make arrangements to get them to San Antonio by October 26th. The silent auction is a major part of fund-raising for TAS. I know our TCAS members are generous people and I would like to thank one of those members; Marvin Glasgow has produced another frame of his beautiful projectile points that you can bid on in San Antonio. Registration for the meeting is available on-line at the TAS website (www.tx.arch.org). **Get motivated and get registered if you haven't yet.**

October is Archeological Awareness month in Texas. TCAS will be supporting this state-wide effort by participat-



Chris Meis, President

ing in the Pioneer Heritage Fest at the Doss Culture and Heritage Center in Weatherford. The festival takes place on October 13th from 10 am to 5 pm and is billed as "A Family Festival – Celebrating History". It will be an exciting event for us since our table will be near the historic Newberry Cabin that our members have been documenting since 2016. The Doss is also currently working on a museum exhibit that will recreate the feel of the Newberry Cabin, complete with the flagstone path that we recently excavated and documented. They plan on having a mock

dig for kids in the museum along with whatever activities we plan for the log cabin village area. (See articles in this newsletter for more details on the Pioneer Heritage Fest.)

We will need several volunteers on October 13th to make this a success. TCAS has not directly sponsored a Archeology Awareness Month event in several years, so let's make this a great event. It is a wonderful opportunity to education the public about our mission as a regional Archeological Society.

Brad Jones will be our guest speaker this month. Brad will be a familiar face to our members, as he has addressed our group in the past and we are excited to host him again. He will be discussing the discovery, recovery and conservation of French explorer Rene Cavelier Sieur de La Salle's shipwreck, the *La Belle*. Make plans to attend, as Brad is an entertaining and captivating speaker.

Those of you who are regular coffee drinkers at our monthly meeting probably need to put your heads together and find someone who will carry on this tradition in

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2019. Mike Shannon has requested that we find someone to replace him after this year. Perhaps agreeing to do it for 6 months or only a year will make it less onerous than an open-ended commitment to make coffee and someone will step forward.

THANKS FOR BEING A TCAS SUPPORTER!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13TH!

2019 TCAS Officer Election: Internet Chair position open

The election for 2019 TCAS Officers will begin with nominations offered at the October 11th meeting, followed by voting by the membership at the November 8th meeting. Several of the current officers are available to serve for the next two-year term, which begins in January, 2019. There are, however, opportunities for those members who wish to become more involved in TCAS to volunteer to serve as officers. One of the available positions is that of the TCAS Internet Chair.

Thanks to Gen Freix, the current TCAS Internet Chair, for the creativity and media skills that she developed to fill this position, which is a three-pronged effort to sustain the online presence and outreach of TCAS. It encompasses serving as a webmaster for the TCAS website, maintaining the TCAS Facebook Page to keep it interesting and up-to-date, as well as using the TCAS Twitter account to spread TCAS news.

Gen is primarily responsible for the implementation of the use of PayPal as a tool to enable TCAS members to electronically submit applications and pay dues and make donations. This innovation succeeded in bringing more new members to TCAS and is a great favorite of long-time TCAS members as well. Public contact from non-members, as well as members, is facilitated by using the website to email questions to the TCAS Board. Gen deserves a big round of applause for all that she does to keep TCAS relevant through the use of social media.

If being media savvy is one of your own attributes, please consider applying for the position of Internet Chair. Gen is available to answer questions about the various aspects of serving as Internet Chair. Email her through the website or talk to her at the next TCAS meeting. TCAS continues as a Society to support archeology because of you and your continued interest and involvement. Please let Gen or Chris Meis know of your interest (soon, please). Thanks!

Update your calendar: TCAS Monthly Meeting Speakers



October 11th: Jeff Durst
November 8th: Dr. Leah McCurdy



August Speaker: Brad Jones

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome Brad Jones as the featured speaker for the September 13th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

Bio Bradford M. Jones has been an archeologist for nine years for the Texas Historical Commission's Archeology Division (AD). Currently the Curatorial Facility Certification Program Manager and AD's Collection Manager, Mr. Jones has over 20 years of experience in the archaeology and history of Texas, Ecuador and Peru. In addition to serving as the *La Belle* Collections Manager, Mr. Jones is an editor and author of the *La Belle* technical volume and currently working on the analysis and publication of the THC's excavation of the site of La Salle's Fort St. Louis and the 1720s location of the Spanish Presidio La Bahia.



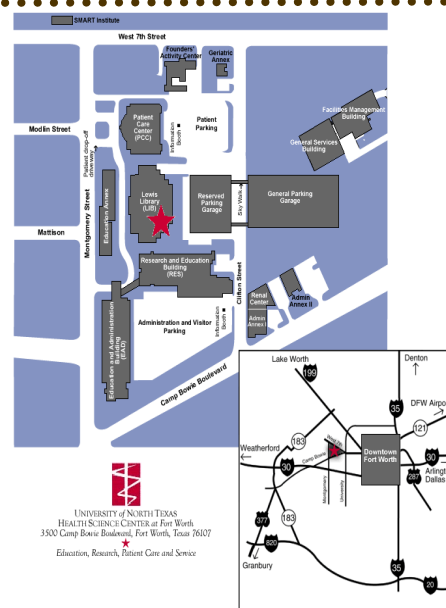
Brad Jones

Topic *La Belle* of Dark Waters – The Discovery, Recovery, Conservation, and Reconstruction of La Salle's 1686 Shipwreck

Abstract The French explorer Rene Cavalier Sieur de La Salle's 1684 expedition to found a colony on the Mississippi River ended in his death in the wilderness of Texas in 1687, in part because of the loss of their only ship *La Belle*. Grounded in 1686 inside of Matagorda Bay, *La Belle* was the key to La Salle achieving his goals, and its loss a watershed moment that led to the tragedy that followed. The identification of *La Belle* by Texas

Historical Commission archaeologists in 1995 led to the full scale excavation of the lower third of the hull and the recovery of nearly 2 million artifacts. Now, over twenty years since *La Belle* was raised from its watery grave, this presentation will take you through the discovery and recovery and conservation of the ship culminating in the reconstruction of the hull in the Bullock Texas State Historical Museum.

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.



Art, Bret, and Bryan Recognized by TASN

The 2018 annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN), hosted by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on August 18th, was held at the newly opened San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site Museum in San Felipe. Congratulations to TCAS members Art Tawater, Bryan Jameson, and Bret Williamson, who each received recognition from the THC. Due to a prior commitment, Bret was unable to attend the meeting but is a recipient of the Norman G. Flaigg Certificate.

“We look for unique opportunities and settings to hold the annual TASN workshop,” Pat Mercado-Allinger, THC archeology division director and state archeologist, said. “Archeological investigations have and will continue to play an integral part in understanding San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site so we felt that it would be fitting to bring members of the TASN to experience the new museum.” (from [Texas Archeologists Hold Networking Event in San Felipe](#), by George Slaughter, *The Katy News*, August 30, 2018).



Becky Shelton and Pat Mercado-Allinger present Bryan Jameson with the Norman G. Flaigg Certificate.



Pat Mercado-Allinger presents Art Tawater with the Jim Word Award for 20 years of dedicated service and the Norman G. Flaigg Certificate.

The TASN was formed in 1984 to assist the staff of the THC in maintaining a “public archeology program to preserve and interpret the vast archeological landscape of Texas.” Further, “stewards are not professional archeologists, yet highly trained

and motivated avocational archeologists who strictly work on a volunteer basis. What exactly do stewards do? Quite a lot. They find, record and monitor archeological sites. They help obtain protective designations for important sites and record private artifact collections.” And, of course, much, much more!

Learn about the TASN at this THC website:

<http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-archeological-stewards>

Photos provided by Chris Meis



Project Update: Heading Back to Newberry Cabin

By Katrina Nuncio

When I last updated the progress at Newberry Cabin it was in late spring. Since that time we had some productive excavation days at the Cabin before shutting down for the summer as we all headed to TAS Field School and other excavation endeavors in cooler climates than Texas.

By the time we finished up last spring the flag stone path we had excavated expanded east and west into what we are speculating was a patio of sorts that would have been immediately outside of the kitchen area if it was still in place. (see pictures) This is such an interesting part of the story of the Cabin that the Doss is incorporating these flag stones into the temporary and eventually the permanent exhibit of the Newberry Cabin in the Pioneer Village.

On August 16, TCAS members Art Tawater, Chris Meis, Royce Baker, Lori Gouge, Gen Freix, Gloria Smith, and myself met with Amanda Edwards and Paige Baker from the Doss to excavate the soil from around the flag stones in preparation for the stones to be removed and transported to the Doss. We pedestalled the stones to make removal easier for the contractor hired to transport the stones and so the contractor would disturb the soil underneath the stones as little as possible in their removal. Amanda and Paige coded each stone in its original position so they would have a map of how to reinstall the stones in the path once they reached the temporary display inside the Doss.



Art Tawater, Royce Baker, Lori Gouge, Chris Meis, Amanda Edwards - preparing the flag stones to be moved



Paige Baker - coding the flag stones

Photos by K. Nuncio

The Doss has two upcoming events planned for the Newberry Cabin. The first planned for mid-September is an inside exhibit at the Doss of the flag stones and a large number of the more interesting artifacts we have excavated at this site. There will also be a small, hands-on excavation set up for younger children to experience the joys of archeological excavation. There is going to be a lot more exciting displays to this exhibit than I am mentioning here and I hope that many of you will come and visit the Doss during the planned time for this exhibit.

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Update: Newberry Cabin

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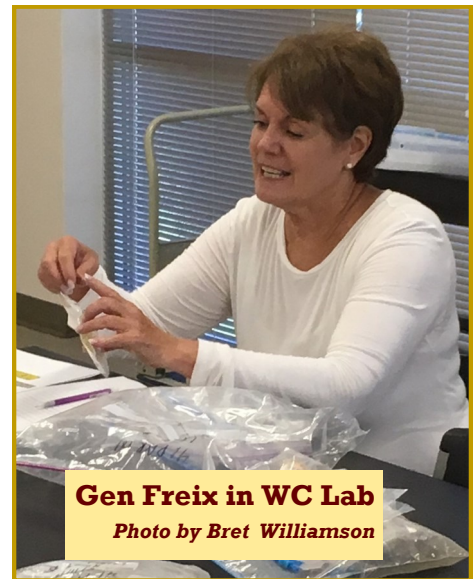
The second event is the **Pioneer Heritage Fest** planned for **October 13** that will celebrate history in general. The current plan is for the Newberry Cabin to have been moved and in its permanent position in the Pioneer Village by this date. TCAS will have an outside display table in front of the Newberry Cabin and another hands-on excavation area set up for children. We will need to have TCAS members stationed at both the inside and the outside exhibit areas. I am publicizing this event through the Texas Archeology Month calendar with the THC so I am hoping for a good turnout at this event. This will be the first time in quite a while that we will be part of the sponsoring of a TAM event.

Currently several TCAS members and I have been working in the lab at Weatherford College to whittle away at analyzing the multitude of artifacts we have accumulated from the Newberry Cabin excavation.



Gloria Smith, Lori Gouge & Daniel Davenport in Weatherford College lab

Photo by K. Nuncio



Gen Freix in WC Lab

Photo by Bret Williamson



NC Artifact

Photo by Bret Williamson



Large yellow crock waiting to be reconstructed

Photo by K. Nuncio

If any of you would like to participate in this activity, please let me know as your help would be very much appreciated. You don't have to have any experience, we will teach you what you need to know. I don't have any firm dates set, but I can put you on my email list to alert you when we will be in the lab.

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Project Update: Newberry Cabin

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I have not set any excavation dates for the fall because of the expected Cabin removal. We don't want to have any active excavation units set up immediately around the Cabin to get destroyed by the contractors moving the Cabin. There is the possibility that we could begin to test areas where we think the outhouse(s) might have been located. These areas would be positioned away from the immediate Cabin area and not in danger of being in the way of the contractor or of being destroyed.

Once the Cabin has been moved to the Doss, we will then have access to excavate underneath the Cabin to search for items dropped through the floor boards of the house which should be very interesting to excavate! Also, TCAS has been invited by the Doss to remove the chinking in between the logs of the Cabin once it is in its new home in the Pioneer Village. Many times pioneering families would place items of value inside the chinking to hide and protect them from being stolen.

As a TCAS member, if you are interested in participating in any of these events please put your contact information on one of the signup sheets for Newberry Cabin and I will keep you informed of any and all activity at the Cabin.

October is Texas Archeology Month!

Weatherford—The Doss Heritage and Culture Center on October 13th

Plan now to attend the Pioneer Heritage Fest on October 13th! TCAS members will be showcasing artifacts found on site at the Newberry Cabin. We will also be sponsoring a children's mock dig site. Cabin and dig site assistants must be TCAS member. Please help promote TCAS by attending the Pioneer Heritage Fest!

Sign up at the September 13th TCAS meeting.



October 13th 2018

FREE @ THE DOSS 

A Family Festival ~ Celebrating History **10am-5pm**
with demonstrations, activities, crafts, food, music, a merchandise and more!

San Felipe de Austin SHS—Free Admission on Saturdays in October

Celebrate Texas archeology and history! Throughout the month of October, come to San Felipe de Austin state historic site and learn more about how the use of archeology will help shape future site development plans. Hands-on activities related to archeology throughout the day on Saturdays & Sundays, 9 am – 4 pm. At the San Felipe de Austin State Historic site at 15945 FM 1458, San Felipe, Texas

Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission
and San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site.

Information: 979-885-2181

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By PayPal: Complete the Application Form and pay online using your PayPal account at the TCAS website, 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.

September 2018

TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Type of Membership and Fee

New _____ Renewal _____

Address _____

_____ Individual \$20 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

City\State\Zip _____

_____ Family \$25 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

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Membership Term: January to December

Code of Ethics (signature required): I PLEDGE THAT I 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 UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature _____

Date _____