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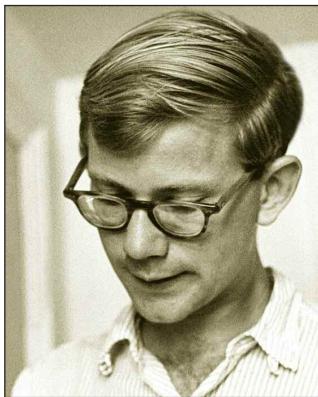


Fig. 1. Alan Skinner

During the 2021 Texas Archeological Society Field School (TAS-FS), Ron Ralph organized a volunteer work group to add old site data to the current digital format TexSite 3.0. This site data was handwritten on paper forms for approximately 230 prehistoric archeological sites recorded in 1971 and 1972 during the TAS-FS held in Kerr County. Ultimately this collaboration and collection of data was used for a dissertation project for Alan Skinner (Figure 1).

If you were a student working on your dissertation project to obtain a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Anthropology, wouldn't it be wonderful to have 450 plus folks helping you collect and organize your data? Well, that is just what happened to Dr. Alan Skinner back in 1971 and 1972. At the time Alan was a graduate student at Southern Methodist University under Professor Joel Shiner. But it was not all "roses and lollipops." Alan had to take a leadership role in organizing the 1971 and 1972 field schools for TAS, no small task even with lots of support.

These field schools were held in Kerr County in the Turtle Creek Watershed. The field school participants camped along Turtle Creek on the Andy Paris Ranch (Figure 2). The purpose of the field schools was to survey the Turtle Creek watershed for all prehistoric archeological sites. Alan wanted to use this site data to study prehistoric settlement patterns within a definable natural and cultural area—the Turtle Creek Watershed. Alan's dissertation was titled "Prehistoric Settlement of a "Natural Area."

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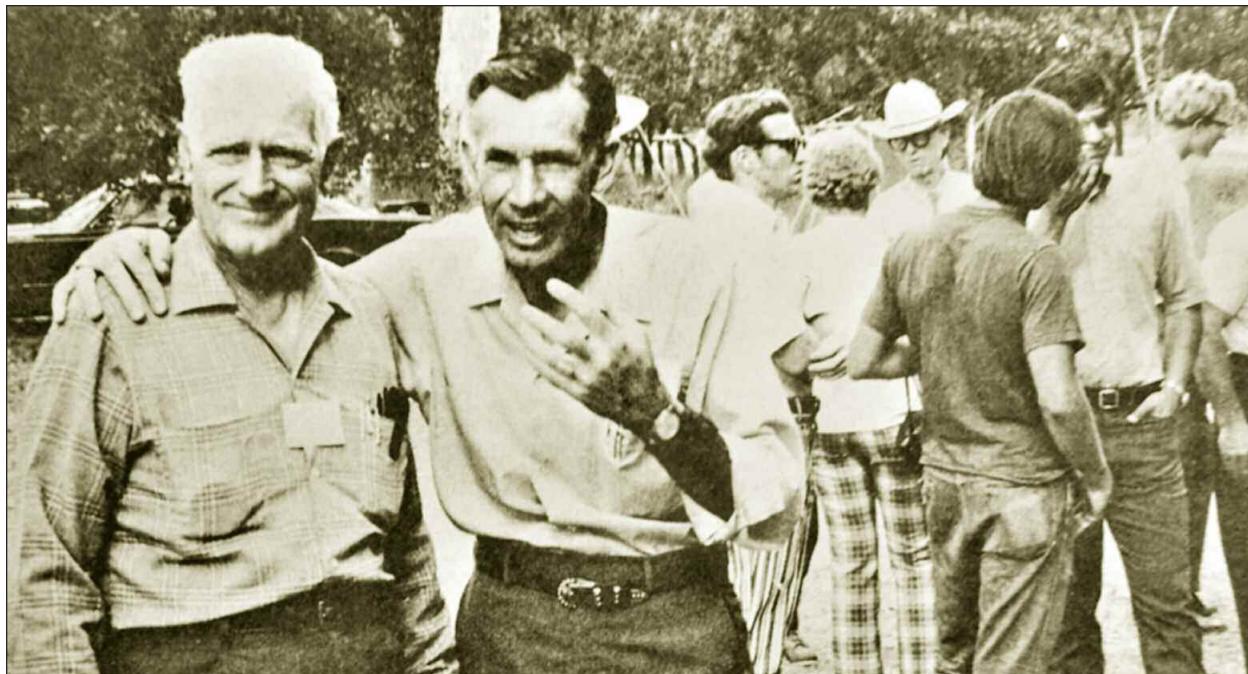


Fig. 2. Landowner Andy Paris (left) and Dr. Francis Stickney (right).

The 1971 and 1972 TAS-FS folks were divided into field survey crews and assigned specific geographical areas of the Turtle Creek Watershed to conduct walking surface surveys. They surveyed the most likely areas for prehistoric sites, on about 40% of the watershed. The crews discovered several hundred prehistoric archaeological sites. As you might expect they found the typical burned rock middens, lithic scatters, quarry sites and rock shelters common to the Hill Country. To obtain better temporal and comparative site data they also excavated a rock shelter site (Figure 3) and two burned rock midden-occupational sites (Figure 4).

Sadly, due to time and manpower constraints, the complete data for most of these sites were never recorded with the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) at University of Texas in Austin. Thus, these sites were never fully recorded on the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Archeological Sites Atlas (Atlas), where the information would be available to the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN) and professional archeologists using the atlas for research purposes. Ron and his

working group wanted to correct this by recording these sites with TARL using TexSite 3.0. After Ron's group completed them, Mr. Jonathan Jarvis at TARL agreed to electronically file the 230 digital TexSite 3.0 forms so they would be added to the Atlas thus preserving this data for these sites.

There are sayings among archeologists like, “sites discovered and not properly recorded, are lost to the archeological record.” Worse yet, “the archeologists responsible are no better than looters.” Harsh words but they make the point that newly discovered archeological sites need to be properly recorded and documented, such as in publications. Why? Because the sites are nonrenewable pieces of prehistory and history, and many are being lost to erosion, collecting, looting and land development.

The Ron Ralph Working Group consisted of Ron, a professional archeologist, and six avocational archeologists, all TAS-FS volunteers. Three of us were stewards with TASN, Teresa Farley, Andy Burcham and me. Three were



Fig. 3. Excavations at Bushwack Rock Shelter Site during the 1971-72 TAS F-S.



Fig. 4. Excavations at Paris Ranch Burned Rock Midden Occupational Site during the 1971-72 TAS F-S.

avocational archeologists, David and Linda Domelsmith and Jennifer Fuentes. Due to the technical challenges of using the TexSite 3.0 program to record sites the majority of the 230 sites were recorded by David Domelsmith, Ron Ralph, Jennifer Fuentes, and me.

The folks at TARL no longer accept mail-in handwritten site forms to record archeological sites, except in very rare cases. The staff found it too time consuming and fraught with errors to type these handwritten forms into the digital TexSite 3.0 format used today. The first digital

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SITE SURVEY FORM

10TH TAS FIELD SCHOOL X41KR 128

by E. Walters FIELD NO. /

GUADALUPE RIVER KERR COUNTY, TEXAS NAME PARIS RANCH

LONG. 99° LAT. _____ ELEV. 1600ft MSL

INVESTIGATOR Claude Brown DATE June 16, 1971 MAP REF. Center Pt

1. Modern location Andrew William Paris Ranch - First terrace of south bank of Turtle Creek. Bank of creek is perpendicular 30 ft above creek bed. Permanent spring.

2. Environmental resources: Food plants: acorns, a garita, wild grapes, Mexican Persimmons, walnuts, hawthorne, black haw. Fish, mussels: game animals Micro. zone

3. Site situation: Base camp. No exposed midden, but burned rocks on surface possibly indicates buried midden

4. Type of site: Base camp

5. Site description: Site is located on south bank of Turtle Creek, opposite west end of TAS camp. Site recognized by darts, cores, bifaces, flakes and burned rocks

6. Size, shape and depth of deposit: occupation area 318 ft east-west; North-south axis, 125 ft. Orient.

7. Present exposure, type of fill: Washed-in fill from adjoining Pike's Peak Alluvial terrace opposite site on North side of creek.

8. Artifact assemblage observed: Dart points, scrapers, bifaces, cores, unidentified broken tools.

SEE - DRAWINGS

Should site be collected? YES NO Why? insufficient assemblage

9. References (Owner, prev. work): No previous excavation

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Field checkoff: Form Notes
Site map Photo THG

Figure 5. Example of the first page from the Paris Site paper recording form, 1971-1972 TAS F-S survey.

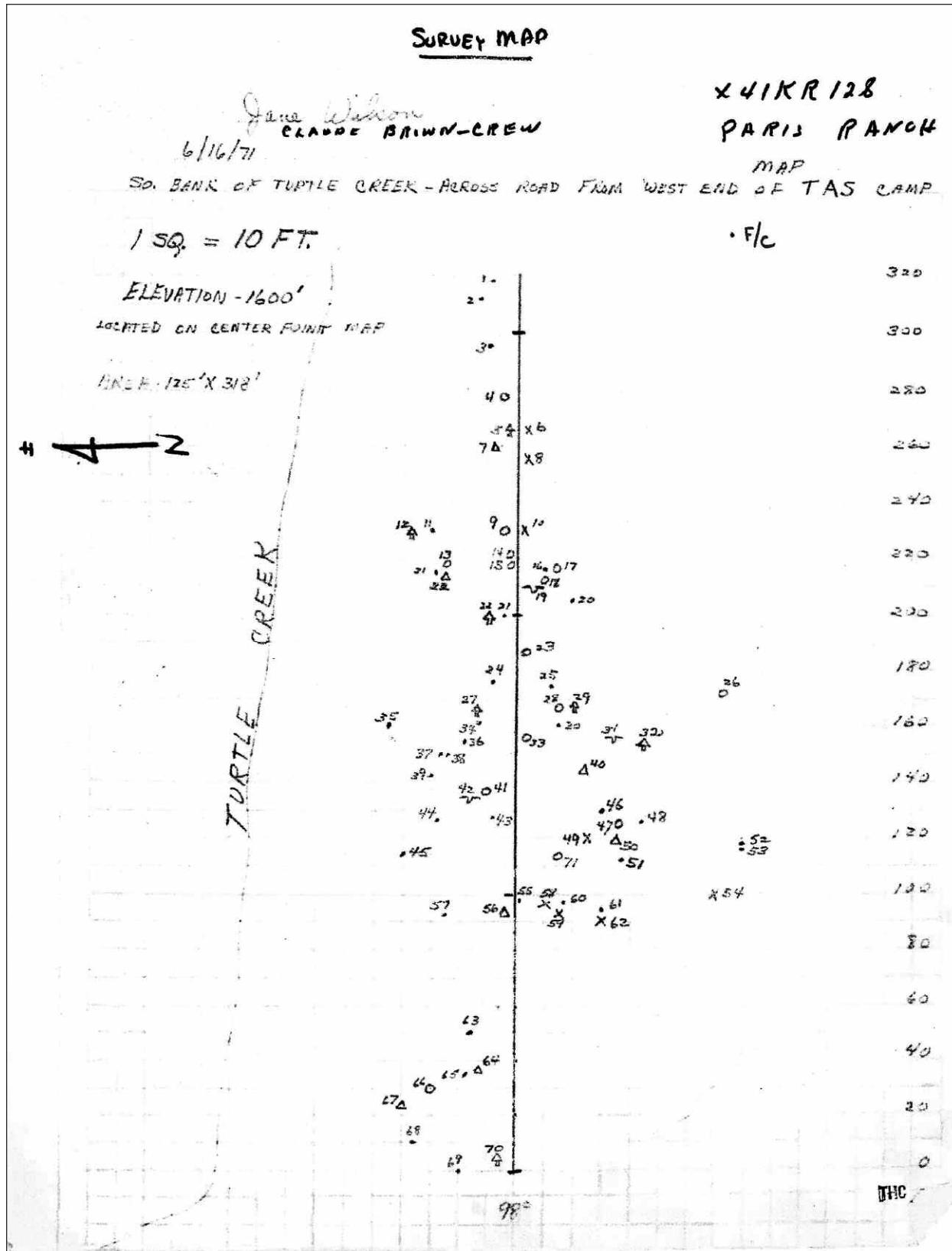


Figure 6. Example of the second page from the Paper sketch map for Paris Site, drawn at 1971 TAS-FS.

The screenshot shows the TexSite Data Entry Form for the site '71 Paris Ranch 1. The top navigation bar includes tabs for General, Sources, Work 1, Work 2, Location, Environment, Culture 1, Culture2, Conditions, and Registration. The top right corner displays Trinomial 41KR261, Field ID X41KR128, and a Revisit checkbox. Below the tabs, the Site Name is listed as '71 Paris Ranch 1. The Site Type section shows 'occupation; burned rock midden;' under Site Types and provides an explanation: 'presence of abundant chert[dart points, cores, scrapers, bifaces, broken chert tools, flakes and fire cracked rock]'. The Project Information section includes fields for Name ('71-72' TAS Field School Survey') and Number (empty). The Permit Information section includes fields for Source (empty) and Number (empty).

Figure 7. Example of page one of the TexSite digital form for recording the Paris Site from the 1971-72 TAS FS survey.

format was developed in 1995 by Kevin Jolly's staff at THC. The iteration of TexSite 3.0 we use today was first created in 2009 by Donald Firsching at THC. Jonathan Jarvis told me TARL gradually phased out acceptance of handwritten site forms between 2005 and perhaps 2015. The original handwritten forms for these 230 TAS-FS sites will be filed with TARL along with any other unique site information so the records are as complete as possible.

Currently, many stewards are not able to record their sites because of all the technical difficulties. In the future a "How to" class or classes could be taught for stewards on using TexSite 3.0 to record historic and prehistoric archeological sites. Perhaps it could be recorded as a webinar or YouTube video and posted on the THC website, where the training could be accessible to stewards and professionals.

Besides learning how to use TexSite 3.0, another challenge for us was reading the handwriting on the old paper recording forms filled out in 1971 and 1972 (Figures 5 and 6). On the upside, recording each new site was an exciting discovery for me, almost like being there and finding these new sites—actually the forms were fascinating reading!

TexSite 3.0 has ten pages of forms to fill out to record a site (Figure 7) whereas these old TAS-FS forms had only one or two handwritten pages, sometimes three, if one of the field crew added a sketch map of the site and some sketches of the artifacts discovered on the surface. The time it took us to transfer the data from the old paper forms to the new TexSite 3.0 electronic format varied from maybe 90 minutes to more than two hours depending on difficulty of interpreting the handwriting, locating the site on Quad 7.5' Topo maps, and converting the NAD 27 UTM site coordinates to NAD 83, among other things. Some sleuthing and guess work were required, and it would have been great to have Sherlock Holmes on the team. We estimate that recording all 230 sites in the digital format took us collectively over 450 hours, especially if we include the five afternoons during the 2021 TAS-FS when we met at Schreiner University in Kerrville and Ron trained us to record these old sites.

Many thanks to Ron Ralph for initiating this project and seeing it to completion, and to the volunteers that transferred the data from the old paper forms to the digital TexSite 3.0 format.

New TASN 2022 Members

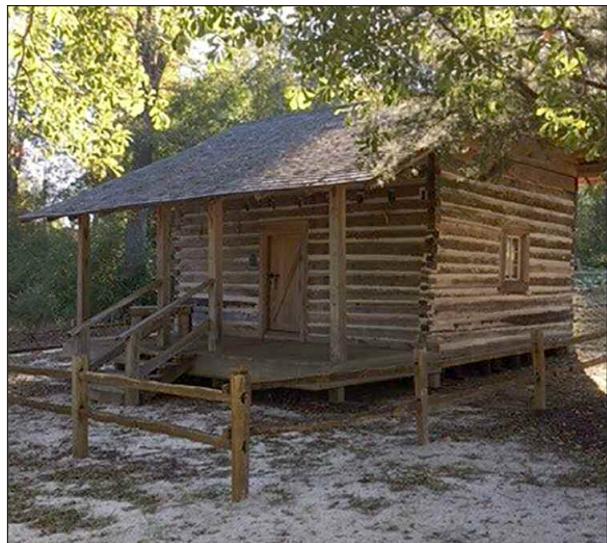
The newest members of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network reflect the diversity of what preservationist look like within our communities. The fields of archeology and anthropology have long relied on other disciplines to aid in their research and interpretation of cultural material. We look forward to getting to know each other!



Lori Horne

Lori Horne
Lori joins the TASN with a diverse set of interests and skill sets. She has been a Texas Master Naturalist since 2011, Longleaf Ridge Chapter of Jasper and Newton counties, and currently serves as president. She

is a member of the Jasper County Historical Commission, Vice President of the Friends of Martin Dies State Park and serves on the Jasper Historical Museum advisor board. Since 2010, Lori has been a member of the reenacting group of the pre-1840s Bevil's Rangers. She portrayed early pioneer lifestyles at Fort Jesup and Fort St. Jean Baptiste. Additionally, she has portrayed Emily Smyth, wife of river Bevilport boat captain Andrew Smyth for church and school programs. Other organizations she is a member of are the Deep East Texas Archeological Society and East Texas Archeological Society. Lori has been a Jasper Master Gardener since 2011 and an herbalist for 30 years. She has been collaborating on the Freedom Colony and Herman Wright project with Dr. George Avery, John Jefferson and Keith Stephens for more than 4 years. Lori has participated in the public outreach booth and archeology at the Purple Hull Pea festivals in Shankleville for the past few years and has recently been participating in the Caddo Mounds rebuilding of the Caddo grass house.



Lori Horne and Keith Stephens are event coordinators and care takers of the Hardy Pace log cabin in Jasper Texas.

John Jefferson

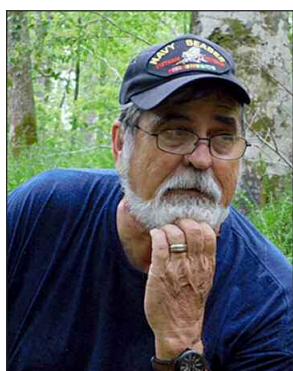
John was a land surveyor for 30+ years and has a title company. Currently, he serves as Chair of the Newton CHC and works regularly with the THC regarding historic resources in the region. He conducts research on most of the Historical Markers in the area. John serves on the Board of the Newton County Genealogical Museum and has researched all cemeteries in Newton County. He is also a member of the Deep East Texas Archeological Society and has collaborated with Keith Stephens and Lori Horne on telling the story of Shankleville site through participation in Purple Hull Pea Festival and will participate in future archeological projects. His knowledge of the maps and survey data of the area is phenomenal and his personal connections and research skills will make a great contribution to the TASN.

*Matt Reeves*

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Andy Hall, TASN, introduced Matt to the THC staff last year and stated “He is an outstanding avocational historian and researcher for that area [southeast Texas], particularly as it relates to the America Civil War.”

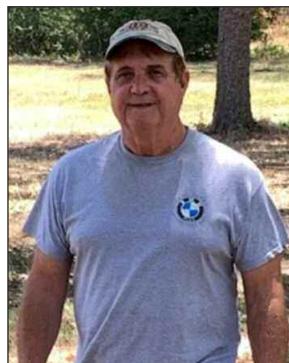
Matt’s studies combine archival research, local interviews, and boots-on-the-ground to locate, identify and record long-lost historical sites.

His family lineage has deep roots in southeast Texas and Louisiana, which enables him to understand the historical record of the region, but also the cultural nuances and complexities of the area. In addition to his skills as a researcher, he is an accomplished illustrator and naturalist and is deeply familiar with the wildlife of the region. Additional skill sets include model building. Two of his recreations are of ACW Fort Bates and Sulakowski which were recently exhibited at the Freeport History Museum. Currently, Matt works as a police officer.

*Keith Stephens*

Bevil’s Rangers Historical pre-1840’s re-enacting group. He portrays Sergeant William Jasper for local organizations. Keith is a founding

member of the Deep East Texas Archeological Society as well as being a member of the Mt. Union Sherrod Wright League Historical group with Herman Wright. He works as a team with John Jefferson and Lori Horne. He is a recently retired land manager and surveyor who covered 1.5 million acres in East Texas and West Louisiana for 40 years for a large industrial timber company. This has enabled him to know where sites are located and he is researching historical sites in the region. This past summer he worked with John and Lori on the 2022 Freedom Colonies project and has already participated in outreach during the Purple Hull Pea Festival to share about the archeology of the Shankleville site. He is currently working on the Sand Hill Freedom colony project with John and Lori in Nacogdoches county.

*Kent Tannery*

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A native of Nacogdoches, Kent received his BBA from Stephen F. Austin State University and worked as an independent petroleum landman, a petroleum land manager, a manager over

scheduling and transportation for a paper manufacturing plant, and then a broker for electricity aggregation/acquisition. He has served on the board of the Nacogdoches Crime Stoppers and as a Cub Scout pack leader. Now retired, Kent participates in the East Texas Archeological Society and enjoys archeological field work in East Texas. He has been participating in research with Tom Middlebrook at several area sites including the Iron Rock Site (41NA22) and the Mayhew site (41AN21) where he is honing his skills in survey and testing techniques for site investigations.

*Dan Young*

Dan Young is a recently retired History Professor at Ranger College, and former history teacher in the Hico ISD. He has been active for 50+ years with the Stephenville Historical Museum and was the President and founder

of the Tarleton Archeological Society. He received a BA and MA in History from Sul Ross University during which time he conducted

excavations at Ranger Shelter near Alpine Texas for thesis work on the Jumano. In addition, he is an active member and volunteer at the Gault School working often with Dr. Steve Howard and Del Barnett, TASN. Dan is a member of TAS and holds the unique position as the recorder of site 41ER1, the first site registered with TARL for Erath County. In addition to being a life-long educator, he is a writer and advocate for archeology and historic preservation. We welcome his addition to the network, and look forward to seeing him at work with his varied skills and interests which include flint-knapping, blacksmithing, and gourd art.

Meeting Minutes, TASN 2022 Annual Meeting and Workshop May 14, 2022

9:00–10:30 a.m. General Business Meeting, Announcements, Steward Updates

THC Staff, TASN Advisors, Agency Guests

Brad Jones, Archeology Division (AD) Director

Becky Shelton, AD

Maggie Moore, AD

Marie Archambeault, AD

Drew Sitters, AD

Jeff Durst, AD

Tiffany Osburn, AD

Emily Dylla, AD

Donna McCarver, AD

Sarah Chesney (Historic Sites Division)

Jenny McWilliams (History Programs Division)

Jonathan Failor (Historic Sites Division)

Bill Martin, AD

Brad: Good morning, great to see you all, this is our first in-person stewards meeting since taking the role of Division Director and State Archeologist. It's exciting to see everyone and be together in a room again. I know it's light on the training today, but we wanted to focus on getting to know the new stewards and renewing those personal relationships.

Jonathan Failor, site manager for Washington on the Brazos (WOB), welcome and site highlights!

Jonathan: I'm the site manager of WOB, Republic of Texas Complex, which is a collective of different historic sites. In March of 1836, Texas declared independence from Mexico. A map was handed out to everyone that you can use while touring this afternoon. Fanthorp Inn State HS in Anderson is a restored stagecoach built in 1834; Fanthorp family and state of Texas are only owners. WOB in 1916 was called Washington Park. Washington thrived after independence; in 1842-1845, it was the capital of Texas. By 1900, it was declining, and disappeared by 1912, because they refused to underwrite Central Texas & Houston RR, so the town declined, the railroad went to Navasota instead. In 1960s archeology was done here and found layers on layers of features and foundations. The Children's Monument, dedicated 1900, was called that because children from Brenham schools in the 1890s started a penny drive to pay for the monument. It says, "On this spot was made the declaration of

Texas Independence." The park was created in 1916, with the county's dancehall built in the 1930s, and the first recreation of Independence Hall, but in the wrong spot. 1969 recreation was more accurate than the older one. Independence Hall, Constitution Hall, Convention Hall. Star of the Republic Museum was previously run by Blinn college, transferred in 2020 to THC. Dedicated to telling the story of the 10 years that Texas was a nation. Barrington Plantation, Anson Jones house, was moved several times. Barrington uses Jones' diaries and accounts to recreate how he farmed. Fanthorp Inn, off the beaten path, stagecoach rides once a month. About to do a \$43 million project to redevelop the Star of the Republic Museum, education center, maybe townsite, bringing the museum into the 21st century, showcase this crown jewel of Texas history.

Steward asked what was Independence Hall used for before the signing?

Two owners, Noah Bayer blacksmith, Peter Mercer storeowner, was supposed to be a store but wasn't finished when used for the declaration of independence. After convention was used as a townhall, legislature met there in 1840s, by middle of 1850s it disappeared, Alhambra hotel built near it. Population of Washington in 1850 was approximately 1,000 residents. Lots of growth over a very short time, then it disappeared.

Housekeeping

Becky: Thank you to WOB, they waived facility fee and wristbands for everyone. You'll need that to go to Star of Republic and Barrington Plantation. Wonderful desserts provided by Sharon Menegaz.

TAS Annual Meeting: Stewards Meeting Friday 1–2 p.m., Session, Call for Participants

Becky: First thing to note for the group is a call for participation at the TAS meeting October 21-23rd in person at UT-Tyler. We have an open-ended invitation for a THC/TASN 2-hr session to be held on Saturday. If you have ideas or info you want to share, we want to get started planning. Bill is going to help run the session as his last hurrah (he's retiring

in March of 2023). We can host a Stewards roundtable session, which would be fun to have some prepared discussion points and take questions from the audience.

TAM Materials, Supplies, Submissions, and a New Poster?!

Maggie: October is Texas Archeology Month (TAM!) We will have a new TAM poster this year celebrating the 50th anniversary of the excavation of the 1554 Spanish Plate Fleet shipwrecks. It's also the 50th anniversary of the Marine Archeology Program. These should be available for distribution by August, so you can order them to hand out at TAM events in October. The THC is going to put together pinch pot kits to distribute to students for TAM again this year. Last year, we got out 400 kits to Central Texas students. This year we have set the ambitious goal of scaling it up to 5,000 kits to be distributed all over Texas, including through some of the Historic Sites and at TAM events. But it's a tall order, and we need volunteers to help with kit assembly. If you can wrangle a group together, we'll bring you the supplies and get you set up with an assembly line. A team of 4-6 people can get around 100 kits assembled in an hour. So let us know if you can organize a group of volunteers in July or August, and we can schedule a workday. Also, if you would like kits to distribute at your TAM event, or if you have any other distribution contacts (daycares, schools, Scout groups), please let us know. I'll be updating the TAM website very soon and will let everyone know when the TAM Event Form is up and running so you can start adding your events. Even if you don't have all the details yet, you can fill in what you know and send me updated information later. And remember, all year long you can order public outreach materials (posters and brochures) using the Public Outreach Materials Order Form:

<https://thc.texas.gov/public-outreach-materials>, or by emailing or calling Donna:
(Donna.McCarver@thc.texas.gov).

Please contact me:
(Maggie.Moore@thc.texas.gov) with any TAM ideas, volunteering, or requests for assistance with TAM events. Thank you!

TASN Newsletter Content Submissions

Becky: Thank you all for participating together in a reboot of the Steward's newsletter, this was long overdue. We're pleased we got it launched, hoping to have another this fall. We're already receiving articles and columns for the next issue. The rumor of a 200-word count for articles is not true, please don't try to constrain your work to that. Barbara Chadwick and Alice Stultz provided copy editing assistance, it was a team effort. We want to highlight Stewards' work, so don't hesitate to submit things to us. Our next publication goal is for this Fall, please submit your articles! https://thc.texas.gov/public/upload/pdf/TASNnews_2022_01_spring.pdf

TASN Listserv

When you receive messages from the listserv if you hit REPLY, it automatically replies to the entire listserv. If you want to respond to an individual (i.e. Donna with your semi-annual reports), recommend you select FORWARD, then type in the individual email address to send.

TASN Database Poll for Specialties, Areas of Interest

Becky: Two of our staff members, Laney Fisher and Virginia Moore, built a database to manage the Steward's information, including contact information, track reports and contributions, track tenure, and other archival information on the program. This will help streamline our work on the administrative end. There is a handout that you picked up when you came in that's a list of interest and specialties. Please go through the checklist and mark off your areas of interest. As regional archeologists we get cold calls all the time, we want to make sure we're approaching y'all mindfully and asking for assistance from the most appropriate Stewards.

Teddy Lou Stickney: Rock art is missing.

Becky: Please write that in. Feel free to write anything we missed on there.

History Pilot Program

Jenny: I'm excited to be here, my first Steward's meeting where I have a group of stewards. I grew up in College Station, we always came

here in school, and I started my career here where I taught kids how to grind corn and make butter. This is a pilot program, first year, getting our feet under us, figuring out how we can help each other. In attendance today are: Dan Utley, the brainchild behind the History Stewards, he worked for years in the Marker program. Bob Ward, TASN and the Travis County Historical Commission, and Laney Ottosen, researcher, professional, deed researcher. Richard Denney and Mary Kahle are not here today. Morris Jackson is here also. This year we started with webinar concepts on deed research, map overlays, things anyone working on historical sites might need. So, if you have suggestions for a 20-minute webinar, series of 2-3, if there are topics you need a little help on, please let us know. Geographic diversity is needed, we are all very centrally located. One goal is to help Marker program with their research, especially for undertold stories, do interviews, and deeper dives in that region. I may start sending out emails to the whole group. Sandy Rogers and I have been working on the prison cemeteries, making sure they are on the Atlas and that her research is in our records. Working with Donna Otto in Mission, Texas. The City once owned a 5-acre piece of property, then moved the cemetery but not all the graves. It's very helpful having a Steward working with the city. Recently, a landowner near Zephyr, Texas, in Brown County, found headstones along his fence line, it was an old town location before the railroad came through and moved town a mile away. Art Tawater is going out to meet with him, see if there are any obvious signs of the boundary. At TAS Field School, there will be a 3-day cemetery workshop, I encourage attending. It will be lecture on the 1st day, day 2 will be mapping, and remote sensing on the 3rd day. It will be in Tivydale Cemetery in southern Kerr County. Burying the person makes it an archeological site. It's in a horseshoe bend in the river, and the fence is NOT the cemetery boundary. Charles Frederick is going to help. Important to understand in cemetery research, you don't get to decide where the graves or the boundary are. If you're interested in historic research, if you know anything about deed research, if you check any of that on the checklist, you'll get contacted by me and Bob Brinkman.

Tribal Stewardship Pilot Program

Marie: Thank you Becky. I'm grateful that we are starting this program. My idea behind the tribal stewardship program is to make bridges between the tribal communities and the work you're doing on private land. Bryant Celestine represents the Historic Preservation Office for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe. He's known to many of you, but I can think of no one better to start this program. With that, I turn the podium over to Bryant.

Bryant: (traditional introduction): I greet you in the Alabama and Koasati language. My mother was of the Beaver Clan; therefore, I am of the Beaver Clan. I'm the Director of the Historic Preservation Office, I also manage our language program, tribal archives, tribal monitoring program, and cultural programs, internal committees within the Tribe, land use, and tribal communications. As a tribal steward, we talked about this not just in Texas, but all throughout our area. We cover 7 states from Brownsville over to panhandle Florida up to Tennessee. We deal with many agencies in this territory, cell towers, roads, military and forest stewardship. I'm the only one that deals with each and every request, whether 106, AIRFA, ARPA, NEPA and NAGPRA. I've seen a huge increase in communication in these last 2 years. Around 2015, I was averaging 30 emails a day, about 12,000 a year. Today I see over 50 emails every day, 96 one day last year. Lot of concerns we have out there, not just archeology, but ceremonial sites, sacred sites or things important to our people that we need to protect for future. We want to have an opportunity, a partnership to work together to complete projects, work with concerns of everyone, but it takes time. One time at a first meeting an agency drops a PA (Programmatic Agreement) and wants us to sign it; I threw it in the trash. You don't walk into a bar and hand someone a marriage license. I believe in developing that relationship, working together. It's taken a long time for our tribe to develop a good relationship with THC. When I came to the tribe in 2008, with USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers), every time we met with them, they'd apologize. I finally said, it's done, we're moving forward, working together. I've been fortunate to be a point of

contact if there's a point of concern. I've dealt with another state with highway projects. Over time they were given additional responsibilities with state EPA, they're not required to, but they still consult with us, giving us those consultations. We've been fortunate to have a very rich history in Texas, Texas wouldn't be here without the Alabama-Coushatta. We precede the State of Texas, the Republic of Texas and the Mexican government. In 1790, along the Atascocita Road and El Camino Real, our people built villages along the Trinity, Angelina, and Neches rivers. Built them on ridges along small streams, with a trail network between them. The Coushatta Trace went from Merryville, Louisiana, to Chester, to Livingston, down to La Bahía. When people were let into Texas, lots of things were outlawed as contraband. In order for Texas to participate in the war for freedom, the two main routes were monitored, so they used the Coushatta Trace to move contraband. Families later fled the war through that trace. We were able to help those families get across the Trinity River when it was flooding, fed them, gave medicines and fed horses. After the war, our chief went and told them when it was safe to come back. For years, we were the only federally recognized tribe in Texas. Sam Houston had a good relationship with us, not so much with Mirabeau Lamar. His policies, however, excluded the Alabama-Coushatta, some of the people on the Runaway Scrape may have been friends and family of Lamar. He issued a proclamation to Liberty County to leave the Coushatta alone. We are headquartered in Polk County on 1854 tribal land. We now own over 10,000 acres in Polk and Harris counties. We have a little over 1,370 members. This pandemic, like those that came before, hit us hard, we were fortunate to survive those challenges. We lost our tribal chief, my maternal uncle, and next-door neighbor. We're in the process now of selecting a principal chief and second chief.

Historic Sites

Sarah: Morning y'all. There's a lot of things happening in HSD. I won't talk about WOB, but as Jon Failor said there is a multimillion-dollar project to revamp several areas. I want to start with San Felipe. A few years ago, there

was a state resolution to allow our agency to get more of the sporting goods tax, which has resulted in a significant amount of money since that's what everyone has been doing the past couple of years because of Covid. THC has earmarked funds to build me a fantastic new complex of buildings that we are calling the MARS, Maintenance, Archeology, Retail, Support complex. In addition to the archeological lab with a receiving area, lab, collections storage, office and breakroom space, there will be public bathrooms with shower facilities and a laundry room as well as a maintenance facility, a retail operations building, two RV pads and a driveway/parking lot turnaround with a separate entrance from Second Street. It will be located to the east of the current museum visitors center and just southeast of our newest interpretive area, the Villa de Austin complex, which opened in November 2021. I have a permit to start clearance work for this project right after the end of TAS field school, so you can come dig shovel tests for me! We want to break ground December or early 2023. If you're interested in helping me dig shovel tests in the swamp in July, I'm going to create an online signup sheet. I'll probably do 2-3 days a week, and I'll send it through Becky to the TASN listserv when we get it figured out. My curator Danielle is also looking for volunteers particularly for sanding, carpentry, electrical, and other manual skills that can help her with the preparation and mounting of a new exhibit in our Temporary Gallery. In January 2023, the Texas Living History Association (TLHA) is hosting their annual meeting at San Felipe right before Real Places. We hope to expand the TLHA's interests and offerings on material culture with archeological sessions or events. If you're interested in helping plan or pull off this event, or know those kinds of folks, let me know. At Varner Hogg, this past Spring semester

saw Molly Morgan's advanced field methods students at Rice excavating in and around the enslaved quarters as part of their hands-on learning. Several TASN Stewards helped with these excavations, including Sandy Rogers and Sue Gross. At Levi Jordan, Dr. Catherine Jalbert and her staff are prepping for the Grand Opening of their new archeological and interpretive building, which is scheduled for Saturday June 11 (also the first day of TAS Field School). If you are coming to Field School late, you can go by there. Food's probably going to be good, you're all invited. Also, they built a dormitory designed specifically for archeology projects there, it's like an 8-room hotel. At Mission Dolores, Jamie Ross, the archeological curator at CFAR, got a Save America's Treasures grant to reprocess and reanalyze Mission Dolores collections. That collections work has started and includes processing and analysis of flotation samples. The second phase of that project is to build a history of the work on the site. If you worked at Mission Delores, or helped to process and or research the collections, please get in touch with Jamie; she wants to document all the work done there over the years. Finally, this past fall Jamie, Catherine, and I applied for another Save America's Treasures grant specifically for rehabbing several historic site legacy collections, including early San Felipe collections and several other sites, and to also create a training module for curatorial processing that can be shared elsewhere. Curriculum, how-to videos, etc., are part of that plan create training so that everyone is on the same page with processing collections. If we get that grant, we hope to kick off that work in January 2023. We want to host a specific curation/processing Field School, at my new fancy lab at San Felipe, toward the end of next year. Stewards interested in that work would be great.

10:30–10:50 a.m. Coffee Break

Continued Program Updates, Research Opportunities, etc.

Becky: Please note on the second page of the awards flier, certificates of appreciation, if your name is on there, before you leave today check

with Donna and she will give it to you. Our 2022 new Stewards are: Keith Stevens, Matt Reeves, John Jefferson, Dan Young, Kent Tannery, and Lori Horne. Three of these stewards do reenactments...so get to know

Sarah. The listserv has had some issues with distribution since last year, some people aren't getting emails. The outside vendor is having problems with spam, bots, etc., so listserv emails often get blocked as spam. You may need to look in settings in your email program, check and make sure stewards@lists.thc.texas.gov is marked as safe to deliver, not spam. If you are not getting any listserv emails, let me and Donna know, we will contact you separately and get you copies of everything.

Jenny: My role at THC is the Cemetery Preservation Program. I want to ask all stewards to go to the Atlas, look over that cemetery you saw that one time in the field, and check to see if it's on the Atlas. If not, there's a Report a Problem link that goes straight to me. If the cemeteries aren't on the Atlas, the federal agencies won't know about it, and it won't get protected.

Sarah: I am co-chair of ad-hoc committee involving the TAS community and the Future of Texas Archeology. One of the things we are working on is a mentorship program. We want long-time TAS members (professional and avocational), to help us create spaces for new folks to feel comfortable. If there are any of you interested in being a mentor or helping develop the program, please let us know. Stewards have a ton of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we want it to not just be professionals.

Announcements from Stewards

Tom Middlebrook: Iron Rock Site (41NA22) Prewitt did work there in 1975, now shovel testing, especially Kent Tannery. Area C hearth 1640, celt offering in the center post of house. Will be a proposal to bring TAS Field School to Nacogdoches to work at Mission Concepcion, this site will be in the suite of sites investigated. Mayhew (41NA21) site, Morris Jackson, George Avery, and I worked on for over 12 years. Native American and French Colonial materials. Trading post of the quartermaster of the Ramon expedition 1716. Nearly 2,000 Caddo sherds in a small area, but also dozens of cut nails from early 1800s, domestic material, hearth, foundation stones, Native American grinding stone, drill, points, but only a handful of

European sherds. Hasinai Tejas 19th-century Caddo house in its original territory. Monk's Cave (41RK84), easternmost petroglyphs in Texas. Archaic? More related to southeast than Pecos region? Also, with a Caddo midden dating to the early 1400s. Gerhard Bouwer site (41RK748) Caddo site, we had the East Texas Archeology Society field day there in April, found a midden, house, ceramics, bone (deer, small mammals, plastron), glass bead, Spanish hoe, gun parts with unique designs dating to 1708-1730.

Teddy Lou Stickney: I started Stewardship in Texas, saw how things were going in Arizona and New Mexico, to keep sites from being destroyed. In 1979, I was President of TAS and presented it to the Board. They accepted it but it was not funded. I went to see the State Archeologist, who was reluctant at first but later agreed to it. If you find evidence and get someone to write about it, it does help other people to open their eyes to it too. Then they'll come to you. Work up a committee in your county. Find out where your sites are in your county, you know people in your county, tap them and ask if sites are being destroyed. Make it known that you're trying to protect sites from being destroyed in Texas.

James Everett: The Southwestern Federation of Archaeological Societies met in April at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Stewards who gave formal presentations included Barth Robbins, Chris Lintz, Marisue Potts, Becky Shelton (THC) as well as others such as Charles Frederick and Tom Ashmore (drone specialist). Next day visited P-PHM A357, where 3 test pits were excavated, and 5 acres were surveyed. Artifacts recovered included lithics and cord-marked pottery, along with a shotgun barrel. A wall of some sort was exposed in the driveway. The next SWFAS meeting (the 57th) will be held in early April 2023, hosted by the Canyonlands Arch Society, in Quitaque (just outside of Caprock Canyons State Park).

Chris Lintz: During November 2021 TASN Steward Rick Day discovered remnants of a bison bone bed jump site at Caprock Canyon State Park in Briscoe County. Portions of sedi-

ments containing the bone bed are embedded in a steeply sloping sedimentary ramp measuring about 35 m long by 22 m wide at the base of a 6 m tall cliff. A drainage gully bisects the middle of these sediments and has removed some portions of the bone bed. Expansive areal erosion to the underlying Permian rock surface north and southeast of these sediments has created an unusual feature where the skeletal remains of at least six bison are exposed in a 1.5 to 2 m tall erosional profile escarpment that can be viewed from all sides of the Holocene sediments and the walls of the bisecting gully. An ash stain from a charcoal hearth is along the lower slope of the sediment ramp, and a few bifacial choppers, and occasional flake tools are found deflated next to the sediment escarpment, and recently, a loose Washita arrow point was found among one cluster of bones. While several archeologists have claimed to

have found other bison jump bone beds in Texas, only Bonfire Shelter and presently this site are associated with bison bones in one or more discrete layers in a bison jump situation.

Archeologists from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) have conducted preliminary documentation using drone photographic technology and select bones and bison teeth have been collected under their existing annual antiquities permit for dating the age of the bone layer(s) in the sediment ramp. Since the remaining remnants of this new bone bed jump site are relatively small and in jeopardy of eroding away in a few years, TPWD is negotiating with Texas Tech University to initiate a field school this fall to begin the investigation of this site under a new Texas Antiquities permit. The results of these studies will direct future studies of this site.

11:30–1:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon

(See Awards next page for details of recipients)

Norman Flaigg Certificate of Outstanding Performance

This certificate is awarded annually at the summer workshop to stewards whose reported accomplishments rank in the top 10 percent for all stewards. These scores are compiled from the information provided in the biannual reports, and is reflective of hours donated, mileage driven, sites recorded, monitored, or designated, collections recorded, talks given, and handouts distributed. The Norman Flaigg Honorable Mentions are also recognized for being in the top 20 percent for reporting.

Jim Word Award for Archeological Stewardship

This award is presented annually at the summer workshop to stewards after 10 years of service, and for each subsequent decade served.

Certificates of Appreciation

Issued to stewards that submitted their bi-annual reports.

Texas Archeological Stewardship Network Awards

May 14, 2022

Jim Word Award for Archeological Stewardship

20 Years

Elizabeth Aucoin
Frank Binetti
Henry (Don) Keyes
Larry Ripper
Joe D. Rogers
Sandra E. Rogers
Bob Vernon

30 Years

Bill Birmingham
Jay Blaine
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Teddy Lou Stickney
Brenda Whorton

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Marvin Gohlke, Jr.
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Steve Davis

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Sandra E. Rogers

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Region 1 West Texas

Callan Clark

Region 2 North Texas

Andy Burcham

Region 3 North-Central Texas

Chris Meis

Region 5 Coastal Texas

Louis Aulbach
Bill Birmingham

Region 6 South Texas

Donna Otto

Region 7 Central Texas

Stephen Bishop
Teresa "Terry" Farley
Chris Lintz
John Benedict
Françoise Wilson

Region 8 Southeast Texas

Bruce Grethen
Paul Spana

2022 Certificate of Appreciation Recipients

Louis Aulbach	James Everett	Lanny Ottosen
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Bill Birmingham	Sue Gross	Ona B. Reed
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Andy Burcham	Joe Hudgins	Larry Ripper
Ron Carpenter	Brenda Jackson	Sandra E. Rogers
Bryant Celestine	Morris Jackson	Gary Ryman
Barbara Chadwick	Bryan Jameson	Jim Schmidt
Gary Cheatwood	Mary Kahle	Robert Sewell
Wayne Clampitt	Beth Kennedy	Paul Spana
Callan Clark	Henry (Don) Keyes	Kevin Stingley
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Frank Condron	Doug Kubicek	Steve Stoutamire
Liz Coon-Nguyen	Clint Lacy	Art Tawater
Ed Cotham, Jr.	Chris Lintz	Mark Thacker
Jackie Covington	Craig Mangham	Mark Walters
Robert Crosser	Gary McKee	Bob Ward
Steve Davis	Ben McReynolds	Sonny A. Wheeler, III
Rick Day	Chris Meis	Buddy Whitley
Richard Denney	Tom Middlebrook	Bret Williamson
Janet Dye	Nick Morgan	Doug Wilkens
Debbie Eller	Corey Mullins	Françoise Wilson
Gary Endsley	Donna Otto	

Tribute to Johnney T. Pollan, Jr.

Sue Gross



Johnney T. Pollan, Jr.

Johnney T. Pollan, Jr. was born on March 23, 1947, in the shadows of the Alamo and missions in San Antonio. As a teenager, he was invited to participate in an excavation at one of the missions, which began a life-long fascination with history and archeology. Johnney graduated with a degree in engineering from Trinity University and worked for Dow Chemical Company in Freeport for 32 years, plus another 18 years as a contractor, where he designed process control computer programs for Dow. He also taught Dow's computer program courses at Brazosport College.

Johnney enjoyed sharing his knowledge and passion for history and became a mentor for many of us in the various archeological societies. He could recite many historical facts about Texas history, including the "13 Days of Glory" that he memorized in grade school. He was a founding member of the Brazosport Archaeological Society in 1981. He helped to document a unique site in the middle of the chemical plants at Dow, which was rich with prehistoric ceramics. He wrote to the Smithsonian Institution National Museum in 1971 for help to identify the remnants of historical artifacts from Velasco, and received a reply to his inquiry, long before there was an internet. Johnney attended many TAS Field Schools, serving as either a Crew Chief or Site Supervisor, and could hold a debate with many professional

archeologists, some of whom would seek his counsel on various topics. There are at least a few of us that remember the hilarious site "duels" by Johnney and the other site supervisors at TAS Field Schools at Wolf Creek in 1987-88. Johnney served as Camp Boss for the 1994-95 TAS Field Schools at the Lake Jackson Plantation State Archeological Landmark, where he slept in a hot tent at camp, when he could have stayed in his own bed less than a mile away with A/C. Johnney made his acting debut when he was featured in a TV show "The Dead Files" about the ghost at Lake Jackson Plantation.

Johnney was Curator of Archeology at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science for 42 years and was appointed to the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN) for the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in 1990. He was instrumental in documenting the pre-history and historical plantations of Brazoria County, and recorded many sites in the county, along with a coordinated effort known as Brazoria County Antebellum Plantation Survey. He volunteered with a summer archeology youth program in Illinois, and taught archeological classes for the Brazoria County Master Naturalists for many years, as well as providing many school classes with displays and lectures on archeology. He was recently involved with a project for the Partners for Archaeological Site Stewardship, a national program, as well as working on a project to document prehistoric ceramics that were collected in the 1950-60s. In the summer of 2022, the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science received a \$10,000 grant honoring Johnney Pollan's 42 years of service to the museum as Curator of Archaeology as well as on the Board of Directors. This grant was presented by The Raymond Plank Philanthropy Fund, a donor advised fund of the Northern Trust Charitable Giving Program, a program of The Chicago Community Foundation.

Johnney was able to share his passions with his family, as he and his wife Sandra were knowl-

edgeable experts on 19th-century ceramics. Johnney was able to share the last two TAS Field Schools that he attended with his granddaughter Connor and took his grand-daughter Meghan on a tour of the USS Texas. His grandson Lincoln shared his passion for all things related to military history.

Sadly, Johnney passed away on April 4, 2022 at the age of 75 years. Johnney is survived by his wife Sandra Driskill Pollan, who is also a TASN Steward, and their children Johnney (Trey), Heather and Erin, and their families.

Remembering Barbara Chadwick

Rebecca Shelton



Barbara Chadwick

Barbara Chadwick, our friend and TASN member, passed away peacefully in Conroe, Texas August 31, 2022. A former schoolteacher with the Jacksonville Independent School District, Barbara was well known as a mentor and teacher for many years in her role as crew

chief and assistant registrar at the TAS field schools, which she had attended since 2001. In addition to her career as a schoolteacher, she received a BA in Anthropology with an emphasis Archeology from Stephen F. Austin State University. She served as a TAS Regional Director and on the Nominating Committee for several years, steering the organization to select great leadership for the betterment of the future of the society. Upon retirement from teaching, she became a member of the TASN in 2015, aiding the THC with landowner assistance and public outreach in the East Texas region. Her family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one of her favorite organizations; Texas Archeological Society or Texas Parks and Wildlife. Her delightful sense of humor and kind nature will always be treasured; she will remain in our collective memories indefinitely.

In Memory

Since 2019, too many of our friends and fellow stewards have passed away. During the May 2022 Annual Meeting and workshop, we recognized them for their contributions and held a moment of silence. We were honored to have known them and worked so closely for many years together. Their hard work and dedication to preservation of our shared heritage in Texas will not be forgotten.

Alvin Lynn

Dick Gregg

Bill Foerster

Evans Turpin

Bryan Boyd

Sheldon Kindall

Russell Potocki

J. Travis Roberts

Rolla Shaller

Johnney Pollan

Charlie Bollich

Barbara Chadwick

Beverly Mendenhall

TASN Upcoming Events and Publications

Upcoming Events

October 2022

Texas Archeology Month

Each year, the THC celebrates the spirit of discovering Texas' past. It's an opportunity for Texans to understand the depth and richness of our heritage. Texas Archeology Month (TAM) events are held all across the state and online throughout the month of October. Most are family-friendly and include events such as Archeology Days with hands-on activities and demonstrations, take-home activity kits, museum tours and special exhibits, lectures and presentations, history walks, and more. The THC is providing free archeology-related posters and brochures, which you can receive by submitting the Public Outreach Materials Order Form or emailing Donna McCarver (donna.mccarver@thc.texas.gov).



The TAM 2022 poster highlights the THC's investigations of the wreck of the *San Esteban*, which led to creation of the Antiquities Code of Texas. Order some free posters to give out at your TAM event now!

For more information, visit our website at:
www.thc.texas.gov/tam

or contact TAM Coordinator Maggie Moore at:
maggie.moore@thc.texas.gov.

Oct 21–23, 2022

TASN Business Meeting

We will be holding a TASN Business Meeting Friday afternoon during the TAS Annual Meeting in Tyler. In addition, THC staff are hosting a symposium. Presentations will cover a broad

range of subjects highlighting the many THC programs, with of course highlights from the TASN reports.

Now through December 31, 2022

Send in your TASN nominations for the 2023 year.

March 29–April 3, 2023

2023 Society of American Archeology

The TASN program will be highlighted at the 2023 Society of American Archeology annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. We were invited to present in the symposium "Site Stewardship Matters: Comparing and Contrasting Site Stewardship Programs to Advance Our Practice." This session will include highlights and program statistics for stewardship programs through the United States.

Consultation and Collaboration: A Starting Point for Museums and Indigenous Tribes

Save the dates! Here is a list of the upcoming Tribal Representation in Museums Workshops. Times for the workshops will be announced closer to the date of the event. Registration for the full-day in-person workshops and one-hour virtual follow-up webinars will open in January 2023 at www.thc.texas.gov/museum-services.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023—workshop at Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg

Thursday, March 9, 2023—workshop at Museum of the Coastal Bend, Victoria

Tuesday, April 18, 2023—workshop at Gregg County Historical Museum

Thursday, April 20, 2023—workshop at The Grace Museum, Abilene

Tuesday May 2, 2023—workshop at Centennial Museum, El Paso

Thursday, May 4, 2023—workshop in Palo Duro Canyon State Park

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Please discuss any special areas of interest, expertise or skill that make this nominee a good candidate for the stewardship network. If you have worked directly with the nominee, please describe what you did together. If more space is needed, please continue your description on a separate sheet, and include it when you submit your nomination.

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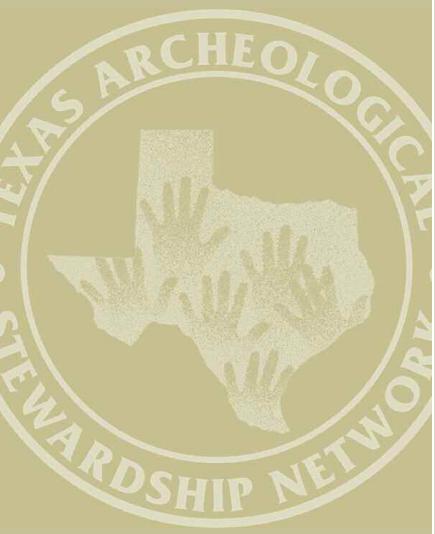
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