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HCAA NEWS FLASHES

HCAA Garage Sale and Bake Sale Postponed to September 27.

The garage and bake sale to benefit the HCAA has been postponed until Saturday, Sept. 27. You may bring sale items to 213 Loma Vista on Friday 9/26 from 2 PM to 6 PM. Please pre-mark with your sales price before you bring them. Volunteers are needed to help on Friday and also the day of the sale Saturday, 9/27.

Archeology Day Celebration set for October 11, 2014

HCAA to have morning and afternoon speakers, flint-knapping demonstration, and lithic and non-lithic artifact identification. The Kerrville Elks Lodge #2081 will be selling burgers and chip, etc. from 10 AM to 2PM, so plan to eat on the grounds. Events include activities for the whole family. So far, the program planned for the family are making headbands, demonstrations from a champion tomahawk/knife thrower, and primitive fire builder. Volunteers from HCAA members are needed in various areas. Please let us know at the meeting this Saturday or contact us through the web-site if you are interested.

Steve Stoutamire and Bryant Saner named new THC Stewards For Kerr County, John Benedict named for Kendall County and Dorothy Grayson listed as Steward for Erath County

Steve Stoutamire and Bryant Saner are the newest Texas Historical Commission Stewards for Kerr County. This makes four HCAA members that are Kerr County THC Stewards, as they join **Kay and Woody Woodward**. "But wait, there's more" as they say, **John Benedict** is named a Steward for Kendall County joining **Frank Benetti**. **Dorothy Grayson**, also an HCAA member, is listed as a Steward for Erath County now. This means HCAA has seven members as THC Stewards - quite an unusual number from one organization. What an honor for HCAA to have these active and respected members.

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday

September 20, 2014

12:30 PM at

Riverside Nature Center



HCAA September 20th Speaker will be Jeremy B. Freeman

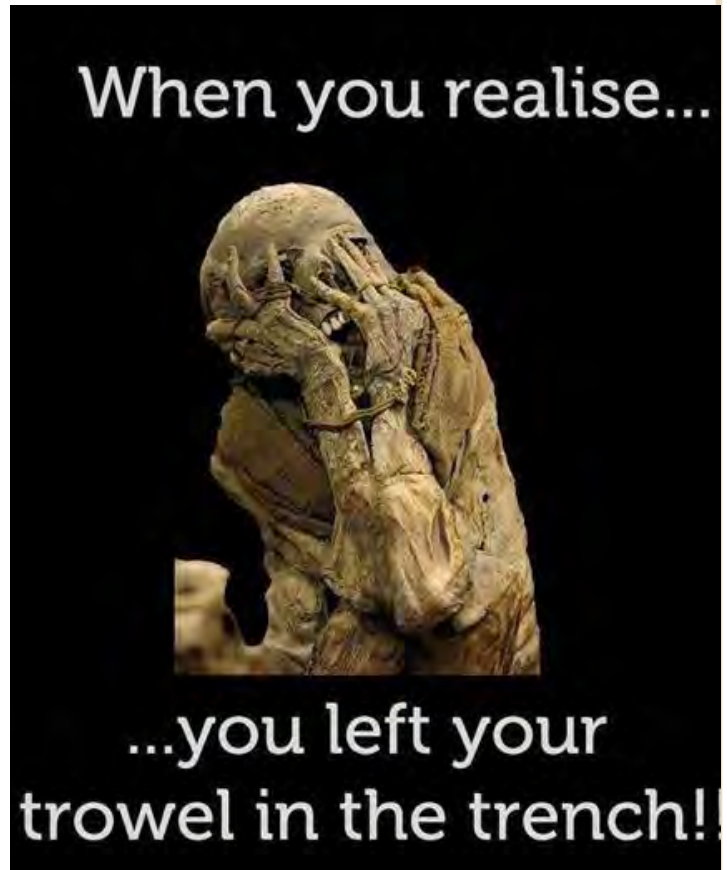
Jeremy received his B.A. from Heidelberg College in anthropology and his graduate studies at Ball State University in anthropology. He has worked as a professional archaeologist for over 14 years that includes work in cultural resource management, museums, and non-profit organizations. He has worked on archaeological projects throughout the Midwest, northeast, southeast, and southwestern United States. Jeremy has been actively engaged in public outreach through public archaeology programs and educational outreach, teaching school kids archaeological methods and material culture. Jeremy has taught collegiate level students in anthropology; these courses included: Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Introduction to Archaeology, and Archaeology and Culture. Jeremy is currently a staff archaeologist at Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center in Comstock, Texas where he has been involved in the Border Canyonlands Archaeological Project (BCAP). This long-term study focuses on the study and conservation of the rock art of the lower Pecos region. Jeremy also guides tours for the Rock Art Foundation and Seminole Canyon State Historic Park.

Rock Art and Sacred Contexts in the Lower Pecos

Jeremy B. Freeman, Staff Archaeologist
Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center

The Lower Pecos region of southwestern Texas retains hundreds of rock art sites dating from the Late Archaic through Contact periods. These sites represent a cultural system of inter-connected sites, a manifestation of the cosmology of the hunter-gatherer people that inhabited the region throughout prehistory. Embedded within these murals is significant cultural information that was disseminated to the members of pre-

historic societies. Since 2009 Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center has been documenting the rock art and working to identify patterns in the motifs. Aided by ethnographic analogy and modern technology patterns are beginning to emerge that are being used to interpret the underlying meaning and symbolism behind these prehistoric cosmologies. This lecture will include a discussion on the methods Shumla is using to unravel the mysteries of the rock art and current interpretations on the meaning underlying the imagery.



Important HCAA Dates:

September 20th- 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Rooms A & B.

November 15th - 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Rooms A & B.

October 11th - All Day Archeology Celebration

October 24-26 TAS Annual Meeting San Marcos, TX

December 13th- HCAA Christmas Party -
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Meeting Room A & B

Lithic Workshop presented by Steve Tomka was well attended

If you missed the last workshop, you missed a very informative and interesting training session. Dr. Tomka presented information that all skill levels found valuable. The room at the facility, YO Resort, was very comfortable with tables and soft chairs (yeah!) and the buffet lunch was convenient between the morning and afternoon sessions. Best of all, Dr. Tomka provided attendees with a computer based work book used in his presentation via email following the meeting.



2014 TAS Field School and the Kids

If you are a grandparent or parent and are looking for meaningful activities to spend time with your grandchildren or your own kids, the TAS children's component of the TAS Field School, should be high on your list. I was able to attend this year with my 9 year old granddaughter, Emma. I was concerned regarding her enjoyment and whether she would get tired and balk at all the work the kids do. Believe me, those kids work! We arrived Friday night and left Friday afternoon the following week. We got up at 4:30 AM, every morning for the whole six days that we stayed. Being the nervous grandmother that I am, I stayed with her the whole time and was assigned to help the leaders who were in charge of her unit. The leaders for the children's group are wonderful and patience with the kids, but they let them know that they are expected to be engaged and do great archeology. The leaders make it fun and take plenty of breaks for water and snacks, as well as having instructors give mini seminars on many areas of archeology. We even had a field trip to San Felipe and Stephen F. Austin's original settlement. Emma was a trooper and got up every morning and worked hard. She and her grandmother were both fading towards the end of the week and we rolled towards Houston with dirty clothes and sore knees. We had a great time in spite of a persistent mole that loved our unit and visited us for several mornings.



*Mole makes mess of our
unit, not once but twice!*

*Stephen F. Austin
Monument at San Felipe*



Final installment of the History of the HCAA thru 2013

The elected 2008 Board were: President, Dorothy Grayson; Vice President, Steve Stewart; Secretary, Jill Furse; Treasurer, Bill Csanyi; Directors: Jose Contreras, John Forister, and Stephanie 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 10th 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 the year as the 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. 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 26th, 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.

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letter 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 12th, 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", Neil Stilley, with his great attraction of a fire-starting activity, Dan Simpson, Native American, our wandering flute payer throughout the celebration and shingle maker Albert Culp, and his wife Lori, who helped with the HCAA registrations and other activities, 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 18th. Members brought many artifacts for Tomka to identify also. A second all-day workshop was held at the Y. O. Resort Hotel on November 10th.

Sad news during 2012. Archeologist Sue Ellen Turner passed away on July 22nd. She was one of the authors of "A Field Guide 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 31st, 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 12th. 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.

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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. On August 6th and 7th, HCAA hosted the TAS Archeobotany Academy at the Riverside Nature Center. There were 40 or more in attendance. HCAA served breakfast breads and drinks, a good lunch and snacks during the two-day event. Many members put forth much effort toward this event, especially the ladies who did the baking, and the serving, and the gentlemen who moved furniture and assisted with the final clean-up after the event ended.

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 1st. 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 associa-

tion 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 19th, 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 Velchhoff.

The HCAA helped TPWD stabilize prehistoric sites at KWMA on December 3rd and 4th, 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.

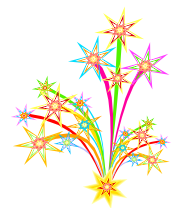
President Holms then presented the *Volunteer of the Year Award for 2013* to Terry McTaggart for "Her Efforts in the Development and Production of "17,000 Years of Hill Country Life" HCAA Multimedia Exhibit on Display at Kerrville Riverside Nature Center.

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

Voy and Elizabeth Althaus
Deborah Bauer
Steve Black
Jose Contreras
Scott and Sue Hobbs
Myrna Langford

Carl and Cheryl Moore
David and Mary Shelley
Bryant Saner
H. Ray Smith
Sylba Lee Storm
Woody and Kay Woodward

April 15, 2014
was our
15th Anniversary



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**WILL MEET SATUR-
DAY MORNING**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

AT 10:00 AM

**RIVERSIDE NATURE
CENTER.**

**MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND**

A REMINDER

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

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

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

We visit a property only with 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.

HCAA members will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any Federal or Texas Antiquities Statutes, as same

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