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CALENDAR

General Meeting

Saturday
November 20

12:30 p.m. at
Riverside NC

Holiday Party

Saturday
December 11

11:00 a.m. to
1:30 p.m. at
Riverside NC

General Meeting

Saturday,
January 16, 2011

12:30 p.m. at
Riverside NC



FROM METEORS TO ARTIFACTS Wilson Connects Geology and Archeology

Geologist William Feathergail "Feather" Wilson, known to Hill Country decision-makers for his groundwater expertise, will speak on the use of geology in archeological investigations at the HCAA general meeting on Saturday, November 20, at Riverside Nature Center. The

meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Tarpley resident Wilson received his B.A., B.S. and Master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. In recent years he has engaged primarily in hydrogeology. His local work includes service as a

consultant on a new Kerrville city well and mapping Kerr County groundwater resources for the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District.

Wilson has located meteor impact sites in Texas, including a site near Uvalde.

HCAA RENDEZVOUS CELEBRATES ARCHEOLOGY, FEATURES DRUMMERS

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Photo by
Joe Luther



HCAA Welcomes Junior Archeologists

On October 16th, 18 young enthusiasts became the first class of HCAA Junior Archeologists — Watch the mail for news of the first meeting from Bob Ogle, Chair.

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HCAA LAUNCHES SEARCH FOR HISTORIC STONE FENCES IN KERR

An HCAA field work team of Steve Stoutamire and Bryant Saner have begun work on a study of historic stone fences in Kerr County. Saner has located the remains of five such fences to date. These fences were probably built during the

period between the arrival of farmers in Kerr County in the 1850's and the introduction of barbed wire for fencing in the mid-1870's.

Stoutamire and Saner plan to locate, research, survey and record as many historic stone fences as they can find in

Kerr County. They also plan to prepare a detailed report on their work.

HCAA Members and others interested in historical archeology in Kerr County can enhance this study by identifying other stone fence sites in Kerr County.

NATIVE AMERICANS TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN 2010 TAS ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOLS

Native American tribes were very visible at the 2010 TAS Annual Meeting held in Corpus Christi, Texas October 22-24, 2010. They participated in the sessions and gave moral support to Native American researchers and presenters.

Jose Davila, anthropologist and adjunct curator of the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, is a Lipan Apache. He was one of three

speakers at the Public Forum on Friday night. His talk included archeological data and historical reports related to the existence and survival of a small number of Lipan Apaches in Texas.

Davila showed many photos of modern Lipan Apaches to illustrate his closing point: while archeologists often treat the Lipan Apaches as a dead culture from the past, Lipan Apaches and other Native

Americans are alive today.

Native Americans have begun participating in TAS Field Schools. TAS began offering scholarships to Native Americans 8 years ago to attend the TAS Field Schools offered each summer at a site in Texas. As many as 17 Native Americans have attended a TAS Field School, working beside TAS members and discovering that TAS is primarily interested in understanding how people lived in prehistoric Texas.

S. Ertel & Jose Contreras

HCAA CONTINUES TO SURVEY, REGISTER ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES

On September 1, 2010, HCAA survey teams registered two new prehistoric sites in Kimble County. The large surface chert quarry site



41KM272—Possible Frio Point
Fragment—John Benedict

(“Chertville”) featured lithic scatters, workshops, cores and a hearth. The presence of two points, a Williams and a Frio, suggests the site may have been used from 5,000 to 1,400 years before the present. The other site is a burned rock midden (“Indian Kitchen”), located near Chertville but at a higher elevation.

Terry Farley’s project to re-record two sites in southwestern Kerr County is near completion, and Steve Stoutamire has registered seven sites.

ARCHEOLOGY CELEBRATION

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Perfect fall weather and a variety of attractions drew at least 277 people to HCAA’s Rendezvous by the River Archeological Celebration on Saturday, October 16. Highlights of the event included the “Southern Winds” Native American Dancers and Drummers from San Antonio and two expert speakers.

Dr. Stance Hurst, Field Manager and Researcher at Texas Tech, spoke on “Changes in Territoriality during the Paleoindian Period on the Southern Plains” and Dr. Chris Lintz of Texas Parks and Wildlife described his studies of “Stone Tool Cache Diversity on the Southern Plains.” Demonstrations included bows and arrows, atlatl, mano and metate, paint making, tomahawk, and flintknapping. TARL, TAS, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and HCAA presented exhibits to educate the adults and children who came to learn more about the heritage of Texas that is investigated and protected by archeologists.

The Archeological Celebration was partly underwritten by a generous grant from the Council of Texas Archeologists, an organization of professional archeologists, Kent Stoepel Ford of Kerrville, and an anonymous donor. Volunteer efforts of HCAA Members and friends made the event possible. One of our faithful non-member volunteers is Mary Jones, Dorothy Grayson’s neighbor who helped Dorothy with sales of HCAA hats, T-shirts and other goods and designed the refreshment donation box for HCAA meetings.

HILL COUNTRY
ARCHEOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION

HCAA BOARD WILL
MEET SATURDAY
MORNING, NOV. 20
AT 10:30 A.M. AT
RIVERSIDE NATURE
CENTER.
MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND.

HCAA HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 11

HCAA members and their guests are invited to attend the annual holiday potluck brunch on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at the Riverside Nature Center.

Members will bring their favorite sweet and brunch dishes to share. HCAA cooks are full of surprises!

There will be plenty of coffee and punch.

Plans for decorating and other details will be announced at the November 20th general meeting.

A REMINDER

The HCAA is thankful that many landowners 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.

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