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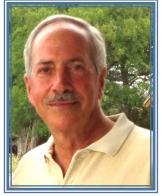
Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

As I write this, the devastation of Hurricane Harvey continues for our fellow Texans along the coast. Please keep our TAS friends in these areas in your thoughts and prayers. Our hearts go out to them in this very difficult time for those residents.

September brings the realization that TCAS has seven weeks to finalize plans for the 88th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society. It will be a busy period for our Board and for the Local Arrangements Committee. Those of you who have already volunteered will be contacted to confirm that you are still available and those that have not volunteered may receive a desperate plea to do so! Here are Annual Meeting highlights from our announcement that will appear in the Texas Archeological Society Fall Bulletin:

The always interesting, educational and social TAS Annual Meeting will soon be here and hopefully you are prepared. That means you have submitted



Chris Meis, President

your abstracts for papers and poster presentations, registered for the 88th Annual Meeting, and reserved your room at the Embassy Suites DFW Airport North in Grapevine, Texas. The Embassy Suites is in a great location, adjoining the Bass Pro Outdoor World and Uncle Buck's Brewery and Steakhouse. There are also many restaurants close by and an easy drive or shuttle trip to Grapevine's historic downtown district full of shops, restaurants and bars.

This year's speakers for both Friday and Saturday nights are two well known, highly respected professionals from the Smithsonian Institution. TAS was fortunate to have these two accept our invitation to speak and you will not want to miss their presentations. Dr. Dennis Stanford, head of the Smithsonian's Division of Archaeology will be the Friday night Public Forum speaker. His talk is titled "The More We Learn, the More Interesting It Becomes. A Current of Thought on the Peopling of the Americas".

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Saturday night's banquet speaker, Dr. Pegi Jodry, is with the Smithsonian's Paleoindian and Paleoecology Program, Department of Anthropology. Dr. Jodry has ties to Texas though her work on the Horn Shelter site along the Brazos River, and will update us on her work at Stewart's Cattle Guard Site in Colorado. Her presentation, "Gift of the Buffalo: Folsom Archeology in the Upper Rio Grande, Colorado" will discuss how Folsom Paleoindians undertook a successful bison hunt, killing more than fifty animals.

Our generous and talented TCAS members are contributing to the silent auction. Jerry Grubis will raffle off a "Grubis" sifting screen and stand. If you have ever used one at Field School you know they are the best around!

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President's Message

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Marvin Glasgow has donated a Labeled Point Collection he knapped and our other resident knapper, Eddie Osburn, made a green mossy agate pendant and earrings set. If you have something to contribute to the Silent Auction, please contact Gen Freix, gfreix3@gmail.com..

Another highlight of the weekend is the Third Annual TAS Book Festival from the Journal of Texas Archeology and History (JTAH). JTAH invites known authors on a variety of Archeological topics to discuss their recent books with our members. The Book Festival will run Friday afternoon and Saturday.

September will also bring the opportunity to continue our work at the Newberry Cabin in Parker County. The Weatherford College students along with TCAS will resume excavations there in the next few weeks. Katrina Nuncio will announce those dates at this month's meeting.

This month's speaker is Dr. Brad Jones with the Texas Historical Commission. Brad has graciously spoken to our Society several times and we are delighted to invite him back. Brad's insights into Archeology are always interesting and entertaining. His topic for this month is "The Time the Land Forgot (and Archaeologists too)-The Preceramic in Cuzco, Peru." Brad directed excavations in 2000 for the Cuzco Valley Archaeological Project at the site of Kasapata, so you will want to learn about his experiences.

Hope to see you at our meeting on September 14th^{th.}

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

Welcome to New TCAS Member

Welcome to our newest TCAS member, Sheryl Hulsey. We're so glad that you have joined TCAS and are looking forward to getting to know you.

In Memoriam: May Schmidt, 1946-2017

Our condolences to the family and friends of May Schmidt, who died on August 20th in Austin. May took a very active role at Texas Archelogical Society Field Schools and at the Annual Meetings. A librarian, she worked for many years at the Texas Archelogical Research Library. Learn more about May and her remarkable life at http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 30th, at 3:00 PM at West Austin Park, 1317 W 10th St, Austin, TX 78703. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair and should plan to park on adjacent streets.

This tribute from Leslie Bush, one of her close friends, expresses the love and admiration so many felt for May: "I still can't quite believe May is gone. It doesn't seem possible that someone so active and vital could have been taken so quickly."

Leslie continues, "Jan Hinojosa, May's friend of many years, wrote that May has joined the angels now. I like to think of her improving St. Peter's work space just as she did for so many TAS arrangements. ('If you just move the wait line to the other side of the Pearly Gates, people won't have to cut across the line again to meet their pets at the Rainbow Bridge.') In heaven as on earth, May's way will nearly always be the best way."

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September Speaker: Dr. Bradford Jones

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome Dr. Bradford M. Jones as the featured speaker for the September 14th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

Bradford M. Jones has been an archeologist for nine years in 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 1999 and 2000, Mr. Jones served as the excavation director for the Valley of Cuzco Survey Project in Peru, during which he directed test excavations at the Archaic Period campsite of Kasapata and was a contributing author to the publication. He is currently working on the analysis and publication of the THC's excavations at the site of Fort St. Louis/Presidio La Bahia in Victoria County.

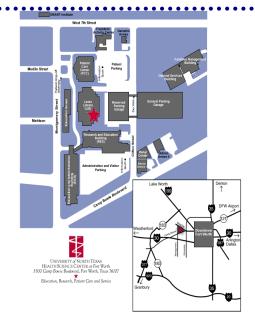


Photo courtesy of Brad Jones

Topic: The Time the Land Forgot (and Archaeologists too) - The Preceramic in Cuzco, Peru

From Brad: Until the late 1990s, archaeological chronologies of the Cuzco Valley, Peru began with Formative ceramics and culminated in Inka imperial polychromes. Though preceramic hunter-gatherer sites had been identified in the adjacent altiplano, their presence in the valley was only recognized after the completion of a series of regional archaeological surveys in the last two decades. My talk will consider the impediments to research on the preceramic period in the region and review the results of the regional surveys as well as test excavations I directed in 2000 for the Cuzco Valley Archaeological Project at the site of Kasapata. Thus far the only systematically excavated multi-component preceramic site in the valley, Kasapata revealed a wealth of artifact and bioarchaeological data on hunter-gather populations transitioning to an increasingly sedentary lifestyle between 4400 and 3100 BC.

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 5 PM) 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.



TAS Annual Meeting Silent Auction Treasures ARCHEOLOGICAL

When the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) meets in Grapevine on October 20th for the 88th Annual Meeting, the talents and generosity of the members of the Tarrant County Archeological Society (TCAS) will be prominently displayed. As Chris Meis mentioned in his article on Page 1, Marvin Glasgow, Eddie Osburn, and Jerry Grubis are all donating generously of their time to create special unique items for auction.

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Donations by merchants or corporations outside of the TAS membership are welcome, too. One of the more unusual items, a mohair vest (right), has been donated by Dolores Unique Fashion Designs in Camp Wood, Texas. This merchant specializes in providing a wide selection of clothing and other items that incorporate mohair from the locally grown angora goats. The donation was made during the 2017 Field School in Camp Wood to TAS in appreciation for the restoration efforts at the Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz.

Gen Freix, coordinator for the Silent Auction, is also generously giving her time and expertise. Please continue to search for those treasures in your own closets and garages (or wherever you keep your best stuff): books, jewelry, archeological tools, and unique handmade items are especially desirable. Contact Gen directly to arrange delivery of your items. Photo by Gen Freix

CTA Curation Seminar at TAS Annual Meeting

By Jon C. Lohse

The Council of Texas Archeologists (CTA) will be sponsoring a professional development session on Friday from 1:30-5:00 PM called Archeological Curation, Part One: Concepts, Principles, and Regulations.

This training will cover basics about the curation of archeological collections and is intended to help practitioners and professionals understand how they can best integrate curation into their project planning process. Part Two will be held

later in the spring and will involve actual collections; this session will provide background information for project planners and managers.

This session is open to CTA members. We are pleased to make our Institutional Membership available to our avocational friends in TAS. This non-voting membership category is **\$15.** Professional archeologists should already have individual CTA memberships.



The Council of Texas Archeologists (CTA) is a non-profit organization that serves the professional archaeological community in Texas by providing standards of conduct and research, outreach programs, student research grants, and a current list of archaeologists working in the state.

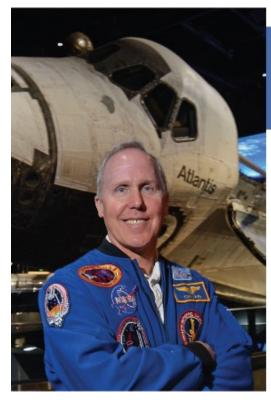
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An Evening with Dr. Tom Jones Opening Remarks by Danica Remy

When Rocks Attack: Defending Earth From Asteroids

Thursday, September 21, 2017 | 7 pm The Omni Theater Fort Worth Museum of Science and History 1600 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, TX

Admission is free, but reservations are required. www.fortworthmuseum.org

7:00 PM | Thursday, September 21, 2017 Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Omni Theater

RSVP Here

This event is free, but space is limited and RSVPs are required. Text and photo from <u>http://www.fwmsh.org/science-and-history-lecture-series</u> Thanks to Catrina Whitley for putting us in the know!

An Early Look: 2017 TAS BOOK FESTIVAL

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From Steve Davis, JTAH: Authors will ... discuss a related topic of their choice concerning their book, the writing process or challenges of the publishing aspect. Afterward, they will take your questions and be selling and autographing their books. If you have already purchased the new book, you may bring it for the author's autograph, too. Watch for the full schedule with the author's biography and book abstract and publisher information in your Annual Meeting program and on signage at the door. The book festival is open to the public and will take place in the large conference hall room with the silent auction. Following is a partial listing of the authors presenting new works in archeology and history:

Thomas R. Hester, "Plainview: The Enigmatic Paleoindian Artifact Style of the Great Plains" Edited by Vance T. Holliday, Eileen Johnson, and Ruthann Knudson
Brett Cruze, "Battles of the Red River War: Archeological Perspectives on the Indian Campaign of 1874' By J. Brett Cruse, Foreword by Robert M. Utley
Carolyn Boyd, "The White Shaman Mural: An Enduring Creation Narrative in the Rock Art of the Lower Pecos" By Carolyn E. Boyd, with contributions by Kim Cox
Bradford Jones & Amy Borgens, "La Belle: The Archaeology of a Seventeenth-Century Ship of New World Colonization" By James E. Bruseth, Amy A. Borgens, Bradford M. Jones, and Eric D.Ray

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