

## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the President Michael Williams

Hello Everyone

I hope everyone is having a great New Year. This weather is amazing and beautiful.



Michael Williams

We had a good turnout for our February meeting. I'd like to thank Dan Potter from the Texas Historical Commission for giving an excellent and very informative talk on the archeology of Central Texas. The talk this month promises to be just as interesting so be sure to check out the announcement in this newsletter.

In other news you will find out about the Nightengale clean-up and lab day on March 10th. We sure could use a helping hand from all you readers.

**Also, a Nightengale Archeology Fair is scheduled for March 24th.**

Oh yeah, last but not least "THE BOOKMARKS ARE IN"!!!! They look great! Many thanks to Andy Malof for the work he did to get the bookmarks printed.

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### Dr. Charles Frederick to Speak at March 14 Meeting—7:00 PM, Nightengale Archaeological Center

Following a brief business meeting, we will hear from Dr. Charles Frederick, who will discuss aspects of chert - aka flint - within the Texas Hill Country.

Dr. Frederick is the present President of the Council of Texas Archeologists, the primary professional organization for archeologists in the state.

Dr. Frederick is geoarchaeologist who's interests include the physical nature of the environment and implications for understanding human behavior.

#### Membership Reminder

LUAS membership dues cover the calendar year. You can help us keep our membership list up to date by sending in a new membership form with your dues.



## Field Trip Updates (see [texasluas.org](http://texasluas.org) for the full report and additional photos)

### February 17 trip to Bluffton

We had a large turnout for our field trip to Old Bluffton on Lake Buchanan on Saturday, February 17. Everybody got their exercise for the day carrying equipment over a mile to the town site from where we parked our vehicles. The weather turned out fine if a bit breezy out on the exposed lakebed. While one group stayed in the “downtown” area to record such building remains as the hotel and the cotton gin, another party searched in vain for the prehistoric sites that were glimpsed during an earlier LCRA visit.

The work conducted thus far at the second location of the Bluffton townsite has led to the identification of ten separate features that include the hotel, cotton gin, grist mill, grocery store/gas station, blacksmith shop, a set of windmill footings, and four residential areas.

### March Field Trip to a prehistoric burned rock midden site

For our March 17 field trip we’ve been invited out to a ranch roughly between Horseshoe Bay and Round Mountain. The ranch is known to

have at least one burned rock midden site which we plan to record and there are probably other sites along the spring-fed creek that runs through the ranch. To get to the midden we’ll have to cross the creek on stepping stones but there will not be any strenuous hiking or climbing. This trip will offer neophytes to archeology a chance to view a burned rock midden, a type of feature known colloquially as an “Indian mound.”

We will rendezvous at 9:30 AM in the LCRA parking lot in Marble Falls on the west side of Hwy 281 next to the Pizza Hut. You are urged to leave your vehicle in the parking lot and

car pool – we will have an LCRA Suburban with three rows of seats which should accommodate most of us. If you really need to take your own vehicle, you might want to call or email me ahead of time since we plan to take no more than five vehicles to the ranch. The field trip will probably last until mid afternoon so bring lunch. 325 423-0379; [charles.hixson@gmail.com](mailto:charles.hixson@gmail.com)



*The earlier of the two homesteads belonged to Billy Davis. His house was built around 1854 and may have been continuously occupied up until the time plans were made to create the reservoir in the 1930s.*

## Lab Update

Next lab is scheduled for  
March 10 from 2:00 to 5:00  
pm

Lab will be held in conjunction with the twice weekly public tour sessions. We’ll work on analyzing and cataloguing artifacts from previous LUAS field trips. No experience is necessary. Just show up and we’ll put you to work .

We’ll also be coordinating the regular public tours of the Center at this time, and hopefully a cleanup session to help get prepared for the Archeology Fair scheduled for March 24.



*Doris Howard labels artifacts at November lab*

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## Upcoming Activities

- **March 10**—Open House
- **March 10**—Clean up day
- **March 10**—Lab
- **March 14**—LUAS Meeting  
7:00 P. M.  
Speaker: Charles Frederick
- **March 17**—Field Trip to the B Square Ranch
- **March 24**—Archeology Fair at NAC



## Officer Reports

### **Treasurer's Report**

*Tina Prikryl*

Dues are still trickling in. Send your's in today and beat the rush!

### **Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report**

*Andy Malof*

*The minutes of last month's meeting are posted on the LUAS website.*

A couple of changes: due to the high costs associated with newsletter production, only paid members will be receiving color copies of the newsletter. The rest will be printed off a black and white printer.

You may also notice there are occasional blank spaces in the newsletter. These spaces are for you to use, so send in any announcements or other news you think might be of interest to readers. These can include local or regional events, for example, the TAS academies.

## Committee Reports

### **Public Tours Committee**

*Pat Hatten*

The most recent public tour was well attended. Six people showed up, and donations were made.

Be sure to tell your friends about us, and come on out to visit.

### **Speakers Committee and Steward's Report**

*Doris Howard*

As your regional steward I'm available to answer questions about the archaeology of the area. If you have any topics you'd be interested in hearing about, let me know and I'll try to round up a speaker.

### Random Artifact Photo



*Lead ball from 41BL116.*

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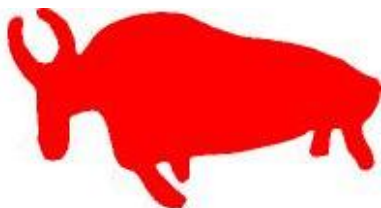
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The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by people interested in the protection, conservation and study of historic and prehistoric materials and sites in the Llano Uplift ("Central Mineral Region") area of the Texas Hill Country. Its primary 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.

**Committees**

(Actual and Proposed)

Special Llano County Outreach Committee—

Ned Woodall, Dan Prikryl

Field Trip Committee—Chuck Hixson, Chair

Speakers Committee—Doris Howard, Chair

Public Tours Committee—Pat Hatten, Chair

Nominations Committee—Open

Membership Committee—Open

Fundraising Committee—Open

Public Outreach Committee—Open

Scholarship Committee—Open

## Special Notices

### ***Distribution Notice***

If you have not received a newsletter in a while, you may have been inadvertently left off the distribution list, or your membership may have lapsed. We hope the changes in the newsletter will give you more information about LUAS, and that you will choose to join us at any or all of our activities. At present we are looking for fresh ideas and new ways to educate people about the prehistory of our area. If you are interested in learning more or participating in any of LUAS's functions, please contact any LUAS Officer or Chair, or just show up at the next meeting!

### ***Calendar***

**March 30-31**—Council of Texas Archaeologist Annual mtg Camp Mabry, Austin, Tx

**April 12-14**—Tx Historical Commission Annual Historic Preservation Conference, Lakeway, Tx  
[www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us)

**April 25-29**—Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting,

Austin

[www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)

**June 9-16**—TAS Annual Field School Presidio San Saba, Menard County, Tx

[www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org)

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

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now online!

Visit LUAS's new website to keep updated on activities, including meetings, speakers, field trips, lab and more!

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