

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

Message from the President - Michael Williams

Happy Holidays

As I serve my last month as your President I would like to let you how much I enjoyed being a part of the officers of this organization in 2007. Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity. I look forward to continuing to serve LUAS as a member. I know that 2008 will bring continued success for LUAS. I hope to see all of you on Saturday December 8th for the LUAS Holiday Party. I will be putting together a slide show consisting of pictures taken during the different events and activities of LUAS in 2007.

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November 17 Field Trip—Results

On November 17, LUAS visited the ranch of Brenda and Frank Frishkey, located on a tributary creek of the Pedernales River near Fredericksburg. Brenda and Frank, along with their son Chris led us to several prehistoric sites on their property. The most interesting one contained a small burned rock midden that had been bulldozed by a previous owner during construction of a dirt road. A dart point and biface were found on the backdirt pile that apparently date to the early Middle Archaic, indicating that this midden is earlier than most in central Texas. A suspi-



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Testing the disturbed burned rock midden

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Special Notices

Calendar

Second and fourth Saturdays 2-5pm

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

www.lcra.org

Holiday Party

December 8

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. **So you still have a month or so to renew at the old rates.** 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 at least conceptualize targeted activities.

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cious mounded area near the backdirt pile was shovel tested and found to represent a second, undisturbed burned rock midden.

The other two sites were both quarry/workshop areas where prehistoric peoples gathered and knapped high quality chert nodules into large bifaces or used them as cores for the removal of large flakes. LUAS only had time to inspect a small portion of one of these sites, where nearly every chert nodule, numbering in the thousands, had been modified by humans.

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.