

# Llano Uplift Archeological Society

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## Meeting—March 11, 7 PM New Officers (see back page)

### Speaker—Bob Wishoff

#### *Investigating the Alibates Quarries of the Texas Panhandle*

I will present an overview of investigations in the Alibates Quarries region, particularly at Alibates 28. This site, first surveyed and investigated by Floyd Studer in the 1920's, was excavated in the late 1930's by Ele and Jewel Baker. I am the first person in 70 years to evaluate the lithics directly, as Chris Lintz developed his inventory from the Baker's index card records, and never viewed the actual assemblage. I will also present an overview of my thesis research designed to see if lithic deposition patterns exist and if they may indicate social patterning. I also performed the first analysis of quarry pit locations and patterning from unpublished GPS data collected by Paul and Sussanna Katz. I will present the first-ever map of the quarry pits, over 700 of them!

### March Field Trip

Field trip options will be discussed at the meeting.

Bob Wishoff has extensive knowledge of the archeology along Lake Travis. He manages the “largest archeology website in the world,” [www.dirtbrothers.org](http://www.dirtbrothers.org), that increasingly focuses on education and preservation of archeological resources. Bob is a graduate student at Texas State University in San Marcos.



*Unusual colors are a trademark of Alibates flint. Photo by Milton Bell. Image swiped from [www.texasbeyondhistory.net](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net)*

### February Field Trip—Results

The February field trip was to private acreage near the confluence of the Little Llano and Llano rivers. LUAS members defined the edge of what appears to be a very large campsite. Doris Howard found a piece of aboriginal pottery that likely dates to AD 1200.



Shovel testing the site.



Confluence of the Llano and Little Llano Rivers.

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## New Officers Elected at February Meeting (minutes)

7:00 Pat calls the meeting to order

7:01 The following candidates were nominated for LUAS Officer elections

Al Priest President

Tina Prikryl Treasurer

Doris Howard Secretary

With a show of hands all were elected.

Pat gave a report on the field trip for the close out of the Bowmer Project. Thank you Patty and David for hosting LUAS at your place and great food after the field trip!

The Nightengale Center will continue to host tours but tour costs have tripled.

Tina gave the financial report. LUAS is solvent and worth as much as General Motors.

There will be a field trip on Saturday February 21.

7:30 Andy Hemmings gives a great talk on his underwater investigations of Clovis time land surfaces prior to inundation by the Gulf of Mexico.

8:30 Andy's talk ends and Q/A starts

8:55 Q/A ends and the meeting ends Thank you David & Patty for the home made cookies!

## Field Trip Results (cont)



Scenic Llano River



Historic train trestle over Little Llano River

## Special Notices

### Calendar

**Second and fourth Saturdays  
2-5pm**

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

Volunteers always welcomed!!!

Check with Pat.

**Note:** to contribute to the newsletter or website please contact Andy Malof—  
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\*hardcopy newsletters will be in black and white henceforth

### Steward's News

Your local archeological steward is Doris Howard. If you have any questions about the archaeology of the area, she can be your first contact. Doris can be reached at (325) 247-2440

***Don't forget, membership dues are due. Remain a member of LUAS and show your support for the cultural history of central Texas!***

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by people interested in the protection, conservation and study of historic and prehistoric materials and sites in the Llano Uplift ("Central Mineral Region") area of the Texas Hill Country. Its primary goals include education of the membership, students and the public; and to support other groups, researchers and educators with similar interests. Stewardship of the Nightengale Archaeological Center is a major responsibility of LUAS.