



20 YEARS OF HILL COUNTRY ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

A Brief Summary

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In February 1999, Robert “Bobby” Rector of Kerrville sent a letter out to area professional and avocational archeologists asking their interest in forming a new archeological group in Kerrville. Many replied and offered their assistance. In March 1999, an archeology rendezvous on the river was held at the Kerrville-Schreiner State Park. Following it, a newspaper notice invited those interested to a meeting at the library with the hopeful intent of forming an archeology group.

The first meeting was held the next month, in April 1999, at which time sufficient persons indicated wanting an organization. Four officers were chosen: the first president was Bryant Saner; V-P was Sue Hobbs; Secretary was Brenda Harrison, and Treasurer was Woody Woodward. The name, “Hill Country Archeological Association” was chosen.

Within 8 months, HCAA had its non-profit status, a guiding set of ethics, three field trips, several on-site work days, publicity, good speakers at meetings, a successful joint meeting here with STAA, had produced a two-page newsletter, held another Rendezvous on the River Archeology Fair, had a Christmas party, and a balance of just over \$1000 in the treasury.

There is so much more that could be told about all the activities and the contributions made by so many who have come into the organization over these years. That is especially true of the Texas Historical Commission Stewards who have given their time and energy and continue giving today.

Now, 20 years later, the following charter members of 1999 either remain active paid members or are close friends with HCAA:

Voy Althaus
Deborah Bauer
Myrna Langford
Nancy Rector
Bryant Saner
H. Ray Smith
Sylba Lee Storm
Steve Black
Kay Woodward

During these 20 years, HCAA has never faltered as many organizations do. It has stayed a strong and growing organization because of the caring people such as Bobby and Bryant, and others who gave its start on the right path.