



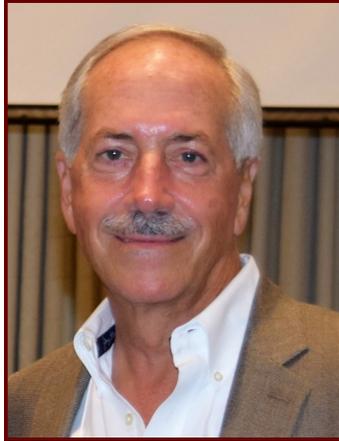
Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

Best wishes for 2018 and hoping it is a New Year full of archeological adventures and learning.

I hope you were able to attend the party at Paula Vastine's house last year. It is always a fun evening and she is a gracious hostess. This year's White Elephant gift exchange had several archeological related surprises that were quickly stolen and frozen but there was an added door-prize this year. Marvin Glasgow created a beautiful Mahogany Obsidian knife blade with a deer antler handle. This was a wonderful bonus, especially since number 46 was drawn and I was holding number 46! I know, suspicious, but it was all on the up and up, so thank you Marvin for that nice Christmas gift!

The Tarrant County Archeological Society enters 2018 in great financial shape thanks to the 2017 TAS Annual Meeting. Because of all your efforts, we raised \$9,896, half (\$4,948) of which goes into our TCAS general bank account. These funds, which are used for our monthly operating costs, will easily allow our society to op-



Chris Meis, President

erate over the next few years. Coupled with the Memorial Scholarship Fund of \$2,049, we can carry on our mission of "Preserving the Past for the Future." A list of 2017 financial contributors to the Memorial Fund can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

We will continue our excavation work at the Newberry Cabin which is scheduled to be relocated soon. If you haven't visited the site, come by so you can visualize what life was like in Parker County, Texas in the late 1800's. You don't have to dig or even screen dirt, just stop by to see the cabin in-situ and encourage all the volunteers and students.

Jimmy Barrera and the TAS Academy Committee have again planned three great academies this Spring. These are a bargain and an inexpensive way to learn about Archeology from outstanding instructors. The first Academy is the Spanish Colonial Academy, taught by Dr. Tamra Walter. It will be held in San Antonio on February 17th & 18th and has a registration deadline of February 3, 2018. Although it is only January, start making plans for a return trip to Camp Wood for the 2018 TAS Field School, June 9-16, where we will continue our work on the Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz and the survey work on private ranches.

As always, Bryan Jameson and Katrina Nuncio continue to secure interesting, knowledgeable speakers for our monthly meetings. The first of these for 2018 will be Sergio Ayala from the Gault School of Archeological Research, so please make plans to be at this month's meeting.

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETING ON JANUARY 11TH - 7:30 PM.

TCAS monthly meeting location and directions are available on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome!

Connect with TCAS!

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

Website: www.tarrantarch.org

Email: info@tarrantarch.org

January Speaker: Sergio Ayala

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome Sergio Ayala as the featured speaker for the January 11th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

BIO: Sergio Ayala is a project archaeologist at the Gault School of Archaeological Research. His primary research work is in prehistoric stone tool technologies and how to extract behavioral data from these artifacts. He is a scientific illustrator, lithic analyst, and is an experimental research-focused flint knapper for the GSAR. He received a Bachelors of Science degree at Texas State University and is currently a graduate student at the University of Exeter (previously under Dr. Bruce Bradley, but due to his retirement, now working under Dr. Linda Hurcomb). His research topics are the Early-Middle Archaic Calf Creek Horizon people and how to develop analytical strategies for analyzing and interpreting lithic assemblages. Sergio is active in public outreach and public speaking, giving Gault site tours, K-12 career day talks, and flint knapping demonstrations. Examples of Sergio's replication work can be seen at the Meadows Center in San Marcos, Texas.

Topic: Technology and Typology of the Calf Creek Horizon



Sergio Ayala

Abstract: Recent Calf Creek Horizon research objectives are to combine technological and typological methods to better understand the relationships between the CCH projectile point forms and the people who made them. Preforms, points and point fragments, notching flakes, and stem traits were analyzed, and I combined this with experimental replication and statistical modelling. The results indicate that there are

both typological and technological distinctions between the point forms (Andice, Bell and Calf Creek) and these differences are not arbitrary. The distinctions also suggest that there may be different technological traditions north and south of the Red River. Last, the point types are highly specialized industries that also appear to contain very strong symbolic importance to the people who made and used them.

The Andice projectile point was named by Elton R. Prewitt. It was identified in 1983. The point is named for the town of Andice, Texas, a small town in Williamson County. "This point is primarily found on the Gulf Coastal region of Texas and into Central Texas. The point may be found with decreased frequency into southern Oklahoma."

Good to know

Text and quotes from
<http://www.projectilepoints.net>

The Bell projectile point was named by Harry Shaffer for a "Bell component." The point was identified in 1967 and is most often found in Bell County, Texas, and other central Texas locations.

The Calf Creek projectile point was named by Donald R. Dickson and identified in 1968. "These points are most frequently found in Arkansas, eastern Oklahoma, eastern Kansas, and Missouri. This point may be found infrequently in southern Indiana and southern Illinois."

TCAS Memorial Scholarship Fund

2017 Donors

- Dominick Cirincione
- David and Nancy Temple
(in memory of Jay Hornsby)
- Benny and Gena Roberts

2018 Memorial Fund Scholarships

Information is available on the TCAS website at:

<http://www.tarrantarch.org/tcas-scholarships.html>

- Donations are accepted thru PayPal on the TCAS website.
- Checks may be sent via USPS to the TCAS P.O. Box (see back page of this newsletter for the complete address).

Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported this Scholarship Fund!

Welcome to New TCAS Members

Welcome to our newest TCAS members, Angi Graham, Eren Hays and Wyatt San Pedro. We're so glad that you have joined TCAS and are looking forward to getting to know you.

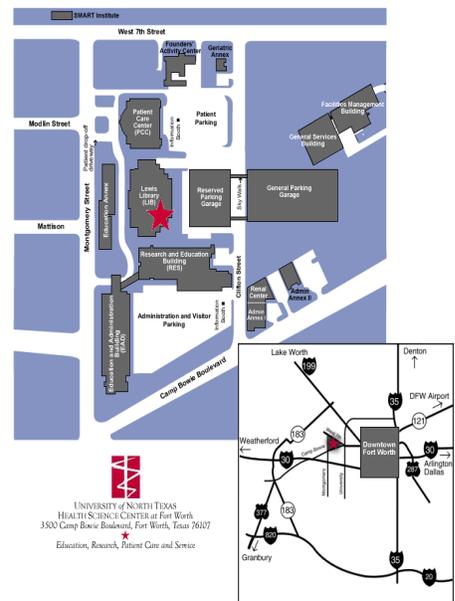
TCAS Dues Notes

Note: Good news! Thanks to all who supported the TAS 2017 Annual Meeting, TCAS dues are the same amount for 2018. The funds raised at the Annual Meeting will be used to offset the costs of renting the meeting space and for providing financial support for the monthly meeting speakers, among other expenses.

Note: TCAS annual dues are payable between January through March. If you prefer to use PayPal, which is available on the TCAS website, please remember to complete the Membership Application form. This helps TCAS to maintain correct membership information for you. Completing the Membership form is especially important if you are using a PayPal account that is not registered in your name.

Note: Good news! If you joined TCAS during October, November or December of 2017, your TCAS dues for 2018 are paid.

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.



Nick: Preservation, Documentation, Curation

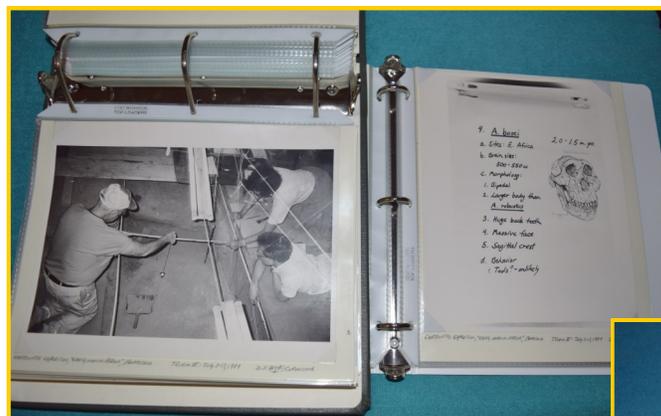
The word “preservation” is often used in connection with natural resources and antique structures. For archeologists, the word has a much deeper meaning, serving as a core principle for site survey, field and lab work. The meticulous preparation of documentation for each site, for each discovery, is an equally important task. Documentation naturally leads to curation. For example, the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL), part of the University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts, is the largest archeological repository in the state. If TARL is new to you, please take a moment to visit its website at <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/tarl/>.

Dominick (Nick) Cirincione, is a TCAS/TAS member who fully embraces the ideas of preservation, documentation and curation. Because of his broad range of interests and travels, Nick is well known in other communities and organizations for his many generous donations of printed materials and other memorabilia, documenting the places he visited and events he witnessed. Finding the right university or center to accept these materials is also a requirement for Nick. His donation to the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center and Archive consisted of twenty-four boxes of materials. Closer to home, the Tarrant County Archive contains the Dominick J. Cirincione Collection, dated from 1927-2016, which spans 22 boxes and 25.61 linear feet. Perusal of the Collection at the Tarrant County Archive is available at the Archive website at access.tarrantcounty.com/en/tarrant-county-archives.html. Careful preservation, documentation and curation of the life of a man of today, showing the pieces of Nick’s own time and place, may be of interest to future historians and researchers.

Now Nick is further paring his possessions, many of which are being donated to TCAS for further distribution to the membership. Thanks to Nick and to James and Susan Everett for their assistance to Nick in coordinating this effort. As he did in November, James plans a display of the items Nick wants TCAS members to take home with them. Nick consistently says, “Hopefully, the items I am donating will be useful to someone (teachers, collectors, etc.)”



L: Chilean Flute
R: Chilean Pan Flute



Notebook: Earthwatch Expedition, “Early Man in Africa,” Swaziland, July, 1987

Bibliophile alert!
There will be
books! Periodi-
cals! Brochures!



From Nick to you: Aus-
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joeys at your house

Photos by James Everett

TAS Spanish Colonial Academy in San Antonio

Event Dates: February 17-18, 2018

Registration Deadline: February 3, 2018



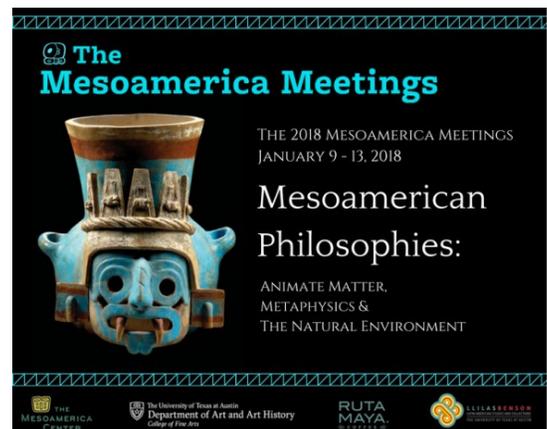
From the TAS website, <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/184>: This is a new TAS Academy for 2018, to be offered for San Antonio's Tricentennial celebration! The event will introduce Spanish Colonial archeology to registrants through a series of lectures and instruction with the goal for attendees to take home lessons learned through hands-on activities and a detailed manual about this important period of history. The Spanish Colonial Academy is planned in San Antonio during the tricentennial to accompany the TAS Annual Meeting which will also be in San Antonio during 2018. The Spanish Colonial Academy instructor, Dr. Tamra Walter, Professor of Anthropology - Texas Tech University, will also continue overseeing the 2018 TAS Field School investigations at Mission San Lorenzo. This TAS Academy will be held at the River House (on the San Antonio River) a part of Steve's Home-stead in the historic King William District of San Antonio. At least one walking tour of a nearby Spanish Colonial site (such as a mission) will be part of this TAS Academy.

San Antonio offers opportunities for visiting the famed Riverwalk, shopping, historic sites, and much more. Numerous lodging options are available including nice hotels, bed and breakfasts, camping, and much more are easily available in the San Antonio area. As with the other TAS Academies, the registration costs for all current TAS members is \$100. Non-members must first join TAS in order to enroll and participate. Lodging options in San Antonio are available on the [San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau website](#).

The 2018 Mesoamerica Meetings at the University of Texas at Austin!

Mesoamerican Philosophies: Animate Matter,
Metaphysics & The Natural Environment
January 9-13, 2018

Registration info at <http://utmesoamerica.org/maya/registration-instructions>



2018 TSHA Annual Meeting

March 8-10, 2018

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel Conference
Center & Spa

Details at <https://www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/>



May gratitude fill your heart and knowledge inform your thoughts. Happy New Year!

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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.

January 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

Preferred Phone _____

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

Email Address _____

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_____ 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 _____