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# *Hill Country Archeological Association*

*The History of the First Fifteen Years*

*1999 to 2014*

If you are new to HCAA or not present for the founding of the organization, your editor thought it would be of interest to the membership to look at where we started and where we are now. An esteemed member, who has been with us for the whole HCAA story, has graciously taken on the task of writing our history as an organization. Thank you Kay Woodward for being a voice for HCAA

### THIS IS HOW IT ALL STARTED....

In February, 1999, Robert "Bobby" Rector, a well-known Kerrville professional archeologist, sent a letter to professional and avocational Texas archeologists asking their interest and support in helping form a new archeological group in Kerrville. From their replies and offers of assistance, on the long weekend of March 19-21, 1999, an "Archeology Rendezvous on the River" was held at the Kerrville-Schreiner State Park, sponsored by Texas Archeological Society and Texas Historical Commission. On hand to present activities at this successful event were Bryant Saner, Dan Potter, Curt Harrell, Allen Bettis, Nick Morgan, Logan McNatt, Don Shirley, Tom Middlebrook, John DeStefano, Reeda Peel, Ray Smith and the speaker, Dr. Mike Collins. This event sparked great interest in archeology in the Kerrville area.

An article in the Kerrville Daily Times stated a new archeological group would gather on Thursday, April 22, 1999, at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library meeting room at 7 p.m. This organization would focus on "promoting the preservation, documentation and excavation of sites threatened with destruction in the Hill Country." There was a good turnout at this meeting, during which the organization name of "Hill Country Archeological Association" (HCAA) was voted on and chosen. An interim board of directors was set up to get the business of the organization started. They were Vernon Harrison, Scott Hobbs, Sue Jensen-Hobbs, Bobby Rector and Bryant Saner. Vernon Harrison agreed to apply for a charter for the association.

The next meeting was held on Saturday May 15, 1999 at the Butt-Holdsworth Library. Officers elected were: Bryant Saner, President; Sue Jensen-Hobbs, Vice-President; Brenda Harrison, Secretary, and T. G. "Woody" Woodward, Treasurer. The three Board Directors elected were: Bobby Rector, Scott Hobbs and Vernon Harrison. Annual dues were set at Full time Student: \$10; Active (individual, institutions, & societies) \$15; Family \$20; Contributing \$50; Supporting \$100; Life Member \$250; and Patron \$500. By-laws were also created, patterned after those of the Southern Texas Archeological Association. Within a short while, HCAA become incorporated, had non-profit status, a set of written Ethics, and with the generous donations given, just over \$1000.00 in the treasury. It was agreed that anyone participating in any HCAA field project must be a member in good standing, and HCAA meetings were open to

the public. It was decided that those who joined prior to August 1, 1999, would be Charter Members. On April 15, 2014, HCAA noted our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are pleased that seventeen of those original charter members remain active in the organization. They are listed at the end of this narrative.

On May 16, 1999, an application for membership form was drawn up and 15 members present signed as Charter Members. Bryant Saner then lead the group for the first field trip to KWMA property. At the recorded Hatfield Shelter, 41KR493, we viewed rock art and took photos. This was an open peaceful rock shelter above the Guadalupe River, with red, black and light blue fading, damaged rock art. Bobby Rector was able to take photos with his digital camera and used the image of what appeared to be a horse to design HCAA's logo for use on stationery, tee shirts, hats, etc. It was agreed we could monitor this area as an association project for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. to make these areas more visible from the road and perhaps cut down on the illegal digging.

In June, 2000, our first newsletter was published by members Bill and Cheryl Wildfong.

On July 24, 1999, HCAA hosted the STAA at Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library. The three speakers were: Bobby Rector, discussing his findings at "The Whitfield Scott Site in Downtown Kerrville." Second speaker was Bryant Saner, discussing, "The Hatfield Pictograph Shelter in Western Kerr County", and then, Dr. Steve Black, talking about "Solving the Mysteries of Indian Mounds in Central Texas." Thus began alternate event hosting that lasted several years.

On the following day, Sunday, July 25, 1999, HCAA members went for their first field work together at the Cypress Springs site in West Kerr County. Bobby Rector was in charge. There were 25 enthusiastic persons doing surveys and shovel tests. This project eliminated those who wanted just to collect, and demonstrated those who wanted to do proper archeology. This work was completed in the fall.

In 40 degrees on January 26, 2000, a hardy crew of 10 went to KWMA to work on clearing debris and lowering branches, etc. to halt the looters. Those working with clippers, chain saws, and hand tools were: Carl Moore, Virgil Altwein, Vernon Harrison, Jose Contreras, George Kolb, LaVona and Von Evans, Tom Gainer, Woody and Kay Woodward. Two hours of hard work brought lots of branches and deadfall which were smashed down over and over again to fill the large dug out pits.

On February 24, 2000, a plaque was presented to Bryant Saner for his guidance during the beginning of the Hill Country Archeological Association. Bryant resigned due to job demands. Vernon Harrison took the President position and Sue Jensen-Hobbs, as a Director, agreed to be the next in-coming Pres-

ident when she finished her work with THC and TAS. All other board members remained in place.

On March 18, 2000, "Rendezvous on the River II" took place, again at the Kerrville-Schreiner State Park. Highlight of the event was the arrival and showing of a French- origin bronze cannon. The cannon was recovered from the Matagorda Bay site then believed to be the location of French explorer de La Salle's ship, "La Belle". One of the speakers at the event was Jim Bruseth, who later wrote a historical archeological book about the ship, "La Belle".

In May of 2000, HCAA began to hold meetings at Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in downtown Kerrville, rather than at the library.

On April 30, 2000, an emergency Board meeting was called because the president, Vernon Harrison, and the secretary, Brenda Harrison, resigned for personal reasons on April 17, 2000. Sue Jensen-Hobbs, was appointed to complete the president's term of office, in accordance with the By-laws. Bryant Saner was appointed to be Vice-President, and in charge of programs and speakers for the association. After contacting member Penny Brown, she agreed to be the secretary and was appointed by the Board, and Jose Contreras was appointed to fill the vacant Director position. Kay Woodward served as recording secretary during this called meeting.

All of the year 2000 continued to be one of change, challenge and vital growth for HCAA. Christina Weinzierl, an archeologist moved to Ingram and worked at the Kerrville library. She attended our first meetings at KACC, and cataloged our newly-acquired library. She obtained additional publications for HCAA at a savings. In May, Bryant led several of us to a mid-1800's dog-trot log cabin in SE Gillespie County where survey and excavation work was completed. Then, from late July and continuing off and on for two years, several members worked with Bryant doing a survey at the 6491-acre tract where TPWD uses to study wild game management, KWMA.

Our Executive Board for 2001 was: President: Jose Contreras; Vice-Pres: Bryant Saner; Secretary: Christina Weinzierl; Treasurer: Woody Woodward; Directors: George Kolb; Carl Moore and Bobby Rector. Some of the projects undertaken during 2001 were: Another brush and debris clean-up at KWMA in February; The new Our Lady of the Hills Catholic High School 75- acre survey, also in February; a lithics workshop conducted by Bryant Saner in March; continuation of survey work at KWMA in March; a Rendezvous on the River III in April; and a new Archeology Fair Celebration at KACC in October. Both these successful events were supported by STAA, CAR, TPWD, THC, LUAS, and many, many HCAA members. We have set the stage for the reader, so will rapidly move through the following years of HCAA's growth.

Needless to say, there were many challenges throughout those years, but the organization fortunately never suffered through a period of decline.

The Board of Directors for 2002 were: President, Jose Contreras; Vice- President, David Shelley; Secretary, Sue Jensen-Hobbs; Treasurer, Woody Woodward; Directors: Curt Harrell, Kay Woodward and Bobby Rector. Two new properties were made available for surveys, one in Fredericksburg and "Kokopelli" beyond Harper. Work began on both in early spring. Work continues at the Shepard Site on the northern outskirts of Kerrville.

In May, Bryant led HCAA members on a tour of the CAR lab and then on to the Witte Museum. Also in May, the Texas Historical Commission listed Jose Contreras and Woody Woodward as newly named members of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN).

In July, during the KACC children summer classes, Kay Woodward conducted two archeology oriented classes. Von Evans, Jose Contreras and Woody assisted. These classes continued for years, and added field work at a nearby ranch. This led to KACC's donation of a new E-Z Up Shelter to HCAA. In September, HCAA members took part in the annual Living Heritage Day at Louise Hays Park in Kerrville by handing out flyers about HCAA and discussed archeology in the day-long event to hundreds of attendees. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Paul and Gwen Smith hosted the first gathering of members at a Christmas brunch at their home.

In December, 2002, HCAA published Volume 1, No.1, of the research journal, ANCIENT ECHOES. This was a major step for our young organization.

Early in 2003, member Fritz Ozuna found a metal point in Kimble County. In the fall, Bryant Saner found another one in western Kerr County. These finds are rare, and finding two, by HCAA members, was exceptionally rare. These were reported in an article in ANCIENT ECHOS.

The 2003 Board of Directors were: President, Jose Contreras; Vice-President, David Shelley; Secretary, Kay Woodward; Treasurer, Woody Woodward; Directors: Paul Smith, Bryant Saner and Mike Durack. Newsletter Editor, Jose Contreras. Journal Editor, Cindy Harrington and Bryant Saner. During this year, membership grew to 75. We continued our field work with several landowners, and conducted four outreach projects.

On October 4th, HCAA and STAA held a joint meeting to celebrate STAA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville. Dr. Elton Prewitt and Dr. Carolyn Boyd were the speakers.

The 2004 elected Board of Directors were: Paul Smith, President; David Shelley, V-Pres.; Vonie Evans, Secretary; Woody Woodward, Treasurer; Directors: Tom Miller,

Kay Woodward, and Jose Contreras. Jose continued as newsletter editor.

In May, 2004, TxDOT, began surveys for an upcoming project along the Guadalupe River. The TxDOT surveyors unearthed an archeological prehistoric campsite, and were required by law to bring in a professional archeological consultant organization to handle the project. What was found were thousands of artifacts, bone, ancient tools and charcoal. The 60-foot earth oven bottom was 3,700 years old, having been used seasonally over years by nomadic people. Boone Law, Project Archeologist for SWCA, spoke at one of the HCAA meetings, and he dated the campsite to be more than 5,000 years old. The project was finished in the early fall of 2004, and TxDOT proceeded with the construction of the high water bridge that connected Spur 98 and Texas 27 over the Guadalupe River.

Volume 2 of ANCIENT ECHOS, our research journal, was published and distributed to the members in 2004. Other persons could purchase a copy for \$5.00 a copy this year.

20 members who joined HCAA five years ago in 1999, are still members to date. The membership continues to grow in the organization, as well as our attraction to the landowners who want surveys on their properties. We have now recorded 17 sites at the "Kokopelli Project, with more being surveyed.

The elected 2005 Board of Directors were: Paul Smith, President; Woody Woodward, V-President; David Shelley, Treasurer; Vonie Evans, Secretary; Edward Rendon, Bryant Saner, Jose Contreras, Directors. Deborah Bauer was the newsletter editor.

Landowners Jerry and Janice Ahrens were presented a plaque for their many contributions to archeology. They graciously allow HCAA to use their ranch to train youth in archeological techniques.

The wrap up of the Kokopelli project, a new salvage project in Hunt, and a major project in Real County are keeping the field workers busy. Incoming artifacts from these locations have required set lab dates at the Woodwards. A new member, Aric Monts-Homkey, helped put the lab in working order and became a faithful field worker.

In July, 2005, HCAA began holding all meetings at Riverside Nature Center, and meetings would be held every other month beginning in January on the third Saturday. A calendar of all event and field work dates will continue to be printed in the newsletter. Members will be notified in case of cancella-

tions.

The 2006 elected officers were: T. G. "Woody" Woodward, President; Edward Rendon, V-Pres.; Jill Furse, Secretary, Bryant Saner, Treasurer; Carol Miller, Carleen Evans, and Dorothy Grayson, Directors. Deborah Bauer was Newsletter Editor.

HCAA has been gradually building up an inventory of equipment for archeology celebrations and for field work. Dr. Rusty Greave of CAR-UTSA, donated a stadia rod to go with the transit HCAA owns.

8 members took a field trip January 13-14, 2006, to the Lower Pecos where they viewed rock art in the Seminole Canyon area, the White Shaman Shelter and an idyllic setting where there was a still pool of water in a limestone carved bowl setting, which was decorated with small red handprints. Artist Dean Mitchell was the excellent guide for that day.

At the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, HCAA awarded its first Honorary Lifetime Membership to charter member, E. Tom Miller. A plaque was presented to Tom, who has been an active and financial supporter of archeology throughout central and south Texas.

Dr. Steve Tomka gave HCAA members a basic lithic analysis workshop on Saturday, April 15, 2006. There was intense interest by the members during this two-hour study of stone tools.

All members received a copy of the third publication of ANCIENT ECHOES, the research journal of HCAA. Extra copies could be purchased for \$8.00 each.

HCAA participated in Fredericksburg's Pioneer Days and had several children activities at RNC Earth Day. Woodward's began teaching groups of students from the San Angelo and Odessa area at HEB Camp near Leakey. Field work continued at the rugged ranch in Real County, with 17 sites recorded to date. Two other county projects were on-going surveys.

A special fundraising idea called "half and half" was tried beginning at the May, 2006 meeting.

The HCAA Christmas Annual Brunch began Dec. 9, 2006, at 10 a.m., at RNC, with Dorothy Grayson as lead hostess, along with help from many HCAA ladies and gents.

President Woody Woodward presented Bryant Saner with the first "HCAA President's Award" for outstanding service to HCAA. Bryant has served since 1999 as the Program Chairman, Field Coordinator and a mentor to many in HCAA.

Elected 2007 Board of Directors were: Kay Woodward, President; Steve Stewart, V-Pres.; Bryant Saner,

Treasurer; Jill Furse, Secretary; Directors: Edward Rendon, Dorothy Grayson, and Carol Miller. Past President/Advisors: Jose Contreras, Woody Woodward, Paul Smith. Deborah Bauer continued as the Newsletter Editor.

Founding Charter Member, Robert "Bobby" Rector died June 7, 2007. This was a great loss to HCAA. He lives on through his outstanding, priceless posters he made for the organization, as well as the many friendships he made with his sly sense of humor and outstanding archeological methods he passed on to the members.

A lab was added to the KACC summer children's archeology classes, which proved most successful following their field work.

A new property in Real County became available, which required many members working on the surveys. A successful rummage and bake sale was held to raise funds toward paints, printing, etc. for the annual Celebration, and for the needed field equipment expenses. Terry Farley chaired this activity, and Dorothy Grayson handled the bake sale.

President Kay Woodward presented Jose Contreras with the "Archeologist of the Year" Award for his creation of "Archeology 101", the well-received 5-minute talks he gave at the meetings about archeology, which were simple descriptions about points, tools, and so forth. Jose also worked with the youth and adults in field work, as well as helped greatly to see that the Archeology Celebrations were successful. Kay then presented "Volunteer of the Year" Award to Deborah Bauer for being the Editor of HCAA newsletter for three years, and being available for field work and other volunteer jobs. Kay presented the "HCAA President's Award" to Woody Woodward for his many years as a Board Member, serving as Field Coordinator, being the builder, repairer, and transporter of the field equipment.

Kay also presented an engraved plaque to Reed and Francha West, landowners, for their dedication to preservation archeology.

The elected 2008 Board were: President, Dorothy Grayson; Vice President, Steve Stewart; Secretary, Jill Furse; Treasurer, Bill Csanyi; Directors: Jose Contreras, John Forister, and Stephenie Ertel.

Member Irene Van Winkle received THC's Award of Excellence in Media Achievement for the series of news articles she is writing about the settlement of this area. She is an editor for the newspaper, "West Kerr Current" in west (Ingram area) Kerr County.



Two lengthy articles about the work done by HCAA were published in newspapers this year. Joe Herring even discussed HCAA in his weekly column following our archeology celebration.

Two new projects opened for field work, one a large midden in central Kerr County and an extensive ranch property in Kendall County. Other projects continued. New members began working in the field also.

Elected Board for 2009 were: President, Stephanie Ertel; V-Pres., Dorothy Grayson; Treasurer, Rudi Winzinger; Secretary, Teresa "Terry" Farley; Directors, John Forister, Jose Contreras, and Jill Furse. John Forister was the Newsletter Editor.

It was decided because of the volume and variety of work conducted in the field, all field workers would benefit by oversight by a Field Work Committee. So the most experienced HCAA field leaders at that time spent several different days and hours discussing all aspects of procedures and guidelines until finally a Field Work Protocol was developed. The Field Work Committee is charged with: (a) developing a protocol for determining the appropriate level of investigation of new sites, (b) a training program that will encompass all skills for field work, laboratory work and report writing, and (c) format for making field work accessible to the general membership. The Coordinator, or Chair, of the Field Work Committee shall be appointed by the Board President each year. He/She has the authority to implement and interpret the HCAA Archeological Investigation Protocol.

HCAA members celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization on April 18, 2009, with a dinner at Acapulco's. 22 Charter Members from 1999 continue in HCAA. Our organization has been served by nine presidents. They were Bryant Saner, Vernon Harrison/Sue Hobbs, Jose Contreras (three terms), Paul Smith (two terms), Woody Woodward, Kay Woodward, Dorothy Grayson, and [then] Stephanie Ertel.

The Field Work Protocol Committee drafted additional materials for the basic notebook. Kay Woodward prepared a Lab Manual, Jose Contreras provided a Survey Manual, John Forister wrote a Scope of Work layout and Bryant Saner added a Glossary of Terms to go along with his Basic Excavation Manual. The Protocol Manual is now an excellent notebook to use for training new field workers besides being the basic guide for how all HCAA field work is accomplished.

The first field training class under the new protocol began in September, 2009. From this class, several new field workers and four crew chiefs (PA) were able to (continue)/start working on many projects

throughout the surrounding counties.

The Archeology Celebration had two speakers this year, as well as the many other activities for the families.

President Stephanie Ertel invited HCAA to her off-the-grid home for an Open House holiday party this year. Her house uses solar energy and rainwater to provide all its utilities and relies on its passive solar design for comfort year round.

The elected Board for 2010 were: Steve Stoutamire, President; John Benedict, Vice-President; Rudi Winzinger, Treasurer; Terry Farley, Secretary; Directors: Jose Contreras, Celeste Hall, and Bob Ogle. John Forister continued year as Newsletter Editor, with Stephanie Ertel taking job in May.

The TAS 2010 Lithics Academy was held at the Kerrville Red Cross building on February 20-21, 2010, with HCAA as host organization. 37 persons attended.

HCAA members worked a couple of months to develop its own website, [hcarcheology.org](http://hcarcheology.org). This was another positive step forward in growth for the group.

20 HCAA members attended TAS field school near Hondo in June of 2010. Some did the prehistoric excavations at the Calvert Ranch near Tarpley on Hondo Creek, while others worked at a historic site in Castroville, and others either surveyed for new sites or worked in the laboratory.

Eight HCAA members worked with Chris Lintz, KWMA Archeologist, at HCAA's adopted Hatfield Shelter Area on June 26<sup>th</sup>, maintaining the site, and locating four new sites.

Steve Stoutamire and Bryant Saner began study and recording of stone fences in Kerr County. Many were built during the period between arrival of farmers in the 1850's and the introduction of barbed wire for fencing in the mid-1870's.

The elected Board for 2011 were: President, Steve Stoutamire; Vice-Pres., John Benedict; Secretary, Terry Farley; Treasurer, Rudi Winzinger; Directors: Bob Ogle, Ivan Oak and Penny Bryant. Stephanie Ertel continued as Newsletter Editor until July, at which time Penny Bryant took over as Editor.

The Board decided to create a Speakers Bureau since HCAA has been a source for speakers on topics related to archeology and Hill Country history and prehistory throughout its 12 years of existence. The Board looked for opportunities for HCAA speakers to fill on-going educational needs in the communities. Each speaker has his own presentations he will make to certain age/size groups.

A field trip to the Gault Site near Florence was arranged by Kay Woodward. 12 HCAA members were able to take the interesting Clovis site tour led by Dr. Clark Wernecke.

With 8 projects currently under investigation, the president prepared an "Archeological Site Inventory for Investigation" format so the field crew chiefs could work with him and prioritize the projects and plan the future work. This forces incentive and a reminder of our mission statement to survey and record details of archeologically significant sites.....

A dues increase of \$5.00 per single and family was made by the Board, to be effective beginning October 1, 2012. Individual membership will be \$25.00, and family membership will be \$30.00.

HCAA Junior Archeologists group was formed and held their first meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, with 12 eager young folks and their parents on hand at the RNC lab. Plans were made for their next meeting in two months.

The archeology celebration featured all the many children activities, plus Joe Rogers doing skilled historical wood working, Steve Norman with prehistoric food and clothing articles used to survive, the Native American Dancers with the drum "Southern Winds", plus Joe Herring and Dr. Clark Wernecke as the speakers.

Elected to the 2012 Board: President, Ron Holm; V-President, John Benedict; Secretary, Terry McTaggart; Treasurer, Penny Bryant; Directors: Jimmy Hutto, Joe Luther and Stephen Bishop. Penny Bryant continued as the Newsletter Editor.

In March, President Ron Holm began his presentation of awards during his office term by giving Penny Bryant an Award of Excellence in special recognition as Editor of the HCAA Newsletter and for her continuing support to the advancement and achievements of HCAA. This award was most definitely deserved!

The latest "Ancient Echoes" research journal was distributed at the May meeting to those members in 2010 and 2011.

Dr. Steve Tomka, Director of CAR-UTSA, taught a morning lithic workshop at RNC on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Members brought many artifacts for Tomka to identify also. A second all-day workshop was held at the Y. O. Resort Hotel on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sad news during 2012. Archeologist Sue Ellen Turner passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was one of the

authors of "A Field Guild to Stone Artifacts of Texas Indians". She was a much loved friend to many in Central and South Texas.

Jane Cuffano Frankel, librarian, Life Member and "Bead Lady", served as our librarian until her father's illness, and passing took her time away from HCAA. Jane, a degreed librarian, never read a fiction novel. She was always researching and traveling across the world for answers about beads, and to get samples of them. She was a sought after expert in both beads and Jewish history. Until her own death on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Jane remained clear minded and concerned about her mother, Mildred Cuffano, the pine needle basket artist. We fondly recall the two of them presenting together at our archeology celebrations. Howard Crockett was a long time member of HCAA. Although not always active in HCAA meetings and just a couple field outings, Howard and Geri gave much to archeology through their work with TAS Academy programs. Howard passed away on June 7, 2012.

Our HCAA Bill Ellis was a long time member. Bill died on August 12<sup>th</sup>. He was our atlatl guy at every archeology celebration from the very beginning. He could tell a person a great deal about weapons, dress and so on. His quietness was often mistaken for shyness, but Bill had a very sharp mind. He wrote a monthly column for the Bandera newspaper from the Native American view point. He was honored at the Bandera Dance Pow-wow.

Congratulations were given to HCAA members Woody Woodward and Frank Binetti for ten years participation in the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network of the Texas Historical Commission. Both were "Jim Word Award" Recipients for their dedicated volunteer work in their own and many areas of the state. Rendezvous on the River Archeology Celebration 2012 had Steve Tomka and Steve Black as the speakers. There were no other activities other than HCAA had a sale table, an information table and an artifact identifying table.

Kay and Woody Woodward, Bryant Saner, John Benedict, Jose Contreras and Penny Bryant created the HCAA Junior Archeology Student Handbook, Special Publication #2. This colorful and spiral bound handbook is to be used in field training classes, as well as by members who wish to understand more about archeological methods and terms. The Junior (young students) Archeologists group disbanded because of too many other activities.

In November 2012, HCAA recognized Kay Woodward with an award for her continuing support to the advancement and achievements of the organization.

There was the largest turnout ever at the Christmas party. Ron presented Steve Stoutamire with the well deserved plaque for Volunteer of the Year Award for his work as mentor, Chair of the Field Work Committee, Trainer of the Newest Field Workers, Principle Archeologist, Multi-site Recorder and Public Speaker. Ron then presented Archeologist of the Year award to Joe Luther for his contributions to local history research, field work projects, web master and his valued publications.

The 2013 Elected Board was: Ron Holm, President; Stephen Bishop, Vice-President; Terry McTaggart, Secretary; Penny Bryant, Treasurer; Directors: John Benedict, Jim Weathersbee and Joe Luther. Penny Bryant continued as Newsletter Editor.

At the July meeting, Terry Farley was presented with a HCAA award in recognition for her years of service and continuous support of the organization.

After long weeks of intense work, HCAA and the Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081, along with staff at the Riverside Nature Center, held the opening of the museum quality archeological and paleo-environmental exhibit, "17,000 Years of Hill Country Life", on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A surprise of the evening was Steve Stoutamire presenting an engraved plaque to Ron Holm, who accepted it on behalf of the Elks for recognition of their partnership in the development and funding of the display.

Two more awards: Rudi Winzinger received the HCAA 2013 Inspirational Award for his continuous support over many years as a Board of Directors Treasurer, Field Work Participant, inspiration to new members and our association photographer.

Kay Woodward received a Jim Word Award from Texas Historical Commission for her 10 years service as a Steward.

The Archeology Celebration was held October 19<sup>th</sup>, featuring Tom Hester and Britt Bousman as the guest speakers. Three flint knappers from the Gault program were also in attendance, Sergio Ayala, Tom Williams and Nancy Velchoff.

The HCAA helped TPWD stabilize prehistoric sites at KWMA on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Chris Lintz was in charge for TPWD.

The elected Board for 2014: President, Stephen Bishop; Vice-President, John Benedict; Secretary, Donna Brewton; Treasurer, Penny Bryant; Directors: Judy Carswell, Ron Holm and Terry Farley. Penny Bryant continues as Newsletter Editor.

The outgoing president, Ron Holm presented the *2013 Archeologist of the Year Award* to John Benedict for his contributions in local historical research and field project work, and as the contributing author the HCAA Website and publications. The membership agreed this was well deserved for the large number of sites that John had recorded this past year and all his other efforts on behalf of the organization.

President Holms then presented the *Volunteer of the Year Award for 2013* to Terry McTaggart for "Her Efforts in the Development and Production of "17,000 Years of Hill Country Life" HCAA Multimedia Exhibit on Display at Kerrville Riverside Nature Center.

The Charter Members from 1999 to 2014 still in HCAA are:

Voy and Elizabeth Althaus

Carl and Cheryl Moore

Deborah Bauer

David and Mary Shelley

Steve Black

Bryant Saner

Jose Contreras

H. Ray Smith

Scott and Sue Hobbs

Sylba Lee Storm

Myrna Langford

Woody and Kay Woodward

*April 15, 2014 is our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*