

# Llano Uplift Archeological Society

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## Meeting—April 8, 7 PM

### Message from the President—Al Priest

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What a turn out at our last meeting, and what a great way to start the new year for LUAS!

Dr. Andy Hemming's talk on examining land surfaces inundated by the Gulf of Mexico roughly 22,000 years ago was both fascinating and insightful to the archeological potential of these coastal areas. The dialogue and questions afterward were just as interesting. We intend on keeping the quality of future guest speakers at the high mark we have enjoyed to date.

Upon my return from an extended business trip, my neighbor pointed out to me a well written story in the Picayune about LUAS and it's members' continued study of our area's history. It is stories like this which will keep LUAS' visibility and interest high and help keep our Society vibrant, refreshing and growing with new membership. There is a lot of work to be done!

Congratulations to Tina Prikryl, our newly reelected Treasurer and Doris Howard as our new Secretary.

I am honored to have been elected your new LUAS president and will work hard in this new role.

Come join LUAS in our continued adventure and discovery of our area's history!

## April Speaker

### Dr. Pamela Owen

#### Pleistocene Predators of the Texas Hill Country

Saber-toothed cats, dire wolves, short-faced bears and other large predators prowled the Hill Country during the Ice Age. Come learn about what the fossil record tells us about their anatomy, predatory behavior and extinction.

**Dr. Pamela R. Owen** is Senior Paleontology Educator with the Texas Natural Science Center (TNSC), The University of Texas at Austin. She is a vertebrate paleontologist and mammalogist with a research focus on the evolution of the Carnivora. Dr. Owen is a native Californian who has been from an early age, interested in natural history. Her formal education includes a B.A. and M.S. in Biology from California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Owen conducted her master's thesis research on saber-toothed cats, American lions, coyotes and dire wolves at the Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries (the infamous "La Brea Tar Pits") in Los Angeles, CA. In May 2000, Dr. Owen was awarded a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from The University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation focused on the evolution of American badgers and included a detailed description of a new fossil species from New Mexico.



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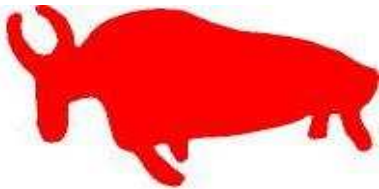
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**Chuck Hixson**

A trip is planned for the 18th to a ranch on the Colorado River in McCulloch Co. north of Brady - way out there. Apparently there are prehistoric sites on the property. Rendezvous time and place will be finalized at the meeting and I'm sure people will want to carpool. Emails will be sent out to the members with this information after the meeting (there will still be a week and a half before the field trip day).

## 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 news-  
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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.