

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

Message from the President - Michael Williams

NEWSLETTER

Well, Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and so is 2008 and a new president. For the time being, Pat Hatten is the only candidate. Pat has given so much of himself to LUAS and the Nightengale Center, and I personally believe he will make a great president. Al Priest has also suggested he would consider seeking an office. Elections are in January, after our December Holiday party, so there is plenty of time to enter. There are three officers at present, President, Treasurer, and Secretary with the Secretary doubling as Newsletter Editor. There are also at least three ad hoc committees chaired by Pat, Doris, and Ned Woodall. Any of these would welcome input.

I attended the TAS conference in San Antonio and sat at the LUAS table. The t-shirt and cap sales were not as good as I had hoped, but a lot of people came by the table and took materials on LUAS and the Nightengale Center. I'd also like to thank Tina Prikrly and Al Priest who allowed me relief during the conference, and Pat Hatten, who stopped by to chat.

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November 17 Field Trip

The November field trip will be held at a private ranch southwest of Fredericksburg. There is a burned rock midden, a stone tool workshop, and a lithic quarry. The quarry contains numerous very large bifaces, and it will be interesting to see if the stone tools make their way from the manufacturing locale through the processing station to end up at the camp site. We'll meet in Fredericksburg at the HEB at 9:30 A.M. We can then carpool or caravan to the ranch. Be sure to bring some water and comfortable hiking shoes. We'll probably play until early afternoon, which should leave plenty of time for some early Christmas shopping, good German food, or visiting a portion of the Hill Country Wine Trail. For more information call Chuck at 325-423-0379, or Doris at 325-247-2440.

Wayne Clampitt to Speak at November 14 Meeting Archeology in the 21st Century

Archeology is a field that is evolving in leaps and starts when technological and scientific breakthroughs occur. I will address electronic reporting, detection and research and their future rolls. How we see our world, Macro vs Micro. Will the next hundred years see the last of our archeological sites disappear? These and other topics will be discussed in my prognostications and I hope everyone enjoys it.

I am originally from Beaumont, but have lived in the Austin area since 1977. I am married with one son, who is in college at Texas State University. I have a BA in Anthropology/Archeology from UT with a minor in Architecture. I have been involved in preservation projects and historical research for a number of years. I am a past president and officer of the Moses Austin Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. I was an officer in the non-profit organization, Save Texas Cemeteries and worked there with Karen Thompson, and I served with the Hays County Historical Commission.

Most recently I was asked to be an Archeological Steward for Hays County with the Texas Historical Commission and I serve on a committee with the Texas Archeological Society. For the past 8 years I have enjoyed being a crew chief at the annual TAS Field School and have working all around Texas. I currently have 20 years with the Texas Dept. of Transportation as a cartographer in the mapping branch.

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Special Announcement

LUAS recently lost two longtime members.

Bob Gillespie was a LUAS stalwart for many years, helping with excavations, field trips and student tours. More recently he had become very involved in rock art recording, and we saw less of him as he pursued his passion. Bob was a joy to be with, infinitely polite, always interested in your life, and just an all around great guy. Bob had been in declining health in recent months, and passed away Saturday, October 22, while in hospice care.

Bob Schaffner passed away October 31. Most of us never actually met Bob, knowing him only through his loving wife Gene. Bob obviously supported Gene throughout her many years of LUAS activities as she participated in field trips and helped with activities, including fairs and student tours. Hundreds of students have benefitted from Gene's careful and knowledgeable instruction.

LUAS wishes the members of the Gillespie and Schaffner families the best during these difficult times.

Special Notices

Calendar

Second and fourth Saturdays 2-5pm

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

www.lcra.org

Christmas Party

Coming soon!

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.