

Llano Uplift Archeological Society



NEWSLETTER

Officer Elections February 13

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Nominees

President - Pat Hatten

Treasurer - Tina Prikryl

Secretary - Al Priest

LUAS Meeting—February 13

Following elections, we will have a special large screen viewing of the THC-produced video

The Shipwreck of La Belle

La Belle was built in 1684, in the era of the *real* pirates of the Caribbean. Her design was just a few generations removed from the caravels of Christopher Columbus and Magellan. This small, three masted ship belonged to one of the most dynamic explorers of North America ever: Robert Cavelier, the Sieur de La Salle a French fur trader.

Archeologists found the hull just a couple of feet under the mud at the bottom of Matagorda Bay. They found her packed tight with cargo items that La Salle thought he might need to build a new village in a New World wilderness. Archeologists called her a colony kit.

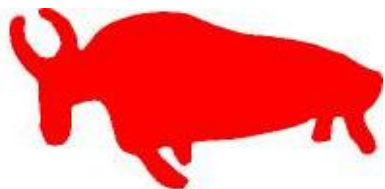
Objects in this massive kit included three extraordinary cast bronze cannons, barrels, navigational instruments, weapons, rope, clothes, wire coils, shoes, a cobbler's last, kitchen, cooking and eating utensils, an array of weaponry and munitions, and chests of trade goods intended for the Indians. The Texas Historical Commission, which brought up the ship, has set the number of artifacts at nearly one million. They were counting every trade bead, button and bone

Also recovered was an adult human skeleton, hypothesized to be that of a sailor from Britain.

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Special Notices

Calendar

Second and fourth Saturdays 2-5pm

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

www.lcra.org

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February Meeting

Spring—School tours are scheduled. Contact Nicholas Cowey at McKinney Roughs for information or to volunteer—ncowey@lcra.org

Special Announcement

It's time to consider renewing your LUAS membership. A dues increase was approved by unanimous vote at a business meeting a few months ago. As of January 1, 2008, individual memberships are \$15 per year, and family memberships are \$20. It is also quite helpful to complete a registration form, which can be found on the website. This helps us keep our records up to date and to at least conceptualize targeted activities.

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

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.