



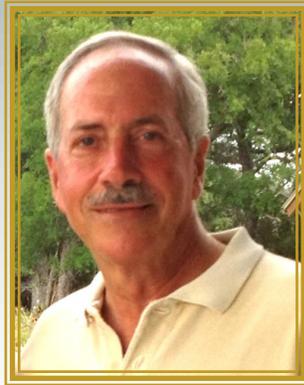
Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

January and February seem to be pretty quiet in the Texas Archeology world but there are some upcoming events that you should find interesting.

TCAS has scheduled a Cemetery Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, March 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This sounds like a fun way to be involved in the Johnson Plantation Cemetery Project and enjoy some archeological field work without a lot of physical exertion. We really need to make some significant progress on this project since we took on this task a year ago in February 2015. Please participate so we can wrap-up the research phase and move on to finalizing our field work. Catrina Whitley, Sharon Beck and Chris Barry are the contacts for any questions you may have. More details are available on page two of this newsletter.

The Caddo & Annual East Texas Archeological Conferences will be held in Nacogdoches at the Fredonia Hotel, March 31-April 2nd and the TAS Academies



Chris Meis, President

are also coming up soon. The first one, Geoarcheology, is being held on March 10-20 in Kingsland, Texas. Register early because the Academies fill up quickly.

This month's speaker, Charles Koenig, will educate us about the latest findings from the Eagle Cave site in Val Verde County, Texas. Charles is the Project Archeologist for the Ancient Southwest Project and you can read more about his background and abstract on page two of this newsletter.

Thanks to Gen Freix for her work on updating our website , (www.tarrantarch.org), making it more informative, more user-friendly and visually more attractive. Additional improvements are in the process as we plan to have all the previous year's newsletters online, you will be able to renew your annual TCAS membership via Pay Pal, the upcoming speakers and their topics will be posted and there will be more contact infor-

mation for the Board of Directors.

With the New Year comes lots of discussion among the Board about activities for our members. I recently ran across a TCAS report on the Ham Creek Site from 1964 which made me realize that we need to be better connected with the preservation, historical and archeological communities in the metroplex so we will be contacted as projects arise. It would be exciting to see us have more opportunities to do actual archeological field work. I plan on making this a priority in the coming months.

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Speakers

March 10: Mary S. Black will discuss her novel of historic fiction, "Peyote Fire, Shaman of the Canyon-Lower Pecos."

April 14: Dr. Reid Ferring will discuss his ongoing work in the Republic of Georgia.

May 12: Dr. Julie Hoggarth will provide an update on her work in Belize.

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

February Speaker: Charles Koenig

Plan now to join us as TCAS welcomes Charles Koenig as the speaker for the February 11th meeting.

Charles grew up in Silverthorne, Colorado, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology in 2009 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Upon graduation, Charles moved to Texas and worked as an intern at Shumla Archaeological Research and Education Center. In 2010 Charles entered the Master's program at Texas State University under the direction of Dr. Stephen Black. Charles graduated in 2012, and after working for Shumla from 2012-2013, went back to Texas State to serve as Project Archaeologist for the Ancient Southwest Texas project.

Abstract: Low Impact, High Resolution: Ongoing Investigations of Eagle Cave, Val Verde County, Texas.

Situated in Eagle Nest Canyon, a short box-canyon tributary to the Rio Grande, Eagle Cave is one of the largest rockshelter sites in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands of southwest Texas. Archaeological investigations of Eagle Cave began in the 1930s with the Witte Museum, followed by the University of Texas' Archeological Salvage project in the 1960s. These early archaeologists opened up a large trench through the center of the site, but the trench was never backfilled. Since the 1960s, the once straight trench walls have collapsed, and tons of delicate rockshelter deposits have slumped down into the trench. Beginning in 2014, the Ancient Southwest Texas (ASWT) project at Texas State University has been working in Eagle Cave to systematically re-expose the intact stratigraphy in order to document, sample, stabilize, and backfill all of Eagle Cave. We are using state of the art recording and sampling methods to ensure we do as little harm to the deposits as possible. This presentation will summarize the ongoing ASWT work in Eagle Cave.



TCAS Event: Headstone Hunt in Arlington on March 13th

By **Catrina Whitley**

Headstone Scavenger Hunt
 Sunday, March 13 1:00- 3:00 pm
 Meet at the Arlington Cemetery
 801 Mary St.
 Arlington, Texas 76010

Our second stop is the Johnson Station Cemetery
 3300 Cooper Street
 Arlington, Texas

We will first search the Arlington Cemetery for headstones of indi-

viduals thought to be in the Johnson Plantation Cemetery. We need to rule out they are not buried somewhere else in Arlington!!! We will also look for individuals with the same names to see if they are related. When done, we will move on to the Johnson Station Cemetery.

The scavenger hunt includes prizes such as Starbucks gift cards, books on slavery in Texas, and books on the history of Arlington, Texas, and more.

We need photographs to include in the publication! So, bring your cameras.

Come join the FUN!!

Member Spotlight: Shirley Green

By Mike Shannon

If you have never heard of Sunray, Texas, then let me tell you it is north of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle. It is also the birthplace of Shirley Green, an only child. While she was still a very young child, Shirley's Mom and Dad moved to San Francisco, California. Her Dad worked for the war effort (that's WWII) for the Navy while her Mom worked in downtown San Francisco for a title company. After the war, they moved back to Sunray where her Dad worked for an oil company and her Mom worked for the U. S. Postal Service.

Her family has deep roots in Texas. Parts of Parker County, northwest of Poolville, were settled by Shirley's father's family in the early 1850's. While his son fought with the C.S.A. during the Civil War, her great-great grandfather played an active part in a frontier regiment. Shirley's great-grandfather on her mother's side was one of the first settlers in Sherman County, where he later served as a sheriff of that county.

Shirley and Bill were high school sweethearts at Sunray High School. Of course, that relationship went on to college at West Texas State. She went on to graduate from Texas Tech in 1970 with a B.S. degree. She also played basketball and ran track while at Texas

Tech. Shirley got her M.A. in 1972 at Texas Woman's University at Denton. An educator, she retired as Assistant Principal of a Hurst – Eules- Bedford junior high.

Shirley and Bill made a lot of friends hiking and recording the Chihuahua Trail out in the Big Bend. Lynn Wiggins of TCAS invited them to dig at a site in Corsicana and that is when she and Bill got involved in archeology. Shirley really prefers historical archeology. They joined TCAS where she served as secretary. She has also served a term on the Awards Committee for TAS with Alan Skinner.

Shirley and Bill were blessed with three children. Now, she also has eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Shirley says, "Of course they are all smart, beautiful, and sweethearts."

The fact that there have been four generations of Shirley's family to be involved in the TAS Field School together is pretty amazing. She says the great grandkids really love it, too. Having been an educator of young people, she really feels "it's good that we encourage them to get involved in hands on archeology so as to continue future preservation of our heritage."



Shirley Green
Photo by Mike Shannon

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We appreciate those members who take their time to bring refreshments for our monthly meetings. Our thanks in advance to Dana Ritchie Parker, Katrina Nuncio and Veronica Marquez for this month's refreshments.

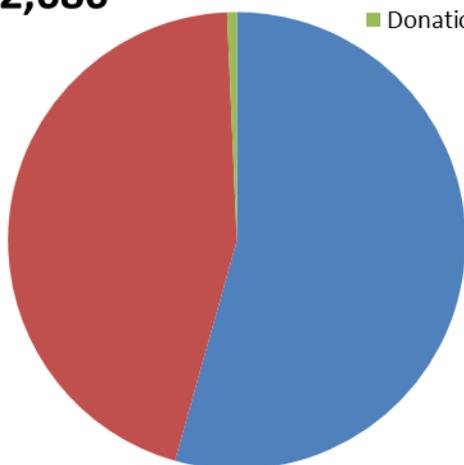
Hope to see you at this month's meeting on the 11th.

Chris Meis

TCAS Income & Expense
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Income
\$2,686

- Dues \$1,460
- Donations - Memorial Fund \$1,208
- Donations - Other \$18

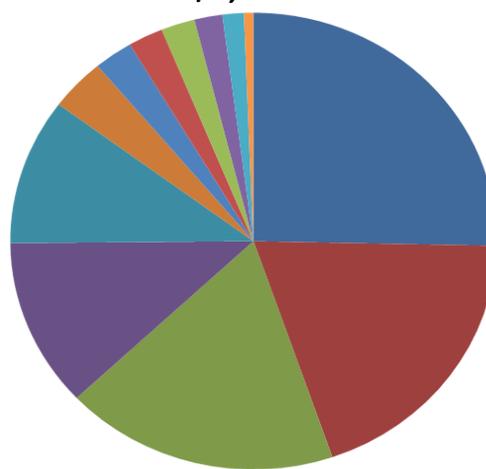


Graphs prepared by
 Dana Ritchie Parker,
 TCAS Treasurer

Thank you for your generous support of the TCAS Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarships pay for fees and meals at the Texas Archeological Society Field School. Applications for 2016 awards are available on the TCAS website.

Expense
\$3,863

- Scholarships \$978
- TCAS Meeting Room \$750
- Speaker Travel \$704
- Web Hosting \$460
- Speaker Fees \$400
- Supplies \$143
- Post Office Box & Postage \$100
- Activities \$90
- Speaker Food \$87
- Printing \$72
- TAS Membership \$55
- Bank Fees \$24



Middleton Tate Johnson Plantation Cemetery Project

Welcome to the first in a series of highlights on what the research team has uncovered on the people buried at the Middleton Tate Johnson Plantation Cemetery. Thanks to Sharon Beck for this info.

Tombstone inscription: W.M.K. Dacres 1892- 1943.

We learned that he is William M. Knowles Dacres. He was born April 22, 1892, in the Grand Cayman Islands, British West Indies. His death certificate states he died May 9, 1943, at aged 51 of pulmonary tuberculosis and that he is buried at the **Johnson Creek Cemetery**. Thus, we have uncovered another name for the cemetery.

William entered the USA on Nov 27, 1923. He arrived on the ship "Admiral Sturdee" at the port of Tampa, Florida. He is described as a cook, 5' 7 1/2 inches tall, 143lbs, black hair and black eyes, and with "tattoo marks on both arms." He was married but we believe he left her in the British West Indies. Isn't this information cool!

Landmark Federal Agencies Celebrate Anniversaries in 2016

Celebrations in 2016 will offer Americans several opportunities to rejoice in our heritage and recognize those federal agencies dedicated to preserving that heritage for generations of Americans to come.

2016 is the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. Although the official date is August 25th, parks in each state will be offering special events to mark this centennial year. Quick access to these events, plus a chance to expand our understanding of the history of the NPS, is available at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/index.htm>.

The NPS protects places close to the hearts of Texans, too. From the Padre Island Seashore to the Big Bend National Park, the rich history and these beautiful vistas are preserved by the National Park Service. See a more complete listing of the thirteen national parks in Texas at <http://www.nps.gov/state/tx/index.htm>.



Photo of Lost Mine Peak in Big Bend from <http://visitbigbend.com/big-bend-national-park-photo/#prettyPhoto>

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

- Native American Proverb

The National Historic Preservation Act is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2016.

The historical and cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people . . . the preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans” – National Historic Preservation Act, 1966

According to the Preservation 50 website, <http://preservation50.org/about/nhpa-history/>, “The American people took those words to heart in the last half-century, transforming their communities from coast to coast through historic preservation and generated widespread social and economic impacts. The NHPA established the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeology. These heritage resources shape our sense of place, anchor economic revitalization, and ensure a more sustainable future for our nation.”

For archeologists, this **50th Anniversary** is a milestone of enduring significance. It is Section 106 of this 1966 Act that brought about opportunities for archeologists to pursue field work as a tool for research and preservation, which is now often described as cultural resource management (CRM).

In celebration of the NHPA's 50th Anniversary, the SRI Foundation is releasing a series of privately funded videos that showcase archeological efforts to preserve our history in each state and enrich our understanding of ancient Americans. Thanks to Catrina Whitley for providing this early link to these amazing works of video art : <https://vimeo.com/user47504079/videos>

More info about the SRI is available at <http://www.srifoundation.org/>

Texas Archeological Society 2016 Academies

Recognizing and Evaluating the Archeological Potential of the Landscape:
An Introduction to Geoaerchology

When: March 19-20 Registration Deadline is 03/04/2016

Where: Nightengale Archaeological Center, 1010 Circle Drive,
Kingsland, TX 78639

Lithics: Reading Stone Artifacts

When: April 30-May 1st Registration Deadline is 04/14/2016

Where: Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, 2503 4th
Avenue, Canyon TX 79015 and Palo Duro Canyon S.P.

<http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2016/index.php>

Termini Lecture Series
University of Texas at Arlington
Presents Dr. Douglas Owsley
March 3, 2016 Free admission

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Society of American Archaeology
81st Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
April 6-10, 2015

Kroger Community Rewards



Register your Kroger Plus Card online by clicking on the link below. Then by searching for Tarrant County Archeological Society or entering our NPO number (21007), you can link

your Kroger Plus Card to TCAS. Every time you shop at Kroger and swipe your card, TCAS will receive a rebate based on your purchase. You will need to relink your card each year on or after August 1.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

**Now is the time to pay
your TCAS dues!**

**Membership Form is on
Page 8. Mail it in or bring
the form and dues to Lloyd
Erwin at the TCAS meeting
on 2/11.**

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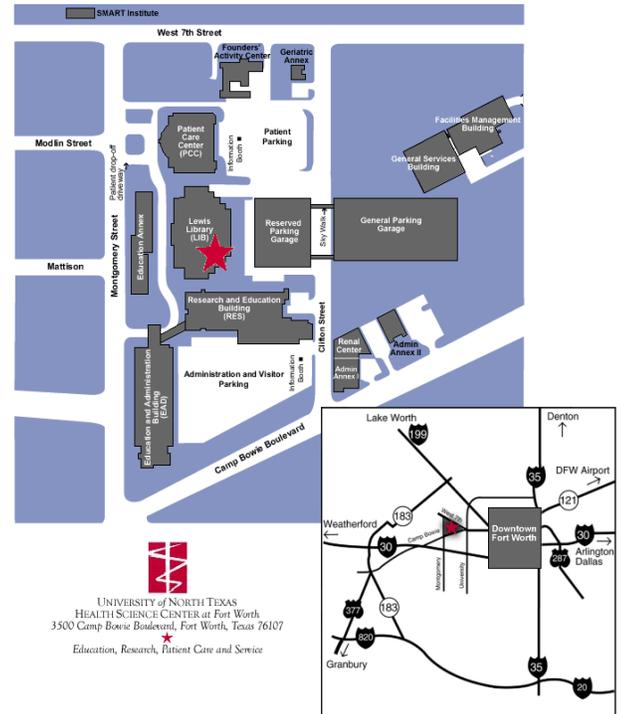


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The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** meets at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month (except June and December) at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., in Fort Worth. The location 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 "1" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Although Lot 1 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.





TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

February, 2016

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 _____

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

I want my newsletter delivered by _____ email or _____

_____ Optional Memorial Fund Contribution

by USPS mail.

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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