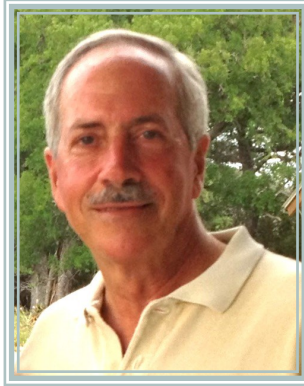


Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

It is hard to comprehend that 2018 is only four weeks away. It was another busy year for our society especially with our responsibility of hosting the 88th TAS Annual Meeting. This is always a time of reflection of last year's events and a time of anticipation for the coming TCAS agenda. Reflecting on 2017, I am always reminded and proud of how TCAS is an active, integral part of the archeological community at the state level. Our members served on the Board and as Committee members for the Texas Archeological Society, volunteered as crew chiefs and participants for the Annual Field School at Camp Wood, organized a great Annual Meeting, sponsored eight scholarship students to Field School and four scholarship students to the Annual Meeting.

On a local level we have made progress on the Newberry Cabin project in Parker County and organized several interesting field trips for our members. The TCAS membership has grown



Chris Meis, President

significantly to total 164 members as of 11-30-17 and our monthly meetings continue to provide educational opportunities through our interesting, accomplished speakers.

Contemplating 2018, our members have the chance to; revisit the beautiful Nueces Canyon area for additional work on the historic Mission San Lorenzo de la Cruz, go to San Antonio for the 89th Annual Meeting to enjoy all the fun activities that the Riverwalk area provides and attend any or all three of the TAS Academies.

Special thanks to those members that provided snacks and coffee for our monthly meetings! I would like to point out that the refreshments which started out as coffee and cookies years ago have morphed into a smorgasbord of finger foods that could qualify as a complete meal!

I think it would encourage additional TCAS members to sign up for refreshments if the bar wasn't set so high. I don't think anyone really expects to have so many choices of snacks at our meetings. So let's try to throttle it back a bit and ease the burden for those that do volunteer.

Remember to keep your Saturday evening 12/9/17 open for the TCAS Christmas/Holiday party at Paula Vastine's home. It is always a fun evening of food, drinks and zany white elephant gifts!

Also as year-end approaches, keep the TCAS Memorial Fund in mind when you consider tax-deductible year-end contributions. The scholarship program has been something we should all be proud of and it has only been successful because of your generosity.

Hope to see you at the party on December 9th.

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!



Connect with TCAS!

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TCAS-Tarrant-County-ArcheologicalSociety>

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

TCAS Holiday Party

You're Invited!

Come join us as we celebrate!

- When:** December 9th, 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** Home of Paula Vastine
7609 Spring Creek Court, Fort Worth
See map below: Exit 23, Cook's Lane
- Bring:** A covered dish to share
An archeologically-related gift to exchange



Thank you for parking carefully! Spring Creek is a cul-de-sac with limited parking. Demonstrate your best holiday Santa-self when parking on Spring Creek. Paula's neighbors will appreciate your cooperation. Additional parking is available on Morrison Drive.

Thanks, Paula: Christmas at your home is a TCAS tradition



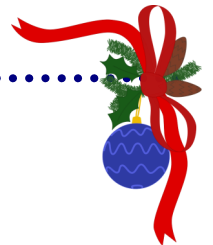
Paula Vastine, our hostess & the 2017-2018 TAS President

It's a tradition for the TCAS family to gather at Paula's home to celebrate the joys of friendship and good food each year during the holiday season. Paula graciously shares her home as a place for us to laugh, relax, and enjoy being together. If you are a new TCAS member, please come and join us for this special evening on December 9th.

The anonymous gift exchange is a fun part of the party. The gifts themselves are rarely predictable, sometimes archeological, but definitely not average! Even a bottle of wine or the latest book on an archeological research project have been discovered under Paula's Christmas tree. The treasures sometimes include unique jewelry handcrafted in a Native American style or an archeological tool. The rules allow for opened gifts to be "stolen" until chosen for a third time. Hint: choose an inexpensive gift that appeals to you, wrap it, bring it, and watch the smiles when it is opened.



A note of gustatory appreciation: all of the food that we share is absolutely delicious, of course, but there is one treat that seems to disappear more quickly than others. If this is your first TCAS holiday party, please secure one of the wonderful cookies that Marvin Glasgow brings. His Rum Balls have become so much a part of the TCAS holiday party tradition that we now depend on him to prepare them. Thank you, Marvin!



Welcome to New TCAS Members

A warm TCAS welcome to Valerie Contreras and Gabriel Griffin, our newest TCAS members! We're so glad that you have joined us and look forward to getting to know you.

Southwest Nature Preserve: Farkleberry and Sumac, Oh My!

Thanks to Jim Frisinger and other Friends of the Southwest Nature Preserve for guiding TCAS members on the trails at the Preserve. Thanks also to Catrina Whitley, the TCAS VP of Projects, for working with Jim to coordinate the event. Our excursion on November 19th was a perfect opportunity to see this park, and with Jim’s narrative, to discover the prior historical uses of this small Preserve. The Preserve, maintained as a “wildscape” by the Arlington Parks and Wildlife Department, is a haven for bird watchers and also serves as the home for the non-native farkleberry tree\shrub, which produces edible berries, and the sumac, with leaves that showcase “autumn” colors.

Things to do at the Preserve:

- 1 Hike on the trail with friends
- 2) Admire the beautiful berries
- 3) Make new friends like these schipperkes
- 4) Closely observe surprising natural wonders



(Back to front) Lloyd, Charlene, Dana, Carter, Catrina, Ozzie, Gen and Susan. *Photo by James Everett*



Beautiful berries!



Do you see what I see? Ozzie and Carter closely observe natural wonders at the Preserve. *Photo by C. Erwin*



Carter finds new friends, a pair of schipperkes, on the trail. *Photo by C. Erwin*

Learn more about the Preserve at <http://www.swnp.org>.

Christmas Gifts for your favorite archeologists

Santa cares for TCAS archeologists! Obviously! He recommends the following gifts for those very special ones on your own list.

For you, with love: Reserve a spot for yourself at the 2018 TAS Academy in San Antonio!

The cost is \$100 per TAS member to attend. But this is San Antonio and well worth the drive, the cost and the time. You deserve it! The Spanish Colonial Academy on February 17th and 18th is being led by Dr. Tamra Walter, the PI for the TAS 2017 Field School in Camp Wood. Topics will include the Spanish influence on Texas history, the pertinent archeological data, plus the dress and adornment styles of those early Spanish colonists. **Giving this gift now to yourself will ensure that you no longer need worry about missing the February 3rd registration deadline. No Christmas disappointment for you! Brilliant!!!**

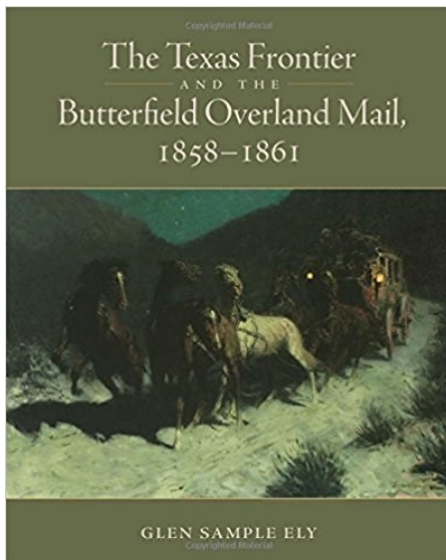
Registration info is available at <https://txarch.org/get-involved/archeology-academies>

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For your favorite archeo-historian and Texana enthusiast:

The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail, 1858-1861, by Glen S. Ely



Dr. Ely, an historian and author, spoke to TCAS in July this year and introduced us to this delightful work. He explained his very thorough methodology in site verification that encompassed archeological principles. *The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail, 1858-1861*, published by OU Press in 2016, does not disappoint and is a terrific addition to any library.

Another reason to include this in your gifting is the cover, which features the dramatic painting, “*A Taint On the Wind*,” painted in 1906 by Frederic Remington. The original work is on view at the Sid Richardson Museum in downtown Fort Worth.

One more consideration: the literary awards for this work have continued. The book maybe ordered with a click at

<https://texashistory.com/shop/>

For everyone else: the gift of your time, your talents, with hugs to share

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!



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Paying your dues is easier than ever this year!



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Tarrant County Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

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December 2017

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

Preferred Phone _____

_____ Student \$10 (enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more)

Email Address _____

I want my newsletter delivered by _____ email or _____

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by USPS mail. Thank you for choosing delivery by email.

_____ Optional Memorial Fund Contribution

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 _____