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**CALENDAR**

**General Meeting,**  
May 15, 2010  
12:30 p.m.

**Field Work**  
Kimble Co. 5/8  
Medina 5/22 TBA

**Tom Miller Party**  
May 29, 2010  
12:00 Noon

**Joint Meeting**  
With Kerr County  
Historical Comm.  
July 17, 2010



## MAY MEETING FEATURES COLONIAL CERAMICS

Kristi Miller Ulrich, CAR Archeologist, to Explore  
Perez Ranch Excavation in Bexar County

Kristi Miller Ulrich, Project Archeologist and Research Scientist with the Center for Archeological Research at UTSA, will provide a window on the Spanish Colonial period in Bexar County with her program for the May 15, 2010 HCAA meeting at Riverside Nature Center. Perez Ranch, the First Spanish Ranch in Bexar County, known to archeologists as 41BX274, is located along the northern bank of the Medina

River. From January through May 2008, CAR carried out testing and data recovery at the Perez Ranch site. A total of 114 shovel tests were excavated to a depth of 40 cm, and a total of 77 test units were excavated, exposing the foundation of the Perez Ranch stone house. Artifacts recovered from the vicinity of the stone foundation appear to date the construction and occupation to the early to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Investigations at the *jacal* (an adobe-type structure built with poles and mud) revealed a mix of cultural materials dating to the late Spanish Colonial period and the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Ulrich's expertise lies with the Spanish Colonial occupation of Texas. She is the co-author with Anne Fox of the CAR publication "A Guide to Ceramics from Spanish Colonial Texas. *Cont'd. May Meeting, p.3*

## JOINT MEETING WITH KERR COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION SET FOR JULY 17 AT RNC

THE HCAA GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010 WILL BE A JOINT MEETING OF HCAA AND THE KERR COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION. THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE

MANY INTERESTS IN COMMON, AND BOTH RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THEIR PUBLIC OUTREACH AND OTHER PROJECTS.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE JULY 17 MEETING WILL FEATURE RACHEL FEIT, ARCHEOLOGIST WITH HICKS & COMPANY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. SHE WILL BE SPEAKING ON HISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY.

**DON'T MISS  
TOM  
MILLER'S  
95<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY**



**WHEN: MAY 29  
TIME: NOON  
PLACE:  
WOODWARDS'  
813 RIM ROCK  
KERRVILLE**

**POT LUCK  
BBQ**

MEAT & DRINKS  
ON THE HOUSE,  
BRING SALAD,  
DESSERT,  
VEGGIES, FRUIT  
OR ROLLS

*Everyone is  
Invited – Come  
have fun with  
your HCAA  
friends!*

## BOARD CONSIDERS FUTURE WEBSITE FOR HCAA

John Benedict, Joe Luther and Kay Woodward are the initial members of a committee appointed by the HCAA Board to investigate the possibility of creating a presence for HCAA on the Internet.

According to Woodward, "an HCAA Web Site will increase awareness of our organization and provide an updated constant calendar of events."

Benedict has prepared an "HCAA Website Development" Checklist identifying the many issues to be considered before making the decision to create and maintain a website.

The committee hopes to appoint two additional HCAA members to work on this project to add more knowledge and skills to the effort.

The first step is to analyze web sites used by archeological associations and other organizations to identify the most effective designs and make a comprehensive list of desired content.

Other matters of interest are price, available domain names, and how to determine what to include on the site.

Kay Woodward

## SANER TO HEAD FIELD WORK COMMITTEE

Bryant Saner will chair the HCAA Field Work Committee following his appointment at the April Board meeting. The other members of the Field Work Committee are Kay Woodward, Woody Woodward and Dorothy Grayson. Jose Contreras will serve as the Board

liaison to the committee.

In addition to guiding the training for new Principal Archeologists to lead HCAA archeological investigations, the committee will review the P.A.'s proposals for site work and the resulting data reports.

Future activities for the Field Work Committee include training for the general membership and arranging field trips to the many interesting local archeological sites, area museums and other locations within driving distance of Kerrville.

## HOSPITALITY IS MAGICAL?

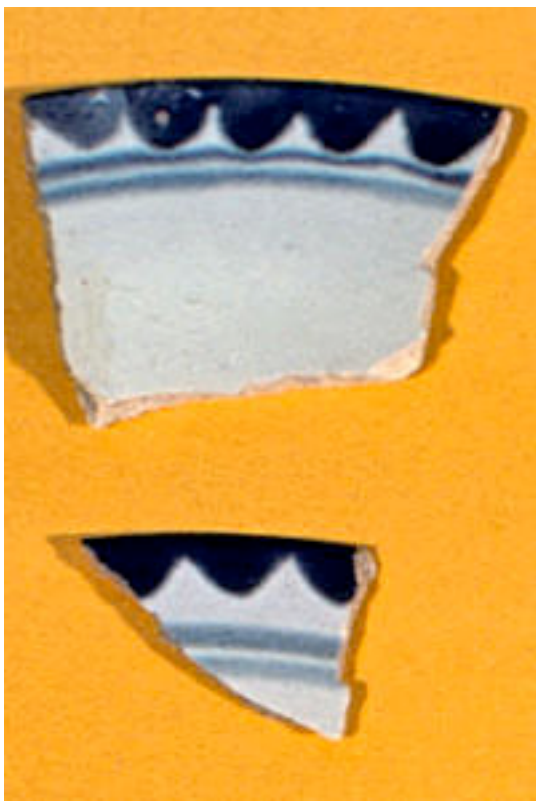
DO YOU EVER WONDER HOW THE SNACKS AND DESSERTS APPEAR AT OUR MEETINGS? IT'S MAGIC!

ACTUALLY, THOSE BROWNIES, CAKES, DIPS,

CHIPS, COLD DRINKS AND OTHER GOODIES APPEAR THROUGH THE GENEROSITY AND VOLUNTEER EFFORT OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS. AT OUR NEXT MEETING,

BE SURE TO THANK THE "ELVES" WHO BRING THE FOOD, MAKE THE COFFEE AND SET EVERYTHING UP, THEN ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP THE NEXT TIME.

Stephanie Ertel



*Sherds of blue and white majolica, a lead-glazed decorated pottery from Mexico, are common in Spanish Colonial sites, as are other brightly decorated imported wares. TARL archive*

*Scanned by Kristi Ulrich*

**Your Best Chance for TAS Field School in the Hill Country**

*May 31 is the Deadline to Register for the 2010 TAS Field school. The T-shirt Deadline is May 15!*

An exciting week of hands-on archeology will be held June 12-19, near Tarpley, just an hour's drive from Kerrville. This is a major prehistoric site in a beautiful area.

Go to [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org) to learn all the details and get your registration done by the deadline.

## MAY MEETING

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Ulrich presented a paper on her Perez Ranch work at the SHA 2010 Conference in Historical and Underwater Archeology at Amelia island Plantation in Jacksonville, Florida January 6-9, 2010. She is a veteran of more than 50 prehistoric and historic archeological projects, both in the field and laboratory, completed since joining the research staff at CAR in June, 1998. She has conducted research concerning the ceramic technology related to the historic period of Texas, and contributed much to our knowledge of the historic period in Bexar County.

Ulrich received her Bachelors Degree in Anthropology from the University of San Diego in California in May 1998. In August 2004, she was awarded a Masters Degree in Anthropology from UTSA. Her Masters Thesis focused on an analysis of native and colonial ceramics recovered from Mission San Juan de Capistrano in San Antonio, Texas.

*SEE MORE  
EXAMPLES OF  
KRISTI ULRICH'S  
WORK AT  
[texasbeyondhistory.org](http://texasbeyondhistory.org)*

HCAA BOARD WILL  
MEET SATURDAY  
MORNING, MAY 15  
AT 10:30 A.M. IN  
THE LAB AT THE  
RIVERSIDE NATURE  
CENTER.  
MEMBERS ARE  
WELCOME TO  
ATTEND.

## KIMBLE COUNTY RANCH SURVEY

Bryant Saner, Kay Woodward and John Benedict comprise the HCAA survey team currently working to register a new archeological site in Kimball County.

The owner of the ranch that is the site of the survey invited HCAA to visit the site

in 2009. The survey team has made two site visits, on February 25 and April 1, 2010. The registration and recording of this site will be part of HCAA's field work training program.

The site is a large lithic procurement area possibly containing fire

cracked rock scatter and lithics workshop scatter. The surface of the ground is littered with Edwards chert in tabular and globular form. Also discovered were large culturally derived flakes, sampled chert cobbles, quarry blanks and preforms.

John Benedict

### A REMINDER

The HCAA is thankful that many land owners allow us to survey their property for archeological sites. We should constantly remind ourselves that:

All artifacts found on their property belong to the landowner. HCAA members keep no artifacts.

If an archeological site is identified on the landowner's property, the location of the ranch should remain confidential.

We visit a property only with the owner's permission.

We do not hold a land-owner liable for injuries which occur while on their property.

We encourage and enjoy the participation of the landowner in our activities.

The HCAA offers its archeological activities as a community service.

