

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Texas Archeology Month 2017 Calendar of Events

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the Texas Archeological Society
and
the Council of Texas Archeologists

Texas Archeology Month (TAM) promotes the appreciation of scientific archeology, prehistory, Native American cultures, and the stewardship of Texas' irreplaceable archeological resources. No matter where you are in Texas, a community near you is hosting an archeology fair in October. Check out the listings in this Calendar of Events for archeology events around the state, as well as heritage and frontier festivals, which often include archeology activities.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) partners to organize TAM events with a number of dedicated individuals and organizations each year, the primary organizers being THC's Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN), the Texas Archeological Society, and County Historical Commissions (CHC). These organizations have been joined by various other TAM event coordinators that represent local, regional, and statewide organizations. Traditionally, TAM organizers include regional archeological and historical societies, museums, libraries, schools, and other educational institutions, along with parks, preserves, and historic sites. In addition, we also have TAM events that are hosted by professional associations, natural and cultural resource management firms, military organizations, conservancy groups, and even chambers of commerce. TAM would not be possible without our supporters and the help of our stewards who organize, promote, and facilitate much of this annual statewide event.

This calendar contains the most up-to-date information available to us. To verify information, it is advisable to contact organizers listed for each event. If you would like to announce an event or update an existing calendar entry, contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512.463.5915 or archeology@thc.texas.gov.

ALBANY, Shackelford Co.

Oct. 13 and 14 • Living History Days at Fort Griffin State Historic Site

Join us for a very special event this year as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Fort Griffin on the Texas frontier! The past will come to life at Fort Griffin State Historic Site on October 13-14, 2017, as living historians from all over gather to portray life at the fort and nearby Wild West town as it was in the 1870s. Activities and interpretations will include: military interpretations from various time periods with artillery, infantry, and cavalry demonstration, blacksmithing, gun fights, Drummer Boy ice cream, 1800s children's games, period music by Time Was..., Native American culture and dancing, Texas longhorns, the Texas Camel Corps, and frontier living. We also hope to have back this year volunteers from Abilene's 12th Armored Division to portray World War II history with lots of period weaponry and demonstrations. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Visitors Center and Fort Area, 1701 N. U.S. Hwy 283. Information: 325-762-3592, ft-griffin@thc.texas.gov.

Oct. 13 • Education Day at Fort Griffin State Historic Site

Education day for area schools will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017. If you are a teacher, home school parent, or school administrator wishing to have your students attend our 2017

program, please contact Eric Abercrombie by email or phone, 325.762.3592. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Visitors Center and Fort Area, 1701 N. U.S. Hwy 283. Information: 325-762-3592, ft-griffin@thc.texas.gov

ALTO, Cherokee Co

Oct. 7 • Foraging with Merriwether at Caddo Mound State Historic Site

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site invites the public to foraging workshop with Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen. Mark writes the Foraging Texas Blog, <http://www.foragingtexas.com/> and is a practiced forager and teacher. Mark’s book and Idiot’s Guide to Foraging was published April 2016. Make sure to bring your copy or pick one up at our gift shop to have Mark sign while you are here! This exciting workshop is sponsored by the Friends of Caddo Mounds, Inc. There is a \$50.00 charge for the program, and the fee includes a tour of the Caddo Mounds Site. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS UNLESS THE CLASS IS CANCELED! Space is limited, and the program fee must be paid in advance. You may pay by cash or check at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site, or you can mail your check to Caddo Mounds SHS, 1649 State Hwy 21 west, Alto, Texas. Call 936-858-3218 to hold your space. For more information visit www.visticaddomounds.com

Oct. 28 • El Camino Real de los Tejas Festival at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

Travel back in time on the historic El Camino Real de los Tejas! Enjoy food, fun, pioneer skills, presentations, crafts, music, guided hikes, and a variety of archeology themed activities. Sponsored by the THC Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. Free, but donations will be accepted by the Friends of Caddo Mounds. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Caddo Mounds Historic Site, 1649 State Highway 21 west. Information: Barbara Chadwick (THC archeological Steward) 903-683-1064, jvalleytex@yahoo.com, <http://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/caddo-mounds-state-historic-site>

ANDERSON, Grimes Co.

Oct. 14 • Stagecoach Saturday at the Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site

Travel back to 1850 aboard a mule-drawn stagecoach! Take a trip back to 1850 as you explore what life was like travelling on the Texas frontier! The special focus for October's Stagecoach Saturday is "Henry Fanthorp's Wake," which will look at the ceremonies and rituals of death in 19th century Texas. The unfortunate death of Henry Fanthorp, proprietor of one of Texas' most successful stagecoach inns, on Oct. 31, 1867 reminds us of the fragile state of life in the 19th century. This innkeeper and his wife were but a small portion of the souls who met their demise at Fanthorp's Stagecoach Inn. C. Mobley, Collodion Artist, will be on hand demonstrating traditional wet-plate photography and discussing the role of the photograph in the mourning practices of the 19th century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see how images were captured in the 1850s! Presentations (not recommended for children under 10 years) will be starting at 11:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. and will last approximately 40 minutes. This program is suggested for adults, but children must be accompanied by a parent. Don't miss this great opportunity to ride in our mule-drawn stagecoach, and discover fascinating history of Henry Fanthorp and his Inn. \$10 suggested donations. 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site, 579 S. Main St. Information: Jonathan Failor, 936-878-2214, ext. 224 jon.failor@tpwd.texas.gov

ANGLETON, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 5 • Archeology Month: Borderland Bannerstones of Texas

First of four in our Archeology Series. Five fragmentary groundstone artifacts, interpreted as bannerstones were recently recovered from a site in western Harris County during archeological salvage excavations. Bannerstones are geometric, groundstone objects, marked by a central, drilled perforation. Bannerstones are rare and are often fashioned in exotic raw materials. Bannerstones are found in Archaic Period (~6000-1000 B.C.) contexts throughout the woodlands of the American Southeast, but are scarcely found in Texas. In this presentation, Dr. August

Costa, will review the known bannerstone sample of Texas and describe new finds from the Houston area. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar. Information: Jennifer Caulkins, 979-864-1004, programs@bchm.org

Oct. 12 • Discovery & Archaeology of the German Unterseeboot, U-166

Second of four in our Archeology Series Archaeologist, Daniel Warren, will discuss the discovery of the U-166 and the archaeological investigations at the site. The discovery solved a nearly 60-year old mystery and changed what was thought to be the history of events that led to the u-boat's loss. The discovery was followed up by a NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research funded investigation of the site by archaeologists. During this project, a scientific team mapped the site located in 5,000 feet of water and documented over 300 individual artifacts associated with the wreck site. This allowed a detailed site map to be produced and has led to further research on the order of battle that led to the U-166's sinking. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar. Information: Jennifer Caulkins, 979-864-1004, programs@bchm.org

Oct. 19 • If Objects Could Talk: Life of a WWI Soldier

Museum Curator, Michael Bailey, will offer a sneak peek into the Museum's vault of artifacts that convey the history of our area. Journey with a WWI soldier through the artifacts he left behind. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. 6:30 p.m. at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar. Information: Jennifer Caulkins, 979-864-1004, programs@bchm.org

Oct. 21 • Dia de los Muertos Exhibit

Dia de los Muertos exhibit Opening with public altars, food, music, dancing, crafts, face painting, themed artwork, and much more! . Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. 10:00 a.m. at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar. Information: Jennifer Caulkins, 979-864-1004, programs@bchm.org

AUSTIN, Travis Co.

Sep. 29 • Barbara Kowalzig Lecture: Religion and the Economics of the Sea in the Early Mediterranean

Barbara Kowalzig, New York University, Religion and the Economics of the Sea in the Early Mediterranean. Sponsored by UT Department of Classics. Free. 4 – 5 p.m. at 2210 Speedway, Waggener Hall (WAG) 116. <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/classics/events/event.php?id=44318>

Sep. 29 • 5th Annual American Indian Heritage Day

Celebrate the 5th annual American Indian Heritage Day with the Bob Bullock Museum and Great Promise for American Indians. Schools are invited to learn about the historic, cultural, and social contributions American Indians have made to the state through dancing and drumming performances and hands-on activities held during the day. Free. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Bob Bullock Museum 1800 Congress Ave. Information:

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/calendar/american-indian-heritage-day-20170929> ; <http://www.austinpowwow.net/heritage-day/> ; (512) 463-6712, powwow@grandecom.net

Oct. 1 – 31 • La Belle, The Ship that Changed History

The 17th century French shipwreck *La Belle* is one of the most significant stories in early Texas history. It was on this ship that explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, set sail for the Mississippi River in 1684 to claim new territory for France. The ship instead sailed into Matagorda Bay, only to sink in 1686 where it was found 300 years later and underwent an extraordinary excavation and preservation beginning in 1995. *La Belle* now is at the center of the Bob Bullock Museum's first-floor exhibition *La Belle: The Ship That Changed History*. Texas's history would have been much different had La Salle's expedition been successful. A short film at the entrance of the exhibition provides an overview of La Salle's ambitious expedition and the consequences

of the doomed voyage. Maps and graphic panels show the route *La Belle* sailed and a collection of artifacts found aboard the ship — including tools, weapons, trade goods, and cooking pots — provide insight into what objects Europeans considered important for establishing a new colony. Personal items including a shoe, a ring, and an engraved drinking cup reflect the lives of the 35 men, women, and children aboard the 54-foot ship. The highlight of the exhibition is the preserved hull of *La Belle*, reconstructed in the Museum over seven months. For a great view of the entire ship, look over the Museum's second or third floor gallery right into the hull. Get a close look at the ship on the first floor level, where you will see still-visible 17th century tool markings showing how the timbers fit together. The ground-breaking preservation of *La Belle* is also featured in the exhibition through original film footage from the ship's 1996 excavation. Don't miss the accompanying multi-sensory film *Shipwrecked*, showing daily in the Texas Spirit Theater, which shares the true story of the expedition through the eyes of 14 year-old Pierre Talon, who was among only a handful of survivors from La Salle's expedition. Adults: \$13, Seniors (65+), Military, and Students: \$11, Youth (4-17): \$9. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Bob Bullock Museum 1800 Congress Ave. Information: <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/la-belle-shipwreck>

Oct. 7 • TAM Tailgate

Join archeologists from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the University of Texas' Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) for the 2nd Annual Texas Archeology Month Tailgate. Stop by our tents on the way to the Kansas State game and see what TAM has to offer. Free. 12 p.m. at the THC's Elrose building at the corner of 16th and Colorado. Information: Sarah Linden, 512-936-6466, Sarah.Linden@thc.texas.gov.

Oct. 12 • Travis County Archeological Society (TCAS) Monthly Meeting: A Caddo Village on the Verge of the Historic Contact Period: Archeological Data Recovery at A.S. Mann (41AN201) Site in the Upper Neches River Valley, Anderson County

The Travis County Archeological Society (TCAS) presents a lecture by Waldo Troell, Texas Department of Transportation, Environmental Affairs Division. In advance of a planned highway project, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently relocated a Caddo site that was first recorded about 80 years earlier and then lost to archeologist. Under contract to TxDOT, Coastal Environments, Inc., conducted archeological data recovery to mitigate the A. S. Mann Site, within the highway right of way between May 2015 and July 2016. Preliminarily, the site appears to represent a portion of a village that was occupied by high status families associated with a much larger Caddo Community. The main occupation appears to date to the late portion of the Frankston Phase (AD 1480 – 1650) and into the early Allen Phase (AD 1650 – 1680). The investigations reveal evidence of extensive prehistoric trade networks and potential early contact and conflict with Europeans. The investigators also found large numbers of ceramic vessels and stone tools, many of which appear to be ceremonial in function. TCAS meeting are free and open to the public. TCAS meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month except June and December. Free. 7 p.m. at Casa Maria's South Austin location, 4327 S 1st St. #102. Information: <http://www.travisarch.org/home>

Oct. 13 • Battle Lecture Series: Sarah Bond: "I Will Build a Great, Great Wall": Ancient City Walls, Trump and the Rhetoric of Fortification.

Sarah Bond, University of Iowa: TBD. Sponsored by UT Department of Classics. Free. 4 – 5 p.m. at TBD. <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/classics/events/event.php?id=44319>

Oct. 22 • 10th Annual UT Archaeology Playdate

Every year, the Central Texas Society of the AIA sponsors the Ancient Archaeology Playdate. This event, organized by Professor Rabun Taylor, consists of a series of informal talks by archaeologists (both faculty and students) at The University of Texas at Austin. These talks present recent research, offer updates on field projects, and give previews of emerging archaeological research agendas at UT. Sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin. Free. 1 – 5 p.m. at the Doty Fine Arts Building (DFA), Room 2.204. Information: arabinow@utexas.edu, <http://www.trinity.edu/tosulliv/classicscalendar/>

Oct. 14 • Texas Archeology Month Fair

Join local archeologists for the Texas Archeology Month Fair at TARL. The fair will feature hands-on activities for kids and adults, demonstrations from experimental archaeologists, and displays that highlight Texas' rich archeological history. Hosted by the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) and the Texas Historical Commission and sponsored by the Travis County Archeological Society and the Lower Colorado River Authority. Free. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the main soccer field at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus, 10000 Burnet Road. Information: Lauren Bussiere, lauren.bussiere@utexas.edu, 512-942-9021 or Casey Hanson, Casey.Hanson@thc.texas.gov, 512-463-5915; www.utexas.edu/cola/tarl

Oct. 26 • Conflicting Economic and Sacred Values in Aztec Culture

Emily Umberger. In Aztec society jade, tropical feathers, gold, and turquoise, were prized for reasons that involved competing notions of “moral economy,” according to Igor Kopytoff's definition of the term. For the Aztecs, these materials and objects made from them were valued both for their inherent sacred powers in traditional ideology, and for their powers as objects of wealth and prestige in a rapidly growing commercial economy. A reexamination of Aztec myths and tales reveals the state's official stance — that sacred powers took priority and that only members of the high nobility were prepared by birth and training to manipulate these powers. This, of course was a hard sell to other groups in Aztec society, and the official justifications, which are addressed to these others as well as the nobility, involve complex arguments, sometimes disingenuous, aimed at maintaining a type of status quo. Free. 4 p.m. at 2300 Trinity Street, Visual Arts Center (ART) 1.120. <http://art.utexas.edu/event/conflicting-economic-sacred-values-aztec-culture>

Nov. 4 • 26th Annual Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival

Don't miss the exciting 26th Annual Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival on November 4, 2016 at the Travis County Expo Center in Austin, TX. Since 1992, the Austin Powwow has brought exciting dance exhibits and competitions, the Indian Market, Food Court, Heritage Stage, Traditional Native American Dances and Contests, and a welcoming Native American culture to the Austin area. The Austin Powwow is a family friendly event that preserves and promotes the traditions, heritage and culture of American Indians in Texas. There is a Native American Food Court outside the venue and about a hundred Native American vendors selling authentic jewelry and American Indian art, as well as Native crafting supplies and regalia. Renowned Native storytellers and musicians share their traditions and history with children throughout the day at the outdoor Festival stage, while hundreds of American Indian dancers from tribes all over the United States and Canada compete inside Travis County Expo Center in contemporary and traditional dance categories. The Austin Powwow has one of the largest Indian Markets in the country with more than 100 booths. Great care is taken to ensure that the goods being sold as Indian made are just that – authentic Indian arts and crafts. In the majority of the booths, you will be speaking directly to the artisan, or a member of his or her family. The Food Court allows visitors to sample a wide range of authentic American Indian foods. All vendors serve at least one traditional dish, and some offer many more. A convenient seating area is right next to the vendor's booths. Adults (12+): \$5, Children (Under 12): Free. 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane. Information: <http://www.austinpovwow.net/austin-povwow/>; 512-371-0628.

BELTON, Bell Co.

Sept. 30 • Journey into the Past: A Native American Celebration

Families are invited to visit the museum to learn about Native American culture. There will be crafts, games, a tepee and more! Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bell County Museum, 201 N. Main Street. Information: Kayte Rickettes, kayte.rickettes@bellcounty.texas.gov, 254-933-5243, <http://www.bellcountymuseum.org/Museum/calendar.html>.

Oct. 14 • Gault Site Tour

Join us for a tour of the Gault Site, located in southwestern Bell County. The Gault Site is recognized as one of the most important archeological sites in America. The 2.5-hour tour covers about one mile of gentle terrain. Space is limited to 30 persons. Hosted by the Bell County Museum. Fee is \$10 per person, payable to the Gault School. Pre-registration is required, please call 254-933-5243. Participants will meet at the museum, 201 N. Main Street, and will leave at 8:30 a.m. in our own vehicles. Maps will be provided and a staff member will also guide drivers to the site. The site is 30 minutes from Belton, between Salado and Florence. Information: <http://www.bellcountymuseum.org/Museum/calendar.html>, 254-933-5243.

Oct. 21 • Discovery Day

The Bell County Museum will be hosting a monthly Discovery Day that day with an archaeology theme. Kids and families are invited to the museum to take part in a variety of 'stations' that include: mapping a dig pit, reconstructing pottery, sifting for artifacts and writing in cuneiform. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bell County Museum, 201 N. Main Street. Information: Kayte Rickettes, kayte.rickettes@bellcounty.texas.gov, 254-933-5243, <http://www.bellcountymuseum.org/Museum/calendar.html>.

BOERNE, Kendall Co.

Oct. 16 • Almost True Facts about the Camino Real

The Kendall County Historical Commission welcomes Al McGraw to the Patrick Heath Public Library on October 16. McGraw, while continuing his archaeology research, once held a unique assignment; his career spanned three decades as senior staff archaeologist with TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division in Austin. Al will join the KCHC and share stories and detail historic pathways that once were the major corridors through our region, but with time were replaced or altered and largely forgotten. Central to his presentation are details on the Camino Real, a major area route with a lasting legacy, *Texas History Has Never let Facts get in the Way of a Good Story, Almost True Facts about the Camino Real*. McGraw will also touch on two local Native American pathways, the Camino Viejo and Camino Pinta; these antique corridors also played a part in Kendall County's and Boerne's growth and development. Sponsored by Kendall CHC along with the Patrick Heath Public Library. Free. 5:30 p.m. at Patrick Heath Public Library. 451 N. Main St. Bldg. 100. Information: Theda Sueltenfuss, 830.537.4389, theda@gvtc.com, Paul Barwick, texasrailroads@yahoo.com or Bryden Moon, bemoonjr@aol.com

BONHAM, Fannin Co.

Oct. 28 • Archeology Month Open House at the Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site

The Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site will host an open house on October 29 in celebration of October as Texas Archeology Month. The visitor center will include a display of archeological materials uncovered during an excavation at the Sam Rayburn House. Refreshments and guided tours will be available. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. 1 – 3:30 p.m. at 890 W. State Hwy. 56. Information: 903-583-5558, srhm@thc.texas.gov

Oct. 28 • Cemetery Walking Tour

Join us for a tour of historic Willow Wild Cemetery on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Sam Rayburn's grave near the entrance gates to Willow Wild. Refreshments available. Free. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Willow Wild Cemetery, 1220 W. 7th St. Information: 903-583-5558, srhm@thc.texas.gov

BRAZORIA, Brazoria Co.

Saturdays in October • Levi Jordan Plantation Saturday Site Tours

Join us for a walking tour of the Levi Jordan Plantation and overview of the history of its past occupants, ongoing preservation efforts, and the rich archeological resources that are an important part of interpreting this site. The tour includes a stroll through the quarters area, where

former slave residences once stood. Free. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 7234 FM 521. Information: 979-798-2202. <http://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/levi-jordan-plantation-state-historic-site>

BRENHAM, Washington Co.

Oct. 3 • National Night Out

Come join us for numerous activities that include: marine archaeology exhibit, corn and cotton exhibit, Buffalo Soldier, Confederate Soldier, World War II exhibit, art exhibit, history of the Milroy Garden, special invitational antique car exhibit, free American and Texas flags, Fire truck exhibit, EMS exhibit, City and County government exhibit, and demonstrations on how to make homemade ice cream with a hand turn freezer. Sponsored by Drs. Wilfred and Bobbie (in Spirit) Dietrich, and the people living in the 40-acre tract of the Milroy Garden and Orchard. Free. 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Milroy Garden, 700 Milroy Dr. Information: Wilfred Dietrich, 979.836.3120, Wilfred.bobbie@sbcglobal.net

BROWNSVILLE, Cameron Co.

Oct. 28 • Rio Grande Delta International Archeology Fair

Join us for our Annual Rio Grande Delta International Archaeology Fair at the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park. The fair provides the community an opportunity to learn about archaeology, local archaeological resources, and the value of resource preservation. See exhibits by professional and avocational archaeologist, as well as local museums from both sides of the border. Exhibits will feature local archaeological investigations and demonstrations of period technological advances. The fair includes educational games and activities for visitors of all ages. The event is free and for audiences of all ages. Free. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 7200 Paredes Line Rd. Information: Rolando Garza, 956.541.2785 ext. 331, rolando_garza@nps.gov, <http://www.nps.gov/paal/index.htm> or Russell Skowronek, 956.665.8085, russell.skowronek@utrgv.edu, <https://www.nps.gov/paal/index.htm>

BRYAN, Brazos Co.

Oct 14 • Boonville Days: Texas Heritage Festival 2017

This year's Boonville Days will be bigger and better than ever before. Learn about Brazos County's pioneer history: visit with characters in period costume, enjoy cowboys, civil war re-enactors, musicians, dancers, artists, and much more. Professor Paisley from the Texian Institute of Oxenology, will be parading back into town with oxen Justice and Liberty, showcasing culture from 1830-1845. Visitors will also have the opportunity to observe demonstrations of skills and trades including flint-making, spinning, quilting, and blacksmithing/ This is a family event, so the museum will have activities to keep the young'uns entertained by learning to make pinch pots and other period crafts. Sponsored by Brazos CHC. Free. Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, at The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr. Information: Deborah Cowman, Exec. Dir., 979.776.2195, dcowman@brazosvalleymuseum.org or Maria Lazo, 979.776.2195, education@brazosvalleymuseum.org www.brazosvalleymuseum.org

CALDWELL, Burleson Co.

Oct. 9-13 • Burleson County Archeology Week

The Burleson County Historical Commission will have displays up at the courthouse all week, and the Burleson County Historical Museum will be open all day Thursday and Friday. EXCITING NEWS -- the Museum is currently expanding, so we're making lots of changes there! Sponsored by the Burleson County Historical Commission. Free. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Burleson County Courthouse/Burleson County Historical Museum, 100 West Buck. Information: Tammy Kubecka at 979-567-7196 (home) or 979-219-2787 (cell), or tktexas@aol.com.

Oct. 10 • Excavations at San Felipe de Austin 2014 – 2017

The Burleson County Historical Commission will host THC Archeologist Jeff Durst for a presentation about ongoing work at San Felipe de Austin. Lunch will be provided with RSVP. Sponsored by the Burleson County Historical Commission. Free. 11 a.m. at the Caldwell Civic Center, 103 TX-21 (at the intersection of Hwy. 21 and Main Street). Information: Tammy Kubecka at 979-567-7196 (home) or 979-219-2787 (cell), or tktexas@aol.com.

CAMERON, Milam Co.

Oct. 14 • Rancheria Grande Discovered: Pathway between Spanish Tejas and the American Revolution

Mr. Iruegas is a direct lineal descendant of 18th-century Spanish Colonial officers and soldiers assigned to the Presidio de Bexar in San Antonio and later at the San Francisco Xavier Missions, which are located today in Milam County. He has 30 years of cultural resource investigation experience working with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office and Texas Historical Commission, Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, as Cultural Resources Director for private environmental firms, and as President of GTI Environmental, LLC. Sponsored by the Milam County CLG in cooperation with the Cameron Chamber of Commerce. Free. 4 p.m. at 201 E. Main Street. Information: Geri Burnett at 512-760-5461 or geriburnett@sbcglobal.net.

Oct. 14 • Guided Tours of the Milam County Courthouse

Tours of the Milam County Courthouse will be given during the day Saturday. Sponsored by the Milam County CLG in cooperation with the Cameron Chamber of Commerce. Free. 1-4 p.m. at 102 S. Fannin Avenue. Information: Geri Burnett at 512-760-5461 or geriburnett@sbcglobal.net.

CANYON, Randall Co.

Oct. 12 • Archeology Day

Come celebrate Texas Archaeology at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum with demonstrations, activities and interactive lectures all centered around the rich archaeology of the Texas Panhandle. Designed for students in 3rd through 5th grade, this event will feature activities, hands-on learning stations and lecture from professionals in the field. Sponsored by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. \$3 per student and teachers and required chaperones are free. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 2503 4th Avenue. Reservations are required by Oct. 11, 2016, and can be made by calling Elaina Cunningham at 806-651-2258, Ecunningham@pphm.wtamu.edu, <http://www.panhandleplains.org>

COMSTOCK, Val Verde Co.

Wednesdays through Sundays in October • Fate Bell Shelter Pictograph Guided Tour

Come out to the Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site for a guided-hike tour and descend into Seminole Canyon to view prehistoric paintings (pictographs). \$5 plus park admission. 10 -11:30 a.m. and 3 – 4:30 p.m. at Park Headquarters Building. Information: Tanya Petruney, 432-292-4464, tanya.petruney@tpwd.texas.gov, <http://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/seminole-canyon/fate-bell-shelter-pictograph-guided-tour/2016-10-21>

Saturdays in October • White Shaman Pictograph Panel Guided Hike

Come join the Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation for a tour of one of the most remarkable and well-photographed rock art sites in the Lower Pecos. The White Shaman composition, its meaning and the techniques used to create it, have been the subject of intense scholarly research and many publications. It is one of the most spectacular surviving examples of the use of extraordinarily rare white paint. 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Reservations Required, \$35 for non-members, \$30 for members. 12:30 p.m. at 42535 West U.S. Highway 90. Information: <https://www.witemuseum.org/rock-art-tour-calendar/>

DALLAS, Dallas Co.

Oct. 26 • "To Boldly Go Where No Archaeologist Has Gone Before": An Archaeological Investigation of a Human Habitation Site in Space

Since the turn of the millennium, archaeologists have turned their attention to new and unusual spheres of human activity – especially contemporary activity. This presentation will introduce the first large-scale archaeological project on a site in space, a study of the International Space Station, which has been continuously occupied since November 2000. For decades, scientists have studied the physiological and psychological effects of space travel, including the confinement and isolation that are part of that experience, in an effort to develop procedures for long-duration missions to Mars and elsewhere. We will complement that work with an understanding of the society and culture created by astronauts, using archaeological (and other social science) techniques. Among our questions: How do astronauts from different nations (and different traditions of training and engineering) build and maintain a joint culture? How does microgravity affect the development of the ISS's society and culture? Are spaces or tools used in ways that diverge from their originally planned functions? Are there gendered spaces, or hierarchical spaces, within the ISS? This project is a joint investigation of Dr. Justin Walsh (Chapman University) and Dr. Alice Gorman (Flinders University, Australia). Free. 7 p.m. Southern Methodist University, TBA. Information: lectures@aia.bu.edu.

DENISON, Grayson Co.

Oct. 13 • Eisenhower Birthplace: Denison 7th Grade History Day Tours

The Eisenhower Birthplace welcomes the entire 7th Grade from Denison's Scott Middle School as part of the annual city-wide Denison History Day event. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at 609 S. Lamar Ave. Information: 903.465.8908, john.akers@thc.texas.gov, eisenhower-birthplace@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com>.

DENTON, Denton Co.

Oct. 7 • Denton County Hispanic Heritage Month

Join the Denton County Office of History and Culture during the Denton Community Market for the Hispanic Heritage Festival! Denton County invites you to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Denton County residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. There will be music, food, vendor booths, door prizes, and family fun! We can't wait to celebrate with you! Sponsored by the Denton County Office of History and Culture. Free. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Denton County Historical Park. Information: <https://dentoncounty.com/Departments/History-and-Culture/Office-of-History-and-Culture/EVENTS%20AND%20LECTURES.aspx>.

Oct. 20 and 21 • Park After Dark

On the night of Saturday November 22, 1919 an argument took place outside the Bayless residence, an argument that ended in death... Travel through the Bayless-Selby House, located at 317 W Mulberry Street, to hear the accounts of key witnesses, town gossips, and from our own volunteers who have experienced more than a few unusual instances inside the house. Tours will be given throughout the night. Sponsored by the Denton County Office of History and Culture. Free. Friday and Saturday 7-9 p.m. at the Bayless-Selby House, 317 W Mulberry Street. Information: <https://dentoncounty.com/Departments/History-and-Culture/Office-of-History-and-Culture/EVENTS%20AND%20LECTURES.aspx>.

EL PASO, El Paso Co.

Oct. 21 and 22 • Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site's 23rd Annual Interpretive Fair

Come out to Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site's 23rd Annual Interpretive Fair. Hueco Tanks is a cultural crossroads in time. Located about 20 miles East of downtown El Paso, Texas this park has been called home by many different peoples and cultures over the years. To

celebrate this conflux of cultures, the park hosts a free two-day event every Third Weekend of October. This event, which coincides with Texas Archeology Month, is family oriented and focuses on the use of outreach and education to inspire the preservation of the Site's natural and cultural resources. This year's program includes a variety of events, such as Native American dancing and drumming, cultural dances and storytelling, pictograph, birding, and nature tours, recreational activity demonstrations, and booths. We will also be hosting an evening program starting at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife and co-hosted by the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation. Free. Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site, 6900 Hueco Tanks Road No. 1, Information: Dr. Kendra Moore, 915.856.3356, Kendra.Moore@tpwd.texas.gov; Ted Pick, Ted.Pick@tpwd.texas.gov 915-857-1135, <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks>

Oct. 13 and 14 • 20th Biennial Jornada Mogollon Conference

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology will host the 20th Biennial Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference on October 13th – 14th, 2017. This year's conference will feature 27 presenters who will speak on historical, cultural, and archaeological topics relevant to the Jornada Mogollon region. Papers on Casas Grandes area in Chihuahua, Mexico, have also been included. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, September 29. We will also accept registrations at the door the first day of the conference. To access a registration form please visit <https://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/events/2017/10/13/call-for-papers>. Sponsored by the El Paso Museum of Archeology. All day at the El Paso Museum of Archeology 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov

Saturdays in Oct. • Atl-Atl and Archery Demonstrations at the El Paso Museum of Archeology

Celebrate Texas Archeology Month with demonstrations put on the Citadel of the Southern Pass, Local Chapter of the Creative Anachronism for the Archery and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology for the atl-atl and are open to public participation. Trained and authorized safety Marshalls are present so archers are welcome to bring their own recurve and long bows as well (no compound bow on the range). Also the Museum staff is on hand to teach visitors how to use the atl-atl on a separate atl-atl range. Sponsored by the El Paso Museum of Archeology. Free. 10:30 a.m at the El Paso Museum of Archeology 4301 Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov; <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>.

Oct. 15 • El Paso Museum of Archaeology's 40th Anniversary Family Day Event

Come help us celebrate our anniversary with archery, dance performances, films, activities, food truck vendors and more! Pubic parking available next door at the National Border Patrol Museum. Free. 12 – 4 p.m. at the El Paso Museum of Archeology 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov

Oct. 21 • International Archaeology Day Event

Lots of fun for the whole family including a pottery firing demonstration, archery, mock excavations, hands-on activities, films and more! Sponsored in part by the Council of Texas Archeologists. Free. 12 – 4 p.m. at the El Paso Museum of Archeology 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov, <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>.

Oct. 1-31 • Casas Grandes Pottery and Painted Watercolors from the Tom Lea Collection

Tom Lea Sr. acquired a collection of Casas Grandes pottery in the 1920s which included polychromes and plainwares dating to the Casas Grandes Medio Period (AD 1200 – 1450). According to accounts, noted artist Tom Lea III created a catalog of twenty vessels with painted watercolors and text in 1928. The El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the Tom Lea Institute are proud to present this exhibit of ten ceramic vessels and their corresponding watercolors in honor

of Tom Lea Month and the Museum's ongoing *Paquimé and the Casas Grandes Culture* exhibition. Month Long exhibit at the El Paso Museum of Archeology Auditorium, 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov; <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>

Oct. 28 • El Paso Museum of Archaeology 2017 Lecture Series: Water Canyon: The Most Important Paleoindian site in New Mexico since the Discovery of Black Water Draw?

Lecture by Robert Dello-Russo, Ph.D. The recent discovery of the Water Canyon Paleoindian site has opened a new window into our understanding of the early human occupation of the Southwest in general and New Mexico in particular. Interdisciplinary research at the site since 2008, has included not only archaeological studies, but also investigations of an extensive fossil wet land (or "black mat") where proxy data have been collected for paleo-environmental reconstruction, paleoclimatic research and landform evolution during the late Pleistocene-early Holocene transition (ca. 13,000 to 8,000 years ago). The site is characterized by a high degree of site integrity, stratified deposits, evidence for Clovis, Folsom, Cody/Firstview and late Paleoindian components, Bison antiquus bone beds, open-air processing areas, and a strong potential for additional buried Folsom, Clovis, and possibly, pre-Clovis materials. Together these attributes make this site unique west of the Pecos River in New Mexico. 2 p.m. at the El Paso Museum of Archeology Auditorium, 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov, <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>.

Oct. 29 • Casas Grandes Pottery and Painted Watercolors from the Tom Lea Collection Special Event

Please join us on Sunday, October 29th from at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (EPMArch) for an afternoon of Tom Lea inspired activities for all ages including painting and plastic pottery making. At 1:00 PM EPMArch Director Jeff Romney will give a presentation on Casas Grandes pottery highlighting pieces on display from the Tom Lea collection. Free. 1 - 4 p.m. at the El Paso Museum of Archeology 4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Drive. Information: Jeff Romney, 915-755-4332, Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov, <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>

FORT MCKAVETT STATE HISTORIC SITE, Menard Co.

Oct. 21 • Archeology Day and Fall Star Party 2017 at Fort McKavett State Historic Site

Join us at Fort McKavett State Historic Site for a day and night of exploration. Fort McKavett will display various temporary exhibits featuring archaeological information about the Fort and the greater Concho Valley Area. After dusk, the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society will host a free public star party on the Parade Grounds. Sponsored by Fort McKavett State Historic Site, Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society, Friends of Fort McKavett, and the Texas Historical Commission. \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-18, and Free for children under 6. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.- 12 a.m. at Fort McKavett State Historic Site, 7066 FM 864. Information: Kevin Malcolm, 325-396- 2358, Kevin.Malcolm@thc.texas.gov or Cody Mobley 325-396-2358, Cody.Mobley@thc.texas.gov

FREDERICKSBURG, Gillespie Co.

Saturdays and Sundays in October • Enchanted Rock Summit Trail Hike

Come and enjoy a guided hike with a Park Ranger or Volunteer Naturalist for the hike to the top of Enchanted Rock. Learn about the Vernal Pools, geology, Native American history at Enchanted Rock, flora, fauna, and folklore. Free with Park admission (\$7). 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at 16710 Ranch Rd. 965 at t the gazebo at the summit trail. Information: Doug Cochran (830) 685-3636, doug.cochran@tpwd.texas.gov

GLEN ROSE, Somervell Co.

Oct. 1 • Atlatl Demo

Before the bow and arrow, there was the atlatl and dart. Join a ranger to learn all about this ancient hunting tool. Participants will get the opportunity to try it out for themselves. \$7 per adult. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Dinosaur Valley State Park, 1629 Park Road 59. Information: Jenn Menge, 817-776-3924, jenn.menge@tpwd.texas.gov.

GRAPEVINE, Tarrant Co.

Oct. 20-22 • 88th Annual Texas Archeological Society Meeting

Join us for the 88th Annual Meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine, hosted by the Tarrant County Archeological Society. The Annual Meeting schedule is familiar and begins on Friday morning with Council of Texas Archeologist (CTA) meetings followed by Texas Historical Commission Stewards and the TAS Board Meetings. Also on Friday afternoon, there will be a CTA Seminar and we will begin paper presentations. On Friday night, we will have out Public Forum with Dr. Dennis Stanford and afterward, the CTA Social. Saturday is filled with paper presentations and the usual two hour business meeting with box lunches available. The Saturday Night Banquet features Dr. Pegi Jodry. Sunday morning finishes up with the new TAS Board Meeting. Registration forms for the meeting are available on the TAS webpage <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/183>. Registration ends October 11. Admission: with registration; members \$65, full-time students \$35, banquet and speaker \$50, speaker only \$10; non-members \$60, full-time students \$25, banquet and speaker \$45, speaker only \$15. Friday 9 a.m.–Sunday 12 p.m. at The Embassy Suites DWF Airport North, 2401 Bass Pro Drive. Information: <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/183>

Oct. 20-22 • 2017 Texas Archeology and History Book Festival

The *Journal of Texas Archeology and History.org* is pleased to announce the TAS Book Festival will return on its bi-annual schedule as part of the TASS Annual Meeting in Grapevine, Texas. There is already a terrific line-up of authors planning to join us. Our authors will make presentations related to their new publications and will be selling and signing their new books for member of the Society and public. The event will begin Friday afternoon, October 20th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. when four authors will present their new books. Friday will be topped off by Amy Borgens and Bradford Jones presenting their seminal work with Dr. James Bruseth on an iconic Texas event, “*La Belle, The Archaeology of a Seventeenth-Century Vessel of New World Colonization*”. On Saturday we will begin at 9:00 a.m., and at 2 p.m. Louis F. Aulbach and Linda Gorski will present their new book series on the archeology walking tours of Rome, “*Along the Aurelian Wall (Rome in Ruins ~ Self-Guided Walks Book I)*” and “*Campus Martius and its Ancient Monuments (Rome in Ruins ~ Self-Guided Walks Book II)*”. The book festival will be topped off Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. by Dr. Carolyn Boyd who will regale us with stories about her highly regarded and awarded book, “*The White Shaman Mural. An Enduring Creation Narrative in the Rock Art of the Lower Pecos*”. Sponsored by the Journal of Texas Archeology and History.org, Inc. Free. Friday 1 p.m.–Sunday 12 p.m. at The Embassy Suites DWF Airport North, 2401 Bass Pro Drive. Information: <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/183>.

HOUSTON, Harris Co,

Oct. 19 • Beyond the Glitz and Glamour of the Campus Maritus: A Serious Look at the Ruins in Rome’s Tourist Mecca

The Houston Archeological Society (HAS) presents a lecture by HAS members Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, “Beyond the Glitz and Glamour of the Campus Maritus: A Serious Look at the Ruins in Rome’s Tourist Mecca” from their new book series on the archeology walking tours of Rome, “*Along the Aurelian Wall (Rome in Ruins ~ Self-Guided Walks Book I)*” and “*Campus Martius and its Ancient Monuments (Rome in Ruins ~ Self-Guided Walks Book II)*”. Sponsored by the Houston Archeological Society. Yearly Memberships Available: Student: \$15; Individual: \$25; Family: \$30; Contributing: \$35+. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of every

month 7 – 9 p.m. at University of St. Thomas, 3800 Montrose, Room 009, Building 22, Doherty Library. Information: Linda Gorski, 713-557-1496, lindagorski@cs.com

Oct. 19 • Timeless Beauty: The Astonishing Zeugma Mosaics

Mosaics from an ancient Greco-Roman city in Turkey were so stunning that they inspired a massive Turkish and international rescue operation in advance of flooding from dam construction in 2000. Excavations of the city exposed a vast site with breathtaking 2nd century BCE glass mosaics preserved in colors as fresh as the day they were created. To protect such important artwork, Turkey built the largest mosaic museum in the world, the Zeugma Mosaic Museum in Gaziantep. Dr. Kutalmış Görkay, Director of Zeugma Mosaic Project and Professor, Ankara University, shows how the art reveals the cosmopolitan nature of a major commercial, religious, and military center at a crossroads between east and west and helps us understand more about life on the edge of empire. Sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America, Houston. Free. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet. Information: Becky Lao, 713-364-6344, archaeologyhouston@gmail.com.

Oct. 21 • Ancient Encounters Family Event - Ancient Houston

Does Houston have ancient history? You bet! Learn more about the story of Houston at KBR Kids Day the Archaeological Institute and Lone Star College collaborate to tell the story through hands-on activities for children and demonstrations of drone flights. Sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America, Houston. Free. Time TBA at Guadalupe Public Park, 2311 Runnels Street. Information: Becky Lao, 713-364-6344, archaeologyhouston@gmail.com.

Oct. 28 • International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science

The Houston Archeological Society (HAS) would like to invite you (and your organization) to participate in our annual celebration of all things archaeological. This year we are celebrating International Archeology Day on Saturday October 28th, one week later than everyone else. HAS members will man several exhibit tables with hands-on displays for kids and adults to touch and feel some of the artifacts we have recovered from local archeological sites. Initiated by the American Institute of Archeology in 2011, International Archeology Day celebrates archeology and the thrill of discovery. On October 28th, professional and avocational archeologists from all over the greater Houston area will celebrate the day by highlighting exciting discoveries in local archeology. In addition to presentations and programs about archeological excavations in the Houston area, the event will also feature a family-friendly archeology fair with interactive hands-on displays, flintknapping demonstrations, and arts and crafts for kids focusing on the prehistoric era. This event is sponsored by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Houston Archeological Society, the Texas Department of Transportation and several other local groups. Exhibits in Grand Hall free; fees for others. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 5555 Herman Park Drive. Information: Linda Gorski, 713-557-1496, lindagorski@cs.com.

Oct. 29 • Incense Rises, Chinese Ritual and History in Houston

How did new Chinese immigrants on the Gulf Coast honor their ancestors? Discover the story and learn about burial rites that helped perpetuate culture and legacy at our 4th annual Heritage Excursion Cemetery Bus Tour. A specialist in Daoism, an expert on Chinese history of the Gulf Coast, and a feng-shui authority, will travel with us as we learn about traditional observances of the afterlife at Daoist and Buddhist temples and then visit Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery where ancient rituals are fused with Western traditions. After the tour, enjoy a reception of Chinese hors d'oeuvres and music. Sponsored by the Archeological Institute of America, Houston Society. Free. 2 p.m. at Kim Son Restaurant, 2001 Jefferson Street. Information: Becky Lao, 713-364-6344, archaeologyhouston@gmail.com

HUNSTVILLE, Walker Co.

Oct. 11 • Chasing Beer Bottles and Privy Pits: Urban Archeology at the Frost Town Site in Houston, Texas

The Frost Town Site is located almost within the shadow of Minute Maid Park and less than one half mile east of downtown Houston. It was the first residential suburb of the city. Jonathan Frost bought 15 acres of land from Augustus and John Allen just after Texas gained its independence. Samuel Frost platted the land into residential lots after Jonathan died in 1837. Over the 150 years of its existence the community transitioned into a neighborhood of German immigrants, African American/ Euro Americans and lastly a Hispanic community before it disappeared in the 1990's. The excavation of the site by Doug Boyd of Prewitt and Associates Inc under the direction of the Texas Department of Transportation has yielded thousands of personal artifacts and architectural features. Many of these items can be traced to specific homes and businesses. TXDOT has welcomed volunteers from the Houston Archeological Society to assist in screening the dirt for these artifacts as a public outreach program. Doug Boyd will discuss this diverse community and provide details of some of the more exciting finds such as some of the earliest bottles of Budweiser beer bottled by Carl Conrad & Co. The doors open at 6:30 for viewing of archeological displays. The presentation begins at 7 pm. Sponsored by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Free. 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Katy and Don Walker Education Center 1402 19th Street. Information: Sandra Rogers, 936-661-9882, Sojourne@att.net

JACKSBORO, Jack Co.

Oct. 14 • Mock Archaeology Dig at Fort Richardson State Park and Historic Site

To celebrate Texas Archeology Month we will be having a presentation about archaeology and then a mock dig. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Free 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 228 State Park Road 61. Information: Ray Monroe, 940-567-3506, ray.monroe@tpwd.texas.gov, <https://www.facebook.com/events/703428419864407/>

KAUFMAN, Kaufman Co.

Oct. 28 • Kaufman County Historical Commission Archeology Month Celebration

Kaufman County Historical Commission will set a booth up at the Annual City of Kaufman Scarecrow Festival with activities for the kids and adults to learn more about Archeology and to share the history of Kaufman County. Sponsored by the Kaufman County Historical Commission. Free .9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kaufman County Courthouse/ Kaufman Downtown Square, 100 W. Mulberry St. Information: Buzz Fanion at 972-210-1665 or www.KCHC@kaufmancounty.net.

KILLEEN, Bell Co.

Oct. 12 • Central Texas Archeology Fair

Texas A&M University-Central Texas is joining in partnership with the Fort Hood Director of Public Works-Cultural Resources Branch to celebrate its second annual Archaeology Fair. A&M-Central Texas faculty, staff, student volunteers and Fort Hood archaeologists will provide hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations for children and adults. Activities and demonstrations at this public event will include: stone-tool making demonstrations, spear throwing activity and demonstrations, prehistoric artifact displays, a create-your-own Rock Art activity and a play excavation activity for young children. This event is sponsored by A&M-Central Texas and Fort Hood Director of Public Works–Cultural Resources Branch and is free and open to the community. Food will be available for purchase at the event. Free. 10am-1pm. Texas A&M University Central Texas 1001 Leadership Place, Killeen. Information: Christine Jones, 254-519-5405, bioarchjones@tamuct.edu

KINGSLAND, Burnet Co.

Oct. 11 • Llano Uplift Archeological Society (LUAS) Monthly Meeting

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society (LUAS) meetings are free and open to the public. LUAS meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of every month except June and December at the NAC. Most meetings feature a speaker from Central Texas with expertise in archaeology, history, geology, or other related subject. Free. 7 p.m. at the Nightengale Archeological Center, 1010 Circle Dr. Information: Lisa Weatherford, 512-809-3685, lisa.weatherford@gmail.com or Chuck Hixson, 325-423-0379, charles.hixson@gmail.com; www.texasluas.org

Oct. 14 and 28 • Nightengale Archeological Center Tour

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society (LUAS) provides tours of the Nightengale Archeological Center twice a month.. Free. 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Nightengale Archeological Center, 1010 Circle Dr. Information: Lisa Weatherford, 512-809-3685, lisa.weatherford@gmail.com or Chuck Hixson, 325-423-0379, charles.hixson@gmail.com; www.texasluas.org

LEAKEY, Real Co.

Sep 29 to Oct. 1 • Texas Outdoor Education Association Workshop

The Texas Outdoor Education Association (TOEA) is a non-profit education community that promotes bringing the outdoors into the classrooms and the classrooms to the world. The TOEA Workshop's mission is to share and promote an appreciation for the environment, incite learning across STEM Education and nurture outdoor education. The Workshop will be hosted at the HEB Foundation Campsite just north of Leakey Texas. By making teaching and learning more engaging we hope the outcome will have an everlasting effect in the future of our children's education. Sponsored by the Texas Outdoor Education Association. \$150 registration fee minus \$25 per presentation. Friday, 2:00 p.m. – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. at HEB Foundation Campsite, 11756 North U.S. Hwy. 83. Information: Carlos Guerrero, 361-522-6944, cargue6944@gmail.com

LA GRANGE, Fayette Co.

Sep. 16 • Texas Heroes Day

Texas Heroes Day: Annual event on the Saturday closest to Sept. 18. Enjoy a day of honoring Texas heroes, including those who fought and died for the Republic of Texas. The event specially commemorates the men of the Dawson Massacre and the Mier Expedition. Enjoy pioneer craft demonstrations, re-enactors, cannon and musket salutes, dulcimer music, historic flag display, a special presentation, and guided tours. Free. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Monument Hill-Kreische Brewery State Historical Site, 414 State Loop 92 La Grange, TX 78945 (On the Bluff). Information: Dennis Smith, 979-968-5658 or Gary E. McKee, 979-966-2697

LAPORTE, Harris Co.

Oct. 7 and 21 • Battleship TEXAS Hard Hat Tour

Hard Hat Tours aboard Battleship TEXAS are a truly unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the last Dreadnaught Battleship on earth. Go behind the locked gates on an expertly lead 3.5 hour tour through the boiler rooms, turrets, shell and powder handling rooms, and so much more. Get a unique perspective on the history and engineering of this truly one of a kind ship. Sponsored by the First Texas Volunteers, in cooperation with Battleship Texas Foundation and Texas Parks & Wildlife. \$50, tickets are limited. Tours begin at 8:30 a.m., 9:15, 10, 10:45, 12 and 12:45 p.m. at 3523 Independence Parkway South. For tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/battleship-texas-hard-hat-tour-october-7-2017-830-915-1000-1045-1200-and-1245-tickets-36776726178>. Information: Barbara Graf, 281-479-2431 ext. 234, barbara.graf@tpwd.texas.gov.

Oct. 7 Battleship TEXAS Normandy Invasion Hard Hat Tour

In conjunction with our traditional Hard Hat Tours, the First Texas Volunteers is hosting a specialty tour that is shorter in length and focuses specifically on portions of the ship and its history that pertains to the Invasion of Normandy during World War II. If you have wanted to learn more about the ship and see areas with a guided tour that is not part of the public tour or even our regular Hard Hat Tour then this is your chance. Space is very limited as the group is kept small. Sponsored by the First Texas Volunteers, in cooperation with Battleship Texas Foundation and Texas Parks & Wildlife. \$30, Tour departs promptly at 2:00 pm. at 3523 Independence Parkway South. For tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/battleship-texas-normandy-invasion-hard-hat-tour-october-7-2017-200pm-tickets-36112915703> . Information: Barbara Graf, 281-479-2431 ext. 234, barbara.graf@tpwd.texas.gov.

LOCKHART, Caldwell Co.

Oct. 20-21 • 14th Annual Speaking of the Dead Night Ramblings in a Texas Graveyard

Join the Caldwell County Historical Commission for the 13th Annual Speaking of the Dead Night Ramblings in a Texas Graveyard. \$15. 6:30 – 9:10 pm. at the Lockhart City Cemetery, 619 N. Colorado Street. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-speaking-of-the-dead-lockhart-cemetery-tour-tickets-37159719722>. Information: Kathy McCormick, 512-626-1637

LUBBOCK, Lubbock Co.

Oct. 26 • The Late Bronze Age Eruption of Thera (Santorini)

The Archaeological Institute of America presents a lecture by Dr. Floyd McCoy, Professor of Geology, Geophysics, and Oceanography, University of Hawaii-Windward. AIA Joukowsky Lecture. Sponsored by the AIA: Lubbock. Free. 5 p.m. at HUMSCI 226, Texas Tech Campus Information: isparks@archaeological.org.

MARSHALL, Harrison Co.

Oct. 21 • Victorian Fair at the Starr Family Home State Historic Site

Come and enjoy Starr Family Home's 8th Annual Victorian Fair! Guests will enjoy our 19th century toys and games, viewing living history demonstrations and making their own old-time crafts. The Rusk County Dulcimers will play and talk to guests about the history of the dulcimer. The highlight of the event will be the hilariously dramatic Victorian Melodrama play presented by, East Texas Baptist University Associate Professor of Theatre, John Dement and his students.

Popcorn will be available for throwing at the villain!! The play lasts 10 minutes and will be performed on the hour. Unique items will be available for purchase in the museum store including a line of men's products by a local company, Beard Joy. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. Guided tours of Maplecroft are \$4. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 407 W. Travis St. Information: 903-935-3044, starr-family-home@thc.texas.gov

Oct. 24 • Historical Cemetery Designation Workshop

Join the Harrison County Historical Commission (CHC) for a workshop featuring the Cemetery Preservation program of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). THC staff will conduct a workshop on Historic Texas Cemetery Designations. Free. 1:30-3:30pm at the Marshall Visual Arts Center, 208 E. Burseson Street. Information: history@thc.texas.gov or call 512.463.5853 to reserve your space.

Oct. 28 • Capturing the Spirits Historic Cemetery Tours

Join members of the Harrison County Historical Commission and Starr Family Home State Historic Site as they lead guests through three local cemeteries and tell life stories of some of Harrison County's earliest citizens. Some are sad, some are happy and some are eerie but all illustrate the powerful legacy left by these intrepid souls. All tours will last approximately 45-60 minutes and guests are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. There

are no restrooms available at the cemeteries. Free. Tour Schedule: 11 a.m.—12 p.m. ~ Marshall Hebrew Cemetery: Tour presented by Barbara Judkins, Site Manager of Starr Family Home State Historic Site. The cemetery is located at Herndon and Evans Street near East Texas Baptist University. 1 — 2 p.m. ~ Greenwood Cemetery: Tour presented by Ann Brannon of the Harrison County Historical Commission. The cemetery is located at One Tiger Drive at East Avenue near East Texas Baptist University. 3 - 4 p.m. ~ McJohnsons Cemetery: Tour presented by Gail Beil of the Marshall City Commission and the Harrison County Historical Commission. The cemetery is located on 5 Notch Road near the intersection of 5 Notch Road and East End Blvd. Information: call 903-935-3044.

Oct. 31 • Trick or Treat at Our House

Come Trick or Treat at our house! Goodies will be given to children only, but all guests can view the first floor of Maplecroft, play games and make a not-so-scary monster bookmark! "The Hallo-Wiener" by Dav Pilkey will be read at 7 pm and 8 pm. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at 407 W. Travis St. Information: 903-935-3044, starr-family-home@thc.texas.gov

MEXIA, Limestone Co.

Oct. 13 • Fiber Friday at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site

Come join us at the Confederate Reunion Grounds for Fiber Friday! This informal program occurs every month on a Friday for those who are interested in knitting, crochet, and sewing. Feel free to bring a project you are working on; limited materials are available to use for those who don't have any. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 1738 FM 2705. Information: 254-472-0959, amanda.mcvay@thc.texas.gov.

Oct. 14 • Dutch Oven Cooking at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site

Join us for a lesson in Dutch oven cooking. The Dutch oven has been used extensively over the course of Texas history, and is still a popular cooking tool today. See what all the fuss is about, and learn the basics of cooking outdoors with a Dutch oven and make a simple cobbler. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 1738 FM 2705. Information: 254-472-0959 or crg@thc.texas.gov.

NEW BRAUNFELS, Comal Co.

Oct. 6-7 • Soul Searching Night Ramblings in the Comal Cemetery

Relive the spirit of historic New Braunfels in this night time guided tour of the Comal Cemetery. Established in 1868, the Comal Cemetery is the burial ground for some of New Braunfels founders' and notable citizens. Join us at Soul Searching to hear the stories of these illustrious souls told by actors as living history portrayals. This event is family friendly and funds raised will be used for cemetery improvements. This is a walking tour; golf cart tours are available for individuals who need assistance walking. Tour by golf cart is offered during the first tour of both nights. Please be sure to request a cart tour when purchasing your tickets. Sponsored by the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation. \$30. Friday, Oct. 6th at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7th at 5 p.m. Parking at Cypress Bend Park located at 503 Peace Avenue. Information and tickets at 830-221-4350. <http://www.nbtexas.org/1832/Soul-Searching>

PARIS, Lamar Co.

Oct. 7 • Maxey House Art Day at the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site

On October 7th, the public is invited to the Maxey House for a day of art. Visitors can spend time inside the house sketching, drawing, or photographing their favorite artifact or room, as well as artifacts that will be brought out from storage just for the day. Visitors are also invited to spend time outside capturing the grounds in any artistic medium they choose. Sketch paper and pencils will be provided, but supplies are limited. It is suggested you bring your own. Free. 12 p.m. – 4

p.m. at Sam Bell Maxey House, 812 South Church St. Information: 903-785-5716, sam-bell-maxey@thc.texas.gov.

Oct. 28 • Maxey After Dark at the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site

It is said things look different in the dark, and that is true of the Sam Bell Maxey House, especially around Halloween. The Maxey House will be open late on October 28th from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. for "Maxey After Dark." Visitors are invited to step inside after night has fallen to learn about some of the more macabre aspects of Victorian culture. \$5 per person, children 5 and under are free. 7 p.m. – 12 a.m. at Sam Bell Maxey House, 812 South Church St. Information: 903-785-5716, sam-bell-maxey@thc.texas.gov.

Oct. 31 • Trick or Treat with Livingston at the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site

Calling all Mummies, Daddies, and Kiddies! Join us at the Maxey House on Tuesday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a Halloween Open House. There will be plenty of Halloween-themed crafts and games for all to enjoy, and to prevent any tricks, there will also be treats. Don't be a scaredy-cat, come out and have a spooktacular time! Free. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Sam Bell Maxey House, 812 South Church St. Information: 903-785-5716, sam-bell-maxey@thc.texas.gov.

PORT LAVACA, Calhoun Co.

Oct. 1-31 Karankawa Indians In Calhoun County

The exhibit shows the life of the Karankawa Indians while spending time along the coastal area in what is now Calhoun County. Free. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Calhoun County Museum, 301 S Ann. Information: George Anne Cormier or Viki Cox, 361.553.4689, director@calhouncountymuseum.org.

ROCKPORT, Aransas Co.

Oct. 7 and 8 • Exhibit: Archeology: Early Peoples of Aransas County

This exhibit will relate the antiquity of people on the coast and how archeologists and historians work together to tell their stories. Stations for hands-on exploration let you understand how archeologists interpret stone tools, pottery, plant remains, animal bones and shells. Each station provides information for you to solve a query. Exhibit cases display prehistoric and historic artifacts. Posters illustrate sites settled by the Spanish and French and how archeologists learn more about their lives and the American Indians that they encountered. Sponsored by the Friends of the History Center. Free. Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the History Center for Aransas County, 801 E. Cedar St. Information: Pam Wheat Stranahan, 361 727-1766, pamwheatstranahan@gmail.com

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green Co.

Sep. 23 • Concho Valley Archeology Fair

Dozens of booths and activity areas will bring alive our region's past at this annual event. Come spend a free day at Fort Concho viewing exhibits and demonstrations that include Archeology programs, Native American Life and Culture, Fort Period Military Life, Early Settlers, Travel and Daily Life, and a variety of hands-on activities. Free. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes Street. Information: Callan Clark, 325-763-7361, clarkc74@gmail.com

Oct. 24 • Night Tours of Fort Concho

Experience history in a new light as Fort Concho offers special night tours of the site. These tours will show the fort and some interiors in the evening darkness. Guides will share a few stories about the post and note some of the soldiers and civilians who have died at Fort Concho. For more information, please call Cory Robinson, Fort Concho Staff, at (325) 657-4444.

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar Co.

Oct. 4 • How We Know What We Know about the People of the Pecos

Material records people left behind over the 13,000 years of human history in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands are complex. Join Curator of Archaeology, Dr. Harry Shafer, as we learn how archaeologists make sense of the people who lived there, when, and how, in this ever evolving sleuthing story. \$9 for members, students, and educators; \$14 for other adults; Free for Voyager and Quillin Society Membership Levels; For K-12 Educators 2 CPE Hours. 6- 8:30 p.m. at the Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway. Information: Joshua Segovia, 210-357-1901, joshuasegovia@wittemuseum.org, www.wittemuseum.org.

Oct 6 • Current Issues in San Antoni Archeology by Kay Hindes

San Antonio City Archaeologist, Kay Hindes, will make a presentation at the offices of the King William Association to celebrate Texas Archaeology Month. At the invitation of the KWA Cultural Arts Committee, Hindes will discuss current issues in archaeology and historic preservation. She is a favorite presenter who shares her extensive experiences with much enthusiasm. She has 28 years of experience on investigations including The Alamo, Plaza de Armas and the Spanish Colonial acequias. Hindes made important discoveries including the probable first site of Mission San Antonio de Valero as well as the site of Santa Cruz de San Saba', a mission that burned down in 1757. Free. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m at King William Association Office 122 Madison St, 78204 Information: Cherise Bell, info@ourkwa.org, 210-227-8786.

Oct. 7 and 8 • 4th Annual Yanaguana Indian Arts Market

The Briscoe Western Art Museum will host its fourth annual Yanaguana Indian Arts Market—the only one of its kind in Texas—on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8, 2017. Over 40 of the most respected Native American artists showcase and sell their handmade works of art including basketry, jewelry, carvings, beadwork, pottery, and more. Storytelling, dancing, musical performances, demonstrations—as well as Native American-inspired food—offer visitors a glimpse into tribal tradition and contemporary Native culture. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market Street. Information: <https://www.briscoemuseum.org/programs-events/yanaguana-indian-arts-market>; Beth Foulds, bfoulds@BriscoeMuseum.org or 210-299-4499

Oct 10 • Archeology at The Alamo (Mission San Antonio de Valero)

In celebration of Texas Archeology Month, the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation will host an exciting event in San Antonio to celebrate the "Archeology of The Alamo (Mission San Antonio de Valero)." Guest speakers will include a number of officials and dignitaries. Never before seen artifacts from archeological investigations at the Alamo will be on display for the public to view! The event will be held in Alamo Hall on the grounds of The Alamo. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. Artifacts will be unveiled at 11:00 a.m. and on display to 5:00 p.m. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to see rare artifacts from the Alamo collections curated at the Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio!. Sponsored by the Office of Historic Preservation, City of San Antonio Free. 10:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Alamo Hall at the Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. Information: Kay Hindes, 210-207-7306, kay.hindes@sanantonio.gov or Matthew Elverson, 210-207-5421, matthew.elverson@sanantonio.gov <http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic>

Oct. 14 • Super Saturday at the Witte: 3rd Annual Can You Dig It?

In honor of Texas Archeology Month, the Witte Museum is inviting you to come explore Texas Deep Time with some good friends and a trowel! Come see what lies beneath the sediment and uncover a wealth knowledge at our 3rd Annual Can You Dig It? Super Saturday! Free with museum admission. 12 p.m.- 4 p.m. at 3801 Broadway. Information: Christina Cate, 210-357-1945, christinacate@wittemuseum.org, Joshua Segovia, 210-357-1901, joshuasegovia@wittemuseum.org, www.wittemuseum.org.

Oct. 14 and 15 • 7th Annual Native American Indian Championship Powwow

Traders Village will host its seventh Annual Championship Pow Wow on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 2017. This native American Pow Wow will include colorful tribal dance contest, an arts and crafts show, visiting with old friends making new ones, honoring ceremonies and much more and is presented by the DFW Inter-Tribal Association. Several hundred Native Americans, representing dozens of tribes from across the United States, will take part in this celebration of their culture and heritage. The drums will beat for the dancers in full regalia of feathers, buckskin, bells and beadwork competing for prize money and awards in many different dance categories. Spectators will be amazed by the precision and showmanship that even the youngest competitors display in their dancing. Participants will range in age from toddlers to grandmothers in their 80's. Artists, craftsmen and traders from all over the country will showcase their wares and talents at the Arts & Crafts Show and Sale under the giant Brown Expo. Free (Parking \$4). 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Traders Village, 9333 SW Loop 410. Information: <http://tradersvillage.com/san-antonio/events/4th-annual-native-american-indian-championship-pow-wow/>; 210-623-8383.

Oct 21 • Archeology Day: Mission San Jose

UTSA-CAR partners with NPS and other local organizations to join this archaeology fair held at Mission San Jose in San Antonio, Texas! We host numerous activity stations like: atlatl, mock-dig, mapping, artifact displays, and more. Sponsored by UTSA-CAR. Free. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 6701 San Jose Drive. Information: Whitney Lytle, 210-458-4462, Whitney.Lytle@utsa.edu, Susan Snow, 210-534-8875, <https://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

SAN FELIPE, Austin Co.

Oct. 7 • Texas Archeology Month Event at the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

Join us at the San Felipe State Historic Site for special activities, tours and program offerings to celebrate Texas Archeology Month. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Free. All Day Event at 15945 FM 1458. Information: 979-885-2181, san-felipe@thc.texas.gov

SAN MARCOS, Hays Co.

Oct. 14-15 • 2017 Sacred Springs Powwow

Join over 4,500 attendees for a beautiful Native American festival culturally rich in music, art, dancing, and food. There will be an array of dancers, traditional drums and singers, spectacular Indian market with arts and craft booths, Native foods, a family art tent, and our all-new Native Culture tent with storytelling and presentations on the White Shaman Panel. Sponsored by the San Marcos Arts Commission, City of San Marcos, Tomblin Family Foundation, Texas Commission on the Arts, Texas State University, Affordable Golf Carts. Our special co-sponsors are the Texas State University's Hispanic Business Student Association, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Sigma Lambda Gamma - outstanding student organizations. Adults (12+) \$8 for 2-day pass or \$3 for Saturday Powwow Pass, Children (12 and under) Free. Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m and Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.. at the Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Dr. Information: <http://www.indigenoucultures.org/powwow.html>

Oct. 28 • City Cemetery Tales and Tours

Each fall the Friends of the San Marcos Cemetery and the Heritage Association present "Tales and Tours" to raise support for the historic San Marcos Cemetery by sharing the inspiring stories of community leaders who are buried there. Sponsored by the Heritage Associate of San Marcos and the Friends of the San Marcos Cemetery. \$10. 3 – 5 p.m., tours will begin every 15 minutes at the San Marcos City Cemetery. Information: 512-392-4295, info@HeritageSanMarcos.org, <http://www.heritagesanmarcos.org/heritage-online-store.html#!/San-Marcos-Cemetery-Tales-&-Tours/c/22929178/offset=0&sort=normal>

TOMBALL, Harris Co.

Oct. 21 • Digging Old Stuff Festival

Discover “The Way We Was.” Celebrate early Texas culture at Kleb Woods Nature Center’s *Digging Old Stuff*. Participate (ages 7 and up) in an archeological dig with members of the Houston Archeological Society and screen for artifacts. Bring gardening gloves; we have trowels. Forge a keepsake in our blacksmith shop. Watch spinners turn cotton into thread. Use natural plant dyes to make your own bandana. Make candles, early Texan style. Watch a woodworker use human-powered woodworking equipment. Tour the historic Kleb home with members of the Cypress Historical Society. Enjoy bluegrass music from 10 am – 2 pm. Sponsored by Harris County Precinct 3, Commissioner Steve Radack. Free. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 20303 Draper Road, Tomball TX 77377. Information: Fred Collins, 281-357-5324.

VICTORIA, Victoria Co.

Tuesdays and Thursdays in October • Archeology Lab and Artifact Identification.

The public is invited to visit The Museum of the Coastal Bend on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October to observe a working archeology lab. They can also bring in prehistoric artifacts for identification and dating. Sponsored by the Coastal Bend Archeology Logistics Team (CoBALT). Donations Accepted. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. Information: Frank Condrón, 361-782-6733, frankcfilter-gen@yahoo.com.

Oct. 12 • John W. Stormont Lecture: John Kittredge and the American Civil War

John W. Kittredge, a Yankee captain, blockaded the coast of Texas from Matagorda to Corpus Christi during the American Civil War. Norman C. Delaney discusses Kittredge’s career as a merchant captain before the Civil War; his attack on Corpus Christi in August of 1862; his capture soon afterward; his court martial for beating up one of his sailors; and his post-war career. Delaney is an authority on Civil War naval history, and was the US Naval Institute’s Author of the Year for 2011. He taught history at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi for forty years before his retirement in 2006. Free. 5:30 p.m. at Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. Information: 361-582-2434.

Oct. 17 • Exclusive Members-Only Glass-Making Demonstration

Glass artist Doc Roberts will demonstrate how glass fika amulets found on *La Belle* and at the Fort St. Louis site were created by European artisans in the 1600s. Limited to 15 participants; advance registration required; registration opens Sept. 19. Must be a member, info at <http://www.museumofthecoastalbend.org/memberships>. 4 p.m. at Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. Information: 361-582-2434.

Oct. 21 • Hands-on History: Archaeology

All activities included in the museum’s pay-what-you-want admission. Color and cut your own artifact puzzle, try your hand at sorting artifacts, make a necklace using the museum’s pump drill, and try your hand at using an atlatl to throw darts on our lawn. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. Information: 361-582-2434.

Oct. 26 • John W. Stormont Lecture: Texas Cemeteries

Visiting cemeteries from every era and all regions of the state, author Bill Harvey recounts the histories of famous, infamous, and just plain interesting Texans who lie at rest in Texas cemeteries. Harvey traces his interest in Texas cemeteries to high school summers working in Fort Worth’s Mount Olivet Cemetery. An avid student of Texas history, as well as an outdoorsman, fly fisherman, and photographer, Harvey has worked for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin for nearly twenty years. Free. 5:30 p.m. at Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. Information: 361-582-2434.

WASHINGTON, Washington Co.

Oct. 7 • Trades Days at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park

Come to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park to see how goods were made and marketed in the 1850s. From blacksmithing to pottery, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The farmer was only one member of a larger work market. Who did the farmer rely on, and how did he send his goods to market? Come see other trades in action: leather working, laundering, woodworking, spinning, blacksmithing, pottery, and other trades will be displayed. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Barrington Living History Farm 23100 Barrington Lane. Information: Mike Edwards, 936-878-2214, ext. 246, mike.edwards@tpwd.texas.gov.

Oct. 21 • Living History Saturday at Independence Hall

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing bring to life the people and events of Old Washington providing a unique opportunity to discover various aspects of life surrounding the birth of the Republic of Texas. The program features activities suited for the entire family. Try your hand at writing with a quill pen and sign a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Visit with militia soldiers travelling through town or play some early Texas games. The Texas Archeology Month program will also feature a hands-on artifact table and 1830s Dress-up and hands-on laundry. Step back in time and discover the spot where Texas became Texas! Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Independence Hall, 23400 Park Road 12. Information: John Failor, 936-878-2214, jon.failor@tpwd.texas.gov, <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/washington-on-the-brazos>

Oct. 28 • Plow Days at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park

Preparing the fields for winter crops, and helping to keep down weeds, was an important task on the farm. Amending the soil is part of the process, both with adding manure and other nutrients. See the Texas Draft House and Mule Association help us at Barrington Farm. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. Free. Weather dependent, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Barrington Living History Farm 23100 Barrington Lane. Information, Bruce Wardlow, 936-878-2214, bruce.wardlow@tpwd.texas.gov

WEATHERFORD, Parker Co.

Oct. 1 - 31 • Texas Archeology Month Exhibits

In recognition of Texas Archaeology month the Museum of the Americas offers three small exhibits, a comprehensive display of Texas projectile points and arrowheads, a display of prehistoric pottery linking the prehistoric cultures of New Mexico and the Caddo Indians, and a brief display of Karankawa Indian culture. In addition, the Museum has a section on the three Texas Indian Reservations: Alabama Coushatta, Kickapoo, and Tigua. These are permanent displays now featured for the month of October. Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 216 Fort Worth Hwy. Information: Harold Lawrence, museumam@sbcglobal.net; <http://www.museumoftheamericas.com/index.html>

WEST COLUMBIA, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 7 • Harvest Festival at the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site

Join us as Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site celebrates its annual Harvest Festival. Hop aboard a fun-filled hayride and spend the evening strolling through the barn to see the tools and wagons used during harvests of the 1800s. Stop by the garden to see sugar cane grow, learn how it's harvested, and even taste a sample. Visitors may also take pictures with one of the site's scarecrows while enjoying crafts, refreshments, and storytelling. The Harvest Festival will also feature a sugar milling demonstration in the barn with a detailed description of the sugar making process used on the plantation during the 1800s. Come and experience the fun and excitement of the harvest season at Varner-Hogg! Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at 1702 N. 13th Street. Information: 979-345-4656, varner-hogg@thc.texas.gov

Oct. 28 • An Eerie Evening at Varner-Hogg

Join us for a spooky nighttime stroll through the woods to the plantation's 1840s era Patton Family Cemetery, witness a Masonic Funeral reenactment, and learn about mortality on the plantation during the 1800s and the dangers of the early Texas wilderness. Then, step into the plantation house for a candlelit look at the death of the site's last owner, Governor James S. Hogg, and the effect it had on his family, as well as his plantation. Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission. Advance tickets go on sale October 1st for \$6. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate for \$8 per person. 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. at 1702 N. 13th Street. Information: 979-345-4656, varner-hogg@thc.texas.gov



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