

**HILL COUNTRY ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, MARCH 15

The next meeting of the Hill Country Archeological Association will be held Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos Street, in Kerrville at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Steve Tomka will give a presentation entitled *“Additional Thoughts and New Ideas on the Transition from the Atlatl and Dart to the Bow and Arrow in Texas”*

In his talk, **Dr. Tomka** will explain how information from modern bow hunters allow us to establish parameters for the hunting of small, medium and large game. Based on these parameters and standards, it would appear that the bow and arrow technology is not well suited to the hunting of medium-body game such as antelope and deer. Analyses of projectile points derived from prehistoric darts and arrows show a decrease in the size of projectile tips during the last 3,000 years of prehistory. The trend documents a gradual decrease in overall projectile weights over time as bison populations were decreasing in the state and deer/antelope populations increased. The pattern reflects changes in weapons technology needed to increase hunting success in the face of changing prey.

Dr. Steve Tomka received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994. He has spent several years in Bolivia studying traditional agricultural folks and llama herders to try to understand how and why plant cultivation and animal husbandry work in traditional societies at 14,000 feet above sea level. Throughout the years, however, his day job was working in Texas archeology first at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory at UT-Austin, next at Prewitt and Associates, Inc., a private consulting firm in Austin, and for the past twelve years at UT-San Antonio. His main interests are stone tool manufacture, use and repair, and weapons technology. He is currently the director of the Center for Archaeological Research, a research facility of the Department of Anthropology at UTSA. He also teaches at UTSA and has taught Texas archeology and the archeology field school.

A short business meeting will precede the program. The meeting is free and open to the public.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 2008 MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. D. Clark Wernecke, the project director for the Gault Project, presented the January program. He explained that 60 to 70% of all excavated Clovis artifacts have been found at this site. Among the artifacts recovered are 100 engraved stones, as well as the remains of a stone floor which is the oldest architectural feature in N. America. Moreover, it is possible that this site may eventually provide the evidence for a pre-Clovis people as well. Visit www.gaultschool.org for more information on the Gault site.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Prior to the installation of the 2008 board, a number of awards were distributed. All of the outgoing board members received recognition for their work on behalf of the association. In addition, a number of special awards were handed out.



Kay Woodward presenting award to the Wests

Reed and Francha West received recognition for their hospitality in allowing our group to work on a midden on their property. The midden is directly across from their home, and they were thanked for their patience in having to look across to our unsightly blue tarp which has covered the site for the past year.

Other recipients of awards were **Rudi Winzinger** for his excellent photography; **Jose Contreras** for the "Archeology 101" presentations he gives at our general meetings, and **Deborah Bauer** as volunteer of the year. Finally, **Woody Woodward** was presented with the President's Archeology of The Year Award for his years of service to HCAA in a variety of capacities, as well as serving two years as president

ELECTION OF 2008 OFFICERS

The following new officers for 2008 were elected at the January meeting: **Dorothy Grayson**, president; **Steve Stewart**, vice president; **Jill Furse**, secretary; **Bill Csanyi**, treasurer; **Jose Contreras**, director; **Stephanie Ertel**, director; and **John Forister**, director.



2008 board

L-R: Stephanie Ertel; John Forister; Dorothy Grayson; Bill Csanyi; Jill Furse; Steve Stewart; Jose Contreras



2007 president Kay Woodward with 2008 president Dorothy Grayson

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

There is not adequate space to thank Bryant Saner and Kay and Woody Woodward for their dedication and hard work to make HCAA a viable force in the documentation and preservation of this area's ancient past. With seemingly boundless energy, they have conducted field work, held and supervised labs, represented HCAA at various events, and provided leadership through elected positions. In addition, Bryant has consistently arranged for speakers and compiled *Ancient Echoes*, Kay has written and sent press releases to area papers, and Woody has been our resident carpenter. There is more - much more - that could be said, but these contributions alone make it safe to say that the Association would not have grown as it has without them.

Now, however, Bryant, Kay and Woody, have decided they need a rest and more time for other obligations. Bryant will continue to serve as programs chair, Kay as publicity chair, and Woody as treasurer for the Murray Beadles' fund. Even so, their shoes will be hard to fill, and to do that, the Association needs your active participation and support.

We have every confidence you will respond. After all, it would be a shame to let this baby that has been nourished with such diligent care since 1999, be left out in the rain. We thank you in advance for whatever time and abilities you can give to help the Association build into the future.

Sincerely,
HCAA 2008 Board of Directors

PRESENTATION IN FREDERICKSBURG

On April 8th at 7:00, **Bryant Saner** will be giving a presentation entitled "*The Burkhalter-Witters Historic Log Cabin Archeological Investigation*". This talk, illustrated with slides will be presented to The Friends of The Fredericksburg Nature Center, and is open to the public.

Located in southeast Gillespie County, the Burkhalter-Witters site (41GL303) was the subject of an investigation conducted by HCAA in 2000. The owners were in the process of converting the structure into a B&B, and wanted help in collecting historic data before starting to remodel the circa 1860 (or

possibly earlier) building. For more information on the site, see **Ancient Echoes** 2003, Volume 3.

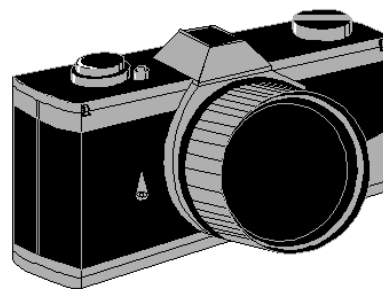
Bryant's talk will be held at the Ag. Building in Fredericksburg, located at 1906 N. Llano, room 100. For directions or more information, go to: www.fredericksburgnaturecenter.org

TIME TO RENEW

It's time to renew your dues for 2008 if you haven't already done so. In addition to membership renewal, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Murray Beadles Educational Fund which promotes education in archeology.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008, THIS ISSUE WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER. DON'T MISS OUT ON HCAA ACTIVITIES OR THE 2008 EDITION OF "ANCIENT ECHOES". PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HCAA.

There is a renewal form on the last page of this newsletter which can be printed out and sent in with your dues.



THANKS TO RUDI WINZINGER FOR HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS. ALL THE PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE WERE KINDLY SUPPLIED BY HIM.

FIELD WORK & MEETINGS SCHEDULE

March

- 1 --Matthews'
Meet at Riverhills parking area behind Churches at 8 a.m.
- 9 --West's'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.
- 15--General Meeting
Riverside Nature Center at 12:30 p.m.
- 22--Mechlers'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.
- 29--Lab at Woodward's'
9 a.m. 813 Rim Rock Rd. S.

April

- 6 --Cavern Ridge Ranch, Real Co.
Meet at the north parking area of the Y.O. Motel at 7 a.m.
- 8 --**Bryant Saner** speaks about the Burkhalter-Witters Historic Log Cabin
7 p.m. 1906 N. Llano St., Rm. 100, Fredericksburg.
- 11--Rummage sale setup
2 p.m. Unitarian Fellowship, 213 Loma Vista, Kerrville.
- 12--HCAA rummage sale
Unitarian Fellowship, 7 a.m.
- 13--West's'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.
- 20--Mechlers', Bandera Co.
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.
- 26--Matthews'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.

May

- 4 --Cavern Ridge Ranch, Real Co.
Meet at the north parking area of the Y.O. Motel at 7 a.m.
- 11--Brown's'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 8 a.m.
- 17--HCAA General Meeting
Riverside Nature Center at 12:30 p.m.
- 18--Lab at Woodward's'
9 a.m. 813 Rim Rock Rd. S.
- 21--Water Valley School at HEB Camp in Real Co.
See Kay or Woody for information.
- 25--West's'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 7 a.m.
- 31--Matthews'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 7 a.m.

June

- 8 --Cavern Ridge Ranch, Real Co.
Meet at the north parking area of the Y.O. Motel at 7 a.m.
- 13 to 21--TAS Field School
Near Pampa, TX.
- 28--Matthews'
Meet at Riverhills parking area, 7 a.m.

Bring water and your lunch

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FIELD WORKER

Members are encouraged to participate in the various field work opportunities that are scheduled throughout the year. The pictures below will give those of you who have yet to join in, an idea of some of the tasks in the field. These photos were all taken at the West site (41KR646) on January 5, 2008.



This is how the units looked before starting the work day.

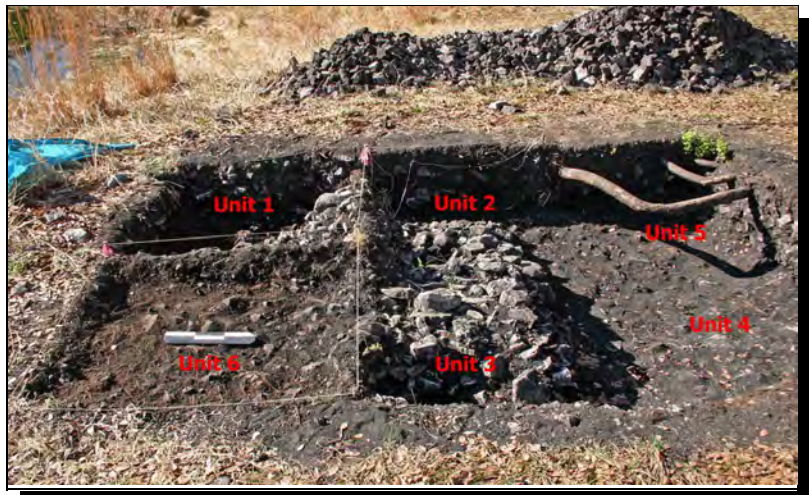


Ed Rendon screening



Terry Farley, Kay Woodward, Ed Rendon and Woody Woodward at work in the units.

This is how the units looked at the end of the work day.





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HILL COUNTRY ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Completion of the membership application and payment of dues indicates the member will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any Federal or Texas Antiquities Statutes, as same as now exist, or shall hereafter be amended or enacted, or engage in the practice of buying or selling of artifacts for commercial purposes or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data or disregard proper archeological field techniques

- Student (full-time student)----- \$ 10.00
- Individual (includes institutions and societies)----- \$ 20.00
- Family-----\$ 25.00
- Contributing-----\$ 50.00
- Supporting-----\$100.00
- Life-----\$250.00
- Patron----- \$ 50.00
- Donation to the Murray Beadles Educational Fund-----Amt. \$ _____

*Dues paid after Oct. 1 will apply to the remainder of the current year and to all of the next year.

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

(Family membership please include family member names and ages)

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Make check payable to HCAA. Send to: **HCAA**
P.O. Box 290393
Kerrville, TX 78029-0393

Note: This form and wording is adapted from the Texas Archeological Society and Southern Texas Archeological Association Forms. Revised-Sept. 1, 2007

NOTICE

Upcoming Rummage and Bake Sale !!

We hope to repeat the very successful rummage and bake sale we had last year. Please save the date Saturday April 12 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is graciously allowing us to hold the sale there again at 213 Loma Vista Dr. in Kerrville. Clean out your closets and save items to donate! We will need household and decorative items, gardening, sewing/craft supplies, clothing, tools, etc. We are not able to accept large pieces of furniture or appliances. We will set up Friday April 11 at 2 p.m. and ask that you bring your items and stay to help sort, arrange, etc. *Please bring your items already marked with prices.*

We will also need lots of those delicious baked goods again for the sale (cookies, cakes, pies, breads, etc.). This was a very popular part of the sale last year and everything sold out quickly. You do not need to price the baked goods. We will do that so that the prices are similar for like items.

As an option, you may sell and keep half of the profit for your items, (donating the other half to HCAA), but we ask that you be present to personally sell the items. If you have several items please bring a table to display them, if possible

The UU Fellowship was very grateful for the nice clean up job we did last year, so please plan to stay and help with that part of the job, too. Anything left over from the sale will be donated to a charitable organization (or you may take back home items you brought). If you have questions, please call Terry Farley at 830-895-1910.