



# PASTIMES

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<https://9gag.com/gag/aQ8o6xd/archaeology-on-valentines>

# PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of January 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Frigo at 7:00 p.m. in the Amarillo Downtown Library.

There were 10 persons in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** The program for the evening was “A Thousand Site Legacy: Digitizing PPHM Archeological Site Records” by Andy Burcham. Andy started with a brief discussion of the history of how the PPHM recorded sites starting in the 1950s. There are around 1000 sites not formally recorded with the state. His ultimate goal is to get these sites both in the museum database and recorded with the state. This is no small feat for him as there are 450 topo sheets for the twenty-six counties in the Texas Panhandle and two collections of these topo sheets that he has to look at to record the sites. He starts with digitizing the sites from a topo sheet onto TOPO!. He then compares these to the state records using Google Earth to see if the site already has a trinomial. Then compares how close the site is to a known trinomial using Excel to do computations using the distance formula. He is 42% completed with the county maps. He also shared some useful Google Earth “add-in” tools: USA Topo-Maps-Slider (slider that makes the satellite image go to topo map with varying degrees of transparency); USGS Quadrangles tool (lays out 7.5 quads over map and identifies them); and Soil Web tool (gives soil types for the area, if you click on the abbreviation it gives information on the soil type).

**MINUTES:** Rolla suggested a correction to the past meeting’s minutes of changing Brett Cruise to Brett Bowman. The minutes were then approved with this correction. Rolla motioned and Elaine seconded.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** There is a total balance of \$7,356.37. \$4,000 of that came from our share of the TAS annual meeting and minus the amount given to the Studer Banquet speaker. Elaine motioned for this to be approved and Rolla seconded.

**PUBLICATIONS REPORT:** Rolla reported that there was a balance of \$2,441.97 in the regular account and in the CD there was \$5,239.20.

**MARKETING:** The Facebook has 103 likes. Twitter and Instagram accounts have been set up. The Instagram is Pan\_Arch\_Soc. The society has also been put on the list for the Prairie Palooza at Palo Duro Canyon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Southwest Federation is being hosted by the PAS at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on April 4th. There needs to be a committee to do goodie bags – brochures and items like that. Paul and Rolla are taking care of abstracts and publication. Be thinking about who else can help with getting refreshments and stuff for give outs. Rolla suggested to waive the registration fee and for PAS to underwrite the fee of the meeting since we have the money to cover it. This would not cost more than \$500. Paul moved that we accept this idea. Elaine seconded, and the motion was approved by the members present.

Chris Podzemny came to talk about his recent find. He believes he found the burial of Sostenes l'Archevêque at the confluence of Sierrita de la Cruze Creek and the Canadian River. He wants to see if the PAS could help him, and to put up a historical marker up there.

The Flint Knapp in at Roaring Springs, Texas is January 24 – 25.

Alvin Lynn has been selected for the Curtis Tunnel Award from the Texas Historical Commission. This is the highest award you can receive for an archaeologist.

Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Bible, Substitute Secretary



## **A Brief Review of Archaeological Work Conducted at Palo Duro Canyon State Park**

Dr. Veronica Arias  
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

### **Abstract**

Palo Duro Canyon has been an important place for human occupation within the Southern Plains for several millennia. There is archaeological evidence that its unique topography, fauna, and flora were attractive to different cultural groups throughout the past 12,000 years. This presentation will discuss the types of archaeological work conducted within Palo Duro Canyon State Park (PDCSP) since its inception in 1933. It reviews some of the highlights of the recently co-authored publication entitled History of Archeological Investigations at Palo Duro Canyon State Park (available for download at <https://jtah.org>). This research examined the various factors both within the discipline and in the broader arena of cultural resource management that have shaped both the amount and types of projects conducted at PDCSP over time. Finally, some of the preliminary findings of the 2019 Texas Archeological Society Field School held at PDCSP will be discussed. This latest field school has been the most intense effort to date to better understand the archaeology of the park and the rich history of human occupation in this region.

### **Biography**

Veronica Arias has been involved in archeology and archeological projects for over twenty years. Most of her past work has been in the American Southwest and the Pre-Columbian Andes, although she has focused on the archeology of the Southern Plains since her arrival to West Texas A&M University in 2014. She is currently the Curator of Anthropology and Natural History at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, adjunct assistant professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico, and the immediate past president of the Panhandle Archeological Society.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 15-16 TAS Geoaerchology Academy, Victoria, TX.
- February 19 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS. Amarillo Public Library, Downtown Branch, Upstairs.  
5:30 p.m. Please join us for our pre-meeting dinner, Napoli's, 700 So. Taylor.
- February 20-22 Southern Plains Conference. For more information, please visit <https://www.wtamu.edu/museum/csaw-southernplains.aspx>
- March 14 Deadline to submit papers for the Southwest Federation
- March 18 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS. Amarillo Public Library, Downtown Branch, Upstairs.  
5:30 p.m. Please join us for our pre-meeting dinner, Napoli's, 700 So. Taylor.
- March 28-29 TAS Ceramics Academy, San Angelo, TX.
- April 4 Southwest Federation Symposium at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
- April 25th Stone Age Fair, Perryton, TX.
- May 1-3 TAS Archeology 101 Academy, San Felipe, TX.



<https://twitter.com/AnnaGoldfield/status/1096156132316405760>

# Call for Papers

## **Southwestern Federation of Archaeological Societies 56th Symposium**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas

**Proposals for individual papers are now being accepted on any topic relating to the cultural or natural history of the Federation region of western Texas and eastern New Mexico.**

Papers accepted for presentation will be published in the *Transactions of the 56<sup>st</sup> Regional Archeological Symposium for Southeastern New Mexico and Western Texas*, available in 2021.

Please submit your abstract using this form

**Deadline for submission is March 14, 2020**

AUTHOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION (to be included in the program): \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSTRACT (maximum of 200 words):

E-MAIL IS THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT INFORMATION. Attach the completed form and abstract to your message and e-mail the information to: Paul Katz or Rolla Shaller, Symposium Organizers: [prkatz@suddenlink.net](mailto:prkatz@suddenlink.net) or [rshaller@suddenlink.net](mailto:rshaller@suddenlink.net)

Address any questions and comments to the above emails.



# **2020 Perryton Stone Age Fair**

Presented by  
**Courson Archaeological Research**

**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM April 25th, 2020**

at  
**The Museum of the Plains  
1200 N. Main  
Perryton, Texas 79070**

**The Perryton Stone Age Fair provides artifact collectors with an opportunity to showcase their prehistoric and historic Indian artifact collections. Equally important, the event also provides a setting where collectors can meet with other collectors and exchange information. Persons with collections related to the pre-settlement era, specifically military or buffalo hunting, are also invited to attend. Individuals who are not interested in displaying artifacts they have found, but would like to learn more about them, are also encouraged to bring them as archaeologists will be on hand to help with artifact identification.**

**Buying, selling or trading of artifacts is not permitted at this event. Artifact reproductions may be displayed for educational purposes as long as they are labeled as such.**

**Exhibitor set-up is from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00-10:00 a.m. on the day of the show. The doors will open to the public at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Following the fair exhibitors are invited to a free catered dinner and door prize give-way. To reserve free table space or for additional information please contact Courson Archaeological Research at (806) 434-0157.**

**(Copied from an email/flyer sent by Scott Brosowske)**

## A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As the president of the PAS, I am trying to help our society grow, and I believe that the best way to do that is to do more public outreach and to get exposure where we can. That being said, I would like to know what ideas you have and your ability to commit to them. For example, the Texas Master Naturalist: Panhandle Chapter has held a booth for a day at the Amarillo Community Market, showing people how to make bird-feeders out of plastic water bottles. Does that sound like a good idea? If so, would you be able to help/volunteer with something like that (Amarillo Community Market is held on Saturdays in the summer), and do you have any ideas about the activities that we could do? Do you have ideas for events and activities that we could do to attract public attention in Palo Duro Canyon? Or even Caprock Canyon if we're all willing to go that far? Or even events held at local libraries and other public institutions. Be thinking about days of the week and times of the day that you would be most available and willing to participate in these activities. Please let me know of any ideas that you have! Feel free to build up on some of the ideas mentioned here and/or let me know if you have any completely unique ideas of your own at the next meeting! Either way, I'd love to hear what ideas you have! Please see the form on the next page.

Secondly, I would like to know what you would like to get out of the PAS. Would you like to go on field trips? I can't guarantee that we can get people to discuss these topics, but are there certain topics about anthropology and archaeology that you would like to hear more about from our speakers? Or are there topics that you would like to know more about that might inspire an activity for us to do as a society? Again, be thinking about days of the week and times of the day that you would be most available and willing to do any activity that is proposed. Again, please let me know in the attached form on the next page.

Just as a reminder, for those who have Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram, the links for our page are below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Panhandle-Archaeological-Society-135483440571330/>

[https://www.instagram.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc/](https://www.instagram.com/pan_arch_soc/)

[https://twitter.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc](https://twitter.com/pan_arch_soc)

Sincerely,  
Erin Frigo





**IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES**

(please print and fill out for our February meeting)

IDEAS/ACTIVITIES:

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DAYS AND TIMES (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY):

Sunday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Tuesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening

## SPECIAL AWARD!

One of our very own members, Alvin R. Lynn has been selected for the Curtis Tunnel Award! Congratulations from all of us at the Panhandle Archaeological Society, Alvin!

