

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

Message from the President - Michael Williams Annual Archeology Fair at the NAC on October 13!

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Michael Williams

October is Archaeology Awareness Month and the LCRA/LUAS Archeology Fair will be held at the Nightengale Center October 13th from 1:00p to 5:00p. There will be some of the regular events as well as some new ones. If you can make it we could use your help.

The new t-shirts are in and they look great. I will be selling them at the Archaeology Fair and the Texas Archeological Society's annual meeting Oct 26th, 27th and 28th.

At this time we have a few members interested in serving as LUAS officers in 2008. If you think you would like to serve please let me know. Have a good October and I hope to see you at this month's talk.



Native American Dance Troupe



Joe Martinez

Archeology Fair – October 13

In conjunction with Texas Archeology Month there will be an open house and fair on October 13, from 1:00-5:00 P.M, funded in part by LCRA and The Texas Preservation Trust Fund. The on-site museum and visitor's center will be open to the public, with guided tours of the interpretive trail that winds through the site. Visitors can view the open pits and see the artifacts and features left by the local inhabitants thousands of years ago. Other activities will include interactive spear throwing with an ancient device called an atlatl, pebble painting, fire making, and food processing.

This year there will also be performances by Young Audiences of Northeast Texas artists Native American Dance Troupe with flute playing and story telling by Joe Martinez, grandson of the last living Native American Code Talker from World War II. Mr. Martinez brings stories of his grandfather's life as a young Native American and his experiences as a vital part of allied communications in Europe, told in part through regalia, photographs, and other memorabilia.

Photos courtesy of Young Audiences of Northeast Texas
http://www.yanetexas.org/native_american_dance_troupe.html

Michael Williams and Andy Malof to Speak at October 10 Meeting

LUAS members Michael Williams and Andy Malof will share some of their experiences from a recent trip along the gulf coast and western Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. They will show slides and discuss Mayan and Olmec sites such as La Venta, Uxmal, Chichen Itza, Palenque, and El Tajin.

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TAS Annual Conference October 26-28

The Texas Archeological Society (TAS) meets October 26-28, 2007 at the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio. Join archeologists to find out about recent archeological investigations. There will be papers, poster displays, and exhibits of archeological research.

At 7 PM on Friday night, archeologists, Kathleen Deagan and Mike Collins will be featured at the free public forum. Dr. Deagan will speak on the Spanish Colonial Era, and Dr. Collins will address the search for the first Americans. Later, identification of artifacts will be led by Tom Hester, Harry Shafer and Sue Turner.

Following the forum, professionals representing archeological consulting firms, agencies, and universities will share career information and job opportunities.

Student scholarships are available. View www.txarch.org for more information on scholarships. or to register

It was just announced that all paper sessions have been filled, so there will be plenty of interesting talks to choose from. An exhibit/book room will be open during the meeting., and there is a silent auction benefiting TAS. At the Saturday evening banquet, Doug Owsley, physical anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institution, will talk about recent investigations at Jamestown.

Meeting coordinator is Kay Hinds
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TAS Contact: Pam Wheat

Special Notices

Calendar

Second and fourth Saturdays 2-5pm

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

www.lcra.org

Oct. 13—Archeology Fair at the Center

October 26-28—TAS Annual Mtg, San Antonio, Tx

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

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.