

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Meet the New TAS President

President's Message from Diedre Hood



Howdy, from your new TAS President! I am honored to be leading TAS in 2024 and wanted to tell you about myself and my history with TAS, as well as my vision for TAS this year. To start off, I grew up in a small Panhandle town, Stinnett. I attended Texas A&M University where I received a BBA in accounting. After graduation, I returned to the Texas Panhandle where I have lived and worked since.

Now onto to the fun stuff. My first experience with TAS was in June 1971. My dad, Bob Smith, heard about TAS in 1969 when the Field School was held at Lake Meredith in the Panhandle. He was extremely interested so in 1970, and he went to the Guadalupe FS and took my older sister. In 1971, it was my mother's (Gay Smith), and my turn. I was 8 years old and honestly was not that impressed. We camped in a tent, it was hot, there were ticks, and it generally was not that much fun for this 8-year-old. Nevertheless, Field School became our annual vacation. I enjoyed visiting many different parts of Texas that I would not have been able to visit otherwise. Luckily, my opinion about FS has changed considerably in the 50 years I have been attending. I have made friends that I would look forward to seeing every year. The relationships made with these friends are memories I will always cherish.

After I married, life took its course: I faced health challenges, welcomed two daughters into the world, and my involvement with TAS took a temporary backseat. However, the desire for my daughters to experience TAS remained strong. With my parents still actively involved, I ensured that my daughters were exposed to the archeological world from an early age. They attended activities with the Panhandle Archeological Society, and in 2003, at the ages of 5 and 2, they attended their Field School at Menard. That year, my mother and I assisted with the kids' program, and it marked a special milestone as three generations actively contributed to TAS – a source of great pride for me and my parents. During this time, I took a more active role with TAS and was the Region 1 Director for several years, along with attending Annual Meetings and Field Schools.

My past experiences with TAS are why I agreed to serve as President. I will be honest, the prospect of being TAS President wasn't something I had actively

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Photo by James and Susan Everett

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Newsletter Deadline
 Friday, March 22, 2024 – Spring Edition

TAS BOARD MEETINGS

January 20, 2024, Board Training
 April 21, 2024 - by Zoom
 June 9, 2024 - Nacogdoches,
 Field School
 August 25, 2024 - by Zoom
 October 25, 2024 - Victoria,
 Annual Meeting



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

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President's Message

considered when Andie Comini and Tamra Walter approached me in 2021. But then I thought about all the wonderful people I have met over the years and their influence on my life and realized that I would enjoy this responsibility and the chance to work more closely with those that I admired and enjoyed so much.

I have three main goals that I would like to accomplish for 2024. The first priority, which is not only a goal but also a necessity, is to define the role of the Administrative Director, and to find a person to fill that role. We will need to start this process as soon as possible and make this transition as smooth as we can. Jamie Ross has done an outstanding job as the AD for the past 2 years, but when she agreed to do this job, it was with the understanding that it would be for 2 years. Jamie has taken the AD position on a path of growth for the society and better defining this role will continue to bring progress and stability to the society.

My second goal as president is to continue to build on the financial foundation laid during Tamra's presidency. Maintaining a transparent and complete financial reporting system is crucial to the success of the Society.

The third main goal is, by the year-end, to have complete and comprehensive manuals for every committee. Aina Dodge and James Everett have volunteered to head this initiative, drawing from the lessons learned from the Bylaws revisions this year. A standardized framework for the committees will be a great asset for the society. Their dedication and expertise are invaluable, and I am sincerely grateful for their commitment to this initiative.

In closing, I am excited about this coming year and meeting those of you I have not yet had the chance to.

When I look back on my personal history with TAS, I am reminded of the profound impact TAS has had on my life. I want to express my deep appreciation to each one of you. The quirky, incredible individuals who make up the past, present and future of TAS make this organization what it is – a society enriched by the diversity of its members.

Again, I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to seeing you at many of the Society's events and activities. Here's to a fantastic year!



Diedre and her daughter Natalie at FS

Photo provided by Diedre

Diedre's first TAS Field School: 1971, Kerrville

Field School Principal Investigator, 1971, Kerrville: Alan Skinner

Online report of additional work done for the 1971 and 1972 FS: Benedict, John H., Ron Ralph Work Group Records 230 Sites From the 1971-72 TAS Kerrville Field School [TASnews Texas Archeological Stewardship Network Newsletter](#), Fall 2022, Pgs. 1-6

Significant Changes to the TAS Bylaws

Effective January 1, 2024

James Everett, Chair, Bylaws Committee

NOTE: The Bylaws changes retain and strengthen the financial protections and the authority for virtual and hybrid meetings contained in the Bylaws approved in 2019 and 2021.

The most significant Bylaws changes approved during the 2023 Annual Meeting:

Modify the **terms for officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee members** so that terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31, to match the Society's fiscal year

Clarify how unexpected officer vacancies are handled, including situations in which there is no President-Elect as well as where the President and President-Elect positions are both vacant at the same time

Clarify the **election of Officers-Elect** (e.g., under what circumstances; odd or even year)

Change Region 12 to **Region 8** (since there was no Region 8)

Place scheduled **Committee Chair appointments** into three defined groups based on the year their terms begin

Specify that all Committees must have a **Committee Procedures Manual**, which is approved by the Board, filed with the TAS Office, and reviewed for needed updates at least every 3 years

Clarify that all Committees may have advisors when needed

Specify **who can conduct financial business** on behalf of TAS and require compliance with TAS financial procedures

Clarify that the **Local Arrangements Committee cannot obligate TAS funds** nor commit TAS to a potential monetary penalty without prior Board approval

Specify that all elections involving the General Membership (e.g., the election of officers, approval of the proposed budget, approval of Constitutional and/or Bylaws changes, acceptance of audit findings) will be conducted as **online elections**

Require Committee Chairs to submit budget requests for the following year to the Budget Committee by August 1

State that the Budget Committee will submit the proposed Society budget for the following year to the Board by September 1

Expand the **complaints handled by the Ethics Committee** to include violations of "Rules of Conduct"

Allow one-year terms for Chair-appointed Committee members if the Committee Chair opts not to have staggered terms for Chair-appointed Committee members

Thanks to James, Aina Dodge (Vice-Chair), Frank Kozar, Dana Ritchie, Barth Robbins and Tiffany Osburn for their united commitment to completing this project.

Archeology Workshop for Educators

February 10, 2024

Pam Stranahan

Educators are invited to attend a one-day workshop in Nacogdoches on Saturday, February 10, 8:30 – 4:00, to learn how to introduce archeology into the classroom. Online registration is available now.

We all wonder what it was like to have lived in the past. [Archeology ignites the imagination by asking questions about our history and that of other cultures.](#)

East Texas offers a stage to show how archeology contributes to a better understanding of cultures – past and present – using scientific methods to discover and relate the lifeways of people. The legacy of East Texas encompasses the Hasinai (Caddo), French, Spanish, Texian, and American cultures, and can be incorporated into social studies and science lessons.

[A generation of youth can appreciate other cultures and their adaptations to the environment when they are introduced to learning through archeology. This workshop will be led by experienced educators who have enriched student understanding through archeology. Educators will introduce the archeological concepts \(scientific methods\) and content \(cultural and historical sequence\) with lessons ready to use in class.](#)

Feb. 10, Sat. 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Nacogdoches County Annex, 203 W. Main St. Deadline for registration Friday, January 26. Fee that includes lunch \$25. This workshop is sponsored by Nacogdoches County Historical Commission and Texas Archeological Society (TAS).

Register at [Archeology Workshop For Educators](#)



Archeology in the classroom

Photos by Pam Stranahan



Online Registration Opens in January

2024 TAS Field School in Nacogdoches!

June 8-15, 2024

In June the Texas Archeological Society will host our annual summer field school in Nacogdoches, TX. Once again, TAS will be investigating 18th century Caddo sites exhibiting a variety of European cultural materials to determine site use and function as well as their place in history. We will be working under the direction of our Principal Investigator, Dr. Tamra Walter. Field school participants can choose from three primary activities for the week: excavation, lab, and survey. Excavation participants will work with a crew to excavate test units and will help with record keeping and mapping of artifacts and features as well as screening sediment to ensure detailed recovery. The lab crew will carefully wash and sort the artifacts and have an opportunity to see all the artifacts recovered during excavation. During the washing process, details are revealed that were not visible in the excavation blocks, providing an early look at some of the finer points of the artifact assemblage. The survey team will have the opportunity to explore other properties near Nacogdoches and learn correct survey methodology with the goal of discovering and recording new archeological sites.

Join us in Nacogdoches! Registration can be completed online once registration opens in January or by mail with a printed registration form.



Top row, both sherds are Patton Engraved. Bottom row: Parallel brushed-incised, Bullard Brushed, var. Broaddus

Photo by Marni Francell

Photo by Billy Turner



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.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.txarch.org to pay by Credit Card

- Complete all applicable sections on both sides of the form - **PLEASE PRINT AND USE INK.**
 - **TAS MEMBERSHIP** is required for Field School attendance. Join online at www.txarch.org or send membership forms and dues to TAS. »»»»»
 - 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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5. SUBTOTAL FEES: IMPORTANT – SEE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Total \$ _____
 Late Registration (+\$25/person) \$ _____ (Add if you register after May 24)
 Meals Total \$ _____
 T-Shirt Qty. _____ x \$20 _____ (T-shirts must be reserved by May 24)
TOTAL FEES \$ _____

6. TEACHER CREDIT (CPE)

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8. REVERSE SIDE: Sign ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT and LEGAL RELEASE; complete other applicable sections.



Texas Archeological Society 94th Annual Meeting

Reflections

**Nick Morgan, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee,
Travis County Archeological Society**

A big thank you goes out to everyone who came to San Marcos in support of the 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society. It was one of the best attended meetings in years and will not be soon forgotten. Registration numbers exceeded 400, and all together, eighty-two papers were presented. The silent auction and raffle brought in \$4,000 and the CTA Social was a rousing success.

Once the dust settles though, and the final tallies have been calculated, what remains in our memories are those moments that define the reason we chose to be part of the TAS and even a part of the institution of Archeology itself. Of course, I'm referring to the camaradery and the spirit of community that binds us into an extended family. We have our squabbles and disagreements, but in the end, we love being together. That simple truth was evident in the hallways between sessions, at the breakfast tables, and of course, at the bar. And friends, we put away a lot of liquor in two days: at happy hour, yeah, but even at other times in spite of the exorbitant prices!

What we were a part of during those few days in October, was a renewal of our identity, a redefining of who we are. **Elton** has handed over the "Be it resolved" to the next generation. More students are presenting

papers than ever before. **Dr. Ashley Lemke's** banquet presentation utilized new methods of communicating that were simply amazing, and abstracts were accessed by QR codes. The problematic 'aging' of the TAS, is no longer an issue. The young folks came out like never before.

Sadly, the 2023 Annual Meeting may well have been the last one we'll see at a convention hotel, at least for a long time to come. It's great for everyone to be in one place, but the prices have become prohibitive. We were able to secure a *somewhat* reasonable room-rate because we contracted so far in advance, and free parking, happy hour, and breakfast sweetened the deal, but for a lot of folks, the overall cost was painful. Time will tell. If this was the last meeting at a convention hotel, then we'll go on to other plans. All said and done though, it was good for our young folks to know what a traditional Annual Meeting looks like. It will up to them to decide how to put one on.

Once again, thank you to all who attended and thank you to local societies who provided scholarships, the **Travis County Archeological Society** for hosting, to **Humanities Texas** and the **City of San Marcos** for financial support: all very much appreciated.



"Elton Prewitt conducting his final round of "Whereas's" at the 2023 TAS Banquet"

Photo and caption by Pat Mercado-Allinger

Posted on FB:

[Texas Archeological Society Members and Friends](#)

(TAS Fellow Award on Page 9)

Congratulations to Bob Turner

2023 Texas Archeological Society Fellow Recipient

Alan Skinner, Chair, Awards Committee

More than 50 years ago, when I was a neophyte Texan, I was teamed up with a legendary Dallas Archeological Society archaeologist named King Harris who introduced me to historic and prehistoric Caddo archaeology at the Sam Kaufman site. At the 1971 annual meeting, I gave a talk about the TAS Field School in Kerrville, which I had directed, along with the help from a hoard of ticks and chiggers. If you were there, you would still remember them.

An apparent upshot of my talk was that I received a letter from an avocational East Texas Caddo expert who reported the planned construction of a new reservoir near Nacogdoches where he and his dad had excavated some Indian burials when he was a boy. King and I drove down to Loco Bayou and confirmed the potential significance of at least two Native American sites there.

It turned out that the city wasn't planning on doing any archaeology even though they were aware of the Texas Antiquities Code and the National Environmental Policy Act, and the city was using federal and local funds. At that time the term Environmental Impact Statement was a fearful term that many agencies didn't want to be

bothered by. Ultimately with the help of Curtis Tunnell, our first State Archeologist, and the National Park Service, and after I had been lambasted in the newspaper as that gold digging professor at SMU in Dallas, the city agreed to have an archaeological survey done by the Texas Archeological Salvage Project under the direction of Elton Prewitt.

The survey team recorded 12 Native American archaeological sites and 4 historic European sites. The results of the survey, and Elton's pleading about significance with Dr. Dee Ann Story, led to the excavation of several sites, including the Deshazo site as part of the 1975 and 1976 UT Summer Field Schools in Archeology.

Well, that avocational archaeologist, who reported the threat to Nacogdoches County archaeology, is tonight's Fellow. He has just turned 101 and has continued to report on East Texas archaeology. That reporter was none other than **Robert L. "Bob" Turner**, formerly of Pittsburgh and now of Austin. Please welcome **Bob Turner as the 2023 Texas Archeological Society Fellow.**

(L-R) Awards Committee members Brenda Jackson, Pat Mercado-Allinger, and Alan Skinner shown here with TAS Fellow Bob Turner

Photo by James and Susan Everett



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2023 Presidential Award Winners



Recipient Sonny Wheeler and Tamra Walter - President's Extraordinary Service Award



Recipient Aina Dodge and Tamra Walter - President's Extraordinary Service Award

Photos by James and Susan Everett



Love the smiles! Part of the Annual Meeting registration team: (L-R) volunteer Erin Mathison, Masters graduate student at Texas State University, Vicky Roberts, Student Liason, LAC, and volunteer Gwen Olivier, PhD graduate student at Texas State University.

Photo by Nick Morgan

Donate to MCC Scholarships and Help Keep TAS Strong!

Tim Sullivan, Chair, Collegiate and Diversity Scholarship Subcommittee

Did you know that the TAS has a Multicultural Committee, and that committee is actually comprised of three different scholarships? The Native American, Diversity and Collegiate Scholarships all provide much needed support for scholars to attend Academies, Field School, and the Annual Meetings.

The MCC has helped many young scholars take advantage of opportunities to learn field skills, learn more about specialized topics, and meet people – both professionals and avocational – who have been key to their future careers in archeology. In fact, some of those have gone on to become important contributing members of TAS, and respected professionals in archeology and related disciplines. In short, this is one of the best ways we keep the TAS strong as an organization.

Here is another important note: in the past few years, we have seen an increase in the overall number of applications for scholarships, and particularly from Hispanic, African American, and Native Ameri-

can students. While this increased interest has been a welcome trend, it has also put an additional demand on our ability to support our applicants.

As you probably know, two of our Academies for 2024 have already sold out! We have not yet been able to notify our early scholarship applicants for those or the last (Ceramics) Academy, regarding support we can provide. We want to make sure we can continue to provide funding for these and, of course, Field School and the Annual Meeting for 2024 and beyond. As we head into the beginning of the new year and you make plans to renew, please consider a donation to the TAS Multicultural Fund. To do so, visit the [TAS website](#), go to the Support tab, scroll down and donate to the “Scholarships” link (fifth down on the list).

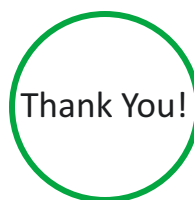
NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL (OR TOO LARGE!).



2023 Rock Art Academy

TAS Scholarship winners Vicky Roberts (l) and Emmy Avila (r) during Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site field trip.

Photo provided by Ken Lawrence



2023 Field School

Scholarship winner Jesse Brown

Photo provided by Tim Sullivan

TAS brings TAM to the classroom: pinch pots, effigies and more



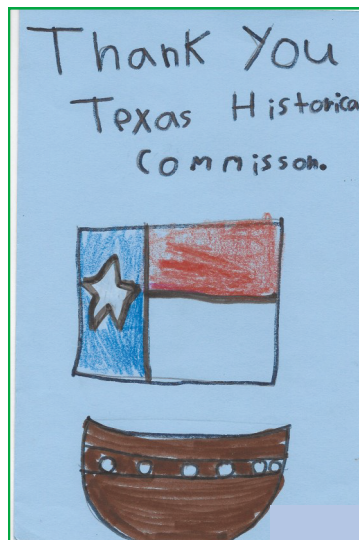
TAS members across Texas gathered together in July, August, and September to assemble pinch pot kits for distribution to educators for use in their classrooms in October for Texas Archeology Month (TAM). Celebrating TAM with these clever kits enabled Texas teachers to introduce archeology and Native American-inspired crafts in fun and creative ways to their students.

Mary Peacock, lead Anthropology professor at Dallas College, Richland, made excellent use of the clay for an archeology session. She demonstrated how to make effigy figures and common objects. The examples here showcase the creativity of her students.

Photos by Mary Peacock



Alicia Hinojosa, a fourth grade teacher with the Irving ISD, combined art, Texas history and archeology to produce a fun experience in clay for her students. Creativity leaped onto their papers as the students wrote these notes of thanks to the THC.



Another look: SMU and the Lake Fork Reservoir Project

The project ends, the artifacts are measured and cataloged, the reports are written, and yet, there are pieces that need to be put in place to complete the record. That pile of slides or of photos that were used during the 20th century to document both the physical spaces and the people who worked together for so many hours warrant more than a storage box on a dusty shelf.

The Archaeology Research Collection at Southern Methodist University contains many of those treasured boxes. Matthew Boulanger, Director, Archaeology Research

Program, has chosen to use social media platforms to widen the potential audience by posting the digitized photos and slides from those boxes. Slides from the Lake Fork Reservoir Project, one of the many SMU Archaeological Research Projects, were posted on the SMU ARC FB page on October 16, 2023. These images showcase the natural beauty of the land and the camaraderie of the SMU crew. Thanks to Dr. Boulanger and the volunteers at the SMU ARC for this opportunity to take another look at this project through the eyes of the photographers.



FB Posting

SMU and the Lake Fork Reservoir Project

May 31, 1967 – Feb 1, 1979

Between 1967 and 1979, SMU's Archaeology Research Program performed surveys and excavations at archaeological sites within what would become Lake Fork Reservoir, documenting hundreds of archaeological sites in Wood, Rains, and Hopkins counties.

The Archaeology Research Collections at SMU serves as the repository for artifacts and records of this massive project. We recently completed scanning all of the 2000+ 35mm slides captured over more than a decade of archaeological research for this reservoir project in order to ensure that these images are available for future generations.

Google link: [Photos of Lake Fork Reservoir \(SMU Archaeology Research Project\)](#)

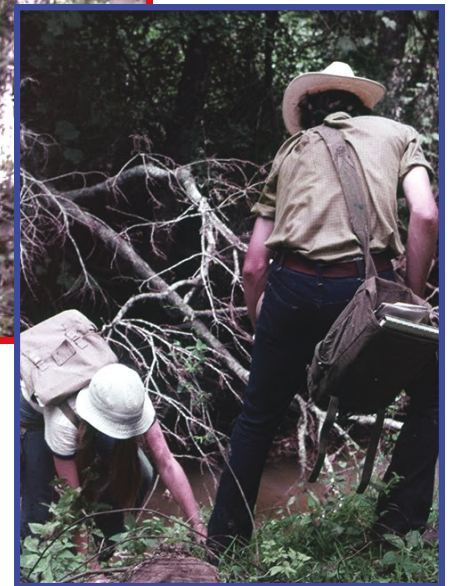
Fun photo of the SMU Lake Fork Archaeological Project crew. Top row, left to right: Jim Bruseth, James Wilson, Bob Skiles, Snowball, Lynn Toburen, Tim Perttula; bottom row: Floyd Kent, Lynn Cronk, MaryAnn McBride, and Sara Murphy. A dignified version of this photo was published in *Prehistoric Settlement Patterns at Lake Fork Reservoir* by James E. Bruseth and Timothy K. Perttula, 1981. Thanks to Dr. Perttula for his time in discussing publication of this photo.



SMU and the Lake Fork Reservoir Project



Multiple storylines in this collection! Dogs, flora, open fields, local landmarks, muddy dig sites, even a tug of war (of sorts) with a washed out bridge!



Favorites: Follow the leader, Texas style, complete with practical hats.

Excellent resource material

James E. Bruseth, Timothy K. Pertula *Prehistoric Settlement Patterns at Lake Fork Reservoir*, Archaeology Research Program Press, SMU, 1981, 159 pages

Dr. Pertula, a distinguished Caddo expert, is analyzing the Caddo ceramics from the TAS 2023 & 2024 Field Schools. He has written extensively about the Caddo and his works are readily available from multiple sources.

Project Impact

Investigations by Southern Methodist University at Lake Fork Reservoir contributed much needed substantive information concerning Archaic and Caddo settlement patterns in the area. From 1975 through 1978, the Archeology Research Program of Southern Methodist University conducted fieldwork in the proposed Lake Fork Reservoir located on Lake Fork Creek and its tributaries in Wood, Rains, and Hopkins counties. A total of 130 sites were recorded during the survey phase of the project; 65 of these sites were subsequently tested. Based on this work and in accordance with the mitigation plan submitted to the Sabine River Authority, subsequent fieldwork at Lake Fork Reservoir focused on eleven sites, nine of which (4 1WD73, 4 1 WD74., 41 WD75, 4 1WD450, 4 1 WD495, 4 1 WD530, 4 1 WD524, and 4 1 WD538) are located in Wood County. SMU carried out additional fieldwork in early 1979 at 41WD108 and 41WD109 when these sites were scheduled for removal in connection" with a Reservoir related road relocation (Bruseth and Pertula 1981: 1).

Wormser, Alan J. and Strickland, Stephanie S., *Archaeological Investigations at Site 41WD468/41WD469 along SH182 at Lake Fork Creek, Wood County, Texas*, Index of Texas Archaeology, Volume 1993, Page 18

Preservation of TAS History: The Charles Locke Digitization Project

Jamie Ross, TAS Member Outreach and Data Manager

You hear the most amazing stories while working in the lab at field school. In 2022, Aina Dodge heard something incredible. When speaking with lab volunteer Judy Wayland, Aina found out about a project that Judy worked on with Charles Locke recording events and people involved in TAS and Texas Archeology from the mid-1980s through the early 2000s. These recordings and the process to make them sounded amazing, and soon Aina had reached out to Charles and found out that the recordings still existed on the original tapes. Charles was happy to make these tapes available but warned that they had been sitting in storage for many years and he couldn't attest to the condition. So, in December of 2022, Aina and I met with Charles and conducted an oral history about his work and his memories of the project. While there, he kindly handed over the tapes, consisting of Hi8 and a handful of VHS recordings, with the request to make them more available to research and the public.

Shortly after, I began to inventory all of the tapes by the description on the label and by the specific tape format, maximum length, and the manufacturer. Reading the labels, I truly began to understand the scope of history these tapes contained. In addition to footage from field schools such as Lake Jackson and Wilson Leonard, Charles had recorded interviews with some of the greats of Texas Archeology, including Ed Jelks, Curtis Tunnell, and Mike Collins.



Pioneers in Texas archeology (left to right): Michael Collins, Jerry Epstein, Curtis Tunnell, Jack Hughes, Ernie Lundelius, Ed Jelks, Dee Ann Story, and Glen Evans.

Photo provided by Charles Locke

There were numerous recordings of rock art in Seminole Canyon, which may contain images of places that have disappeared. In an interview with E. Mott Davis, Charles captured the origin story of the TAS Field School classic song, annually inflicted upon our youth, *The Sinking of the Titanic!* And there was so much more; it was truly a treasure trove.

In addition to the work I was doing, Olive Talley was working on digitizing some of the tapes that related to Gault for her documentary at the same time. She and I both were excited to be able to see the material as soon as it was reformatted. Unfortunately, we both ran into issues getting usable images off of the tapes. I had sent 30 tapes to a private tape conversion company to see what preservation we were going to be working with and if the tape labels were a good reflection of what was on the tape. Olive had taken tapes related to the Gault field school and sent them to another individual who does conversion. Sadly, the tapes needed more help than a standard conversion could supply.

That brings us to today. All the tapes are currently stored in the cold archives at the Texas Historical Commission curatorial facility to slow down any degradation that may have been occurring. But with the chance of losing data growing by the day, the project team is now working on fundraising to send this material to a video archivist to convert the tapes with the plan to eventually have these tapes hosted in the Portal to Texas History available to everyone. That's where you come in.

For over 20 years, Charles Locke captured some of the most important events of the Texas Archeological Society, through his videos and oral interviews. Those irreplaceable treasures are in danger of vanishing forever. Please donate to the Charles Locke Digitization Project and help ensure that the history of TAS is preserved for future generations.



In Memoriam

Jonelle Miller-Chapman

1945-2023

From the *Austin-American Statesman*:

Her smile says it all about her personality and her life. Jonelle Miller-Chapman, 78, passed away peacefully at home on August 31, 2023, after a three-year battle with cancer. Friends and family will remember her as a "gentle soul" who always made you feel happy when you were around her.

Jonelle was born in Bay City, Texas, and lived in many cities around Texas growing up. Her father was a geologist, who inspired her love of rocks and archeology.

Jonelle knew as a teenager that she wanted to be a teacher. She graduated from Midland Lee High School in 1963 and went on to earn her Bachelor of Education from the University of Texas Austin in 1967. Jonelle loved Austin and most of all Longhorn football.

Jonelle was a devoted teacher both inside and outside of the classroom. As a young teacher, she intentionally took a position at the first integrated school in the La Marque area. She taught at Leander ISD for seventeen years, positively impacting many children, before she retired in 2002. Outside of the classroom, she instilled her enthusiasm for learning with her grandchildren and nephews, whether it be reading to them, or sharing her love of nature, Texas history, and archeology.

Photo from the Austin American Statesman.

Continued online in the Austin American Statesmen. Posted on September 28, 2023



Our sincere condolences to her husband Jerry, her family, and to all those who loved Jonelle. Thanks to Bryan and Marybeth for sharing their memories.

Remembrances of Jonelle Miller-Chapman

From Bryan Jameson

The passing of Jonelle Miller-Chapman comes with great sadness and an unmistakable sense of loss to all of us who knew her. Jonelle passed away peacefully at home on August 31, 2023. Jonelle was a devoted member of the Texas Archeological Society and she was an active participant on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Jonelle served as Newsletter Editor for the TAS for twelve years and her enthusiasm and commitment to the newsletter was quite evident. Jonelle looked forward to attending the TAS summer field schools and often served as

an assistant laboratory director. Jonelle was also a dedicated and loyal volunteer at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory where she assisted with the processing of TAS field school excavated materials. I came to know Jonelle through my association with the TAS. She had a loving spirit, a great sense of humor and was a joy to work with. Jonelle was very willing to step forward and assist whenever there was a need. Her contributions to this Society have been considerable and she will be deeply missed. In everything that she did, her enthusiasm is what I remember the most.

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Remembrances of Jonelle

From Marybeth Tomka

Jonelle was already the newsletter editor when I joined the TAS board as treasurer in 2004. We then spent the next 11 years working together and bonding. I remember meeting Jerry as he accompanied her to the College Station Annual Meeting and I gave my approval.

She and I got to team up as co-lab directors at the Columbus Field School. She had spent many years participating in the lab work, and I was coming on at the request of Jason Barrett, our PI for the project. Jonelle knew the traditions of doing things and I was shaking it up with a professional's take of streamlining lab procedures and hopefully making the data readily accessible for the PI. She helped me understand the previous ways, and I am sure that my ways were dumbfounding at times. She never told me I was crazy although I think she probably thought that at times.

During the 2014 field school, the first of three years at the sites, I was going through a job change; after the field school I started at TARL at UT Austin. Because my family hadn't moved yet, I was living in an extended stay hotel and so she and Jerry would pick me up and take me along to the Travis County meetings; I think they adopted me or at least I was an honorary little sister. Also, because TAS had a presence at TARL for years, I got to work with Jonelle and others on a weekly basis as we continued to process the TAS field schools from 2013-2016. Jonelle and company also started to help rehabilitate some of the TAS collections curated at TARL. By this time neither of us was on the TAS board, but we remained close friends.

In March 2020 when Covid hit, the TASers weren't allowed at TARL and the work we had been doing together fell by the wayside. Unfortunately, so did my connection to Jonelle. I tried to keep up with her through Facebook, but unfortunately this was not enough. During those years she had back surgery and then developed the cancer that would take her from

us. I feel the loss of her keenly. Now that I have retired, I think of all the ways we could have continued to work together as I took on another lab director role with the Kerrville field school with another TxDot PI, Eric Oksanen (Jason has since left TxDot).

Let me tell you why Jonelle should be remembered and not just for her 12 years as newsletter editor, or as a presence in the field school lab, or as a recipient of a Distinguished Service award or two, but because of what she was, and inspired. Jonelle was always a cheerful companion, with a generous heart, and an outstanding grasp of organization and preparation. Those who knew her at field school, worked with her in the lab or read her newsletters, can attest to this.

What few knew or didn't know until last fall's Annual Meeting was that Jonelle inspired the creation of the Research Support Fund that as treasurer I supported and asked to be created. Jonelle was the first to donate to this fund from which monies can be spent immediately unlike the donor's fund where the only the interest can be used. The idea was also attractive since TAS members could donate to specific field school analyses or special projects. At the Friday board meeting during the 2023 Annual Meeting, I was asked to present the motion to change the name of the Research Support Fund to the Jonelle Miller-Chapman Research Fund. It was approved and announced at the general meeting on Saturday. Jerry had been previously informed of my proposal and I am pretty sure Jonelle was smiling down on us.

So, when you are reading Jonelle's obituary in this newsletter, please think of her as an active TAS member who put her talents to work and made a lasting contribution to our organization and Texas Archaeology.

Jonelle, you are and will be forever missed.

In Memoriam

Ona B. Rambo Reed

1925-2023



“Ona B Rambo Reed, daughter of Barney Steadman and Artie Iona Rambo, was born on February 18, 1925, in Gustine, (Comanche County) Texas, and passed away on December 2, 2023.”

Photo and the rest of the obituary for Ona B are online at

<https://www.geojcarroll.com/obituary/ona-b-reed>

In Remembrance of Ona B

From Gen Freix

Ona B, a longtime member of North Texas Archeological Society and the TAS, would have been 99 this coming February 18.

She had many interests and passions in her life, besides her family. She was a pilot and had a lifetime fascination with aviation. She is in the Guinness Book of World records for a parachute jump. There was also an artistic flair in Ona B. She was part of the local theater group and painted. A few of her paintings hung in her house.

History was another passion of Ona B's. She was a Cooke County Historical Commission member, a member of the Cooke County Courthouse Restoration Committee, Gainsville Historical Society member, a Texas Archeological Society member and a TASN Steward.

I think the top of her “To Do List” was travel. She cruised the Nile in Egypt, held hands with the Moai on Easter Island, walked Pompeii streets, viewed Stonehenge. Together Ona B and I explored many archeological sites in Belize and Mexico. We braved the Metro in Mexico City, and we climbed the mountain to see the Monarch butterflies in the winter.

I cannot forget to talk about her abundance of Hats! She must have owned over a hundred hats.....no exaggeration. There were several TAS Annual Meeting weekend trips that required no less than 10 hats!

Ona B, you will be missed.



Photo by Gen Freix

Our sincere condolences to her daughter Belinda, her son David, and the rest of her family. If you met Ona B, you felt you knew her. And if you knew her, you knew she cared about you, just as much as you cared for her. Her smile was contagious and her joy was never-ending. As she always said, “I have too much to do.” ce



Member Anniversaries

60 Years

Kenneth M. Brown
Grant Hall
Albert Redder

45 Years

Brenda Jackson
Paul Lukowski

40 Years

Tom Middlebrook
Jim Schmidt

35 Years

Britt Bousman
Adriana Comini
Ross Fields
Carol Macaulay
Larry Riemenschneider

30 Years

Elvis Allen
Genevieve Freix

25 Years

James Abbott
Ruth Mathews

20 Years

Diamond Barrera
David Foxe
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Robin Matthews
Patricia Perkins
Jack Pool
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15 Years

Robin Barnes
John Benedict
Benny Roberts
William Setzler

10 Years

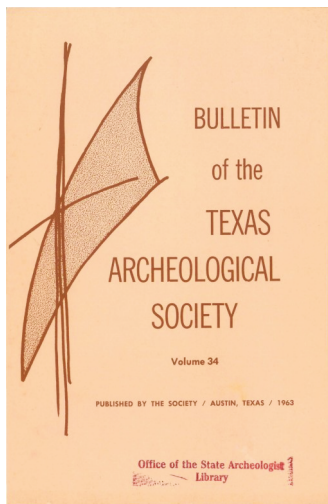
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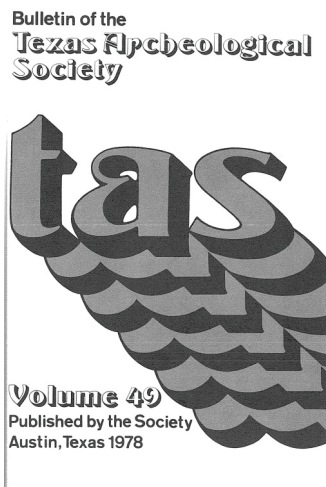
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Congratulations to all of you on reaching these milestone anniversaries. Thank you for your dedication to and continuing support of the TAS.

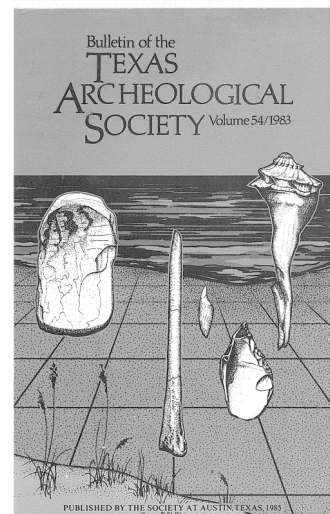
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We invite you to join us for the 29th East Texas Archeological Conference on February 17, 2024 in Tyler, Texas, on the University of Texas at Tyler campus. The East Texas Archeological Conference is hosted annually to bring together people interested in the archeology and cultural heritage of east Texas.

LOCATION: Main Lobby and other rooms in the Soules College of Business at UT Tyler.

HOURS: 9 AM until 4 PM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

FEE: \$20 which includes lunch.

Funding for organizational expenses has been provided to the Texas Archeological Society from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.



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