

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2024 Field School: June 8-June 15

Nacogdoches



Dr. Tamra Walter, Principal Investigator, and Tiffany Osburn, FS Committee

Spring is upon us and it's time to start thinking about field school! This June, we are excited to return to Nacogdoches for a second season at the Gallant Farm. Last year we focused on three sites- Ben Gallant, Belle Gallant, and Gallant Falls. All three produced Caddo pottery and cultural materials consistent with Allen Phase sites (post 1690). Belle Gallant yielded the most artifacts, but excavations were interrupted by rainfall and much of the work started at the site was incomplete. The 2024 TAS Field School season will focus on unfinished tasks from last summer and expanding excavations at Belle Gallant. Further, we will open block excavations between the Ben and Belle Gallant sites to explore the relationship between the two. In addition to the two excavation blocks opened at Belle Gallant last year, at least one additional block will be opened this coming summer. Three to four excavation blocks will also be opened between Ben and Belle Gallant.

These excavations are designed to address three specific goals for the upcoming field school. The first goal is to investigate the hearth feature exposed last year at Belle Gallant, second, to expand the youth excavations and complete tasks left unfinished within Block C, and finally, to place new excavation blocks between the Ben and Belle Gallant sites to explore connections between the two. Given the close proximity of all three sites at Gallant Farm, it is a safe assumption that the sites are related but the nature of that relationship is not yet fully understood. With the addition of new and expanding excavation blocks, we anticipate recovering more Caddo pottery, European trade goods, lithics, and features that will help address our goals.

Preliminary analyses of the lithics and ceramics from last year's excavations have provided new details about all

three sites. More than 4,000 sherds were collected in 2023, the vast majority of which are Caddo but a small percentage date to the 19th century Levi Dykes homestead near Ben Gallant. Transferwares, white ware, sponge ware and mocha ware are among the ceramics associated with the Dykes' occupation. **Dr. Tim Perttula** completed the analysis of the Caddo ceramics recovered in 2023 and will be analyzing this year's collection as well. Based on his analysis, Perttula noted the most variety in types at Belle Gallant but also observed unique ceramic patterns at the Gallant Falls site (the proposed site of Mission Concepcion). Perttula further summarizes the collection in his report by noting the "stylistic and technological comparisons between the TAS Field School sites place the ancestral Caddo ceramics from the Ben Gallant site intermediate between the Gallant Falls site and the Belle Gallant site". All three sites have Allen Phase ceramics and Belle and Gallant Falls both produced a few Woodland sherds. Ideally, additional ceramic samples from this summer's investigations will help clarify the connections between Ben and Belle Gallant. Although we are not opening large block excavations at Gallant Falls this summer, we may open a few strategically placed test excavations to increase the ceramic sample so that we can further explore the unique ceramic patterns present at this site.

Dr. Harry Shafer completed a preliminary analysis of the lithics from 2023 and identified more than 80 arrow points, a dozen dart points, and 10 gunflints. Belle Gallant produced the most lithic tools (80+), followed by Ben Gallant (19), and finally Gallant Falls, which yielded the least (11). Based on the lithic material types, Shafer suggests that the Caddo were using local materials

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TAS BOARD MEETINGS

April 28, 2024 - by Zoom
June 9, 2024 - Nacogdoches, Field School
August 25, 2024 - by Zoom
October 25, 2024 - Victoria



June 8-15, 2024 - Field School, Nacogdoches
October 25-27, 2024 - Annual Meeting, Victoria

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(orthoquartzite and petrified wood) to manufacture tools and also likely traded with Native groups in central Texas, specifically at Rancheria Grande, for Edwards chert. The lithic collection also includes French, English, and Spanish gunflint varieties and underscores the trade relationships maintained by the Caddo. We expect that a larger sample from this summer's excavations will allow us to further explore the extent of these relationships. Likewise, the recovery of additional European trade goods including glass beads, gun parts, nails, and horse gear will increase our understanding of the role these interactions played in shaping the sites at Gallant Farm.

While much of the focus of this summer's field school

will be on the excavations, other equally important activities will also be a part of our investigations. First, our field lab, directed by Aina Dodge will once again be held at the campground and lab participants will help process, wash, and organize materials recovered in the field. Likewise, the survey team will be conducting surveys in the area and will be led by Dr. Mary Jo Galindo and Ruth Mathews. Potential survey areas will include properties where sections of the Camino Real have tentatively been identified among other locations. As always, we will also host a number of speakers who will present their research in the evenings and of course the Wally Party will also be part of the fun. **In sum, we anticipate this year's field school to be just as exciting as last year's, and we look forward to seeing all of you there!**

The journey to the 2024 Field School begins by clicking this link to the TAS website:

[Online Registration Available Now](#)

The [2024 Information](#) page for Field School provides detailed, specific guidelines for camping and highlights all the other levels of activity that make the Field School experience so much fun. **Note: if you're bringing your RV, please review this info!** More information about Excavation, Survey, and Lab assignments and what to bring can be found [here](#). Both the [Excavation Manual](#), that includes a list of **local emergency contact numbers**, and the [Survey Manual](#) are again available this year. Both breakfast and dinner meals will be offered at the campground, with a sampling of the [menus to review here](#) (scroll down to the bottom of the page, please). **If you prefer to register by mail, the registration form is on Page 4 of this newsletter.**

Please visit the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau website at visitnacogdoches.org for links containing a wealth of information about accommodations, dining, and "things to do" locally.

In sum, the 2024 TAS field school is shaping up to be another great field season. Register now to join us in beautiful East Texas!

2024 Field School Sponsors



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Thanks to each of these organizations for their generous support of the Texas Archeological Society.

2024 TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FIELD SCHOOL REGISTRATION

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, JUNE 8-15

MAILED REGISTRATION DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 24

\$25 LATE FEE PER REGISTRANT IF POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 24

DO NOT MAIL AFTER MAY 27. FEE REFUND DEADLINE: CANCELLATION IF POSTMARKED BY MAY 24.

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- Complete all applicable sections on both sides of the form - **PLEASE PRINT AND USE INK.**
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 - Anyone **UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE** unaccompanied by parent or guardian must be a TAS member and have an adult TAS sponsor.
- The **SPONSOR AGREEMENT** on the reverse side must be **COMPLETED, NOTARIZED, and INCLUDED** with this form.

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Texas Archeological Society 95th Annual Meeting

Join us in Victoria

October 25-27, 2024

OC Garza, LAC Publicity Chair

Victoria eagerly awaits hosting the 2024 TAS Annual Meeting and welcoming 300 archeologists to our city. Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT) and the Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB), hosts have arranged for the 95th TAS Annual Meeting, October 25–27, 2024, to be held at Victoria College’s Emerging Technology Complex 7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX 77905.

We have an excellent conference location and are planning side trips to our ongoing evacuation site 41VT141, the Goliad mission and presidio, and the Museum of the Coastal Bend, a true archeology museum. Our guest speakers are Texas State Archaeologist **Dr. Brad Jones** for the Friday Public Forum and **Dr. Leland C. Bement**, Senior Researcher at the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey at University of Oklahoma, for the Saturday evening Banquet.

Meeting location: Victoria College’s Emerging Technology Complex

The Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB) at Victoria College and the Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT), hosts have arranged for the 95th TAS Annual Meeting to be held at **Victoria College’s Emerging Technology Center**

The Conference & Education Center is a 72,000 square foot facility at the Emerging Technology Complex with flexible spaces that include meeting rooms, classrooms, computer classrooms, and a 6,700 square foot meeting hall that seats more than 300 people.



Victoria Conference Center 2024.htm

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The Local Arrangements Committee

Choosing the venue and selecting the speakers begins the process for a successful Annual Meeting. Months later, the TAS membership gathers together to celebrate another remarkable year of discovery and preservation of our Texas heritage. Thanks to the members of the 2024 Local Arrangements Committee, who will get the details right, coordinate the presentations, prepare the meeting program schedules, by individually donating precious volunteer hours, for making all of this possible.

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LAC Committee (L-R): Mike Belcik, OC Garza, Dr Heather Para, Roger Smith, Frank Condron, Bill Birmingham (up front), Christina Taylor, Bruce Shulter and Ricky Ramseur
Photo provided by OC Garza



The LAC is working with the Victoria Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide hotel recommendations. Details will be available on the TAS website



Texas Archeological Society 95th Annual Meeting

First Call for Papers, Symposia, and Posters

Dr. Heather Para, LAC Papers Co-Chair

Abstracts and creative ideas are sought for papers, symposia, and posters to be presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society, October 25-27, 2024, at the Emerging Technology Conference [Center, Victoria, Texas](#). TAS encourages presentations by avocational, student, and professional archeologist members on any topic of archeological interest.

Please [note](#): according to current TAS policy, all presenters must be TAS members and be registered for the meeting. The Registrar and Program Committee will confirm membership. The final deadline for receipt of symposia, poster and paper abstracts is August 2, 2024.

Symposia may be organized around any topic, area, major project, and/or time period. Each symposium will be allotted two hours per five presenters, with a five-presenter minimum. **Due to scheduling concerns, symposium organizers must ensure that all abstracts for symposia posters and symposium papers meet a final deadline of August 2, 2024.** For effective presentation of symposia, organizers may specify the order of papers and their length, so long as this is stated in the symposium abstracts.

Poster presentations can effectively convey visual, graphic, and quantitative information, and posters can reach a larger audience than oral papers. In order to appear in the program, poster abstracts must be received by August 2, 2024; late poster entries may be accommodated after consultation with the Program Co-Chairs and Annual Meeting organizers. Poster presenters should bring their own easels, if available.

Papers will be allotted 15 minutes, a limit that will be strictly enforced. Because simultaneous sessions will be held, the program schedule will be adhered to so that TAS members can move from room to room to catch talks of interest. **Members are encouraged to consider poster presentations as an alternative to papers.**

Other presentation formats such as discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on workshops may be held on ap-

proval of the Program Co-Chairs and Annual Meeting organizers.

Submit all abstracts as Word files attached to email (am-papers@txarch.org), or by regular mail on CD or flash drive or in typed form. Abstract for each presentation can be no longer than 150 words maximum. For email attachments or CD/flash drive submissions, include a text (.txt) file in addition to the word processor file; text files may be created by using the Save As command and selecting the text file type.

Meeting rooms will be equipped with data projectors and laptop computers; additional audiovisual needs may be accommodated given prior notice.

Contact the Program Co-Chairs with questions about submission dates, formats, and/or equipment. We look forward to your contributions to this meeting.

Abstracts must include the following information:
Symposium/Poster/Paper (indicate one)

Equipment requested for the [presentation](#)

Title

Author(s) and Affiliation(s)

Abstract for each presentation (150 words maximum)

Email: am-papers@txarch.org

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TAS Annual Awards Nominations Needed

Dr. Alan Skinner, Chair, Awards Committee

On an annual basis, the Texas Archeological Society singles out individuals and groups who are TAS members or are involved in TAS activities and recognizes the contributions that these individuals have made to TAS and to Texas Archeology. The awards are made based on nominations that are received during the summer so that the Awards Committee can reach their recommendations and present them for consideration at the September Board Meeting.

The TAS regularly presents five awards to members in recognition of their outstanding service to the Society and Texas archeology. In 2008, the Board established a "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" which was presented for the first time that year to **Dr. Dee Ann Story** to recognize her lifetime commitment to the recording and furthering of our understanding of Texas archeology. The Board's understanding is that this award would occasionally be given to a person of Story's caliber and involvement in Texas Archeology and would not be awarded on an annual basis but could be awarded at any Annual Meeting.

The Committee requests that the nominator be a current TAS member, and that the primary nomination letter present the name of the nominee and itemize why this individual is being recommended for a specific award. This can be done by listing activities in which the nominee has been involved and why these are of relevance to a specific award. The committee also requests that two or three letters from other current TAS members be included with or be sent to accompany and support the primary nomination letter.

Nominations for the following annual awards are needed for 2024.

FELLOW: Awarded to a TAS member for major contributions to the TAS and to Texas archeology. This is our most prestigious award and no more than one Fellow award is given per year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Awarded to an individual or group, usually but not necessarily TAS members, for a specific major service to the TAS, to Texas archeology, or to both.

TEXAS BIFACE: A stewardship award presented to an avocational TAS member for contributions to the preservation of cultural resources in Texas.

GOLDEN PEN: Awarded to an avocational TAS member for a significant published contribution or contributions to Texas archeology.

FRANCIS STICKNEY FIELDSCHOOL AWARD: Awarded to an individual for major contribution(s) to the annual summer field school in archeology.

A sixth award, the **CK CHANDLER** award is presented to the avocational TAS member who has personally recorded the most new sites with the Texas Archeological Research Center at The University of Texas in Austin.

Nominations for 2024 awards should be submitted with supporting documentation to the Awards Committee Chairperson (Alan Skinner) no later than September 1, 2024, at arc@arc-digs.com or c/o AR Consultants, Inc., 1651 N. Glenville Dr, Suite 212, Richardson, TX 75081.

Dee Ann Story: A Passion for Knowledge, Understanding and Preservation

"Story began to make her mark in the field when she was still an undergraduate. She worked with Texas archaeologists Alex Krieger and Edward Jelks to sort and organize thousands of artifacts excavated by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s, which had been largely stored in a dirty basement at the University of Texas. ... Based on this work, Story wrote a paper about the kinds of artifacts that could be found throughout Texas. That paper became the core of a book that she, Krieger, and Jelks coauthored, **The Introductory Handbook of Texas Archeology**, published by the Texas Archeological Society in 1954. The book has since been augmented by other resources, but for years it was the definitive text on Texas **archaeology**, and Story (then Dee Ann Suhm) was listed as the lead author." Note: the spelling of "archaeology" is shown here as it appears in the original text.

[Ohlson, Kristin, "The Dean of Texas Archeology," American Archaeology, Winter, 2011-2012, Page 41.](#)



TAS and YOU: A Winning Combination

TAS Offers Multiple Opportunities for You To Volunteer



Since its founding in 1928, the Texas Archeological Society has been an organization of passionate and talented people. At that first TAS meeting in Abilene, nine people volunteered to create a group that welcomed anyone who was interested in learning more about our past. They shared a love for archeological research and stewardship, and they were dedicated to fostering an interest in Texas archeology in both professionals and the public.

Look at us now! We are an organization of over 900 members! Our programs and initiatives have expanded by leaps and bounds. And we still rely primarily on our talented members to contribute the bulk of the work that allows our organization to run smoothly. Our 2024 membership is just as passionate about the TAS as the nine founding members. It's time to tap into our

resources. We need more volunteers.

So, where do you fit in with the current TAS organization? The short answer is --anywhere you like! If you would like to do a little work on a committee, or at an event, that's great! If you have special skills or training, we want to hear from you.

Perhaps you are interested in running for office? In October we will elect a President-Elect (to serve in 2026), Treasurer, and four Regional Directors. Several committee chairs will be appointed. Whether you want to chip in a few hours here and there, or run for an elected position, the TAS needs YOU! Visit the website and check out our brand-new [Volunteer Form](#).

An Exemplary TAS Volunteer

Glynn Osburn

Glynn has served on TAS FS Committees, as a FS crew chief, and as the TAS President in 2006, logging hundreds of volunteer hours. He also supported the Tarrant County Archeological Society, nka the North Texas Archeological Society, again donating his time, expertise, and demonstrating a love of the science.

How Glynn began his journey of service

“Glynn never pursued a formal degree in archeology but **has been involved with TAS since 1991, when his 13-year-old daughter Tiffany saw a newspaper article about a field school and asked if they could go.** Twenty-nine consecutive field schools later (11 serving as chair of the TAS field school committee), Glynn is still here, and Tiffany, a professional archeologist working for the Texas Historical Commission, is current chair of the field school committee.”¹

(Source: Quote from the article cited below about the 2019 FS at Palo Duro Canyon).



Glynn supervised these adorable screeners at an Archeology Fair in Arlington, Texas, in 2013.

Photo by C. Erwin

1) [Hunter, Kathryn, “Boots on the Ground, Hands in the Dirt” Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, Jan-Feb, 2020](#)

Margaret Howard Receives the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology from the THC

Named in honor of former State Archeologist and Texas Historical Commission Executive Director Curtis Tunnell, this award recognizes an individual for outstanding lifetime accomplishments in archeological research and/or preservation.

Margaret Howard worked in Texas archeology for 37 years until her retirement in 2017. For 23 years she led the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Archeology Survey Team, investigating archeological sites across the State Parks system and publishing more than 30 archeological reports. Margaret is a meticulous scholar with an unwavering dedication to gathering and analyzing archeological data to better understand the prehistoric and historic occupants of Texas. The results of her work are a legacy that represents her commitment to archeology and everyone who works in or visits a Texas State Park.

From 1980, when she started her graduate studies at UT Austin, until her retirement from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) in 2017, Margaret was keenly dedicated to the scholarship of Texas archeology. During her entire career, Margaret was committed to exhausting all possibilities for research and (literally) left no stone unturned in her efforts to tell the stories of human occupation in Texas. Although she recently relocated to San Diego, California, she kept her house in Austin and stays in close touch with her colleagues in Texas.

Every archeologist has a passion for understanding the past. Margaret took that passion and combined it with her extraordinary attention to detail and her unfaltering commitment to “get it right.” She started her professional career as a lab assistant at Prewitt & Associates as soon as she got to Texas. She eventually worked



Margaret, shown here with (L-R) Garrett Donnelly, THC Commissioner and Brad Patterson, THC Deputy Executive Director for Preservation Programs Photo by Aina Dodge

her way up to Principal Investigator and led large-scale data recovery excavations on projects across the state, notably at the Wind Canyon Site (41HZ119) in Hudspeth County. The 1993 excavations at the Wind Canyon Site remain the most extensive investigations conducted in the Eagle Mountains to date. Through her careful research, Margaret was able to significantly expand our understanding of prehistoric subsistence strategies in the eastern margin of the

Jornada Mogollon area.

In 1994, Margaret met with Cindy Brandimarte, the Director of the Cultural Resources Program at TPWD at the time, to discuss a new initiative for State Parks: an in-house team of survey archeologists. They developed a proposal to conduct comprehensive archeological surveys and generate baseline data on areas of archeological sensitivity within the Texas State Parks system. These data would guide development decisions. The proposal was approved by TPWD management, and then Margaret was hired to lead the Archeology Survey Team. Margaret built her field team, and they began to systematically survey TPWD properties. Margaret would serve as Principal Investigator for the Archeology Survey Team for the next 23 years, resulting in over 29,000 acres surveyed and 674 sites recorded on TPWD lands. Every day, the important data gathered under Margaret’s leadership provide TPWD managers with the tools they need to avoid cultural resources during project planning. Just as importantly, park interpreters rely on the information to provide the public with a fuller understanding of the prehistory and history of Texas State Parks.

Over the course of her career at TPWD, Margaret authored or co-authored more than 30 reports of investigations on State Parks, as well as Wildlife Management Areas and Fish Hatcheries, in every corner of the state. The extensive 2010 report on

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Bob Ward Receives the John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Award from the THC

Named for former Texas Attorney General and Texas Historical Commission (THC) member John Ben Shepperd, who is considered the driving force behind the creation of the Texas historical marker program, this leadership award for County Historical Commission chairs recognizes outstanding individual leadership necessary to carry out an aggressive and well-balanced preservation program.

Bob Ward is chair of the Travis County Historical Commission, an archeology and history steward and a member of the THC's Antiquities Advisory Board. He serves on the boards of the El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Trail Association, Austin History Center Association, Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms Board of Governance, and Preservation Austin. He also works with Save Austin's Cemeteries and the Travis County Archeological Society.

Photo provided by the Texas Historical Commission (thc.texas.gov)



Margaret Howard

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investigations at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site epitomizes her outstanding work in Texas State Parks. Margaret's thoroughness and thoughtful attention to detail in '10,000 Years at Hueco Tanks' is the foundation for anyone researching the archeology of Hueco Tanks and the surrounding region. It was an invaluable resource during the preparation of the National Historic Landmark nomination for Hueco Tanks and contributed greatly to the successful designation of the site in 2021.

Margaret expanded her commitment to Texas archeology through her involvement with the Texas Archeological Society (TAS). In 2002, Margaret served as TAS President and in that same year she created the Native American Scholarship Fund, which is now one of the most important TAS programs. In 2012, Margaret continued the decades-long partnership between TAS and TPWD, when she directed the TAS field school at Devils River State Natural Area. The field school efforts resulted in 6,206 acres surveyed and provided important new insights on the archeology of the Lower Pecos.

When people think about the diligence of archeologists, researching year in and year out, looking for answers to their questions, all while pursuing new avenues of learning, they are thinking about Margaret Howard. Her dedication to understanding our past through archeological research is unparalleled. She tested and re-tested her theories until she was 100% confident that her conclusions were supported by the data. Margaret is a passionate archeologist who is devoted not only to the science, but also to sharing that passion with others.

Nomination written by Aina Dodge

Pam Wheat-Stranahan Receives the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award from the THC

Named for pioneering Texas preservationist Ruth Lester of Jefferson, this award recognizes those individuals who have made a significant, long-term contribution to historic preservation in Texas.



Pam accepts the award from (L-R) Garrett Donnelly, THC Commissioner and Brad Patterson, THC Deputy Executive Director for Preservation Programs Photo by Aina Dodge

Pam Wheat-Stranahan is well-known throughout the state for her archaeological, historical preservation and education contributions. For over 44 years, she has been a key figure in educating, preserving, mentoring, and sharing Texas history. She has authored many publications, collected multicultural oral histories, served in numerous leadership positions, written grants and received many awards in support of historic preservation and education. Believing in the value of histo-

ry education, Pam continues her outreach and education efforts today with her active involvement in the Texas Archaeological Society, the Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC), the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) and the History Center of Aransas County (HCAC) which is also affiliated to Aransas County Pathways.

Pam's state-wide historical educational focus began as teacher and administrator in Houston public and private schools. In her professional career, she directed and developed many archaeological and educational programs for museums and archaeological centers in and out of Texas to include curating a major archaeological exhibit at the Houston Children's Museum grand opening. She served as Educational Coordinator for the dramatic recovery of the La Salle ship, the *La Belle*, and traveled widely to tell that story. Still in use today, one of Pam's books, *La Salle in Texas: A Teacher's Guide for Age of Discovery and Exploration*, "incorporated the standards for national social studies and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills." "The resulting guide is user-friendly for teachers and provides interactive learning opportunities for students not just about Texas history but also concerning the age of discovery and the precursors to the American nation.," according to the Texas State Historical Association website. "*La Salle in Texas* is an excellent model of how to make learning Texas history fun and ex-

citing for everyone." wrote the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* in 2009.

Upon retirement, Pam's move to Rockport brought the city's historical organizations grant-writing, management expertise and energy across our multicultural history. She quickly became an active part of all things history and was elected a Trustee for the ACHS. Pam's strong leadership was evident as she spearheaded and co-chaired the Texas Historical Commission's Visionaries in Preservation program for the county, recruiting dozens of organizations and volunteers. This project greatly improved heritage tourism by developing signage, documenting historic structures, and creating walking/driving tours.

Believing ALL stories are important, Pam single-handedly collected Vietnamese Oral Histories recounting the Fall of Saigon relocation to Rockport. She served on the original steering committee of Aransas Pathways, a publically-funded project that coordinates the promotion of the area's natural beauty and recreational opportunities, and showcases the county's rich history thereby increasing tourism to the area. She is also an active part of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, is a founding member and has held several executive positions for the board of the Friends of the History Center for Aransas County, which opened in 2014. Its opening was made pos-

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Pam Wheat-Stranahan

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sible by a major grant for \$40,000 that Pam secured along with support from Aransas Pathways. Her dedication to the community was recognized in when the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce named her and her husband (Phil Stranahan) as its 2014 Citizens of the Year.

In 2021, Pam served with Betty Stiles as Co-Chair of the Aransas County Sesquicentennial Celebration. Betty gives major credit to Pam for the Celebration's great success: she noted that "To gather all the many entities that came together to host this great event in our history of Aransas County was no easy task. Pam, with all her organi-

zational skills, ran this event like a finely tuned ship. We held numerous meetings, raised sponsorship monies and garnered hundreds of volunteers to make it a huge success. "

Today, Pam's leadership and dedication to history is continually reflected in the educational programs she continues producing for the HCAC. She weaves a tapestry of knowledge and wisdom to newcomers with her ongoing service to the ACHC and ACHS. The most recent project in which Pam continues to influence is the Smithsonian's "Museum on Main Street" traveling exhibit. Pam's overall knowledge, partnering skills, writing, and educational innovation was instrumental in writing a winning pro-

posal for this nationally recognized display which is projected to result in increased tourism dollars to help the community recover from Hurricane Harvey and showcase how rural America influenced our country. Pam is the "go-to" expert in **ALL** county history projects, training, educational programs, marketing, grant writing and historical markers.

Pam is most deserving of The Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service. It would culminate a lifelong endeavor for her devotion to historic preservation and education.

*Nomination submitted by the
Historical Community of Rockport*

Reflections

Pam Wheat-Stranahan

This honor is due to support from many directions.

First my son and daughter who accompanied me on many adventures. They think that they have visited every museum and archeological site in the state and beyond. Next, to my husband who calls himself my "enabler."

I appreciate the encouragement given by several mentors – Mr. Oliver, my seventh-grade debate coach, Anice Read who taught me proposal writing, Jim Bruseth who trusted my outreach for the Belle and Truett Latimer who provided a broad stage for cultural education at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. All these outlets allowed me to promote the idea that - when we learn about "foreign" peoples, we appreciate them more.

And finally, thanks to the members of the historical community in Rockport who took the time and effort to make the nomination – their partnerships have made the elevation of historical topics in Rockport-Fulton possible.

My career path began in education – teaching H.S., 3rd – 8th, and college classes then moved to administration – school principal, institutional leader, and museum education. There was no master plan – opportunities arose, and the time seemed right. Adage: serendipity rewards the prepared.

When I "retired" with my husband to Rockport, I focused on two topics – state-wide archeology (TAS organization) and regional history (research for historical markers). Within a strategic planning session for TAS we learned that members wanted more training ... so we initiated the Academy sessions throughout the state and traveled for three years establishing the program. Locally we increased the numbers of Historical Markers and installed additional topical signage through the Visionaries in Preservation Program of THC, then co-founded the History Center for Aransas County within the Aransas Pathways program.

The journey has been rewarding and the pathway continues to offer adventures.

2024 Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy

Ken Lawrence, Chair, Academy Committee

On February 10–11th, the **2024 TAS Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy** was held at Sewall Hall on the beautiful Rice University campus in Houston, Texas. The academy was conducted in partnership with the Houston Archeology Society (HAS) and the Department of Anthropology of Rice University. This, the inaugural run of this academy, introduced the participants to the identification, analysis and interpretation of archeological animal and human skeletal remains. The academy, through classroom and highly varied hands-on laboratory sessions, was designed to teach basic principles of taxonomy and vertebrate anatomy and focused on the practical identification of fragmentary bones from animals common to Texas.

The instructors led by Dr. Mary Prendergast and assisted by Dr. Manuel Domínguez-Rodrigo and their incredible team of graduate and undergraduate student assistants, Abby Antinossi, Cameron Connelley, Maggie Katongo, Phoenix Orta, and Sylvia Wemanya, all provided a comprehensive introduction of how archeologists record, analyze, and interpret faunal data.

The academy also provided a robust comparative collection of faunal remains in various condition (e.g., burned and fragmentary) from around the world that

greatly enhanced the numerous hands-on exercises provided by Dr. Prendergast and her team. The instructors kept the academy informative and interesting with a mixture of classroom lectures as well as a wide variety of exercises to enhance the registrant's participation for the most benefit.

The two-day academy had 50 participants representing various ages and locations from all over Texas and parts of New Mexico. A good time was had by all and everyone left with a better appreciation of this field of study and its relevance to archeological investigations. The academy also had two TAS scholarship winners (Elizabeth Hitchcock and Tara Skipton) who greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend.

The TAS Academy Committee and the instructors would like to gratefully thank HAS president Bob Sewell and the HAS members (Eleanor Stoddart, Tom Nuckols, and Frank Kozar) who over many months of planning and meetings assisted with a flawless academy experience for everyone.

Sewall Hall (background) at Rice University

Photo courtesy of Ken Lawrence

“The university was founded in 1891 and endowed by Houston businessman William Marsh Rice. The Rice Institute (as it was then named) opened its doors in 1912. It became a university in 1960.”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Rice-University>



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2024 Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy



Instructor Dr. Manuel Domínguez-Rodrigo discussing artificial intelligence and analysis potential.
Photo courtesy of Ken Lawrence



Instructor Dr. Mary Prendergast (right) during one of the many hands-on assignments.
Photo courtesy of Stephen Lowe

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2024 Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy



TAS registrants participating in hands-on activities

Photos courtesy of Ken Lawrence



Check it out:

[Additional Academy photos by John Rich are available on the TAS FB page](#)

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2024 Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy



Thanks to instructors [Dr. Mary Prendergast](#) and [Dr. Manuel Domínguez -Rodrigo](#) for sharing their expertise for this fun, informative academy. These photos and their profiles are online at [Rice University The People of Rice](#).



The Graduate and Undergraduate teaching assistant team (from left-right): Abby Antinossi, Cameron Connelley, Phoenix Orta, Maggie Katongo, and Sylvia Wemanya.

Photo courtesy of Ken Lawrence



TAS Scholarship winners Elizabeth Hitchcock (l) and Tara Skipton.

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Ken Lawrence

2024 Geoaicheology Academy

David Yelacic, Academy Committee

Building on the successes of the Geoaicheology Academies of 2020 and 2022, the 2024 Geoaicheology Academy tied all of the previous information together with new data and was a success on all **accounts**—the Texas Archeological Society (TAS), Museum of the Coastal Bend, Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT), and the McNeill Family came together to provide an informative and memorable experience in learning about geoaicheology! Attendees represented a broad swath of the TAS community, from recent college graduates to working professionals to retired avocational archaeologists alike.

The team of Dr. Charles Frederick, Dr. Jim Abbott, Karl Kibler, Dr. Brittney Gregory, Dr. August Costa, Ken Lawrence, Jared Wiersema, and David Yelacic in collaboration with CoBALT spent much time with pre-academy investigations and organizing learning materials. At the academy, attendees were instructed through presentations on topics of archaeological/geoaicheological theory, context and integrity, geomorphology, and sediment and stratigraphy. Presentations at the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College were then followed up with lessons in the field featuring an active archaeological investigation at 41TV141 on the McNeill Family Ranch. Field instruction included a tour of the Guadalupe River alluvial valley on the ranch, with information about relevant landforms and land forming processes illustrated with open backhoe trench excavations and profile exposures. Information about the active archaeological investigation was provided by CoBALT archaeologists at 41VT141, a prolific Early Archaic to Transitional Archaic site on the Coastal Plain. The academy weekend also included an opportunity to attend the Storemont Lecture (from our very own Ken Lawrence) and reception at the Museum of the Coastal Bend, hosted by Dr. Heather Para and team.

Thanks to the generous support of numerous sponsors and donations, funding was available to perform a variety of analyses on the site including radiocarbon dates, optically stimulated luminescence dates, malacological analysis, and stable carbon isotope analysis, which contributed to the academy and the understanding of the site and provided ample material for the instructors to share with the group attending. The instructor team and the TAS Academy Committee are proud to offer this type of support to the local archaeological organization and greater archeological community in Texas.



Museum of the Coastal Bend on the beautiful Victoria College Campus

Photo courtesy of Ken Lawrence.

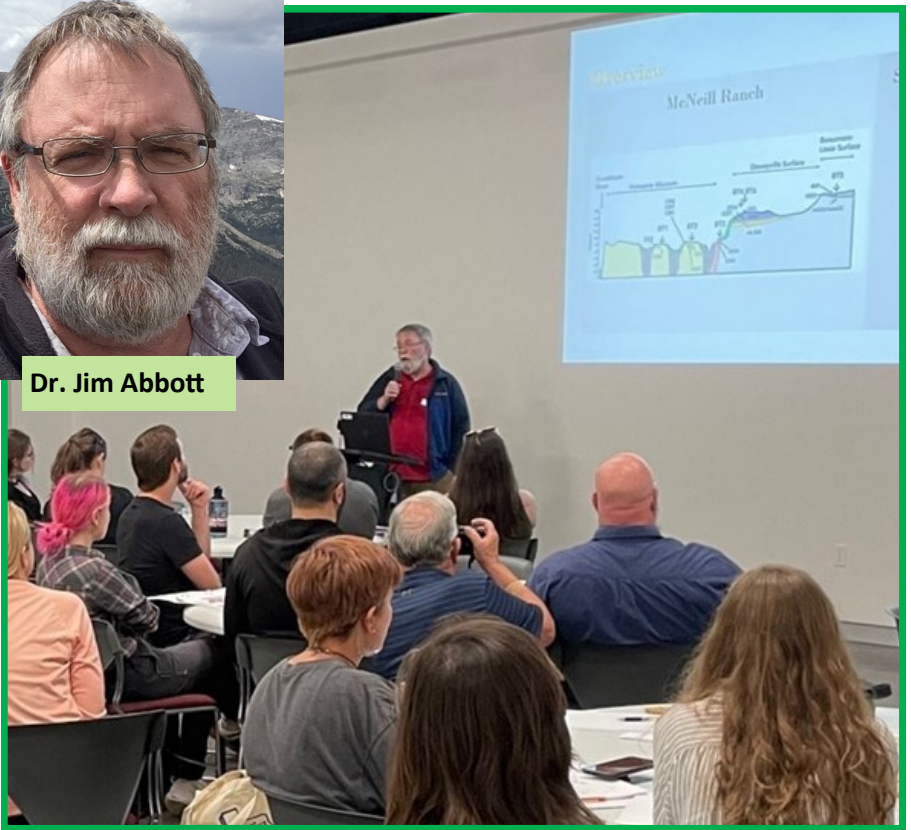
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2024 Geoarcheology Academy



Dr. Jim Abbott



Dr. Jim Abbott discussing sedimentary environments.

Photo by Ken Lawrence

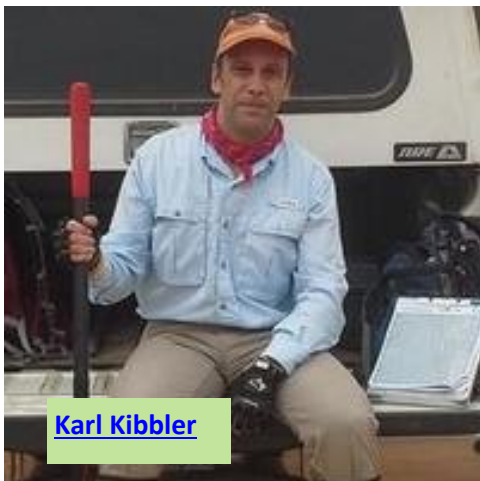


Dr. Charles Frederick

Charles Frederick discussing a trench profile during the field trip excursions at the McNeill Family Ranch

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[Karl Kibler](#)

2024 Geoarcheology Academy



Karl Kibler discussing a trench profile during the field trip excursions at the McNeill Family Ranch

Photo by Jared Wiersema



[Ken Lawrence](#)

Ken Lawrence (background) discussing a trench profile during the field trip excursions at the McNeill Family Ranch *Photo by Jared Wiersema*



[Gus Costa](#)

Note: Photo insert of Dr. Jim Abbott provided by Jim. Photo of Dr. Brittney Gregory not available. All other insert photos of the instructors are from online sources. Click on the associated hyperlink to learn more about the careers of these dedicated professionals.

INTRODUCING THE TEXAS FOLSOM FLUTED POINT SURVEY (TFFPS)

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ABSTRACT

The principal researcher of the Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey (TFFPS) requests your assistance to collect and update artifact information to be included in the inaugural edition of the Folsom fluted Point survey from Texas and its borderlands, which will complement the similar survey that documents Clovis (TCFPS) which will be published later this year (Slade n.d.).

BRIEF OUTLINE

After completing the 4th edition of the Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey (TCFPS) in 2023 (Slade and Meltzer 2023; Slade 2023), a similar survey for documenting Folsom points from Texas (TFFPS) was set up. After the success of the Clovis survey, it was decided to implement a similar format of obtaining previously unrecorded and unreported occurrences of points. The 4th edition of the Clovis survey took the point tally to over 1,000. The increased records were largely due to the publication in regional and local Texas archeological societies and newsletters such as the North Texas Archeological Society .

To date there has been no official Folsom point survey, or an extensive overview of Folsom point occurrences for Texas. There was, however, an attempt to set up a similar Folsom database to that of Clovis in the early 1990s by Floyd Largent (Largent 1995; Largent et al. 1991), but nothing has been published since (but see Bousman et al. 2004). Before that, there were a few earlier accounts by Fischel (1939), Hester (1967), and Perttula (1993), but these more localized and on a smaller scale. In the most recent Largent survey, there are 345 Folsom points documented from 102 localities in 63 of the 254 Texas counties (Largent 1995: Table 1). Moreover, 100 of these points came from one site, Chispa Creek in Culberson County (Seebach 2004). It is anticipated that these tallies will be significantly increased.

The TFFPS will eventually come under the control of and curation at TARL. Phase 1 of the survey was to carry out a comprehensive literature review and to reach out to colleagues, professional and avocational archeologists, collectors, and the public who may have information on Folsom fluted points from Texas and the Texas Borderlands. The first phase of the project is already in place, and it is hoped that the “call for data” will add to the dataset already in place, Phase 2. Phases 3 and 4 of the project will be to process the data and to build a dataset which can be used in presentations and papers, and to digitize the hard copies of the records and photographic record of each individual point (Slade 2024). It is anticipated that a comprehensive study and a resulting public access database of Texas Folsom points (Phase 5) would be a valuable resource for Texas Paleoindian archeology. A study of Folsom point occurrences regionally, observations from the raw material used to produce these points, and the concentrations of the points within those regions, would make for an interesting comparative analysis with the Clovis survey (Slade and Meltzer 2023).

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TEXAS FOLSOM FLUTED POINT SURVEY (TFFPS)

In order to report Folsom point occurrences and discoveries, print the **survey form and fill it out** using the schematic as a guide to measurement, and return it to the address provided on the survey form. Alternatively complete the form electronically via the link on the form. Please provide images and/or an illustration of both faces of the point, if possible.

FUNDING

Funding for Phase 1 and Phase 2 was provided by the Summerlee Foundation and anonymous donors. Phase 3 and Phase 4 funding was provided by the Texas Archeological Society (TAS), and Phase 5 of the project will be partially funded by the Texas Historical Foundation (THF) and the TAS. Anyone wishing to financially support Phase 5 of the project, and potentially beyond, should contact the project director at the address above. Funding will be administered by the Gault School of Archeological Research (GSAR) and they are tax exempt 501(c)(3) as a non-profit Texas organization.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The TFFPS project director would like to thank Michael B. Collins for his support and encouragement in providing funding for the initial five-year post-doctoral research position with the Prehistory Research Project based at the TARL at the University of Texas at Austin Research Campus. This funding enabled the completion of the Texas Clovis Fluted Point survey (TCFPS) 4th edition (Slade 2023; Slade and Meltzer 2023) and the inaugural Folsom survey. Thanks to the staff at TAS and THF, especially Jaimie Ross and Brad Jones at TAS, and Ryann Griffin at THF, for their support and assistance. The project could not have been accomplished without the support of the staff and colleagues at TARL and the University of Texas. It is with gratitude that aid, and support of the projects collaborative team was provided, and from the staff and board of the GSAR with administering funding. Finally, thanks to Becky Villarreal Campbell for everything.

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Use the link below to print the Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey Form

[TFFPS Record Sheet - Spring 2024.pdf](#)

Return completed form to:

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Along the Border...IV.

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Along the Border for another year of Borderland’s archeology alongside the Rio Grande with the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). This past year included a conference presentation and a January 2024 USIBWC sponsored trip to Falcon Reservoir, Fort Brown (Brownsville) and the Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark (SpaceX) locations. *Along the Border* is an annual informational column the USIBWC submits to TAS to explain the work USIBWC and partners do for protection, mediation, and preservation in Cultural Resources on the U.S. – Mexico border.

In late November of 2023, Mr. Mark Howe presented a paper on Falcon Reservoir and Laredo about the role of the International Boundary Commission (IBC) at these locations at the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference (SWAAG). This presentation discussed the geography and archeology at Falcon and the history of the former Laredo Bridge (Figure 1), which was destroyed in 1954 only a few decades after construction in 1921. The arrow on the bridge is the location of the International Monument that was installed on the bridge. The monument is now lost somewhere in the river, having been buried when the bridge collapsed from a flood, like its predecessor bridge and monument in the past.

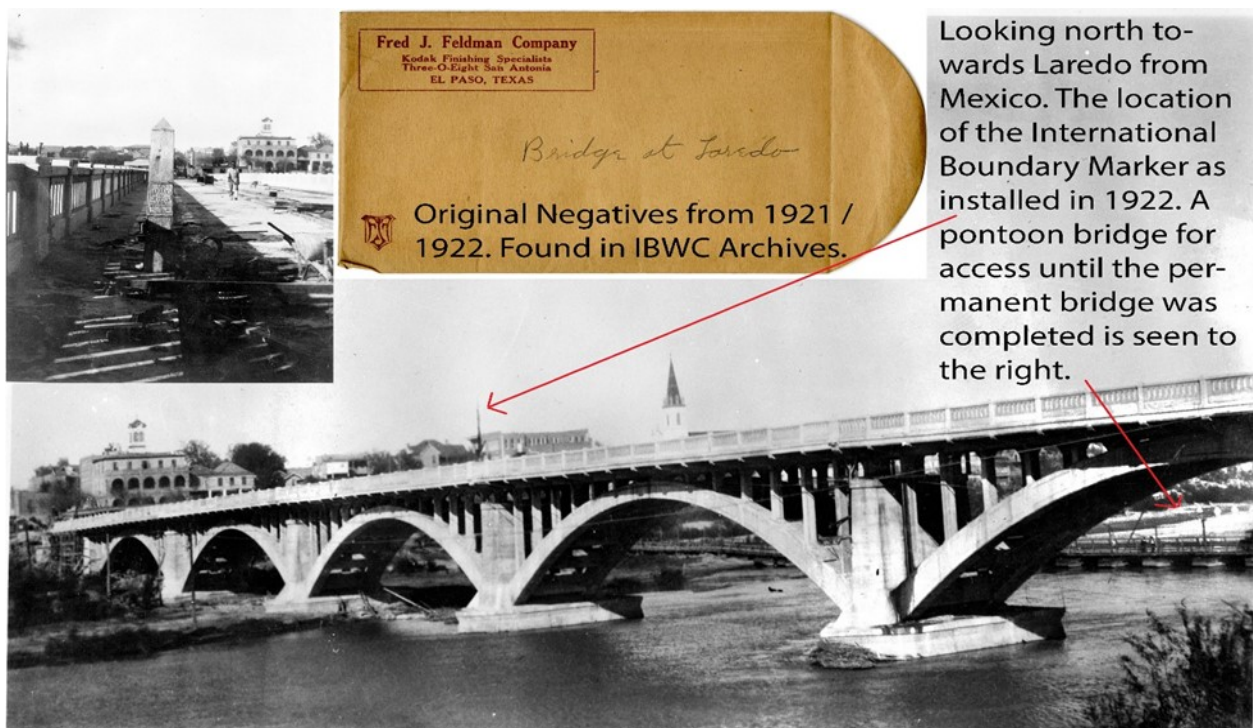


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In early January, we examined sites at Falcon Reservoir and Dam. USIBWC has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) for Cultural Resources assistance at Falcon Reservoir. We were interested in revisiting a Spanish Colonial-era site that was recorded a few years ago. USIBWC hopes to sponsor a field school to test the site with TAMIU out of Laredo. Dr. Alison Hadley of TAMIU would serve as the director of the field school. She participated during a day of field visits and helped locate various Falcon sites. We successfully relocated the Spanish Colonial site with two ceramic sherds. We believe that these sherds are Guadalajara Ware, a red-brown tinted lead glaze that was produced in Mexico and is found in Texas throughout the eighteenth century (Fox and Ulrich 2008:52). One observation resulting from the field visit is that Falcon Reservoir is very low due to drought and the vegetation has encroached into areas and is now extremely thick.

The USIBWC is very involved in Cultural Resources and preservation at Falcon Reservoir. We are completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Grazing Leases that will further protect archeological sites at Falcon. On two other days, Dr. Mary Jo Galindo (THC) and Mr. Rolando Garza (SAC) helped examine some of these sites in Starr and Zapata counties, inspected the measures USIBWC constructed to protect an historic cemetery in January 2015, and to examine the ruins of 41ZP85, Old Zapata (pre-1953). The town was moved from its original location along with other river communities to be further away from the Rio Grande. These communities were flooded by the construction of Falcon Dam and Reservoir. We drove through Old Zapata to check on the conditions of the now historic structural remnants of the town (Figure 2). The remnants were mainly concrete foundations.



Figure 2: Cellar or Septic well in old Zapata (41ZP85). Courtesy Mary Jo Galindo (THC)

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The next day was spent down at Fort Brown (41CF96) to check out the recently expanded boundary of Section A of the National Historical Landmark (NHL). In November 2023, the revised NHL Nomination Form for Fort Brown, which expanded Section A and decreased Section C, went for review with the National Historic Landmarks Program, and it was subsequently approved. As of now, USIBWC is waiting for further action to turn this over to the National Park Service, to be included in Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park (PAAL). Section A contains standing ruins of the star-shaped earthen fortification constructed by General Zachary Taylor and U.S. Army troops on the banks of the Rio Grande opposite the Mexican city of Matamoros in the spring of 1846. We did find that protective measures at the Fort location were holding and no impacts from current migrant activities have affected it. USIBWC will be fixing the orange safety fencing we installed last year. Fort Brown is monitored weekly by NPS through another MOU with USIBWC (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Fort Brown breastworks (greener vegetation) with a cannon marking the location of Major Jacob Brown’s death. Orange safety fencing was installed to keep people and vehicles off the NHL.

Later in the day, we went down to check on SpaceX, who are developing areas along the river that are within or adjacent to the Palmito Ranch Battlefield NHL. Although private land, SpaceX development abuts the river and is part of the NHL and we hope SpaceX will work with us and all of our partners (THC, NPS, USFW, Cameron County, and area residents) on this issue of preserving the cultural resources of the area. This is not only because of Palmito Ranch Battlefield NHL, but also because of the historical Banco markers that were discussed in the last *On the Border* article last year (Spring 2023).

Overall, all of us are striving for the protection and documentation of cultural resources in the south Texas borderlands.

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In Memoriam

Patrick Hatten

1950-2024



From **Charles Hixson**: “Pat was one of our most active members throughout the 26 years he was with Llano Uplift Archeological Society. Also after his retirement from the Texas Air National Guard, Pat worked as a contract archeologist from 2005 to 2013. Archeology was an important part of his life.”

Photo courtesy of Buddy Whitley, taken at the Baker site in San Saba County

Gwendolyn Hatten

Memories of My Father

I wish words could come close to summing up the life of my Dad. As anyone who met my father knows, Pat could carry a conversation with anyone. A man of many words and innumerable stories, he had a wide variety of interests, a burning passion for learning, and endless love for his family.

Pat spent his childhood years overseas, when his family lived in both Germany and Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, he worked in the arts, beginning at performing in live productions with the First Repertory Company of San Antonio. He built Grand Opera sets in Houston, as well as the set for the KLRN children’s show *Carrascalendas* and the original stage for *Austin City Limits*. He also worked on several movies, including *Raggedy Man*, *Honeysuckle Rose*, and *Songwriter*.

However, Pat’s first love was aviation, and so he began a career in Army aviation with the National Guard based out of Camp Mabry in Austin, TX. In 1990 he married Rana Willams, and I came along in 1991. He retired for the first time in 2005 after 21-years of service.

Around 1995, my father started to take an interest in archeology, and after his military retirement, he began working for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). He became actively involved with the TAS and Llano Up-

lift Archeological Society, and as a result, I still have my “Atlatl Throwing License” from a summer spent at a TAS Field School. My cherished memories with my father include countless trips to museums and historical sites, listening to story after story the whole drive there. Even after retiring for the second time in 2013, this time from LCRA, Pat couldn’t stay out of the dirt. He continued to travel the state doing voluntary archeology work, until his body refused to let him anymore, and he finally hung up his trowel a few years later.

Life as Pat’s daughter was filled with love and laughter. From dressing up to attend the renaissance festivals, to staying up all night for a midnight book release party, my Dad ensured my life was full of magic. Sadly, after a hard-fought battle with an aggressive form of lung cancer, Pat finally was at peace on January 6th, 2024.

We will be raising a glass (he would’ve preferred Guinness, Shiner Bock, or a nice Scotch) in Patrick’s honor.

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