

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society

San Marcos, October 6th-7th

Nick Morgan, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Looks like the 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society is coming together very nicely. Online registration is available at www.txarch.org. We have a full program, fabulous speakers, a fantastic venue, and we're working on a field trip opportunity that everyone can enjoy. And of course, the Sacred Springs Pow Wow will be running Saturday and Sunday as well.

Our block of rooms at Embassy Suites, San Marcos is just about full, so by the release date of this newsletter, it may well be sold out. Keep trying though, because there will surely be a few cancellations and some reshuffling. We've also secured a block of 35 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, which is directly across I-35 from Embassy Suites at 900 Barnes Dr. The room rate is \$139 per night, and the cut-off date is Sept. 21 (free wi-fi, parking, breakfast buffet). **Call the hotel directly to book at 512 392 6355, code TRC or book online [Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting Booking Link](#).**

Yes, the program is full, but poster submissions are still being accepted. If you'd like to present a poster, get in touch with Becky Shelton, am-papers@txarch.org right away. We're going to try to squeeze in as many presentations as we can. And if you have any questions regarding the silent auction, Pat Mercado-Allinger is the person to ask, am-auction@txarch.org.

And how about a good old TAS sing-along? The local arrangements committee is still working out the details, but a sing-along is possibly in the works: probably in the main ball room, after the banquet. Of course, we'll have to see what other events are going on at the time and see how much noise we can legally make.

So, looks like it's gonna be a good'un. We'll post a SCHEDULE OF EVENTS on FB at [Travis County Archeological Society](#) as soon as we have it nailed down

Update your FALL calendar now! Besides **Annual Meeting**, many **TAM events** are on the horizon, as we celebrate **archeology in Texas in October**. Participate in a TAM event and spread the word that TAS and THC are working together to preserve our history. Check out **Page 7** to learn more about how you can help.

More Good News: Registration for the 2024 Academies opens online on October 8th.

Christopher Goodmaster concisely describes each of the terrific learning opportunities on **Page 8**. A convenient mail-in Academy registration form is available on **Page 9**. Kudos to Jimmy Barrera, Chair, and the entire Academy Committee on creating these mini-university style, fun weekends in 2024 as TAS travels to **Houston, Victoria and Fort Worth**.

Preview: Volume 94 of the TAS Bulletin will be available for on-line distribution in October.

Eric Schroeder, Editor, shares an early look at the line-up of this year's authors and titles on **Page 6**.

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TAS BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2023 - San Marcos



Newsletter Deadline

Friday, December 15, 2023 – 2024 Winter Edition

October 6-7, 2023 - Annual Meeting, San Marcos

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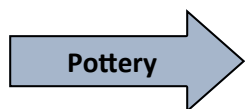
Early donations



Beat the summer heat by clearing out your jewelry box, library, attic, garage, or storage unit! While this activity is guaranteed to result in a sense of personal satisfaction, you will likely find some treasures that would be perfect for the TAS Silent Auction. We especially welcome jewelry (vintage items are great!), arts and crafts, books, gift baskets, field kits, bed and breakfast getaways, and anything else that you think a fellow TAS member would enjoy. We know that many of you are artistic in a variety of media so show off your talents by donating a creation or two to the auction.

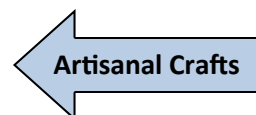
You are welcome to bring your donations with you to the TAS Annual Meeting. Contact Pat Mercado-Allinger, Silent Auction Chairman, at am-auction@txarch.org if you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting and need to coordinate delivery.

Remember that the proceeds of each auction support the important activities of TAS. Be sure to make regular visits to the Silent Auction room to ensure that you aren't outbid by your TAS friends!



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2023 J.T.A.H. ARCHEOLOGY & HISTORY BOOK FESTIVAL

In association with the Texas Archeological Society 94th Annual Meeting

Greetings All;

Journal of Texas Archeology and History (JTAH) is pleased to bring the 2023 edition of the JTAH Book Festival to the T.A.S. Annual Meetings in San Marcos on Saturday, October 7th. The book festival will spotlight some of the best new works in archeology and history by Texas authors. This year we will be in the Book Room next to the Silent Auction. Our authors are looking forward to sharing their thoughts and experiences from their writing and publishing experience. Join us and bring your copy for an autograph. Some authors will have copies for sale at the book festival and all will be happy to answer your questions. Refer to the meeting program for a complete description of each book, author bios, and times for each speaker.

Included in the book festival this year are:

“Earth Ovens and Desert Lifeways: 10,000 Years of Indigenous Cooking in the Arid Landscapes of North America”, edited by Charles W. Koenig and Myles R. Miller, University of Utah Press, 2023.

Doug Boyd will tell us about his work with John Erickson to create, “Porch Talk: A Conversation About Archaeology in the Texas Panhandle” published by Texas Tech University Press, 2022.

Ashley Lemke, Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will discuss her 2022 TAMU Press publication, “*Architecture of Hunting: The Built Environment of Hunter-Gatherers and Its Impact on Mobility, Property, Leadership, and Labor*”.

Donna Marie Miller will discuss her two TAMU Press books: “*The 1997 Republic of Texas “War: Texas Secessionists Standoff*”, 2023” and “*The Broken Spoke: Austin’s Legendary Honky-Tonk*”, 2017.

Steve Davis, Publisher

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94th TAS Annual Meeting: What, When, Where, Who

**94th Annual Meeting of the
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**ELTON PREWITT – Where As’s
and Be It Resolved**



Dr. Ashley Lemke – Banquet Speaker



Doug Boyd – Public Forum Speaker



**OCTOBER 6&7 Embassy Suites Hotel and
Conference Center SAN MARCOS**



2023 Local Arrangements Committee

94th Annual Meeting Texas Archeological Society

Making it happen: thanks to the 2023 LAC for all the hours of planning and preparation.

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Volume 94 of the Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society

Eric Schroeder, Editor

Volume 94 of the Bulletin is in its final stages of publication in October. This year the goal was to get an article on as many of the regions of the state that we could get, and with the exception of the northcentral and southeastern regions, we did not disappoint. There are a total of 12 cutting-edge research articles in the Bulletin including:

- ◆ The Clovis Fluted Point Survey, 4th Update: Further Insights into the Early Paleoindian Occupation of Texas *by Alan M. Slade and David J. Meltzer*
- ◆ Between the Eastern Pueblos and the Caddo: 41HL5, A Possible Trade and Resources Procurement Location in the Southeastern Texas Panhandle *by J. Brett Cruse*
- ◆ Hasinai, French, and Spanish Relations in the Early 18th Century: Material Culture Evidence from Western Nacogdoches County, Texas *by Tom Middlebrook*
- ◆ A Protohistoric Brass Gorget from Dewitt County, Southern Texas *by Lucas Peterson and Thomas R. Hester*
- ◆ Mid-1700s Bridle Bits from the Gilbert Site and Other Sites on the Southern High Plains *by Jay C. Blaine and S. Alan Skinner*
- ◆ Two Unique Ground Stone Figurines from the Bofecillos Mountains, Presidio County, Texas *by Timothy E. Roberts*
- ◆ Ancient Landscapes of South Texas at the Nexus of Natural History: An Educational, Community Engagement and Research Initiative for the Twenty-first Century *by Roseann Bacha-Garza, Juan L. Gonzales, Edward Gonzales-Tennant, Starr Hein, Christopher L. Miller, and Russel K. Skowronek*
- ◆ New Ceramic Compositional Data from the La Junta de los Rios Region of West Texas *by Tim Gibbs, Micah I. Smith, and Jeffrey R. Ferguson*
- ◆ Landscape, Resource Structure, and Myriennial Sites: Interpreting the Central Texas Llano Crossing Site *by Stephen M. Carpenter*
- ◆ Gulf Coast Trade on the Margins: The Evidence from the Rio Grande Delta *by Nadya Prociuk and Lauren Busiere*
- ◆ Late Prehistoric Period Ceramic and Lithic Raw Material Distribution on the Southern Plains of Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas *by Myles R. Miller*
- ◆ Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey 4th Update: Additional Results Processed After Submission of Main Draft *by Alan M. Slade*

It is anticipated that this volume of the Bulletin will be available online in October. It is important to remember that last year the membership voted to charge \$30 in addition to regular membership dues to receive a hard copy of the bulletin and that only Fellows, Life Members, and Institutions will receive a hard copy at no additional charge. Those electing to receive hard copies are reminded that these are sent out bulk mail by the printer so it may be as late as February 2024 before you receive your copy.

I am grateful for all the hard work made by the authors as well as that of my editorial staff Timothy Perttula, Drew Sitters, and Emily Dylla to bring such a high-quality volume to the public.

October is Texas Archeology Month

The TAM Team

Each October, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) celebrates the spirit of discovering Texas' past. Texas Archeology Month (TAM) is an opportunity for Texans to understand the depth and richness of our heritage through the lens of archeology. We are calling on members of our archeological community to participate in making Pinch Pot Kits for distribution at TAM 2023 events in October. Last year's goal was 5,000, and with the help of many in the archeological community, we exceeded that and got 6,000 kits out! We plan to build on that success by distributing 10,000 kits this year, but we need YOUR help to pull it off.

Together we can put Archeology in the hands of 10,000 young Texans!

Here's how you can participate in TAM 2023!

1. Volunteer for TAM preparations or at events.

To volunteer to assemble pinch-pot kits, contact Laney.Fisher@thc.texas.gov.

To host a table or volunteer for the October 15 TAM Fair at the French Legation, contact Virginia.Moore@thc.texas.gov

Willing to volunteer at TAM events in your region? Email TAM@thc.texas.gov to be added to the volunteer list.

2. Host a TAM Event

Fill out the [2023 TAM Event/Activity Form](#) to get on the TAM Calendar of Events. Don't have all the details nailed down yet? That's ok, just submit what you have now and email the TAM Team with updates.

Submit a [Public Outreach Materials Order Form](#) to get FREE archeology-related materials (posters, brochures, educational materials) to distribute to the public during TAM (you can order these materials year-round!). We have the 2022 TAM poster in both English and Spanish versions, as well as posters from years past.

Order pinch pot kits to hand out at your event by emailing TAM@thc.texas.gov.

Apply for the [Council of Texas Archeologists Public Outreach Grant](#) for up to \$500 to help fund your event.

3. Donate to support TAM activities here: <https://fthc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/support-texas-archeology-month>.

Atkin, J. (2021). Pinch Your Pottery: The Art & Craft of Making Pinch Pots - 35 Beautiful Projects to Hand-form from Clay. United States: Quarry Books.

Staubach. (2013). Clay: The History and Evolution of Humankind's Relationship with Earth's Most Primal Element. University Press of New England.



Pinch Pots by Becky Shelton

2024 Texas Archeological Society Academies

Christopher Goodmaster

The TAS Academy Committee is offering three informative academies for the 2024 season: Zooarcheology and Osteology Academy (February 10-11, 2024), Geoarcheology Academy (March 8-10, 2024), and Ceramics Academy (April 27-28, 2024). Registration links, TAS scholarship information, updates, and other details can be found on the TAS academies webpage: <https://www.txarch.org/Academies>.

The 2024 Zooarcheology and Osteology Academy is a two-day academy that offers an introduction to the identification, analysis and interpretation of archeological animal and human skeletal remains. This introductory course will teach basic principles of taxonomy and vertebrate anatomy and will focus on the practical identification of fragmentary bones from animals common in Texas.

Participants will learn how archeologists record and analyze faunal data and will discuss interpretation of faunal data. This academy will additionally teach basic human osteology and differentiation of human and faunal bones and will include discussion of ethical standards specific to studying human remains.

The lead instructor is Dr. Mary Prendergast, assisted by Dr. Manuel Domínguez-Rodrigo and Ms. Sylvia Wemanya. The registration fee (\$125) plus TAS membership covers two days of instruction, including refreshments and lunches, and will include a digital manual. Classroom and hands-on laboratory sessions will be held in the Archaeology Laboratory of Rice University on February 10-11, 2024.

The 2024 Geoarcheology Academy is a two and a half-day academy that explores how geological and soil formation processes affect archeological sites, and how investigators use that information to reconstruct both the human and natural histories of an area. The 2024 academy will build upon the 2020 Introductory Geoarcheology Academy and the 2022 Advanced Geoarcheology Academy. This academy blends the elements of the two previous academies by providing a balance of classroom learning with field observations, with specific attention focused on archeological site excavation.

Participants can expect to learn a soils-geomorphology approach to interpret a landscape, how geoarcheological analysis can be applied to site excavations, as well as gain an understanding of geoarcheological reports and how best to work with the geoarcheologists during archeological projects.

The instructors for this course are experienced geoarcheologists that include Dr. Charles Frederick, Mr. Karl Kibler, Dr. Brittney Gregory, Dr. Jim Abbott, Dr. Gus Costa, and Mr. Ken Lawrence. The registration fee (\$200) plus TAS membership covers two and a half days of instruction, including refreshments and lunches, and will include a digital manual. This academy will be offered at Victoria College and the McNeill Family Ranch on March 8-10, 2024.

The 2024 Ceramics Academy is a two-day academy that offers an introduction to the importance of archeological ceramics in terms of technology, chronology, dating, trade, subsistence, and cultural identity. This course will introduce participants to the definitions and origins of ceramics, decorative techniques, sherd analysis, classification and typology, and interpretation of ceramic assemblages. Numerous opportunities for hands-on exercises such as making pottery and identifying vessel types, age, and firing will be provided during this academy.

Course instructors are Ms. Marybeth Tomka, Ms. Rebecca Shelton, and Mr. Allen Rutherford. The registration fee (\$125) plus TAS membership is for two days of instruction, including refreshments and lunches, and will include a digital manual. This academy will be offered at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge on April 27-28, 2024

Online Registration Available on October 8, 2023

2024 Texas Archeological Society Academies

Zooarcheology and Osteology Academy will meet February 10-11, 2024, in Houston, Texas. The lead instructor is Dr. Mary Prendergast, assisted by Dr. Manuel Domínguez-Rodrigo and Ms. Sylvia Wemanya.

Geoarcheology Academy will meet March 8-10, 2024, in Victoria, Texas. The course instructors are Dr. Charles Frederick, Mr. Karl Kibler, Dr. Brittney Gregory, Dr. Jim Abbott, Dr. Gus Costa, and Mr. Ken Lawrence.

Ceramics Academy will meet April 27-28, 2024, in Fort Worth, Texas. The course instructors are Ms. Marybeth Tomka, Ms. Rebecca Shelton, and Mr. Allen Rutherford.

TAS MEMBERSHIP is required for attendance at TAS Academies. Before completing this academy registration form, please complete a TAS membership form and mail to TAS – address below – with appropriate dues (\$40 Student/\$80 Individual/\$100 Family) or complete online form and pay with a credit card. TAS membership information is available on the web at <https://www.txarch.org/Membership-Plans>.

Fees: The registration fee for each Zooarcheology and Osteology Academy and Ceramics Academy attendee is \$125. The registration fee for each Geoarcheology Academy attendee is \$200. Registration includes two days of instruction (Geoarcheology also includes Friday afternoon), a digital manual, lunch, and snacks on both days. A certificate of participation will be awarded to attendees. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit is available for teachers as approved by the Texas State Board of Education.

More Academy Info: Please check <https://www.txarch.org/Academies> on the Texas Archeological Society website for specific details and updates for each of the Academies. You can either register by mailing a hard copy of this form to the address below (checks only please), or you can register online with a credit card.

For scholarship opportunities check <https://www.txarch.org/TAS-Scholarships-Overview> and <https://ntxas.org/scholarships>.

2024 TAS ACADEMIES REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) and topic(s) of those attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Topic	Location	Date	Registration Deadline
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Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy	Houston	Feb 10-11, 2024	Jan 26, 2024
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Geoarcheology Academy	Victoria	Mar 8-10, 2024	Feb 23, 2024
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Ceramics Academy	Fort Worth	Apr 27-28, 2024	Apr 12, 2024
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Number of Zooarcheology & Osteology Academies attended @ \$125 each _____

Number of Geoarcheology Academies attended @ \$200 each _____

Number of Ceramics Academies attended @ \$125 each _____ Total fees due _____

Cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable. Cancellation vacancies will be filled from a waiting list.

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2023 TAS Archeology 101 Academy

Jimmy Barrera and Chris Meis

INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Archeology 101 Academy was held in Goldthwaite at the Legacy Plaza, consisting of the Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center. Goldthwaite is located in central Mills County, 90 miles west of Waco and 35 miles southeast of Brownwood. The classroom session and hands-on exercises were held Friday & Saturday March 24-25, 2023, on the grounds of the Legacy Plaza, while the excavation portion of the Academy was Sunday March 26, 2023, at Del Barnett's ranch 10 miles west of Goldthwaite (Figure 1).

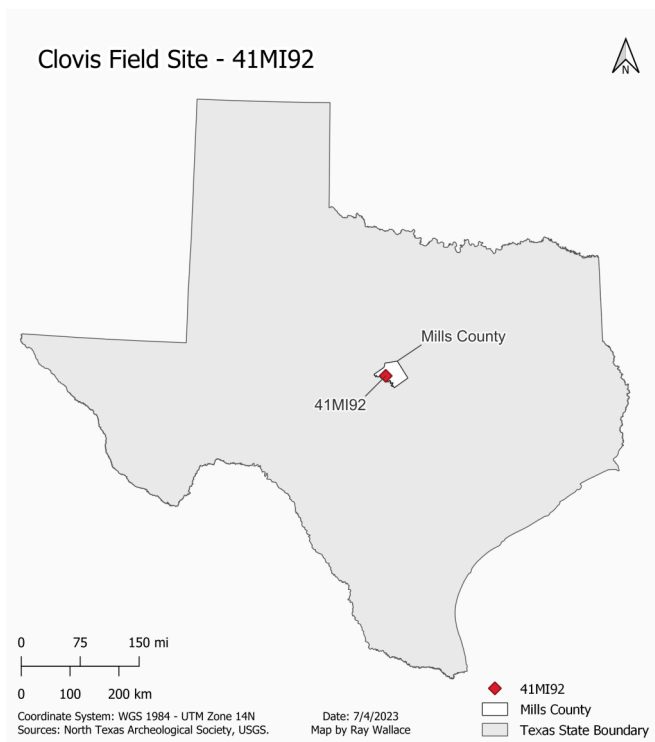


Figure 1: 41MI92 (Clovis Field site) general location in Texas. Figure by Ray Wallace of North Texas Archeological Society.

BACKGROUND

Excavations for the Academy were performed on site 41MI92 which is one of three archeological sites within the larger "Clovis Field" site. The name Clovis Field site applies to three recorded sites: 41MI91, 41MI92 and 41MI93, all within a 14 acre oat field located along Chambers Creek in Mills County, Texas. Excavations on

the Barnett Ranch at 41MI91 are ongoing with oversight by the Gault School of Archaeological Research, and were performed at 41MI93 during field schools held by Texas Tech University. This was the first time that excavations have been performed at 41MI92. Those previous excavations recovered numerous Archaic stone projectile points representing a few thousand years of human occupation in the Hill Country and the Colorado River Valley, along with evidence of intensive episodes of cooking resulting in the creation of numerous burned rock hearth and midden features. A single Clovis spear-point, a polyhedral core, and possible Clovis scraper were recovered from the surface of 41MI93, indicating that humans were present here as early as approximately 13,000 years ago.

Visible across the surface of site 41MI92 is evidence of prehistoric activity including lithic material and a burned rock midden. Although some of the upper component has been disturbed by agricultural practices, nearby investigations at sites 41MI91 and 41MI93 identified multiple intact archeological features close to the surface. The landowner, Del Barnett, informed the investigators that his oat field has never been plowed but only disced for planting in a consistent east-west manner for approximately 50 years. This site was an ideal location for the Archeology 101 Academy excavations since the students had the opportunity to uncover both lithic debitage and burned rock within each unit.

METHODOLOGY

The burned rock midden at site 41MI92 along with scattered lithics and burned rock fragments are visible on the surface (Figure 2).

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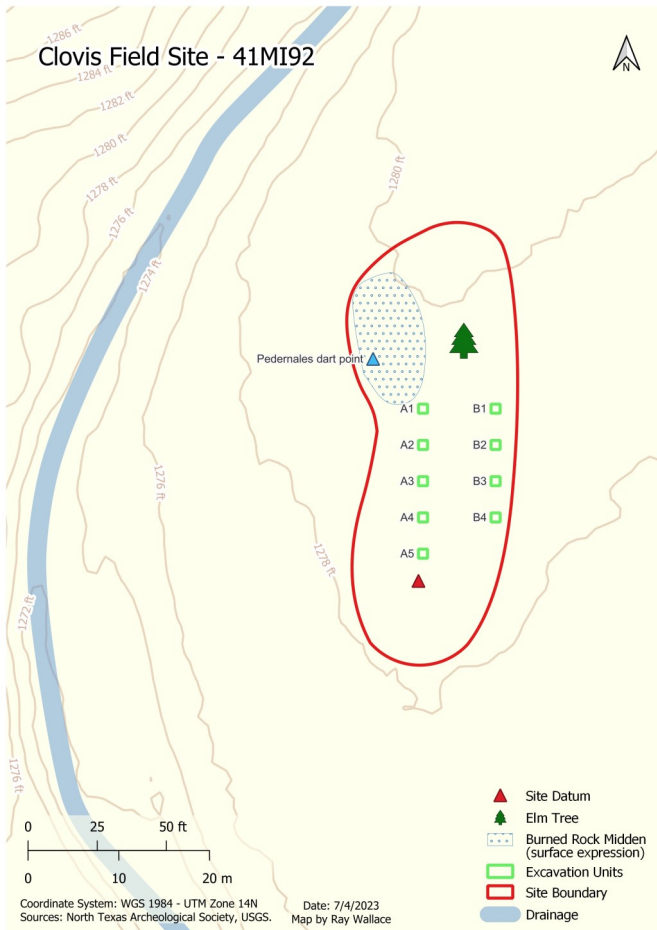


Figure 2: 41MI92 (Clovis Field site) boundary, burned rock midden, and unit locations. Figure by Ray Wallace of North Texas Archeological Society.

To sample site deposits off the burned rock midden nine 1-x-1m units were established in two parallel rows. These two rows of units were laid out in a north/south orientation, units were three meters apart along each

row, with the two rows being eight meters apart. These units made up the overall Excavation Area. Each of the 1-x-1m units was designated by a letter (A-B) and a number (1-5). The overall site datum was established just south of the Excavation Area, and each unit datum was set at the southwest corner of each unit.

Nine of the units were opened, each with an experienced crew chief and 3-4 eager Archeology 101 Academy students. The datum elevation at each excavation unit was set at an arbitrary 100.00m, and units were excavated in 10cm levels. Students built on their learning experience from the class days before to ensure that their unit was laid out correctly, excavated methodically, and their progress along with any artifacts or features were recorded accurately. This hands-on training was very beneficial so that the participants could understand the basics of excavation but also how to identify and interpret the artifacts found in their unit. All units were screened through a ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth. Due to time constraints for the Academy, only four hours of excavation occurred on March 26, 2023.

RESULTS

Five of the units (A3, A4, A5, B3, B4) were excavated to 20cm below surface while the other four units (A1, A2, B1, B2) only finished one 10cm level. As expected, 41MI92 produced abundant lithic debitage and fire cracked rock. The artifacts were processed in the archeology lab at UT Arlington for washing, sorting, and cataloging. Table 1 details the number of lithics and amount of fire cracked rock recovered in each unit.

Unit #	Biface	Uniface	Flake Tool	Tertiary Flake	Secondary Flake	Primary Flake	FCR >10cm	FCR 6-10cm	FCR 1-5cm	FCR <1cm	Totals	Comments
A1 Lvl 1				19	5			23	59	149	255	
A2 Lvl 1			1	40	4	1	1	17	77	7	148	Graver
A3 Lvl 1				34	3	2		45	92	1	177	
A3 Lvl 2				14	4		1	55		2	76	
A4 Lvl 1				23		1	7	12	23	7	73	
A4 Lvl 2				12	1	1	2	14		1	31	
A5 Lvl 1				11	5				12		28	
A5 Lvl 2	1		1	35	6	4			12	10	69	Biface fragment
B1 Lvl 1			1	18	8			3	99	54	183	
B2 Lvl 1		1		25	5		1	2	122	97	253	Arrowpoint preform
B3 Lvl 1				15	2			9	18	11	55	
B3 Lvl 2			1	15	3			18	17	6	60	
B4 Lvl 1			1	16	1			1	68	25	112	
B4 Lvl 2			1	11	6			1	15	19	53	Blade flake tool
Surface Find	1											Pedemales point proximal fragment
Totals:	2	1	6	288	53	9	12	200	614	389	1574	
Total Lithics:	359											
Total FCR:	1215											

Table 1: 41MI92 (Clovis Field site) Artifact Data from March 26, 2023, Archeology 101 Academy Excavations.

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All lithic material consisted of chert, and all fire cracked rock was sandstone except for a single fragment of burned quartzite. Of the 350 pieces of debitage recovered, 288 pieces or 82% were tertiary flakes. Although other types of flakes were recovered, the preponderance of tertiary flakes indicates that the prehistoric occupants were thinning/finishing stone tools on this site. Generally, lithic totals decreased in those units that reached level two. There were no cores or scrapers from the excavated units. There was however, one biface fragment and a unifacial arrowpoint recovered from units A1 and B2 respectively. Six other edge-modified flake tools were found, each flake tool showing intentional reworking along one or more lateral edges. The diagnostic tools in excavation were limited to a single arrowpoint preform (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Arrowpoint preform recovered from unit B2 level 1 (0-10cm below surface). Photo by Chris Meis.

One dart point fragment was found on the surface of the burned rock midden, six meters northwest of unit A1 (Figure 4). The artifact is the base of a Pedernales dart point. The landowner has collected many Archaic dart points from this field over the years and indicates that the Pedernales point is the most common one found.



Figure 4: Proximal fragment of Pedernales dart point recovered from surface of burned rock midden. Photo by Chris Meis.

There were 1,215 pieces of fire cracked rock recovered from the units, the vast majority smaller than 5cm in length. The source for the fire cracked rock is nearby with sandstone outcrops located approximately 25 meters west of 41MI92 in the channel of an unnamed tributary to Chambers Creek and along the hillslopes immediately west of this tributary. Observations on the larger (>5cm in maximum length) fire cracked rock recovered during excavations identified both tabular and cobble specimens, consistent with the nearest sources. It should be reiterated that the burned rock midden has been disturbed to some extent by cultivation over the years and a portion of the fire cracked rock might have been reduced from the original size. The single subsurface burned rock feature (Feature 1) was found at 17cm below surface in level 2 of unit A3. Feature 1 consists of a tightly clustered concentration of burned rock continuing into the next level below the bottom of level 2 (Figure 5). Feature 1 appeared to lack the structure of a hearth feature and may be an

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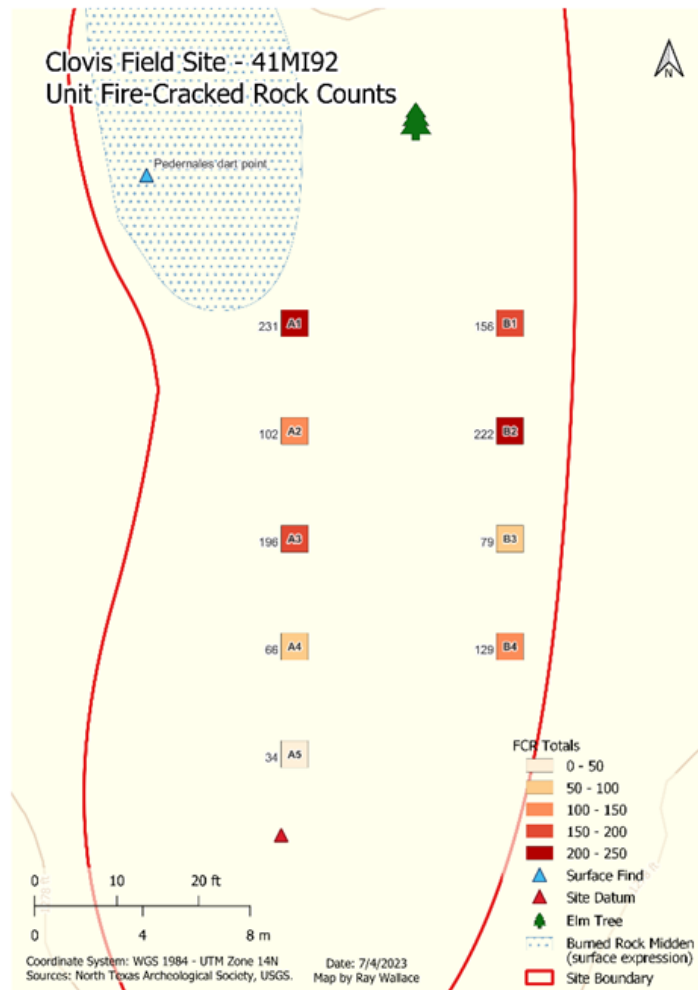
extension of the burned rock midden seen on the surface northwest of unit A1. This burned rock feature, at a shallow depth is similar in size of fire cracked rock and raw material (sandstone) to burned rock features found in the two other sites within the Clovis Field site, 41MI91 and 41MI93.

Artifact trends include higher numbers of fire cracked rock in the units closest to the midden (Figure 6), more tools in units farthest from the midden, and more debitage in units further from the midden (Figure 7). Based on the higher fire cracked rock counts it is likely that units A1, A2, A3 (Feature 1), B1, and B2 terminated above buried portions of the burned rock midden (like Feature 1) or represent plow “smear” of the burned rock midden. Feature 1 indicates some level of integrity below the surface of 41MI92. Lithic tools and debitage are concentrated in the units away from the burned rock midden, also a potential indication of some level of integrity within site 41MI92.



Figure 5: Feature 1, unit A3 level 2.
Photo by Callan Clark.

Figure 6: Fire cracked rock trends based on unit recovery. Figure by Ray Wallace of North Texas Archeological Society.



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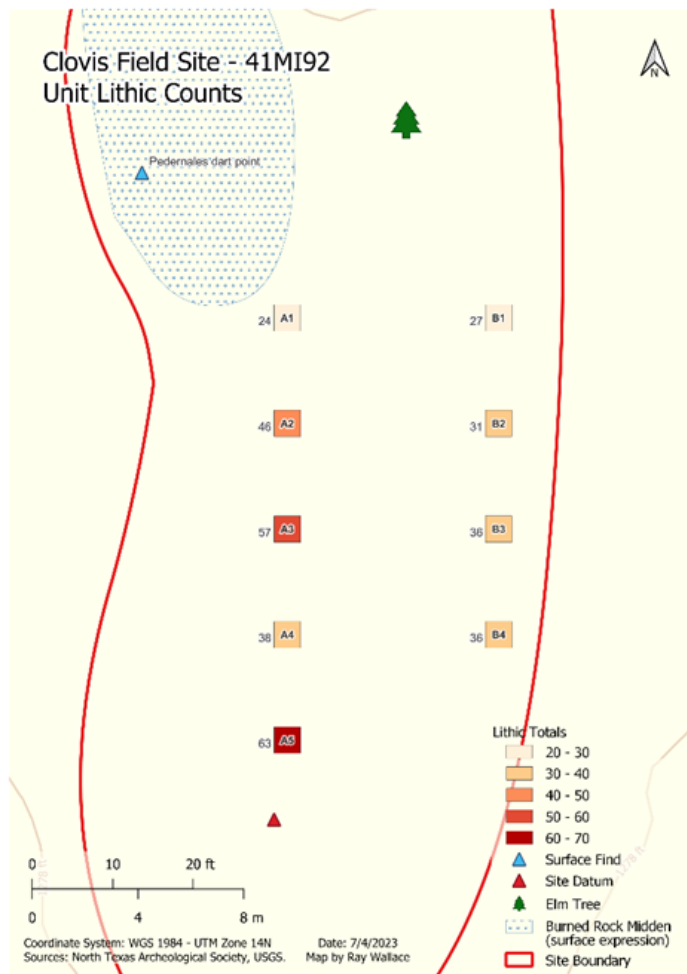


Figure 7: Lithic trends based on unit recovery.
Figure by Ray Wallace of North Texas Archeological Society.

CONCLUSIONS

The goal of the TAS Archeology 101 Academy is to introduce newer participants to various aspects of archeology, including field investigations. This article is provided as a report on the four hours of excavations performed March 26, 2023, at site 41MI92 (Clovis Field site). Academy participants identified buried archeological deposits to 20cm across nine 1-x-1m units. All units contained lithics and fire cracked rock with higher concentrations of fire cracked rock closest to the burned rock midden, and higher concentration of lithic tools and debitage away from the midden. The artifacts and records for

this academy are stored with the landowner Del Barnett.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are many folks to thank for the success of the 2023 TAS Archeology 101 Academy. First the landowner Del Barnett who graciously hosted over 50 people (and our BBQ truck) to his ranch in Mills County, assisted with logistics behind the scenes to help TAS secure the Legacy Plaza for class and hands-on activities, and who continues to steward the resources on his property and elsewhere. Susan Reynolds, Savannah Early, and all the wonderful folks at the Legacy Plaza for hosting this academy which seemed an excellent match between organizations. To the North Texas Archeological Society and the nine Crew Chiefs who traveled from around Texas to help participants learn the right way -and- have a good time. Our esteemed instructor, Dr. Jon Lohse, who always provides a most excellent academy in terms of learning and technical information, makes sure participants have fun, and continues to raise the bar. TAS Academy Committee members: without which we would not have this program; the definition of a well-oiled machine that puts in hard work with a grin while delivering programs like this academy. Ray Wallace for helping with the GIS figures and shapefiles (thanks Ray!). The TAS office for always helping with the administrative side of things. Finally, the Archeology 101 Academy participants – who traveled from afar to enjoy this 2 ½ day academy, got covered in dirt, and were still smiling.

*One more reason to smile:
Texas Bluebonnets on Del
Barnett's ranch*

Photo by C. Erwin



2023 TAS Field School at Nacogdoches: A Review of Our Accomplishments and a Look Forward to Next Year's Field School

Tamra L. Walter, Principal Investigator

This year's TAS field school at Nacogdoches exceeded expectations! A total of 369 people attended, and three sites were targeted for investigation. In addition to excavations, the TAS survey crew investigated 250 acres of a Pine Plantation, the lab processed most of the materials recovered during field school, and we had great evening programs and local entertainment. None of this would have been possible without the help of our field school committee and the folks that worked day and night to make this year's field school a success. Specifically, I want to thank Tiffany Osburn, our Field School Committee Chair, Jack Pool, our camp boss, Tom Middlebrook our local host and liaison, Ruth Matthews and Mary Jo Galindo, our survey team crew chiefs, Aina Dodge, our lab director, Jamie Ross, our administrator, our on-site registration team, and all of our members that participated in the field school despite the heat and unrelenting humidity!

Excavations took place at three different but related sites, Ben Gallant, Belle Gallant, and what is believed to be the first location of Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion. First identified by Tom Middlebrook, Morris Jackson, George Avery, and Jim Corbin among others, the Ben Gallant and Belle Gallant sites represent colonial era Caddo sites with evidence for roundhouses and European artifacts along with Caddo pottery. The Ben Gallant site also contains a trash midden related to Levi Dikes, who resided on the property in the 19th century. The proposed site of the first location of Mission Concepcion was also investigated and is in close proximity to the other two sites. Also identified by Middlebrook, the proposed mission initially yielded nails, Caddo pottery, glass, and metal artifacts that date to the 18th century.

The goals for this year's field school were first, to expose large portions of the mission proper, second, to investigate the round house and associated features at the Ben Gallant site, and third, to further expose the round house features first identified by Middlebrook and his team at Belle Gallant. Block excavations at the proposed site of Mission Concepcion (Figure 1) yielded Caddo pottery, a few nails, at least one gunflint, two white glass

beads, and a small variety of lithics (Figure 2). Several post hole features were also exposed during excavations at the proposed mission site. The alignment of the post holes is of particular importance for the interpretation of this site. A circular arrangement suggests a round house or Caddo structure. A rectangular or square alignment, on the other hand, is more suggestive of a European structure and would lend weight to the hypothesis that this site is indeed the first location of Mission Concepcion. As of the end of the 2023 field school, the exact alignments had not yet been determined.

At the Ben Gallant site, block excavations targeted the area where Middlebrook and his team first identified part of a round house. Smaller excavations were also conducted within a 19th century trash midden on the opposite end of the site. Collectively, the site yielded large amounts of Caddo pottery, 19th century ceramic wares including sponge ware, white wares, and transfer wares, projectile points, a tubular shaped glass bead, cut nails, fencing staples, a nutting stone, Prosser buttons, and glass shards (Figure 3). A number of post holes (Figure 4) were also exposed during the field school and appear to form part of a round house.

Two large excavation blocks were opened at the Belle Gallant site (Figure 5) including the Youth Group excavations. As usual, the youth group did an outstanding job and some of the best finds came from their units. An abundance of Caddo pottery with a wide variety of decorations was recovered from both excavation blocks. Gunflints including a pistol flint and Native made flints, glass beads, a number of projectile points (Alba and Perdiz points among them), a few cut nails, one forged nail, a buttplate finial from a French trade gun found by Cora Norment (Figure 6), green and clear glass shards, white glass beads, and large quantities of debitage (Figure 7). A hearth feature was also identified in the other excavation block but was not fully explored by the end of the field school. A series of postholes was also exposed in the youth excavation block the second to last day of our excavations so further investigations of these features will have to wait until next summer.

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We are still in the early stages of processing, cleaning, sorting, quantifying, and photographing the artifact collections from this summer so any interpretations at this stage are preliminary at best. We do know, however, that at least one Caddo sherd dates from 1720-1750. The Patton Engraved, Mayhew sherd (Figure 8) was identified by Tim Perttula who will be analyzing the Caddo pottery in the coming months. The date range for this sherd is consistent with the occupation of Mission Concepcion however stronger confirmation is needed to substantiate the claim that this site is indeed the first location of Concepcion. Next summer's TAS field school will afford us an opportunity to further explore the proposed site of Mission Concepcion although the bulk of our excavations will target the Belle Gallant site. Block

excavations will be expanded next summer at the Belle Gallant site and excavations will continue within the blocks opened this past summer. Smaller test excavations in and around the proposed mission site are also planned for 2024. No additional excavations are planned for Ben Gallant at this point in time.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all of you who joined us this past summer for a great field season. I hope you will join us again next summer so we can pick up where we left off. I also want to encourage our members to attend the Annual Meeting in San Marcos this fall so you can hear more about our field school findings. A 2023 TAS Field School symposium is scheduled for this year's meeting and updates on all three sites will be addressed. I look forward to seeing you all there!



Figure 1: Excavations at the proposed site of Mission Concepcion.

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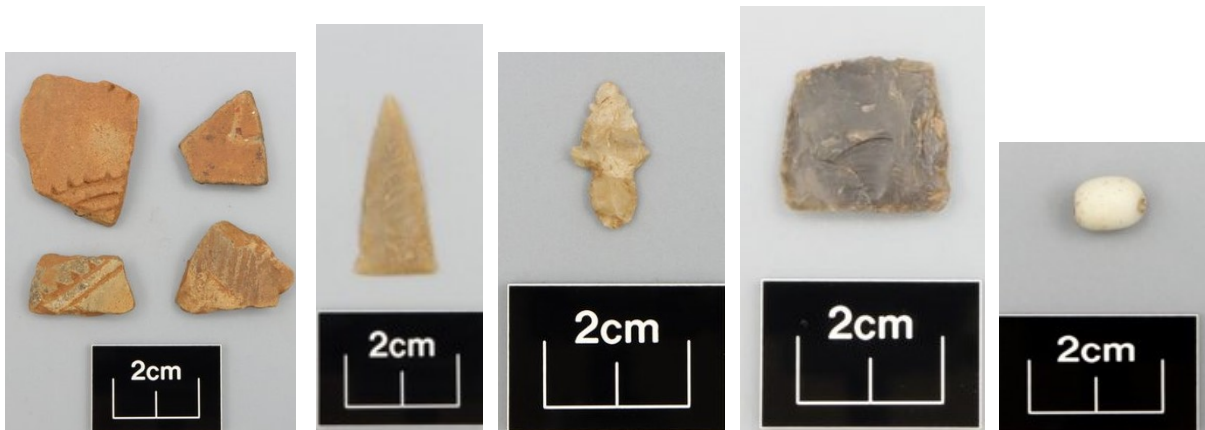


Figure 2: Artifacts from the proposed site of Mission Concepcion (from left to right: Caddo pottery, two projectile points, gunflint, glass bead).



Figure 3: Artifacts from Ben Gallant (from left to right: nutting stone, transfer wares, Caddo pottery, gunflint).



Figure 4: Post hole features from the Ben Gallant Site.



Figure 5: Youth Group excavations, Belle Gallant site.

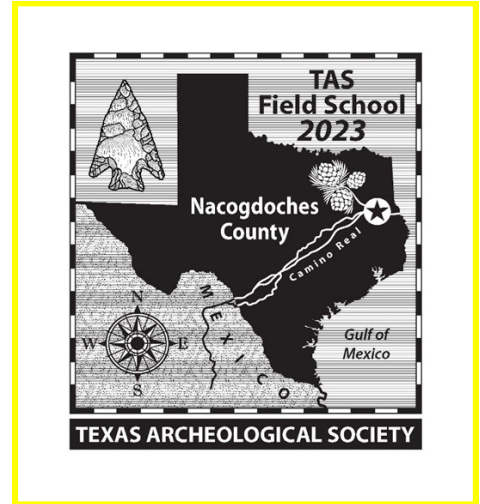
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Figure 6: Cora Norment holding a buttplate finial. Nora Leonard, daughter of Heather Leonard, is behind Cora.



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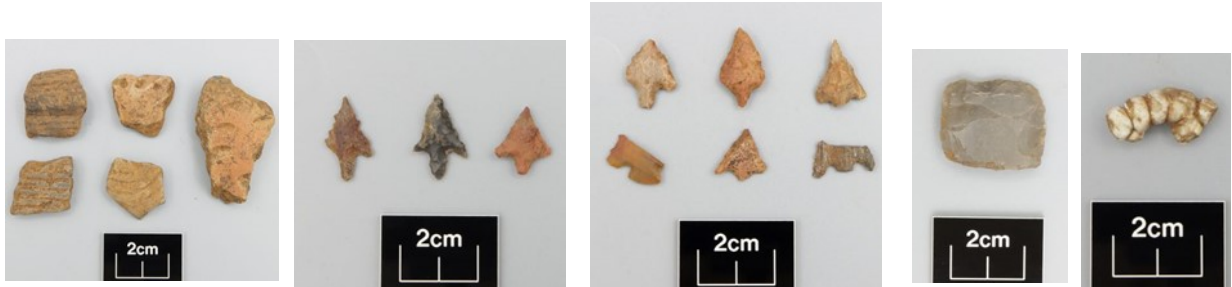


Figure 7" Artifacts from the Belle Gallant site (from left to right: Caddo pottery, projectile points, gunflint, melted and fused glass beads).



Figure 8: Patton Engraved, Mayhew variety sherd

Educators at FS Promote Archeology for Youth (K-12)

Pam Stranahan

A group of educators under the leadership of Linda Ott Lang, Chair of the TAS Education Committee, shared ideas for teaching archeology to students K-12. Those in attendance included Linda Lang, Robin Matthews, Ann Matthews, Sharon Menegaz, Pam Stranahan, Doug Boyd, Sherry Williams, Christina Swan, Heather Leonard, Victoria Castro, and Amanda Collins.

Discussion ranged from teaching experiences to resources available. Some of the resources mentioned included: *Porch Talk* by John R. Erickson & Douglas K. Boyd (2022) Texas Tech University Press, which has eight lesson plans targeting 7th graders at www.plainsarch.org. Two additional books by John Erickson about Panhandle archeology are *Discovery at Flint Springs* (2004) Viking and *Hank the Cow Dog Mystery # 50 Case of the Ancient Bones*.

Other materials for review:

Project Archeology manuals– *Intrigue from the Past*, *Rock Art* – other topics - <https://projectarchaeology.org/services/teachers>

La Salle in Texas, by Pam Wheat-Stranahan (2007), TAMU Press – four teaching units and a DVD of the LaBelle excavation - <https://www.tamupress.com/book/9781585446094/la-salle-in-texas/>;

Handouts from the teachers' section of *Texas Beyond History* (TBH) <https://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/teach/index.html>

TAS members can interest youth and increase awareness of archeology in Texas by promoting these materials. Order the books to give to youth in your life or to a nearby school or community library.



Educators' get-together at Field School 2023 in Nacogdoches

Photo provided by Pam Stranahan

Making a Difference: TAS Scholarship Recipients Report on FS 2023

Provided by Tim Sullivan, Chair, Collegiate and Diversity Scholarship Subcommittee

Thanks to Tim for his work in coordinating with our TAS 2023 FS scholarship recipients. Special thanks to Savannah, Aly, Garrett, and Jesse for taking the time to share some of their FS experiences with us.

Savannah Bragg

This was my first ever field school and it was an excellent experience that completely exceeded my expectations. I am so grateful that I received the scholarship to attend the field school because I was able to get the full experience and it allowed me to save some of my hard-earned money to keep putting towards college. I loved getting to meet all the wonderful people there and I'm so thankful for the wealth of knowledge and experience that was so graciously shared. I learned valuable information and field techniques from my crew chief, Alex Younger, and other people around the Ben Gallant site.

I loved learning more about the local history of the Hainais people that used to live here and the Caddo in general, and it was such a privilege to work on the very land they walked on thanks to Mrs. Belle Gallant. I was amazed that we had 8 potential features within our units and I loved learning how to bisect a feature! Some of my favorite memories from the field school are when Jerry Grubis taught a group of us how to repair his screens, competing in the rabbit sticks competition, camping out next to Richard and Patrick, playing cards with friends, and dancing like crazy at the margarita party.

I met so many fun, interesting people and made so many friends I hope I'll keep seeing in the years to come! This was such a valuable experience for me. I think this will have a lasting impact on my life and career and I am already excited for all the field schools to come!

Aly Foreman

TAS field school was an absolute dream for me and certainly the first of many years to come. From the very start I was welcomed and felt right at home among the throng of archeology enthusiasm. All the educators and crew chiefs were filled with admirable passion and knowledge that they were eager to share and everyone involved was encouraging to each other. Such a happy and splendid atmosphere, not to mention the beauty of the surrounding natural environment!

As a native Texan, this was a special treat to experience real Texas history in a way which I have only dreamed of for as long as I can remember. Although I was unable to stay the entire week, the experience is something I will forever cherish and value.

Thank you to all the organizers and participants for making such a great experience for so many. Thanks to the North Texas Archeology Society and the Texas Archeology Society, I look forward to continuing to learn from the best and then putting my archeology experience to work and keeping on a path to become fully immersed in archeology projects.

Garrett Powell

Summer 2023 provided my third year of field school with the Texas Archeology Society. Recently, I completed my Associate degree at Weatherford college and I wish to pursue archeology studies and as a career. I have an interest in historic archeology in Texas however I enjoy getting to learn more about Texas through working on pre-historic sites and this year I got to work on the Caddo site.

The unit that I worked on provided some rather interesting artifacts. My team found several points and even a musket ball which I had found notable. As a native Texan who has spent most of my life in northwest Texas, I was fascinated to see all Texas had to offer in the east. Nacogdoches was an amazing town to stay in during the excavation.

I hope to one day be an archeologist myself and through the Texas Archeological Society I believe that it may be possible. I have decided that I will continue my adventure towards higher education at Stephen F. Austin University where I will study anthropology. I have always enjoyed the Texas Archeological Societies' field schools and I hope to attend next year's field school. I appreciate the opportunity to attend with a collegiate scholarship, mentorship, and support of TAS.

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Savannah Bragg, Scholarship Recipient

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Making a Difference: TAS Scholarship Recipients Report on FS 2023

Jesse Brown

This summer at field school I witnessed a new generation of undergraduates fall in love with archaeology. Even the first-time campers who, on the second night and sixth morning, hunkered down and waited out the storms while their tents and canopies were battered by the wind and rain. Not to mention the oppressive humidity that added a special kick to the heat of the day. However, despite the gnarly weather conditions, masses of people descended into the ground and moved dirt with archaeological zeal. Watching vocationalists, professionals, and students hit the ground running every morning with the anticipation of uncovering the historic and prehistoric past was a truly awe-inspiring experience.

I am originally from Washington state but moved to Texas in 2019 for a phase three excavation of several prehistoric Caddo sites. Working in cultural resource management inspired me to pursue a master's degree at Texas State University with a thesis project focused on the stone tools used in a Middle Caddo grass house. The opportunity to work on historical sites vital to the history of Texas, like the Mission Concepcion site and the Ben Gallant Site, helped me reevaluate and assess the cultural significance of the features and materials related to my own research. I am greatly appreciative for receiving the scholarship; graduate school has robbed me of my income, and being able to have a scholarship to allow me to attend the field school and save me money for groceries was a blessing this summer.

The project objective was to identify the archaeological features that represent structural remains, such as post molds or circular dirt stains and hearth features of burned clay and fire cracked rock. Unfortunately, my crew did not identify any features, but our first unit recovered 2 dart points and a bifacial knife made of some of the most beautiful chert and petrified wood I have ever seen. The second unit we excavated yielded some brushed ceramic sherds the size of my palm, a load of white ware, historic nails, an almost complete rim of a historic ceramic jar, and - my personal favorite - a pitted groundstone. Even though my crew wasn't able to find non-portable evidence of settlement, units around us were identifying the post molds necessary to define a boundary of a structure. Hundreds of people, in one week, generated enough data to keep half a dozen master students occupied for the next few years.

My undergraduate schooling instilled in me that there is a cultural and societal separation between academic archaeology, professional archaeology, and avocational archaeology. The Texas Archeological Society proves me wrong and dissolves the barriers that exist within our community and accomplishes the most important objective of public archaeology – bringing people together and creating social networks. Archaeology is about people and for people, and the TAS field school provides a wonderful and supportive environment for everyone to learn and grow. The opportunity to work on one of the most important early Spanish Missions in Texas history, while surrounded by exceptional people, created memories that will guide me in my career forever.



Jesse Brown
Photo provided by Tim Sullivan

The Multicultural Program Needs Your Support

Tony Lyle, Chair, Multicultural Program Committee

This year, 2023, marks the 20th anniversary of the Multicultural Program! This unique program began awarding scholarships to TAS members in 2003 and was formalized as the Multicultural Program in 2007 under President Carolyn Spock when the *ad hoc* Native American, Collegiate Scholarship and Diversity Program subcommittees were combined. The stated goals of this program are to advance the mission of the TAS, to increase the diversity of persons who participate in activities of the Society, and to promote a more inclusive understanding of the heritage of Texas. The Multicultural Program is overseen by a committee of members whose main task is to award scholarships in support of TAS activities (primarily Field Schools, Archeology Academies, and Annual Meetings). As stated in the TAS by-laws, the Multicultural Program Committee (MPC) had a set of guidelines that ensure continuity in the operation of scholarships and other programs.

For the majority of the past 20 years, the Native American, Collegiate, and Diversity subcommittees have extended scholarship invitations to individuals meeting the respective criteria for those scholarships. Collegiate scholarships are offered to college students providing proof of enrollment and Collegiate and Diversity scholarships have been awarded for Field School, Archeology Academies, and the Annual Meeting. For Diversity scholarships, priority is given to individuals who are of African/African American/Black, Asian, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano, and Native American/Native Hawaiian, Native Pacific Islander (Polynesian/Micronesian), or Alaska Native (Eskimo/Aleut) heritage, however additional socioeconomic and individual factors may be considered during the review process. Native American scholarships are publicized through booths at powwows and on the TAS website; tribal leaders also are contacted directly by telephone or email and sent invitation letters to TAS activities. Native American Field School scholarships are not limited to federally recognized tribes but include all Native American groups that lived in Texas in the past and Native American people currently living in Texas.

During the past few years, markedly starting in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic disruption of TAS activities, the MPC has made a few changes in order to be more efficient with the committee's use of volunteer time and funds. One notable change was to the TAS website in 2020 with a new scholarship application form which is now fillable. This made it much easier for potential awardees to submit applications as it is now automatically submitted to the MPC subcommittee chairs to receive, disseminate, and review each application packet. This includes a fillable form, proof of eligibility (e.g., college transcripts for Collegiate applications) and a short essay describing the applicants needs and intentions. Other minor changes were incorporated through the Bylaws amendments in 2021, which allowed the MPC flexibility to merge the subcommittees responsible for processing and awarding the Collegiate and Diversity scholarships. This has streamlined the workflow and made the scholarship process easier to administer. The Native American scholarship process continues to operate as the second subcommittee.

For a brief historical perspective to provide context on where we are today, the following summary will focus on numbers mostly from field school activities in order to remain brief. Between 2003-2019, the MPC awarded 123 Native American Scholarships to members representing 18 tribes or nations. Between 2006-2019, 68 Collegiate Scholarships were awarded to students from over 22 colleges and universities. And between 2008-2019, 26 Diversity Scholarships have gone to members of 14 schools and 4 tribes and other individuals. Due to cancelled activities in 2020, the MPC scholarship funds grew with continued donations and lack of award opportunities. In August 2021, the Multicultural Program fund had a balance of \$18,813 for scholarships. Through Field School, a total of \$3,824.29 in scholarships were awarded. At that time, the MPC Chairperson noted that the Diversity scholarships were

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historically the most difficult to promote and recommend the merging of the two committees for application review and processing, while still maintaining a Diversity scholarship. The intent was to allow the chairperson and other interested committee members to focus more on recruitment, expansion of membership, and support for TAS activities. Additional scholarships to TAS Academies and the Annual Meeting are awarded each year, however, there are usually no more than 2-3 for each of these events.

By October of 2022, the MPC scholarship account had a balance of \$14,000, with \$600 in donations that year. In support of field school, we awarded 21 scholarships (9 Collegiate, 7 Diversity, and 5 Native American).

By June 2023, the MPC reported to the TAS Board of Directors that due to smaller donations this year and increased applications, scholarships for field school were reduced by limiting travel reimbursements. Awards covered TAS membership, registration, meals/ice, dig kits, and a TAS t-shirt. Historically, the scholarships provide some funds for travel reimbursement including gas and lodging where necessary. A total of nine Collegiate and seven Diversity (totaling \$4,423), and five Native American (totaling \$1,104) scholarships were awarded.

As of August 2023, the Multicultural scholarship fund has \$5,863. With numerous applications currently being considered for the 2023 Annual Meeting, we expect to diminish these funds to a historically low balance. The ability to continue to support our members and recruit new members is in jeopardy.

As we recognize the past 20 years of success and growth of the MPC, the committee is working to improve the functionality of the Society's scholarship program. Moving forward, it would be ideal to have all donations go to the general Multicultural Scholarship fund and limit specific dedications. This would allow more flexibility in how the scholarship process functions while maintaining the program's ability to provide support for our members.

While the current MPC scholarship fund is extremely low, the history of success is high! The MPC knows that the amazing members of the Society will step up and help us continue to support the mission of the TAS as we strive to increase the diversity of persons who participate in activities of the Society and promote a more inclusive understanding of the heritage of Texas.

More information about the MPC and scholarship opportunities can be found on the webpage:

<https://www.txarch.org/TAS-Scholarships-Overview>

Please donate now and help us meet this goal at

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Jesse Brown, TAS Scholarship Recipient

TAS History: The First Annual Meeting, October 26, 1929

Presented by Paula Vastine, TAS Historian

This inaugural event took place on October 26, 1929 at the Hilton Hotel in Abilene, Texas.

The annual meetings continued to be held in Abilene until 1947 when a move to the Lubbock, Texas, Hilton was made. In following years the annual meeting moved around the state of Texas.

The Texas Archeological and Paleontological Society, as it was known then, actually had at least 11 programs of a professional nature presented prior to the officially designated first annual meeting in 1929. Three of the meetings included discussions on perfecting the new organization and eight were considered program meetings. At the November, 1928 meeting, E.B. Sayles presented a talk on archeological sites near Abilene, Texas. In December, Dr. Cyrus Ray presented a paper on the "Differentiation of Local Cultures". Monthly programs continued into 1929 with "A Study of the Culture of the Comanche Indians" in January, and "An Introduction to Karankaw Campsites" in February. A paper was read by Dr. Olsen in March, and in April a paper was read by Dr. Olsen on "The Culture of the Prehistoric Pueblo Indians". In May "Recent Excavations on the Canadian River", and in June "Introduction to the Geology of the Abilene Section by W.A. Riney" was presented. July's meeting featured "A Study of Burned Rock Mounds" by E.W. Wilson. At the July meeting Dr. Ray announced that "meetings would be adjourned until September due to the heat and the absence of local members". Of course air conditioning as we know it was not available!

At that time, 1928-29, the membership met monthly in Dr. Ray's medical office. Attendance averaged 12 attendees. The secretary suggested that "the Society meet less frequently in the future, giving members more time for the preparation of papers". The membership suggested bimonthly meetings be held and during the cooler part of the year only!

The membership began to prepare for the large meeting planned for October of 1929. A full program was developed and directed by Dr. Ray. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY—ABILENE, TX—OCTOBER 26, 1929

9:45 Convene at Hilton Hotel, Red Room for an address by the President

10:15 Notes on Texas Burned Rock Mounds, Ernest W. Wilson

11:00 Some Indian Illustrations of the Southwest, Prehistoric and Historic; Col. M.L. Crimmins

11:30 The Maya's Supercivilization of Ancient Americas; Prof. Otto O. Watts

12:30 Luncheon, Committee Reports, Election of Officers for 1930.

2:00 Shelter Caves of the El Paso District, Mrs. R.B. Alves

2:45 Archeology and Religion, Dr. W.C. Holden

3:30 Two Sites on the Callo Del Oso, Nueces County, Texas; George C. Martin

At this time the first Bulletin was distributed to members of the Society and others. Members received 122 copies (contributors received two copies), visiting out of state scientists, 6 copies, for review 4 copies and copies on hand, 162. Membership dues in 1929 were \$3.00 therefore the secretary stated that it was necessary for authors to finance their own work and they may be reimbursed as funds are received. The first copies were free. Perhaps the first Bulletin will be available for sale at our Centennial.

All content *from* the original minutes of the meeting (s).

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Jay C. Blaine Eulogy

Alan Skinner

My friend Jay was a gentle man who was capable of putting on a gruff façade when needed but anyone who got to know him knew him as a friend, a great but quiet neighbor who was lonely after his wife had moved to a nursing home. He was always a scholar who was available to answer questions and to challenge an interpretation but in a way that was welcoming. After serving in the Pacific during World War II and being recalled for the Korean War, the couple settled in Dallas. Jay was a skilled watch repair man and this attention to detail served him well in his work at the Post Office as well as his work in the field of archaeology. He was a careful excavator and recorder of historic and prehistoric artifacts and recognized his responsibility in reporting his work. He was a nationally recognized gun identification expert even though he was an avocational archaeologist. He was an in-depth researcher who, even at 99 years old, retained much of what he read, had been told and experienced.

I met Jay as a neophyte Texan when I was working with R. K. Harris on the Sam Kaufman Caddo site. In 1971, Jay forced me to join the Texas Archeological Society in order to direct the tenth TAS field school in archaeology in Kerrville. Prior to that time, he and Jerrylee had begun work at the Longest site in Oklahoma, at the Gilbert site in Rains County, Texas, and at the Winkler-1 Midland point site in New Mexico. At about the same time, he had befriended Pete Gregory, who was a graduate student at Southern Methodist University working on his dissertation which involved the Spanish site of Los Adaes near Natchitoches, Louisiana. Jay continued to work with Pete and Jeanette for years and I think Jay considered Pete the first son he never had.

While working on metal trade artifacts, Jay developed procedures for stabilizing metal and volunteered to work with many professional and avocational archaeologists throughout the country. This led him to receive the



Jay C. Blaine

May 30, 1924—June 22, 2023

Crabtree award from the Society for American Archaeology and many other local and regional awards. In 1984, Jay retired from the US Postal Service and was able to spend more time working at the sites mentioned above and helping folks. He and Jerrylee stopped doing fieldwork in 2006 but he continued with analysis and curating metal artifacts.

Prior to that, he met and linked up with Dr. Tim Baugh from Oklahoma, who got him involved in working on trade materials from Mississippi, which are housed at the Chickasaw headquarters in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Jay and Tim consulted on Wichita topics, particularly as they related to the Longest site.

Just over ten years ago, Jay called me to ask if I would consider completing analysis on the Winkler-1 Midland Point site. Molly Hall and I did this with his help. The three of us flew to Midland and, with the help of the landowner, went out to look at the site. This began the writing of five articles using his input and collections. In the past decade, and particularly with his passing, I feel honored to have directly worked with Jay and to consider myself to have been one of the three sons that he and Jerrylee never had.

In closing, I want to thank his loving neighbors, the staffs of the Blaine Family Trust, Dignity Hospice, and A Place at Home, for the care and loving treatment that Jay experienced in his final days.

Photo above provided by Missi Green, formerly of Geo-Marine, Inc. The online obituary is available at [Jay C. Blaine](#). Jay's final resting place, in recognition of Jay's years of military service in the U. S. Army, is at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

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