

## Texas Archeology Month 2019 Calendar of Events

Texas Archeology Month (TAM) is held each October and promotes the appreciation of scientific archeology, prehistory, Native American cultures, and the stewardship of Texas' irreplaceable archeological resources.

Check out the listings below to find a TAM event or activity near you!

### Alpine, Brewster County

#### Big Bend 75th Birthday Bash

**Oct. 11            4 - 6pm                            Free**

Come join a celebration of Big Bend National Park's 75th birthday. Organizations working in the park will have tables presenting their work, cake will be served, and live music. Sponsored by Big Bend Conservancy.

Location: Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University, 400 N Harrison St C-101, Alpine 79832

Information: friendsdirector@yahoo.com, 512-529-1149

### Amarillo, Potter County

#### Texas Archeological Society 90th Annual Meeting

**Oct. 11            Fri Oct. 10 - Sun Oct. 13, 8am - 9pm                            Some free, some registration required**

This annual conference is open to the general public and provides professional and avocational archeologists the opportunity to present papers, poster displays, and exhibits on current and ongoing archaeological and historical research from around the state. In addition to two days of presentations, conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of special activities. On Friday morning a tour of archeological sites in Palo Duro Canyon is planned. Later that day, participants will travel to nearby Canyon, Texas to visit the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum (PPHM), the largest historical museum in Texas. The PPHM has exhibits covering the archeology, anthropology, paleontology, history, geology, transportation, and oil and gas industry of the region, as well as extensive collections of artwork, weapons, and textiles. Friday night activities include a free public lecture by Don Wyckoff entitled "Pondering Southern Plains Prehistory." Saturday night will feature a banquet with Doug Scott speaking on the use of systematic metal detecting to locate Apache and U.S. Army campsites in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. On Sunday participants will travel to the famed Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument to see where native peoples from the region and surrounding areas traveled to acquire this highly prized and uniquely colored stone used for the manufacture of chipped stone tools for over 13,000 years. Following a tour of the quarries and a trip to the visitor's center, participants will travel to permanent villages established nearby by people attributed to the Antelope Creek phase. NA Sponsored by Texas Archeological Society.

Location: Embassy Suites Amarillo-Downtown, 550 S Buchanan St., Amarillo 79101

Information: [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org), [tasannualmeeting2019@gmail.com](mailto:tasannualmeeting2019@gmail.com), 806-434-0157

## **Austin, Travis County**

### **Texas Archeology Month Fair**

**Oct. 5            10am- 2 pm            Free**

The Texas Archeology Month Fair is a day of archeology fun for the family! Thanks to the collaboration of professional and avocational archeologists, this free event provides an interactive education experience on the history of Texas through archaeological displays, hands-on activities, and artifact identification. Included this year will be a dance presentation by Great Promise for American Indians. Along with artifact identification, kids have the opportunity to test their skills in pottery-making, atlatl throwing, artifact reconstruction, excavation, and more! Other highlights of the fair will include flintknapping demonstrations and face-painting. In addition the fair offers information on innovating techniques in the field such as 3-D modeling and how scientific methods are utilized to preserve the rich history of Texas at nearby sites. Please come out to join us for this free event open to the public! This event will take place on the soccer field at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus. Across the field various tables will be set up with show and tell displays, demonstrations, and interactive activities pertaining to archeology. Sponsored by The Texas Archeological Research Laboratory & Texas Historical Commission. Location: J.J. Pickle Research Campus, 1000 Burnet Rd., Austin 78758  
Information: <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/tarl/>, [dariegert@utexas.edu](mailto:dariegert@utexas.edu), 512-471-6006

## **Austin, Travis County**

### **4th Annual Texas Archeology Month Tailgate**

**Sept. 21                    3:00 - 6:30pm (kickoff)                    Free**

We're revving up for TAM early this year! Join archeologists from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the University of Texas' Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) for the 4th Annual Texas Archeology Month Tailgate. Stop by our tents on the way to the OSU game and see what TAM has to offer. Tailgate will be outside the THC's Elrose building at the corner of 16th and Colorado. Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission.  
Location: Texas Historical Commission Elrose Building, 108 W. 16th Street, Austin 78701  
Information: <https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-archeology-m>, [Maggie.Moore@thc.texas.gov](mailto:Maggie.Moore@thc.texas.gov), 512-463-6508

## **Belton, Bell County**

### **Adventures in Archaeology!**

**Oct. 12            11am - 2pm            Free**

Kids and families are invited to the Bell County Museum to learn about archaeology and ancient cultures. There will be a special demonstration by a representative of the Gault School. Kids can dig in our outside dig pits, make catapults and create strata jars to show the stratigraphy of Earth! The event is completely free and all ages are welcome.  
Location: Bell County Museum, 201 N Main St., Belton 78660  
Information: [kayte.ricketts@bellcounty.texas.gov](mailto:kayte.ricketts@bellcounty.texas.gov), 254-933-5243

## **Bonham, Fannin County**

### **A Walk Through History**

**Oct. 26      10am - 12pm      Free**

The program, hosted by the Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site and the Fannin County Historical Commission, will offer a free gravesite walking tour of prominent community members, associates and friends of Sam Rayburn and his family. Those who would like to attend are invited to meet at 10:00 on October 26, 2019 at Sam Rayburn's gravesite near the front entrance of Willow Wild Cemetery. Lite refreshments and hot beverages will be provided. Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission & Fannin County Historical Commission.

Location: Willow Wild Cemetery, 1220 W. 7th St., Bonham 75418

Information: [www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com](http://www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com), [Kathy.Lathen@thc.texas.gov](mailto:Kathy.Lathen@thc.texas.gov), 903-583-5558

## **Brownwood, Ochiltree County**

### **Archeology Family Day**

**Oct. 12      11am - 3pm      Kids 5 & under Free; Adults \$3.00; Military \$2.00**

Our event is for families, especially children. Our objective is to make it fun and interesting to students and their parents. Our activities include 1) grinding corn with mano & metate to show how natives prepared food even before the Comanches tribes 2) hunt for fossils in our large sand pit that we've hidden fossiles 3) will make fossile jewelry like necklaces out of pieces of horned coral found abundantly at Lake Brownwood and 4) make fossile molds from clay. We will have an expert show how to knap arrowheads from flint rocks. Another demonstration of how to use rocks to make fire. Each child will take home an arrowhead, fossil jewelry and real fossils from their own person "dig". This event will be in the Museum's Center for Education Building. Families may tour the Museum's buildings before or after. In downtown Brownwood, lots of parking area. Sponsored by Brown County Museum of History.

Location: Brown County Museum of History, 209 N. Brownwood St., Brownwood 76801

Information: [www.browncountymuseum.org/events](http://www.browncountymuseum.org/events), [wandaf@browncountymuseum.org](mailto:wandaf@browncountymuseum.org), 325-641-1926

## **Canyon, Randall County**

### **Palo Duro Prairie Palooza**

**Oct. 18      5:00 - 10:30pm      Free Entry into the Park!**

Become a Texas Time Traveler and see the wonders of the past! Dive in to an evening filled with the magic of Palo Duro Canyon at our biggest cultural event of the year! Experience history like you never have before. Booths will feature surrounding museums offering a peak into Georgia O'Keefe's Canyon works, Honey Farms, Goodnight's Chuckwagon, The weather on your birthday 100 years ago, Native American life, Flint Knapping, Folk Music, Frontier Regiment, and more. The Austin Astronomy and 3Rivers Astronomy Club will be providing solar and night sky programs! Cultural booths: 5pm-7:30 pm, Dance: 7:30pm-8:30 pm, Star Party: 9pm-10:30 pm Event is in the Wolfberry campground. Sponsored by Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Location: Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Road 5, Canyon 79015

Information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/palo-duro-canyon/palo-duro-prairie-palooza>, [lindsay.pannell@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:lindsay.pannell@tpwd.texas.gov), 8064529844

## **Chandler, Henderson County**

### **Dig It!**

**Oct. 12            12 - 2pm                    Free**

The Chandler Historical Museum will sponsor a mock dig for children at the annual city festival (Pow Wow). A 15 x 15 area will be gridded with "treasures" (donated coins). Children ages 3-12 will be given sifters, shovels, gloves and assigned a specific area to practice excavating. Those visiting the mock dig will be given information about Texas archeology and how they can participate. The dig site will be in a shaded area on the north side of the park. Sponsored by Chandler Historical Society & Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

Location: Winchester Park, FM 315 South, Chandler 75758

Information: [www.chandlertx.com](http://www.chandlertx.com), [museum@chandlertx.com](mailto:museum@chandlertx.com), 903-521-5962

## **Denison, Grayson County**

### **Eisenhower's Neighborhood**

**Sept. 3            Sept 3-Nov. 25, 9am - 4pm Tues-Sat; 1 - 5pm Sun            Free**

The Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site presents a temporary exhibit on the architecture of the Birthplace; displays of artifacts found on the surface of the site; and features a self-guided walking tour of the "Lost Neighborhood" that once surrounded the Birthplace. Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission.

Location: Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, 609 S. Lamar Ave., Denison 75021

Information: [robin.cole-jett@thc.texas.gov](mailto:robin.cole-jett@thc.texas.gov), 903-465-8908

## **Denison, Grayson County**

### **Texoma Archeology**

**Oct. 22            6 pm to 7 pm                    Free**

The Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site presents "Texoma Archeology: Discover that discards can be historical treasures" at the Denison Public Library. This conversation examines how debris found at the Birthplace provides hints about how land has been used over the decades. Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission.

Location: Denison Public Library, 300 W. Gandy St., Denison 75021

Information: [robin.cole-jett@thc.texas.gov](mailto:robin.cole-jett@thc.texas.gov), 903-465-8908

## **Houston, Harris County**

### **International Archeology Day, Houston Museum of Natural Science**

**Oct. 19            10am - 4pm                    Partially free**

For the fifth year the Houston Archeological Society will participate in International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, offering hands on activities for kids, exhibits and displays for adults and fun for all! Sponsored by Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Archeological Society, and others.

Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston 77030

Information: [www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org), [dirk@hmns.org](mailto:dirk@hmns.org), (713) 639-4629

## Huntsville, Walker County

### Lecture: The Discovery and Recovery of a 14th Century Dugout Canoe on the Red River

**Oct. 10          6:30 - 9:00pm          Free**

The Sam Houston Museum welcomes archeologist Jeff Girard, retired faculty at Northwestern State University and regional archaeologist for the Louisiana Division of Archaeology for more than 25 years. Early in June 2017, a remarkable prehistoric dugout canoe was discovered on the banks of the Red River north of Shreveport, Louisiana. At 10.2 m (about 34 feet) in length, it is the largest yet discovered in Louisiana, and one of the largest in the Southeastern United States. A radiocarbon date indicates that the canoe was constructed in the 14th century, contemporary with an extensive Caddo settlement on the east side of the river. This presentation summarizes the challenges that confronted researchers and local volunteers for extracting the canoe from the riverbank and transporting it to Texas A&M university for conservation; and provides information about nearby Caddo village and ceremonial sites whose past inhabitants might have made and used the boat. Also to be discussed is the nature and importance of visitation, gift giving, and trade among Caddo societies of the 14th century. Exhibits and refreshments 6:30 pm with hour-long presentation and questions starting at 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Sam Houston Memorial Museum.

Location: Sam Houston Memorial Museum, Katy & E. Don Walker Education Center, 1402 19th St., Huntsville 77340

Information: [www.samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com](http://www.samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com), [sproat@shsu.edu](mailto:sproat@shsu.edu), 936-294-4895

## Kaufman, Kaufman County

### Vintage Garden Market and Archeology Day at the Kaufman County Poor Farm

**Oct. 5          9am - 6pm          Free**

Kaufman County Historical Commission will be celebrating Archeology Month by hosting Vintage Garden Market Day at the Historic Poor Farm. During the day we will have re-enactments by Shadow's of Old Texas, a Children's Archeology Education area including digging for arrowheads and making pinch pots from clay, and new this year is the Vintage Garden Market that will consist of vendors selling plants, antiques, art, fine crafts and other great finds. Our event will have something for the entire family to enjoy. The County Poor Farm sits behind the Kaufman County Memorial Park Sponsored by Kaufman County Historical Commission & Kaufman County Master Gardeners.

Location: Kaufman County Poor Farm, 3948 S. Houston St., Kaufman 75142

Information: [pcorder@kaufmancounty.net](mailto:pcorder@kaufmancounty.net), 469-376-4140

## Mexia, Limestone County

### Archaeology Day at the Confederate Reunion Grounds

**Oct. 12          1 - 4pm          Free for school age kids; Adults \$4.00**

Join the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site in celebrating Archaeology Month by coming out and enjoying the Site and learning stations. Learn about archaeology digs, native American bead work, make your own pinch pot pottery and more! This event is for all ages. Sponsored by Texas Historical Commission.

Location: Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site, 1738 FM 2705, Mexia 76667

Information: [alysha.richardson@thc.texas.gov](mailto:alysha.richardson@thc.texas.gov), 254-472-0959

## **Perryton, Ochiltree County**

### **Perryton Family Archaeology Day**

**Oct. 26      10am - 2pm      Free**

Activities will include atlatl spear throwing, rabbit stick toss, archaeology dig, Kiowa ledger and teepee art, native american game, reenactors and more. Sponsored by Museum of the Plains.

Location: Museum of the Plains, 1200 North Main, Perryton 79070

Information: [museumoftheplains.com](http://museumoftheplains.com), [motp@museumoftheplains.com](mailto:motp@museumoftheplains.com), 806-435-6400

## **Plano, Collin County**

### **Plano Archaeology Fair**

**Oct. 19      10am - 3pm      Free**

The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. is pleased to announce the return of the Plano Archaeology Fair. This family-friendly event is located in scenic Haggard Park in Historic Downtown Plano. Our past Archaeology Fairs have attracted 300 to 500 visitors. Activities will include corn grinding, rock painting, petroglyphs, storytelling, corn husk dolls, flint knapping demo, excavation activities and more! The 15th Plano Archaeology Fair includes numerous activities and provides an opportunity for children to learn about Native American culture and early settlement of Plano. There will be two featured performances by the Bear Claw Singers, a local group of Native American performers. In keeping with their traditional values the Bear Claw use their talents to bring together the Native American community to celebrate their proud heritage through song and dance. The Plano Archaeology Fair provides a look at both prehistoric and historic archaeology. Children participating in the excavation will learn archaeological techniques and how archaeologists interpret what they find. Parking is available adjacent to the park and throughout downtown Plano. Sponsored by Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation. Location: Haggard Park, 901 East 15th St., Plano 75074

Information: <https://planoconservancy.org/>, [MWurtz@versar.com](mailto:MWurtz@versar.com), 214-547-9695

## **San Antonio, Bexar County**

### **Super Saturday: 5th Annual Can You Dig It?**

**Oct. 12      12 - 4pm      General Admission**

Come explore the world of archaeology through three immersive exhibits that span thousands of years including our newest exhibition, Ancestral Visions: Yarn Paintings of a Huichol Shaman! Enjoy activities such as throwing spears and making rock art. Dig and sift for artifacts to uncover what being an archeologist in Texas is all about! Sponsored by Witte Museum.

Location: The Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio 78209

Information: 210-357-1901

## **San Antonio, Bexar County**

### **"Under the Bronze Age Seas"**

**Sept. 16      7:30 - 9:00pm      Free**

The Late Bronze Age was the era of the pharaoh Tutankhamun and Homer's Trojan war. It was also an age of 'globalization' in the eastern Mediterranean world, a time of intense economic and diplomatic interaction among the peoples of Greece, Anatolia, the Levant, and Egypt. Our understanding of their overseas commerce is based on archives and two shipwrecks and a third just discovered last year. In this illustrated lecture Dr. Hirschfeld presents the results of excavations and ongoing scientific analyses of

the artifacts recovered from the ship that sank Cape Gelidonya, on the southwestern coast of Turkey, ca. 1200 BC. Parking on campus is open after 5:00 pm to the general public for university events. Sponsored by Archaeological Institute of America, San Antonio Chapter.

Location: Chapman Auditorium, Trinity University, 1 Trinity Place, San Antonio 78212

Information: nhirschf@trinity.edu, 210-999-7125