

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Texas Archeology Month 2015 Calendar of Events

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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 512.463.6096 or archeology@thc.state.tx.us.

ALBANY, Shackelford Co.

Oct. 9-10 • Living History Days

The past will come to life at Fort Griffin State Historic Site, as living historians from all over gather to portray life at the fort and nearby Wild West town as it was in the 1870s. Join us both days for exciting demonstrations, education, and authentic frontier history. 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. Free. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 1701 N US Hwy 283. Information: 325.762.3592, ft-griffin@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visitfortgriffin.com>.

ANGLETON, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 8 • Presentation: Clovis Site Kingwood, Texas

Wilson W. "Dub" Crook, will speak on a new archeological site discovered recently in the Kingwood area of Harris County. The site, known as "Timber Fawn", is located in the new Rivergrove sub-division on the south side of the San Jacinto River. To date, 24 artifacts characteristic of the Clovis culture have been recovered. Dating to nearly 13,000 years Before Present, the Timber Fawn site clearly marks the earliest known occupation of humans in the Kingwood area. Dub will speak on the traits that make up the Clovis

culture as well as discuss all the artifacts recovered from the Timber Fawn site. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar St. Information: Michael Bailey, 979.864.1591, curator@bchm.org, www.bchm.org

Oct. 15 • Presentation: Archeology in the Archives: Digging for the "Come and Take It" Cannon(s)

Join Dr. Gregg Dimmick as he discusses the small cannon in Gonzales that effectively ushered in the Texas Revolution on October 2, 1835 as Mexican dragoons tried to take it from the citizens of the town. What happened to the cannon(s)? A fate often disputed. Was it buried and rediscovered in 1936, or was it seized by Mexican troops after the battle of the Alamo? Was there only one cannon? Dr. Dimmick explores both sides of the border to answer these questions. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar Street. Information: Michael Bailey, 979.864.1591, curator@bchm.org, www.bchm.org

Oct. 22 • Presentation: Uses of Plants by Ancient Texans

Leslie Bush discusses how the Texas plants we enjoy today have been used for food, medicine, and crafts for millennia by the Native people of Texas. Written accounts by Spanish missionaries and European explorers, Native oral traditions, and archeological investigations provide windows into the many fascinating uses of our Texas native plants. After outlining how archeologists reconstruct ancient plant use, Leslie explores the great plant-related traditions of ancient Texas: earth oven cooking, used by hunter-gatherers from 8,000 years ago, and Native agriculture as practiced by ancestors of the Caddo Indians in northeast Texas. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar St. Information: Michael Bailey, 979.864.1591, curator@bchm.org, www.bchm.org

Oct. 29 • Presentation: Locked and Loaded — Armed Early-19th Shipwrecks of the Northern Gulf of Mexico

Amy Borgens, Marine Archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, presents on the Gulf of Mexico during the first half of the 19th century. The region was a complex composite of international trade intermixed with revolutionary activities, the latter of which culminated in the loss of European territories and the emergence of new nations. Maritime travel and commerce could be dangerous, as navies and privateers alike competed for control of the high seas. Three early Gulf shipwrecks have been discovered since 1998 with evidence of firearms and ordnance: 4300-ft deep Monterrey Shipwreck A, the 4000-ft deep Mardi Gras shipwreck, and site 41CL92 off Matagorda Bay. These vessels may represent piratical activities of the time and collectively offer new insights into this tumultuous period. Sponsored by Brazoria County Historical Museum. Free. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar St. Information: Michael Bailey, 979.864.1591, curator@bchm.org, www.bchm.org

AUSTIN, Travis Co.

Oct. 10 • Archeology Day at the French Legation Museum

In celebration of Texas Archeology Month, come out to the museum to learn about archeology with fun activities! Dig in and excavate artifacts in our mock dig display with excavated artifacts in our mock museum. Learn about layering with our stratigraphy activity. Piece it together with our pot sherd activity. Sponsored by the French Legation Museum. Event is free. 1–5 p.m. Tours of the house are \$5 per person, Tuesday–Sunday 1–5 p.m. at 802 San Marcos St. Information: Jenny Phillips, 512.472.8180, programs@earlyaustin.org, www.earlyaustin.org

Oct. 16 • Travis County History Day

This is the 8th year of the event that celebrates the rich history of Travis County and features speakers, historical displays, demonstrations, and refreshments. The Hall of Government will be transformed into an exhibit space, featuring the collections of the Austin Friends of Folk Art, as well as selections from the collections of area institutions, collectors, and artists. Our unique past and diverse cultural heritage must be protected and preserved for generations to come. Culture gives people a connection to certain social values, beliefs, religions and customs, and it allows them to identify with others of similar mindsets and backgrounds. Cultural heritage helps provide sense of unity and belonging within a group and allows us to better understand previous generations and the history of where we come from. One of the ways in which our heritage is preserved is through folk art. Folk art expresses cultural identity by conveying

shared community values and aesthetics. It encompasses a range of utilitarian and decorative media, including cloth, wood, paper, clay, metal and more. If traditional materials are inaccessible, new materials are often substituted, resulting in contemporary expressions of traditional folk art forms. Folk art reflects traditional art forms of diverse community groups — ethnic, tribal, religious, occupational, geographical, age- or gender-based — who identify with each other and society at large. Folk artists traditionally learn skills and techniques through apprenticeships in informal community settings, though they may also be formally educated. Folk art is simple, direct, and most always colorful. Sponsored by Travis County Archives, Travis CHC, Austin History Center, Austin Bar Association, and Austin Friends of Folk Art. Free. Friday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Travis County Administrative Building, 700 Lavaca St. Information: Christy Costlow, 512.854.4675, christy.moilanen@traviscountytx.gov, <http://traviscountyhistory.org/index.php/travis-county-history-day>

Oct. 21 • Lecture: From Hamilton to Hercules: Greek Vases in Popular Culture

Join Tyler Jo Smith, University of Virginia, as she discusses the visual reception of ancient Greek vases. From the 18th century to the present day, Greek vases have made their way into paintings, prints and crockery, as well as films, jewelry and clothing. After a brief explanation of the manufacture and function of the objects in their own day, this paper traces the development of Greek vases in modern visual translation with particular attention to the social and artistic contexts in which they have been used. Sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America. Free. University of Texas, Room TBA. Information: lectures@aia.bu.edu.

BELTON, Bell Co.

Oct. 24 • Native American Day with Curtis Carter

Living history interpreter Curtis Carter demonstrates life ways and customs of c. 1860 Cheyenne family including a completely furnished tipi. Carter interprets a variety of Native American cultures to include Kiowa, Comanche, Lakota, Cheyenne and Apache. Visitors are invited into the 26-foot tipi to touch and experience. Carter is ready for any questions and to coax the most reserved child into exploring what life was like, what tools were used, and to explain the customs of the Native Americans. All ages. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Bell County Museum, 201 N. Main St. Information: Niki Vaughan, 254.933.5243, museum@co.bell.tx.us, www.bellcountymuseum.org.

BOERNE, Kendall Co.

Oct. 3 • Presentation: Human Migration into the Americas

Frank Binetti, Texas Historical Commission Archeological Steward, will present an hour long program on early man's journey into the Americas and his inherent need to explore and what was required to survive the challenges of the New World. Various authentic stone tools and artifacts will be displayed and explained that represents a 13,000+ year first Americans presence. An overview of the status of the Americas in 1492 will be presented and we will conclude with a listing of some of the discoveries that were made by the first Americans. After this program, which is more suited to adults, Binetti will have a 30 minute program for children. Sponsored by Kendall CHC along with the Patrick Heath Public Library. Free. 10 – 11 a.m. adults, 11 – 11:30 a.m. children, at Patrick Heath Public Library. 451 N. Main St. #100. Information: Theda Sueltenfuss, 830.537.4389, theda@gvtc.com

BRAZORIA, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 3 • Levi Jordan Plantation First Saturday Site Tours

Texas Historical Commission (THC) staff members will discuss the development plans for this unique plantation property, which is not yet open on a daily schedule. Walking tours of the site will give visitors an 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. Sponsored by the THC. Free (donations accepted). Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 7234 FM 521. Information: 979.798.2202, ashley.carter@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visitlevijordanplantation.com>.

BRENHAM, Washington Co.

Oct. 6 • National Night Out

Come join us for numerous activities that include: corn and cotton exhibit, Buffalo Soldier, Confederate Soldier, World War II exhibit, art exhibit, archeologist explains scouting archeology merit badge, 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 Mayor and Mrs. Tate, 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. 17 • 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. – 3 p.m. at 7200 Paredes Line Rd. Information: Douglas Murphy, 959.541.2785 x 330, douglas_murphy@nps.gov or Rolando Garza, 956.3541.2785 x 331, rolando_garza@nps.gov, <http://www.nps.gov/paal/index.htm>.

BRYAN, Brazos Co.

Oct 10 • Boonville Days: Heritage Fair

Learn about Brazos County's pioneer history: visit with characters in period costume, observe demonstrations of frontier skills and trades, see an authentic stagecoach, live bison, team of ox, and much more. Our activity area will keep children busy learning to make pinch pots and other period crafts. A great variety of musical performances will show continually during the day. 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. 19-23 • Burleson County Archeology Awareness Week

There are multiple events being held in Caldwell to celebrate Texas Archeology Month. There will be an informative display on Lieutenant Colonial Francisco Ruiz, Tenoxtitlan and Burleson County archeology on the 2nd floor. The Burleson County Historical Museum will be open, which has Native American and Tenoxtitlan artifacts on display. Sponsored by the Burleson CHC. Free. Display, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and the museum hours; Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1– 4 p.m. at 100 West Buck, Burleson County Courthouse. Information: Tammy Kubecka, 979.567.7196, TKTexas@aol.com.

Oct. 20 • Program: Ruiz & Tenoxtitlan: A Forgotten Fort, A Vanished Community, and a Hero Who Disappeared

Come hear Tammy Kubecka, Texas Archeological Network Steward, present an informative program and learn about the forgotten history of Tenoxtitlan and Lieutenant Colonial Francisco Ruiz. The fort was established in 1830 by the Mexican government and once stood on the banks of the Brazos River. Sponsored by the Burleson CHC. Free. 6:30 p.m. at 100 West Buck, Burleson County Courthouse, 3rd floor. Information: Tammy Kubecka, 979.567.7196, TKTexas@aol.com.

CHAPPELL HILL, Washington Co.

Oct. 7- No. 1 • Archaeology at the Cedar Creek Community

Come view the museum exhibit of the archaeological explorations at the site of the settlement at Cedar Creek, a Methodist community that predated the town of Chappell Hill. Exhibit includes drawings, artifacts, and historic research. Sponsored by Millie Schaer and the Griggs family. Admission is free,

donations accepted. Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday 1– 4 p.m. at Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum, 9220 Poplar Street. Information: Christine Hoffman, 979.836.6033, chmuseum@chappellhillmuseum.org, www.chappellhillmuseum.org.

CLUTE, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 13 • Presentation: Tait-Huffmeyer Ranch-Year Two

Dr. Jason Barrett, Principal Investigator for the Texas Archeological Society's annual Field School, will update us on the progress at this site located in Colorado County. This year's field school was abbreviated due to torrential rains in June, but much has been learned from artifacts recovered during 2014 and 2015 field schools. Materials recovered span the scope of Texas history and pre-history on this major lithic materials quarry first occupied by Native Americans, then settled by Texas colonists in the 19th Century. Sponsored by Brazosport Archaeological Society, Brazoria CHC, and Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. Free. Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, 400 College Blvd. Information: Sandra Pollan, 979.265.6910, pollanone@sbcglobal.net or Sue Gross, 979.265.3142, suegbobs@comcast.net

COMSTOCK, Val Verde Co.

Oct. 16-18 • Rock Art Foundation Annual Rendezvous

The 2015 Rendezvous will be held at the White Shaman Preserve and will offer as many rock art tours as possible over the weekend. Tours that are planned: White Shaman, Shumla School Campus, Meyers Springs, Bonfire Shelter, Eagle Cave, and Curly Tail Panther. Camping will be available at the White Shaman Preserve. Coffee and sweet rolls will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings with a BBQ dinner on Saturday night. Admission: \$70 per person; free for 12 and younger with parents. Friday through Sunday. U.S. Hwy 90 at the Pecos River. Information: Greg Williams, 210.525.9907, rockartfoundation@gmail.com, http://www.rockart.org/tours_events/events.cfm.

DENISON, Grayson Co.

Oct. 24-25 • Eisenhower Birthplace: Lost Neighborhood Self-Guided Tours

The Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, Red Store welcomes you to participate in self-guided tours of the neighborhood that once surrounded the house. These houses are gone but their outlines will be drawn on the grounds where they once stood. Pick up a tour program in the visitors center to find out what archeologists and historians have learned about these "lost" places. Free. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. at 609 S. Lamar Ave. Information: 903.465.8908, eisenhower-birthplace@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com>.

EL PASO, El Paso Co.

Oct. 3 • Activity: Stratigraphy Jars at the Downtown Artist and Farmers Market

This activity will introduce young participants in methods of relative dating, as well as teach them about the various archaeological period classifications. Participants will be given a small jar and lid and challenged to learn as much as they can about each time period. Participants will then fill their small jar with colorful sand that has been dyed to correspond with a particular time period and type of artifact. Upon completion of this activity, the participants will be able to keep their jar, not only as a way to remember their lesson, but to remind them of the archaeological presence in El Paso. Sponsored by El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the Downtown Artist and Farmer's Market. Free. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 117 Anthony St. Information: Brittany Hutchinson, 915.755.4332, HutchinsonBM@elpasotexas.gov

Oct. 9-10 • Jornada Mogollon Conference

The El Paso Museum of Archeology will host the 19th Annual Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference. Join us for two days of individual papers and sessions on historical, cultural, and archeological topics in the Jornada Mogollon region. Registration: \$30 (before September 25), \$40 at the door, \$25 students (with ID). 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. at El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4301 Woodrow Bean Trans Mountain. Information: George Maloof, 915.755.4332, MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov, <https://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/events/2015/10/9/jornada-mogollon-conference>

Oct. 17 • Activity: Table Top Excavation at the Downtown Artist and Farmers Market

Table-Top Excavations activity will allow participants to “excavate” pieces of faux artifacts, identify its matching parts, and glue them together. Upon finding the matching pieces, participants will then glue them together and keep the completed pot as a souvenir.. Sponsored by El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the Downtown Artist and Farmer’s Market. Free. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Downtown Artist and Farmers Market, 117 Anthony St. Information: Brittany Hutchinson, 915.755.4332, HutchinsonBM@elpasotexas.gov

Oct. 17-18 • Annual Interpretive Fair

Come out to Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site’s Annual Interpretive Fair weekend. Attractions of the two-day event will include Native American dancing and drumming; folklorico and matachine dancers; pictograph, birding and nature tours; atlatl throwing for kids; information booths; and food for sale. Free. Sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site, 6900 Hueco Tanks Road No. 1, Information: Ted Picks, 915.857.1135, Ted.Pick@tpwd.texas.gov

Oct. 24 • Mimbres Pottery Workshop: El Paso Museum of Archaeology

The purpose of this workshop is to offer a cultural and artistic project to the community ages seventeen and older. William Luther, a member of the El Paso Archaeological Society, has dedicated much of his time studying and recreating beautiful Mimbres pottery. Luther has also devoted much of his time to making pottery. In a three day special lecture and workshop series, Bill Luther will teach participants about significant pottery of the region. The lecture will cover the composition of the clay, the methodology of creating pottery, and the meaning of the symbols and images commonly found on Mimbres vessels. Free, yet seating is limited. Open to 17 years and older. 10 a.m. at 4301 Transmountain Rd. Information: Brittany Hutchinson, Community Engagement Coordinator, 915.755.4332, HutchinsonBM@elpasotexas.gov

ELGIN, Bastrop Co.

Oct. 10, 25 • Mary Christian Burleson Homestead Community Survey

The public is invited to join in a series of archaeological surveys at the ca. 1850s Mary Christian Burleson homestead. Mary Christian Burleson (1795-1870) played a role in events that made significant contribution to local and regional history. Mary was the stepmother of Gen. Edward Burleson, Vice President of the Republic of Texas and established relationships with some of the most championed characters in Austin’s Little Colony, the Republic and early statehood. The Homestead is a potentially significant archaeological site for Elgin and the State of Texas. Help collect baseline data needed to record and preserve the site from nearby development. Survey will be under the supervision of Registered Professional Archaeologist Cristin Embree. Sponsored by Counsel of Texas Archeologists, TAM grant. Free. Registration required. This is a family friendly event with children age 12 and older welcome when accompanied by an adult. Meet at Elgin Depot Museum, 14 Depot St. Information: Cristin Embree 512.712.0137, embree.cristin@gmail.com, <http://www.marychristianburleson.org/archaeology/>

FORT MCKAVETT, Menard Co.

Oct. 10 • Event: Archeology Day and Fall Star Party

Join us during Texas Archeology Month and see a different aspect of archaeology. Here at Fort McKavett State Historic Site, educators and living historians will practice experimental archaeology by demonstrating various historical trades that would have been used to build the fort. See how roofs were made and how furniture was constructed by the soldiers who lived and served at Fort McKavett. Come see displays of 19th century tools that would have been used to construct the Forts of Texas during our Archaeology Day. In the evening, join us as we host the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society as they throw their Fall Star Party, which will commence after dark. Admission: adults, \$4; children 6 and older, \$3; 5 and younger, free. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Fort McKavett State Historic Site, 7066 FM 864. Information: Kevin.Malcolm@thc.state.tx.us, 325.396.2358, <http://www.visitfortmckavett.com>.

FREDERICKSBURG, Gillespie Co.

Oct. 10-11 • Pacific Combat Living History Reenactments

History comes to life with a WWII battle reenactment including uniformed actors, guns, tanks and a flamethrower! Held at the Pacific Combat Zone of the National Museum of the Pacific War. Admission:

adults, \$7.50, children 6 to 17, \$5, children 5 and younger, free. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 340 E. Main St. Information: www.pacificwarmuseum.org/your-visit/tickets/

GAINSVILLE, Cooke Co.

Oct. 10 • A Civil War Event

A reading, October Mourning, will be staged at North Central Texas College, in remembrance of the 42 victims of the Great Hanging in Gainesville October 1862. The ceremony will then continue at Memorial Park for a calling of names and ringing of bells. Let the past not be forgotten! Free. 2 p.m. at Performing Arts Center, 1525 W. California St. followed by Memorial Park, 729 East Main St. Information: Ona B. Reed. 940.665.6746, or Steve Gordon, 940.372.8835.

GOLDTHWAITE, Mills Co.

Oct. 10 • Prairie Experience VI: Fundraiser and Private Preview

Join other special guests as we celebrate Prairie Experience VI inside the Texas Botanical Gardens, an authentic reproduction of Mills County as it existed 3,000 years ago, located at Legacy Plaza in downtown Goldthwaite. The evening features a refreshment hour with exhibit tours in the Gardens, seated dinner, live and silent auctions, and cultural presentations by members of the Comanche Nation and Tlaxcalteca and Affiliated Tribes of Texas. Seating limited to 300 guests. Admission: \$150 per person, 5–9 p.m. 3rd St. Information: Jan Fischer, 325.642.7527, lhtngwmn@centex.net, and Del Barnett, 325.938.7765, del5501@centex.net, www.legacyplaza.org

HOUSTON, Harris Co.

Oct. 15 • Lecture: Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting

Dr. John C. Lohse will present a program at the monthly meeting of the Houston Archeological Society (HAS) entitled “Bison Studies” highlighting the presence of bison in parts of Texas. These studies have produced a fairly precise and reliable chronology for this animal. This study has involved directly dating bison remains, rather than dating them through their association with other materials. So far about 65 samples have been dated. Lohse received his PhD in archeology from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001. Free. Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m. at 3800 Montrose, Bldg. 20, Anderson Hall, University of St. Thomas.

Oct. 17 • International Archeology Day Fair

Archaeologists and related professionals are invited to participate in the second annual International Archaeology Day festivities at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Once again, the event will feature displays outdoors and in the Grand Hall (free) and in Glassell Hall, the Hall of Human Evolution, the Hall of Ancient Egypt, and the Hall of the Americas (accessible with museum admission; only museum-based displays will be placed inside the ticketed area). Sponsored by Houston Museum of Natural Science, HAS, and Rice University. Admission; adults (12 and up) \$20, active military, seniors and students with ID, \$15, children 3-12, \$15, members, free. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 5555 Herman Park Dr. Information: Gus Costa, agc4@rice.edu.

Oct. 23 • Public Forum Presentation

The Texas Archeological Society is hosting a Public Forum during the 86th Annual TAS meeting in Houston. The speaker is Marilyn Johnson, author of the best-selling book *Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble*. Johnson is also the author of a recently published article in *Smithsonian Magazine* highlighting the excavations of the graves of four leaders of the Jamestown Colony. <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/new-archaeological-research-jamestown-reveals-identities-four-prominent-settlers-discovery-180956028/?no-ist>. This program was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Free. 7 p.m. at Omni Hotel West Side, Eldridge Road and I-10. Information: Linda Gorski, lindagorski@cs.com, 713.557.1496, details <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/am2015/>

Oct. 23-25 • 86th Annual Texas Archeological Society Meeting

The Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Annual meeting at the Omni Hotel and Resort on Houston's Westside is gearing up to be one of the best ever! This annual “gathering of the clan” will bring approximately 350 – 400 professional and avocational archeologists to Houston for workshops and

presentations, a public forum with a presentation by Marilyn Johnson, author of the best-selling book "Lives in Ruins: Archeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble", a presentation on Rock Art and Tribal Art in India by Dr. Jean Clottes, artifact identification, book signings by prominent authors, an International Cross-border workshop, silent auction and raffle and much, much more. Registration forms for the meeting are included on this webpage. Sponsored by Houston Archeological Society, Brazosport Archeological Society, Fort Bend Archeological Society, and TAS. Admission: with registration by October 5; members \$65, full-time students \$35, banquet and speaker \$45, speaker only \$10; non-members \$75, full-time students \$40, banquet and speaker \$55, speaker only \$15. Fees increase after October 5; see registration at <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/am2015>. Friday 9 a.m.–Sunday 12 at I-10 and Eldridge Parkway (13210 Katy Freeway). Information: Linda Gorski, 713.557.1496, lindagorski@cs.com, or Kathleen Hughes, 713.502.1191, hughes.kathleen@yahoo.com

HUNSTVILLE, Walker Co.

Oct. 6 • San Jacinto Town Site and the Larry Golden Collection

Presentation by Houston Archeological Society (HAS) President Linda Gorski and HAS member Larry Golden: The History of the San Jacinto Town Site 1830 to 1900 near the San Jacinto Battlefield including an exhibit of Golden's collection of artifacts salvaged from the Houston Ship Channel at the town site. Sponsored by Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Free. Tuesday, 6 p.m., viewing of the collection; 7 p.m. presentation, at 1402 19th St., Katy & E. Don Walker Education Center. Information: Sandra E. Rogers, 936.661.9882, smm_ser@shsu.edu.

INDIANOLA, Calhoun Co.

Oct. 31 • Indianola Scavenger Hunt

Join the Calhoun CHC for our second annual historical scavenger hunt. The hunt headquarters will be located at the Magnolia Beach tables on Shoreline Dr. There will be a Battle of Norris Bridge with the students shooting water balloon cannons at Federal Calvary Soldiers. The atlatl will be used to hunt down Buffalo targets. A scavenger hunt for Historical Marker information along with the La Salle statue is included. A booklet will be used to identify native plants, birds, and shells. Silver coins will be awarded at the luncheon. Open to the public and ideal for Junior High and High School History students, and Scouts. Free, registration is needed to receive a t-shirt at www.calhouncountyhc.org, under Contact Us. 9 – 11 a.m. at Magnolia Beach, North Ocean Dr., north of SH 316. Information: Mary Belle Meitzen, 361.552.5931, mmeitzen@cableone.net

KERMIT, Winkler Co.

Oct. 10 • Story Telling Days

Various ranchers and the families of settlers of Winkler County will participate in a story-telling event in a casual setting at the Pavilion at Winkler County Park hosted by the Winkler CHC. The Kermit Chamber of Commerce will sell hamburger dinners. Local entertainment will present campfire songs and various cowboy skills and provisions will be exhibited. Sponsored by Winkler CHC. Event free, hamburger dinner \$7. Starts at 4 p.m. at South East Ave. and Lane of Roses. Information: Kenneth Edwards, 432-586-5286 bedwards@classicnet.net, Bill Waddell, 432-586-6909, billwaddell@hughes.net

KERRVILLE, Kerr Co.

Oct. 17 • Event: Archeology Celebration

Come join the Hill Country Archeological Association at the Riverside Nature Center for a fun afternoon of artifact identification, presentations, and refreshments. Presentations by Charles Koenig and Dr. Steve Black, Tim Murphy and Audrey Lindsey will discuss prehistoric life in rockshelters and rock art in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. Sponsored by the Hill Country Archeological Association. Free. 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 150 Lemos St. Information: HCArcheology.org; John Benedict, johnbenedict@gvtc.com

KILLEEN, Bell Co.

Oct. 8 • Central Texas Archaeology Fair

Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is joining with Fort Hood DPW-Cultural Resources Branch to celebrate our first Central Texas Archaeology Fair. The theme of this year's fair is Central Texas prehistory, and TAMUCT faculty/staff 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. Sponsored by TAMUCT and Fort Hood DPW—Cultural Resources Branch. Free. Thursday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 1001 Leadership Place, Texas A&M University-Central Texas. Information: Carmen Figueroa, 254.519.5441, CFiguroa@tamuct.edu.

KINGSLAND, Burnet Co.

Oct. 10 • Nightengale Archaeological Center Archaeology Fair and Open House

Discover how the original Hill Country inhabitants lived! LCRA's Nightengale Archaeological Center includes a protected prehistoric archaeology site that is a State Antiquities Landmark and visitors can take a guided tour of the interpretive trail that winds through the protected area. Visitors to the center can also check out the on-site museum featuring artifacts from the site's excavation and other related items. They can learn how native people made fire and processed food, and activities include learning how to throw a spear with an ancient device called an atlatl and how to "hunt" with rabbit sticks. Kids of all ages can show of their artistic skills in a "pebble painting" activity and sample tea indigenous people made from a native Texas plant that is the only source of caffeine in North America. Our experts will also identify artifacts that visitors bring to the center. Sponsored by the Llano Uplift Archeological Society. Free. Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m. at 1010 Circle Drive. Information: Lisa Weatherford, lisa.weatherford@gmail.com, Chuck Hixson, 325.423.0379, charles.hixson@gmail.com

JOURDANTON, Atascosa Co.

October 1-31 • Exhibit: Display at the Jourdanton Community Library

Come dig into the past by exploring the library. A two-part display of artifacts and images has been set up in the lobby and in a display case. A reading list and coloring activities are provided. Sponsored by the Jourdanton Community Library and Atascosa County Historical Commission. Free. Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 1101 Campbell Ave. Information: 830.769.4333, bwestbrook@2fastmail.com

LAMPASAS, Lampasas Co.

Oct. 15 • The Ghosts of Lampasas Return: Ladies of Lampasas County

A historical presentation of significant women that were influential in the forming of Lampasas County. Twelve women in period costumes will give individual performances explaining who they were and a synopsis of their part in the historical background of the county. A musical ensemble will accompany the ladies. Sponsored by the Lampasas CHC. Free, donations accepted. Thursday, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Lampasas County Court House, 2nd floor courtroom. Information: Clydell Wallace, Chair CHC, 512.564.0255, 512.564.1126, clydellw@att.net, Janie Potts, CHC Event Chair, 512.752.3544 pottsranh@gmail.com

LONGVIEW, Gregg Co.

Sept. 30-Oct. 24 • Exhibit: Crossroads of Empire: Early Printed Maps of the American Southwest

The exhibit features fourteen free standing panels spanning the mapmaking enterprise from 1512 to 1873. This traveling exhibit was organized by the Amon Carter Museum and the University of Texas Arlington Library, and is produced by Humanities Texas. Funding provided by the Cook Family Traveling Exhibit Fund. Sponsored by Gregg County Historical Museum. Admission: adults \$5, seniors \$2, 18 and younger, \$1. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia. Information: Patti Haskins, 903.753.5840, patti@gregghistorical.org or phaskins2@aol.com.

Oct. 8 • Lecture: El Camino Real de Los Tejas: The Royal Road to the Caddo

Jeff Williams from Stephen F. Austin State University, Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture will present his work in the identification, preservation, interpretation, and importance of El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail across eastern Texas, western Louisiana, and northern Mexico. Sponsored by Gregg County Historical Museum. Free. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia. Information: Patti Haskins, 903.753.5840, patti@gregghistorical.org or phaskins2@aol.com.

Oct. 15 • Lecture: Traditional Caddo Indian Stories

Traditional stories will be presented by Rachel Galan, interpreter at the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. The stories provide information and metaphors that explain where Caddo people came from and how things came to be. These stories teach children how to be a part of their community, preserve history, and entertain. Sponsored by Gregg County Historical Museum. Free. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia. Information: Patti Haskins, 903.753.5840, patti@gregghistorical.org or phaskins2@aol.com.

LUBBOCK, Lubbock Co.

Oct. 15 • Lecture: Of Pompeii and Politics

This presentation by J. Theodore Peña endeavors to disentangle and interpret the complex series of events surround the collapse of the *Schola Armaturaum*, a structure of unclear function on the north side of Pompeii's *Via dell'Abbondanza*. This talk considers the implications for the future of the site of Pompeii and for Italy's archaeological heritage more generally. Sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America. Free. 5:35 p.m. at Texas Tech University, Room TBA. Information: lectures@aia.bu.edu

MARSHALL, Harrison Co.

Oct. 11 • Tours: A Lasting Impression, Investigating History in our Cemeteries

Join Tom Speir, THC Archeological Steward, Linda Pelz, Michelson Museum of Art, Barbara Judkins, Starr Family Home Historic Site, and Janet Cook, Harrison County Historical Museum on tours of three historic Harrison County cemeteries. The welcome and introduction will begin at 1 p.m. at the Courthouse followed by the tours. Marshall Cemetery (1:30 p.m. – E. Grand Ave. @ N. Bolivar St.); Greenwood Cemetery (2:20 p.m. – Herndon St.); and the Powder Mill Cemetery (3:10 p.m. – FM 1997-1/4 mile south of Loop 390). Sponsored by the Harrison County Historical Museum, the Michelson Museum of Art, and the Starr Family Home State Historic Site. Free. 1 p.m. start at the Courthouse, 200 Houston St. Information: 903.935.3044

MCKINNEY, Collin Co.

Oct. 13 • Presentation: Texas Historical Commission Archeology Division—Current Projects

Becky Shelton, North Central Texas Regional Archeologist of the Texas Historical Commission, will give an overview of the Archeology Division and present on current projects that the agency is involved in. Sponsored by Collin County Archeology Society. Free, open to the public. 7 p.m. at Texas Star Bank, 2800 Virginia Parkway. Information: Becky Shelton, 512.463.6043, rebecca.shelton@thc.state.tx.us

MEXIA, Limestone Co.

Oct. 3 • Archeology Family Day

Come celebrate Texas Archeology Month for a day of hands-on activities and demonstrations of native crafts and technologies – to include flint knapping with Alan Shadow, living historian; atlatl spear throwing and bows and arrows with THC archeologist Kerry Nichols; children's activities with Dixie Hoover, Site Manager and Julianna Lindsay, Educator/Interpreter from the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site; plus, Junior Archeology demonstrations and activities with archeologist Petei McHenry, Civil War period music, and Texas Buffalo Soldier living history camp. Bring a picnic and take a break beneath the shade of the Bur oak trees during the day's activities as you enjoy the music of Sweet Song String Band. A hospitality tent will also include concessions for snacks and drinks, as well as museum store items for sale. Sponsored by the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site. Free. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1738 FM 2705. Information: Dixie Hoover, Site Manager, dixie.hoover@thc.state.tx.us, Julianna Lindsay, Educator/Interpreter, julianna.lindsay.thc.state.tx.us, Phone: 254-472-0959, for schedule of events www.visitcrg.com.

PARIS, Lamar Co.

Oct. 1 – Nov. 2 • Gravestone Symbols and their Meanings in Evergreen

As part of Archeology Month, the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site is presenting how gravestones are very personal things, and were used to represent the people that they honor. In the past, different symbols and carvings on gravestones held certain meanings and told the viewer something about the deceased. Throughout October, visitors to Evergreen Cemetery will be able to learn about the meanings behind different symbols on the gravestones. Evergreen Cemetery is a local, historic cemetery

located south of the Maxey House on Church St. It is also where the Maxeys and Longs are buried. Free. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 560 Evergreen St. Information: 903-785-5716, sam-bell-maxey@thc.state.tx.us, www.visitsambellmaxeyhouse.com.

PRESIDIO, Presidio Co.

Oct. 25 • Hike Big Bend Ranch State Park

Big Bend Ranch State Park will be hosting a public trail hike to observe some of the best rock imagery in the Big Bend Region. The hike is about 7 miles round trip through a narrow canyon and a shaded boxwood bottom. Participants are advised to wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, and a wide brimmed hat. Bring a lunch and between 3-5 liters of water per person, and a sturdy hiking stick is recommended. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. \$3 per person park fee payable at Saucedo before the event. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Saucedo Ranger Station in Big Bend Ranch State park. The event is currently limited to 12 participants, though may be expanded depending on the level of interest. Information: Tim Gibbs, 432.424.3327, tim.gibbs@tpwd.texas.gov.

ROCKPORT, Aransas Co.

Oct.8 • Pioneering Archeology of the Texas Coastal Bend

Reporting on 17 years that John Wesley Tunnel and Harold Pape methodically visited 200 sites spanning 10,000 years of human habitation along Laguna Madre, Nueces River, Corpus Christi, Mission and Aransas bays. Sponsored by Aransas County Historical Society. 6:30 p.m. at Woman's Club of Rockport, 1104 Concho. Information: Pam Stranahan, 361.727.1766, pamwheatstranahan@gmail.com

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar Co.

Oct. 2 • Texas Archeology Month Kick-off Event

Kick-off TAM with a celebration of San Antonio's colonial history! This event will be held at the Plaza de Armas Storefront Gallery and Exhibit Hall. The Plaza de Armas buildings housing the event, also known as the Vogel Belt Complex, were constructed in the 19th century on the 1722 site of the Presidio de Bexar. Recent excavations in the building have revealed features and artifacts dating to the colonial occupation of the site. The Texas Historical Commission's Pat Mercado-Allinger and Mark Denton will be present, as well as local and state dignitaries. Sponsored by the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation. Free. 2–5 p.m. at 115 Plaza de Armas. Information: Matthew Elverson, 210.207.5421, matthew.elverson@sanantonio.gov, and Kay Hindes, 210.207.7306, kay.hindes@sanantonio.gov, <http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/>

Oct. 9 • Symposium

Join the Witte Museum and the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation for the second annual Currents in Texas Archaeology Symposium. The symposium will feature scholarly sessions exploring the recent Plaza de Armas excavations with Clint McKenzie, Project Archaeologist for the University of Texas-San Antonio (UTSA) Center for Archaeological Research, and current archaeological investigations associated with the Witte's construction and expansion along the San Antonio River with Dr. Nesta Anderson, Senior Archaeologist with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. Artifacts from the Plaza de Armas excavation will be available for viewing at the symposium. Sponsored by Witte Museum, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation, and UTSA Center for Archaeological Research. Free, yet reservations are requested, light refreshments will be served. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at 3801 Broadway. Information: Shenna Hayden, 210.357.1901, shennahayden@wittemuseum.org, www.wittemuseum.org.

Oct. 17 • Archeology Day

Mission San José hosts free hands-on activities, exhibits, and demonstrations for the whole family. Activities will emphasize techniques, information learned from digs/artifacts found at the missions, importance of preservation, and future archeology planned for the park. Sponsored by the UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures and Legacy Program, Southern Texas Archeological Association, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio Office of Historical Preservation, THC Casa Navarro Historic Site, San Antonio River Authority, and Southwest Texas Archeology Society. Free. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Mission San José, 6701 San Jose Dr. Information: Nano Calderon, 210.226.4801, Nano.Calderon@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>.

Oct. 27 • Dia De Los Muertos Altar Workshop

Join Casa Navarro State Historic Site staff in crafting and learning about the Dia de Los Muertos holiday and altars. All craft supplies will be provided please bring a copy of a photo of a deceased loved one. Free, and free parking available in Dolorosa Parking Lot beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, 6 – 8 p.m. at 228 South Laredo St. Information: 210.226.4801, casa-navarro@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visitcasanavarro.com>.

SAN FELIPE, Austin Co.

Oct. 3 • Finding the Farmer's Hotel

On January 1, 1840, Joseph Urban wrote a reimbursement request to the Republic of Texas Government. He listed his dwelling with a cellar, the bake house and kitchen and "The Courthouse" in which the Consultation and General Council met. Attend a PowerPoint presentation and learn more about how the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site will use archeology to help shape future site development plans. Sponsored by THC and San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. Free. Saturday, 10 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at 15945 FM 1458. Information: 979.885.2181, san-felipe@thc.state.tx.us, www.visitsanfelipedeaustin.com

Oct. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31 • Archeological Investigations/Hands-on Archeology

Throughout the month of October, come to San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site and learn more about how the use of archeology will help shape future site development plans. Sponsored by THC and San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. Free. Hands-on activities related to archeology throughout the day on Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. DVD presentations will start on the 4th and be shown on the following Saturday and Sunday until the 31st. at 15945 FM 1458. Information: 979.885.2181, san-felipe@thc.state.tx.us, www.visitsanfelipedeaustin.com

VICTORIA, Victoria Co.

Oct. 15 • Lecture: South Texas Archaeology

Come to the Museum of the Coastal Bend to learn about the past that's right under our feet in this presentation by the museums' volunteer crew, which includes TASN Stewards. Free, donations accepted. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at 2200 East Red River. Information: Frank Condron, TASN Steward, Chair Jackson CHC, fp.condron@sbcglobal.net

WACO, McLennan Co.

Oct. 3-4 • La Pila Historic Fountain Archeological Investigations

The La Pila Fountain was located in the cultural center of the historic Hispanic Community in Waco, Texas before urban renewal projects destroyed the neighborhood and buried the fountain. The Waco Hispanic Museum with the help of the Waco Independent School District, the City of Waco, Central Texas Archaeological Resources, and the Central Texas Archaeology Society (CTAS) will excavate the fountain with the help of public volunteers. The excavations will be under the supervision of Registered Professional Archaeologist Katherine Turner-Pearson. The public is invited to watch or try their hand at excavating. Members of CTAS and local college students will be there to help new comers learn how to excavate properly. This is a family friendly event, with children 5th grade and up welcome to work with their parents. After the excavation, the fountain will remain uncovered for the public to enjoy again. Be sure and wear work clothes, sturdy shoes, and bring work/gardening gloves if you have them. Sponsored by Waco Hispanic Museum, Waco ISD, City of Waco, Central Texas Archaeological Resources, CTAS. Free. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Indian Springs Middle School, 500 University Parks Dr. Information: Katherine Turner-Pearson, 254.405.5543, katherine@centxarc.com or Louis Garcia, 254.548.9730, blackcow54@yahoo.com

WEST COLUMBIA, Brazoria Co.

Oct. 17 • Harvest Festival – Varner-Hogg Plantation

Come celebrate the harvest season at Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site and learn about harvesting on a 1800s plantation. Take a rustic hayride and search for our charming plantation scarecrows. Stroll down to the garden to see sugar cane growing and taste a sample. There will be storytelling, live animals, craft activities, musicians, living historians, and free refreshments.

Admission: \$3. Saturday, 5 – 8 p.m. at 1702 N. 13th St. Information: 979.345.4656, amanda.mcvay@thc.state.tx.us, <http://www.visitvarnerhoggplantation.com>.

