

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ned Woodall for the excellent talk he gave to the LUAS membership in November. The discussion was very well presented and well received.



Michael Williams

In upcoming business, there will be officer elections at the meeting in January, 2007. At this time members will vote for the nominees, who are:

President: Michael Williams

Vice President: Open

Treasurer: Tina Prikryl

Secretary: Andy Malof

We are also in need of persons to chair committees. Suggestions for committees are welcome as well.

Don't forget the Holiday Gathering on December 9th. I look forward to seeing you all there,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Nominations are open for any of these offices and can be sent to any LUAS member.

Holiday Party (come see the new Center!)

December 9, 4:00-7:00 P. M.

Join LUAS on Saturday afternoon for some holiday cheer. Bring some goodies to share. We'll be at the Nightengale Archaeological Center starting at 4:00 P. M.



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Membership Reminder

LUAS membership dues cover the calendar year. You can help us keep our membership list up to date by sending in the a new membership form with your dues.

Field Trip Updates Chuck Hixson

The November field trip to the LCRA Cedar Point Park proved to be quite productive. Members Joanne Hanifan, Pat Hatten, David Houston and his friend Johnny Burkett, Marvin Shelly and his grandson Brody Tadlock, and myself surveyed an area at the northwest end of the park that is normally underwater. That day's big discovery was the remains of an old house probably originally built in the "dog trot" design with two rooms divided by a breezeway. Two other historic house sites have been recorded in the park but these are by far the best preserved. The piers and two massive collapsed fireplaces have remained undisturbed and Marvin located several unbroken snuff and

patent medicine bottle nearby. The artifact inventory belongs mainly to the first two decades of the 20th century but the structure itself could date back well into the 1800s. Also more information was collected on the prehistoric component at 41LL31, a large prehistoric campsite that unfortunately has suffered from uncontrolled digging by looters. David found a Fairland point that belongs to the same time period as another point collected from the site last summer. From these finds we can tentatively state that site was occupied between about AD 1 to AD 500.



Marvin Shelley and Brody Tedlock at November Field Trip

Special December Field Trip! On Saturday, December 16 we plan a special field trip to the Soika-Quinn Site (41BT407), a prehistoric campsite on the east side of Lake Buchanan normally under water. but now exposed because of the drought. Looters in boats have struck late at night on several occasions and the owner of the property, Nick Soika, and his daughter, Nikki Quinn, want the site declared a State Archeological Landmark and placed on the National Register of Historic Place so it can be given

more legal protection. We can help them by collecting more information on the site, especially through shovel testing, to determine the depth of the deposits. As with our last field trip we will meet at the LCRA's Western District Office at 9:30 and then drive to the site. It would be a good idea to contact me ahead of time if you want to go in case plans have changed. 325 423-0379 or charles.hixson@gmail.com

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Lab Update

Lab was held on November 11. Artifacts from the Lindenmuth Site, 41LL414, recorded by LUAS in 1995 were processed. A 1 x 1 m test unit and three or four shovel test were exacted over a period of a few months, demonstrating that this is an important upland campsite, explained by a nearby spring. A mano, metate, and core were found

in close association within the test unit. During lab we found at least three bifaces and other flake tools within the debitage assemblage. There is plenty more to analyze and catalog. The next lab will probably be held in January.



Doris Howard labels artifacts at November lab

Upcoming Activities

- December 9—Holiday Party
4:00—7:00 P. M.
- December 9 - Open house
2:00—5:00 P. M.
- January 10—LUAS Meeting
7:00 P. M.
Officer Elections

www.texasluas.org now
online!

Visit LUAS's new website to keep updated on activities, including meetings, speakers, field trips, lab and more!



Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report

Tina Prikryl

The most recent monies from the sales of caps and T-shirts have been deposited. Following the vote at the November meeting, a check for \$600 was cut to aid with the carbon dating of the Lake Travis skeleton recovered by U.T., LCRA, LUAS and others this past August.

Secretary's Report

Andy Malof

We continue to update the new website, www.texasluas.org. A number of the pages have been streamlined, and additional pages have been added. This will allow archiving of news about speaker and events, and includes the minutes of the meetings. The November meeting minutes can be viewed [HERE](#) if you are reading this online.

Comments and suggestions regarding content layout, and proofing are welcome, as are contributions.

Send them to me at amalof@lcra.org.

Note: I have not been able to create PDF hot links from MS Publisher. I'll continue working on it, and any suggestions are appreciated.

Committee Reports

Public Tours Committee

Pat Hatten

On November 11, about 30 Girl Scouts and some of their parents showed up to work on their new archaeology program. They threw spears, visited the museum, and toured the site. They were also able to see the lab processing in action. In addition, three members of the public showed up and also toured the center. If you would like to help during these tours, which are the second and fourth Saturdays of

most months, give me a call at 830-265-2392



Speakers Committee and Steward's Report

Doris Howard

Pat Hatten and I represented LUAS at the Granite Shoals Veteran's Day event held Saturday, November 11. We talked to numerous people about arrowheads and dinosaurs, distributed literature, and lined up a potential school tour or two. As your regional Steward, I'm your connection to the world of archeology. Call me at 325-247-2440 with your questions or concerns.

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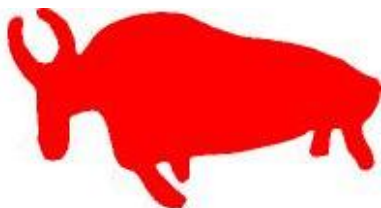
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The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by people interested in the protection, conservation and study of historic and prehistoric materials and sites in the Llano Uplift ("Central Mineral Region") area of the Texas Hill Country. Its primary 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.

Committees

(Actual and Proposed)

Field Trip Committee—Chuck Hixson, Chair

Speakers Committee—Doris Howard, Chair

Public Tours Committee—Pat Hatten, Chair

Nominations Committee—Open

Membership Committee—Open

Fundraising Committee—Open

Public Outreach Committee—Open

Scholarship Committee—Open

Special Notices

Distribution Notice

If you have not received a newsletter in a while, you may have been inadvertently left off the distribution list, or your membership may have lapsed. We hope the changes in the newsletter will give you more information about LUAS, and that you will choose to join us at any or all of our activities. At present we are looking for fresh ideas and new ways to educate people about the prehistory of our area. If you are interested in learning more or participating in any of LUAS's activities, just contact any LUAS Officer or Chair, or just show up at the next meeting!

Dr. Michael Collins to speak in San Antonio

Searching for the First Americans

ABSTRACT: It has been 80 years since the finds at Folsom New Mexico established that humans had been in America before the end of the Pleistocene and the search was begun to learn more about when and how the Americas were first peopled. For most of those 80 years, Clovis was widely accepted as the first American archeological culture, but that is no longer a viable interpretation. Today, we still do not have a definitive account of who the first Americans were, when they arrived, by what route or routes they

came, what their culture or cultures were like, and what the environmental conditions they experienced were like. We do know that people were in the Western Hemisphere before Clovis, that they likely came by boat, that their arrival was not an event but the culmination of a long process of maritime adaptations, and that by Clovis times, there were human populations in place in South and North America. Texas has contributed important evidence toward the recent theoretical shift toward acceptance of preClovis and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

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