

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President Michael Williams



Michael Williams

Lots of news. In spite of recent shake-ups and reorganizations, LUAS still has a home, a web presence, and a newsletter. See Dan's announcement on the next page.

The annual Archeology fair is scheduled for October 13 from 1-5 pm. This year we have Native American storytellers, dancers, singers and drummers planned, thanks to help from the Texas Historical Commission.

The Fall meeting of the Texas Archeological Society is in San Antonio October 26-28. I'll be at a table selling new LUAS T-shirts. Any help would be welcome. T-shirts are finally ordered, and should be here in time for the next October meeting.

Tours have started up, and as always, volunteers are welcome.

And finally, it's time to start thinking about replacement officers. It's been a great year. Other positions may also open up, so this could be your chance to help shape LUAS's future.

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Field Trip Update—One is planned for September 15!

We're just not sure exactly where yet. More news at the September meeting!

Steve Hoyt to Speak at September 12 Meeting

The Maritime History and Marine Archeology of Texas: Shipwrecks Tell the Tale

The early cultural and economic development of Texas depended on watercraft to transport goods and people, not only along the Gulf but on the interior waterways as well. Numerous shipwrecks, some yet to be found, serve to demonstrate the importance of ships and shipping to Texas. State Marine Archeologist Steve Hoyt will present an illustrated talk about the maritime history of Texas represented by investigations of marine archeologists. The presentation will range in time from the 1550s to the 1920s and in space from the Gulf coast to the Sulphur River. In addition to discussing specific wrecks and marine archeological investigations, Mr. Hoyt will address issues such as the definition of the term *shipwreck*, the age to qualify as historic, and the law regarding the protection of shipwrecks?

Steve Hoyt is the State Marine Archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, a position he has held since 1998. He has over 27 years of experience in the study of historic shipwrecks, performing much of his early work in the islands of the Caribbean and in Bermuda, including several years with the Institute of Maritime History and Archaeology at the Bermuda Maritime Museum. Before accepting the position as State Marine Archeologist, Mr. Hoyt spent nine years doing underwater archeological consulting work for a private firm based in Austin. During that time he became very familiar with the historic maritime resources of Texas. His research background includes projects on numerous vessel types and periods, including ships from the great age of European exploration and discovery, Spanish treasure ships, paddlewheel river steamers, deep-water steamships, and many others. His academic background includes a Bachelors degree from Colorado State University specializing in prehistoric archaeology and a Masters degree from Texas A&M University in nautical archaeology.

As the State Marine Archeologist, Mr. Hoyt is responsible for the preservation and protection of all historic shipwrecks in state waters. His background in academic research, environmental consulting, and historic preservation with the state has given him a broad familiarity with our maritime history and environmental regulations covering the protection of submerged historic resources.

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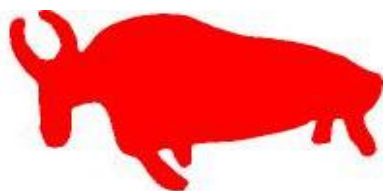
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Special Notices

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 McKin-
ney Roughs for information or to
volunteer—ncowey@lcra.org

Special Announcement—Dan Prikryl, Su- pervisor LCRA Archeology Services

The LCRA Natural Science Center staff will be assuming the manage-
ment and operation of the Nightengale Archeological Center on October
1. The LCRA Archeology Services staff is assisting in the transition.
The change will allow the Archeology Services staff to provide more in-
house cultural resource assessments to meet regulatory requirements
associated with upcoming LCRA construction/development projects. A
member of the Natural Science Center staff will be present at the Sep-
tember LUAS meeting to discuss the upcoming student tour programs
at the Center this Fall.

TAS Annual Conference October 13

The Texas Archeological Society (TAS) meets October 26-28,
2007 at the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio. Join arche-
ologists 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 informa-
tion 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 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 Hindes
kay.hindes@sanantonio.gov (830) 570-0138. Local hosts are the
Southern Texas Archaeological Association and the Center for Archaeo-
logical Research at UTSA.
TAS Contact: Pam Wheat

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 con-
tact. Doris can be reached at (325) 247-2440

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by peo-
ple 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 Nighten-
gale Archeological Center is a major responsibility of LUAS.