



TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message



Katrina Nuncio
TCAS President

As I mentioned last month, NOW is the time to register for the 2014 Texas Archeological Society's 85th Annual Meeting that is being hosted by the Travis County Archeological Society on October 24-26, in San Marcos. If you have not yet registered, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also if you are planning on attending any of the optional tours on Friday or Sunday of the Gault Lab and the CAS Lab on the Texas State University campus, or the Labelle Exhibit at the Bullock Museum in Austin, you must email Karen Fustes (kefustes@yahoo.com) to reserve your place. If you will go to the TAS Home Page at (<http://www.txarch.org/index.php>) this will link to the online or PDF registration pages and also supply hotel information and links to maps. You can complete your registration electronically or print and fill in the registration PDF to mail in with a check. Early Registration fees will be good through October 6.

Please don't forget to bring your items to donate for the Silent Auction when you go to the TAS Annual Meeting. Remember that old saying about your discards just may be somebody's treasure. If you have something to donate and aren't able to attend the Annual Meeting, bring your donation to this month's meeting and hopefully one of our TCAS members that will be attending will take it with them.

At the end of the September meeting we were running so late I zoomed through the announcements I had on my agenda and I neglected to thank Paula Vastine and Royce and Terry Baker for bringing some wonderful refreshments. Also Paula saved the day by picking up a huge container of Starbucks coffee that she brought to the meeting. I know our coffee drinkers were especially appreciative of that. My oversight doesn't mean we weren't grateful!

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Monthly Newsletter
of the

Tarrant County
Archeological Society (TCAS)
Serving North Central Texas

Visit TCAS online at

<http://www.tarrantarch.org>

TCAS OCTOBER MEETING
10-9-14 7:30 PM
University of North Texas Health Science Center
(UNTHSC), 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., in Fort Worth.

October Speaker: Sgt. Jim Huggins, MFSA



TCAS welcomes Sgt. Jim Huggins, MFSA, as the speaker for the October 9th meeting. This will be his first appearance before the Society. His presentation will provide a first-person look at the other side of the tragic story that has been headline news for decades. Please plan now to join us as we learn more about the efforts of Sgt. Huggins and the students at Baylor.

Topic

Forensic Science in South Texas: Putting a name to those who died crossing the border

Bio

Deputy Director, International Consortium for Forensic Identification

Sgt. Huggins is a retired Texas Ranger and a Lecturer in Forensic Science at Baylor University. He is a court certified expert witness in bloodstain pattern analysis, death investigation, and shooting incident reconstruction and has held state certifications as a Master Peace Officer, Forensic Hypnotist, Forensic Polygraph Examiner, Special Investigator and Hostage Negotiator. He was named one of the top 15 CSI professors nationwide, is a character in over 12 fictional Texas Ranger novels and a cast member of a proposed reality TV show about cold case homicides.

Over the past two decades, the number of undocumented border crossing deaths has steadily grown despite increased government enforcement actions and local landowner response. Texas and Arizona have seen the highest increases while crossings have declined in California. Through a collaboration of universities in Texas and Indiana, identification of these unnamed individuals has evolved from a dream to a reality. For the past three summers Baylor faculty and students have tasked themselves with the identification of these individuals. These students use archaeological and forensic techniques to recover these bodies, both in cemeteries and in the open fields of the vast ranches in South Texas.

Welcome new TCAS members

Welcome to Benny and Gena Roberts from Bryan, Mississippi. Those TCAS members who attend Field School will recognize their names. They have been making Field School for a number of years and have made many friends in TCAS and TAS. They are active in Mississippi archeology but they particularly love Texas archeology work and spend considerable time volunteering each year in the Big Bend area.

Thanks to Chris Meis for this info.

TCAS Archeology Fair Fun for All

On Saturday September 27th TCAS members once again joined with the Arlington Historical Society to contribute with the archeology portion of the annual Front Street Festival at Knapp Heritage Park. Besides our archeology exhibits and activities, the festival featured living history reenactments, vintage craftsmen, antiques, entertainment, food & fun for the entire family. Unlike last year, the weather this year was perfect for an outdoor event. TCAS was represented by members Catrina Whitley, Glynn and Sandy Osburn, Eddie Osburn, James and Susan Everett, Chris Meis, Chris Barry, Mike Shannon, Gen Freix and Jay Hornsby. Our volunteers had archeological displays, hands on pottery making, stone and rock art painting, as well as Native American foods, hunting implements and probably the perennial favorite, corn grinding. There was lots of fun and education for all. **Text and photos by Jay Hornsby**



October is Texas Archeology Month

From the THC website:

“Texas Archeology Month (TAM) promotes the appreciation of scientific archeology, prehistory, Native American cultures, and the stewardship of Texas’ irreplaceable archeological resources.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) partners to organize TAM events with a number of dedicated individuals and organizations each year, the primary organizers being THC’s Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN), the Texas Archeological Society, and County Historical Commissions (CHC). These organizations have been joined by various other TAM event coordinators that represent local, regional, and statewide organizations. Traditionally, TAM organizers include regional archeological and historical societies, museums, libraries, schools, and other educational institutions, along with parks, preserves, and historic sites. In addition, we also have TAM events that are hosted by professional associations, natural and cultural resource management firms, military organizations, conservancy groups, and even chambers of commerce. TAM would not be possible without our supporters and the help of our stewards who organize, promote, and facilitate much of this annual statewide event.”

Thanks to the THC, TAS, and TASN, and the CHC for organizing this year’s calendar. One way to use the calendar is to determine how far you want to drive. If, for example, you only want to drive to Plano, here’s a TAM event tailored for you:

PLANO, Collin Co.

Oct. 18 • Archeology Fair

This year, over 600 people are expected to attend the Plano Archeology Fair. The fair features a variety of activities and exhibits that include rock painting, corn husk doll creation, face painting, a petroglyph site, a pictograph wall, and more. Children will enjoy the hands-on excavation in a mock archeological dig. In addition, the **Native American Bearclaw singers and dancers will perform with singing and drumming**, and a variety of demonstrations will be available to enjoy. Sponsored by the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation and Versar. Free. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Dr. Information: Jeff Campbell, 972.941.2117, jcampbell@planoconservancy.org, and www.planoconservancy.org/

If, of course, you have the need to drive beyond the city lights and see some open country, take a trip up to the Panhandle to beautiful Caprock Canyons and celebrate TAM with the folks in Quitaque:

QUITAQUE, Briscoe Co.

Oct. 18 • Archeology Fair: Celebrating 10,000 years of Cultural History at Caprock Canyons State Park

Over the last 10,000 years, many different cultures throughout history have called the Caprock Canyonlands home from the Paleoindians to Comancheros. Join us in the scenic Canyonlands for the Archeology Fair where you can peruse various exhibits, observe artifacts from the many different cultural groups who once occupied the area, and learn about the oldest known people to inhabit what is now Caprock Canyons State Park. There will be presentations over many of these cultural groups every hour on the hour. Overnight camping is available. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Caprock Canyons State Park. Admission: Park entry fees \$4 per person for 13 and older. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at 850 Caprock Canyons Road. Information: Le’Ann Pigg, 806.455.1492, le'ann.pigg@tpwd.texas.gov, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/caprock-canyons/park_events

Check out the 2014 TAM calendar at:

http://www.thc.state.tx.us/public/upload/preserve/TAM/TAM_2014_Online_Calendar.pdf

Navigating the West at Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth

Navigating the West: George Caleb Bingham and the River

October 2, 2014 — January 18, 2015

Navigating the West, a dynamic exhibition featuring sixteen iconic river paintings and fifty drawings, reveals for the first time how George Caleb Bingham (1811–1879) created his art and artistic persona at a time when American painting, like the country, was dramatically shifting.

See more at: <http://www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions/navigating-the-west-george-caleb-bingham-and-the-river>



Archeology Lecture at Amon Carter Museum

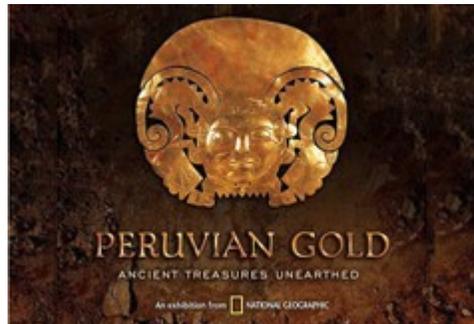
October 22nd, from 3 pm to 4 pm: *Shipwreck on the Western Frontier: Archaeological Discoveries from the Steamboat Heroine* with guest speaker Dr. Kevin Crisman, Director of Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation, Texas A&M University See more at <http://www.cartermuseum.org/calendar>



Peruvian Gold Exhibit at Irving Arts Center

- **From: October 04, 2014 - December 31, 2014**
- Times: Tuesdays - Sundays, Oct. 4 - Dec. 31.
- Recurring daily
- Admission: Adults \$12; Seniors, Students and Military \$8
- Location: Irving Arts Center | Main Gallery
- 3333 North MacArthur Boulevard
- Irving TX 75062
- Phone: 972-252-7558

More at <http://www.prleap.com/pr/228087/north-texas-irving-arts-center-to-host-national>



Presented in partnership with the National Geographic Museum in Washington D.C., the Irving Arts Center and the National Geographic Museum in Washington D.C. are the only two stops in the United States for Peruvian Gold.



Save the Date: January 10, 2015

TCAS Event

TCAS Visits the Texas Civil War Museum

The Largest Civil War Museum West of the Mississippi

Special Museum Presentations

Details in the next newsletter

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The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (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 Blvd., in Fort Worth. The location is centrally located in Tarrant County near the intersection of Camp Bowie and Montgomery Street; about two miles west of downtown. 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 "C" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Although Lot C is marked as Reserved Parking it is open parking in the evenings. 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.

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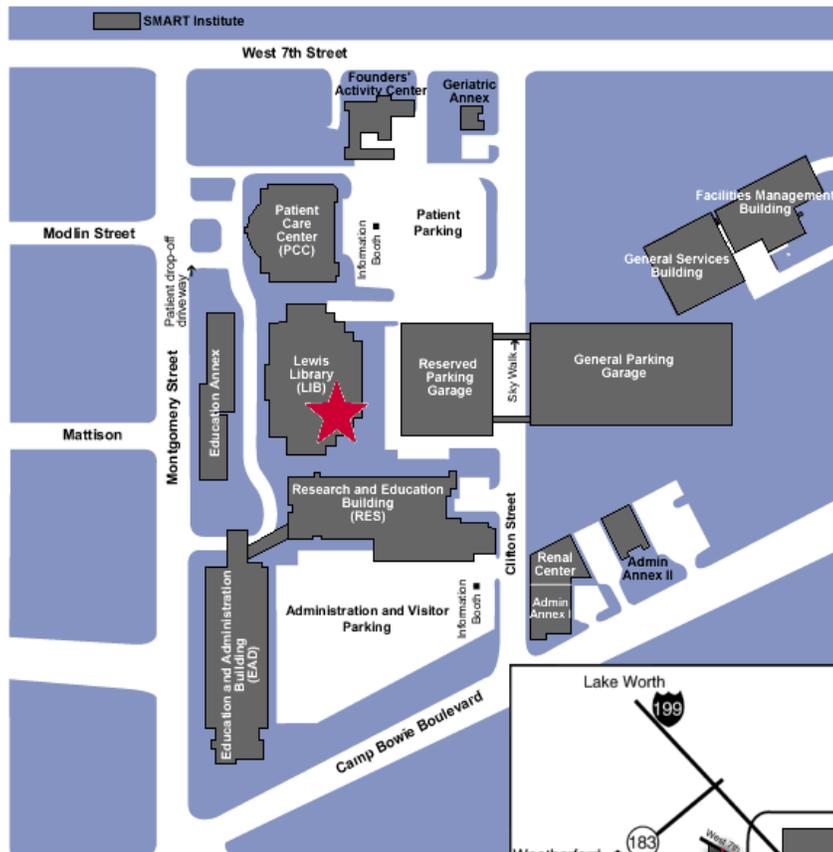
Celebrate October!!



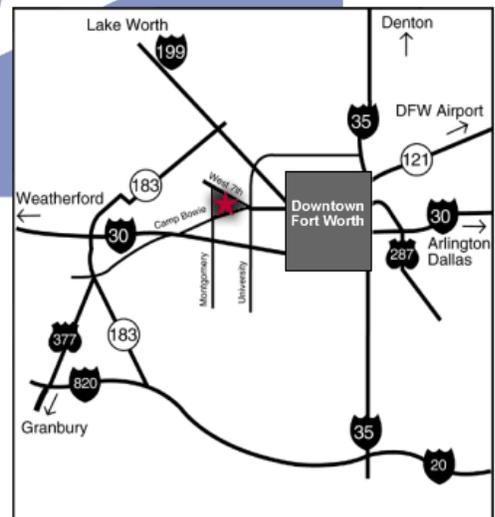
October is National Cookie Month



October is National Pizza Month



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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City\State\Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email Address _____

I want my newsletter delivered by _____ email or _____
by USPS mail.

Type of Membership and Fee

New _____ Renewal _____

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

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

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

_____ Contributing \$30 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

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 _____

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