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PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Frigo at 7:04 p.m. virtually via ZOOM.

There were 20 persons in attendance.

PROGRAM: The program for the evening was given by John D. Speth, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. His presentation was “The Beginnings of Plains-Pueblo Interaction—The View from Southeastern New Mexico”. He spoke on a bison kill site near Rosewell, NM, the Garnsey Bison Kill, and how and why at this kill site they chose male meat over female or calf meat.

MINUTES: Andy noted that there should be a correction to the January meeting minutes of the University of North Texas being the institution doing the digitization and not the University of Texas. With this correction, Jerry motioned for the January meeting minutes to be approved. Andy seconded it and they were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pam has deposited all the dues she received which brought the total in the checking account to \$7,744.03.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT: Andy reported that the regular checking account received \$.19 interest giving a balance of \$2,324.93. The 180 day CD remained the same with a balance of \$5,344.44. The CD matured in mid-February with \$13.15 interest. There was also \$14.04 sales tax. The interest rate went down to 4%.

MARKETING: The Facebook has reached around 340 likes and followers. Erin ordered the two T-shirts. Erin still has six bumper stickers for sale if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS: Pam is still stepping down as treasurer at the end of the year. If there is someone who would like to take this responsibility, let Erin know.

NEW BUSINESS: Erin has been working on new membership forms and needs suggestions on these. Some of the suggestions she has already received are to make the language less restrictive and have a spot for high schoolers.

The Ceramics Academy that the TAS is putting on has been postponed.

Rolla has been in hospice since Friday. Also, Chris Linz’s wife passed away that morning.

Erin motioned that the meeting adjourn and Scott seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Bible, Secretary

New Interpretations of the El Cuartelejo Community in Western Kansas

Dr. Sarah Trabert



Abstract

The Scott County Pueblo (El Cuartelejo) site is the remains of a 17th century masonry pueblo structure in western Kansas. Even though the site has been studied since 1898, questions remained regarding the identity of those who lived at the pueblo and how long this community lasted. This presentation summarizes ceramics analysis of artifacts from the pueblo and other nearby sites that paints a rich picture of a multiethnic and multigenerational community of Puebloan migrants and local Plains Apache peoples living in Kansas after AD 1600.

Biography

Dr. Sarah Trabert is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. She chose to be a Great Plains archaeologist after growing up in Dodge City, Kansas. Her research focuses on understanding ancestral Apache sites on the High Plains and the long history of Wichita settlement in the southern Plains.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13-14 Texas Archeological Society Virtual Archeology 101 Academy, via Zoom

March 17 Regular PAS meeting, 7:00 pm, held via Zoom.

March 20-21 Texas Archeological Society Archeology 101 Field Excavations, held at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

April 21 Regular PAS meeting, 7:00 pm, held via Zoom

April 24-25 Texas Archeological Society Virtual Archeobotany Academy, via Zoom

May 19 Regular PAS meeting, 7:00 pm, held via Zoom





Payment of Dues and Social Media Resources

For payment of membership dues and any donations, please mail your payment as a check made out to the Panhandle Archaeological Society at **P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, Texas, 79105.**

The membership dues are as follows:

Individual Membership: \$15 per year

Family membership: \$20 per year

Student membership: \$10 per year

Institution: \$20 per year

Also, please remember that the Panhandle Archaeological Society currently has the following social media pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleArchaeologicalSociety>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/pan_arch_soc/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/pan_arch_soc

Please help our society grow by liking, following, and sharing the pages and the posts!

In Memory of Rolla Shaller

The Panhandle Archaeological Society mourns the passing of our dear friend and one of our founding members, Rolla H. Shaller on February 18, 2020. I have included an email sent in response to our member, Veronica Arias from Michael R. Grauer, because I believe that Michael's words are well said to Rolla's character.

Please read below:

“Thank you, Veronica. It is never easy to bear sad tidings and I know Rolla's family and friends so appreciate your willingness to shoulder this burden.



I have been staring at your email for a couple of hours now trying to collect my thoughts. Happily, I have enjoyed the Rolla slideshow and film that's been playing in my head the past few hours as I relive knowing him since 1987 when I started at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, and especially since 1991 when he came back to the museum to work there again for the next 30 years.

Perhaps more than any other of the myriad lessons I learned from this humble man was to always keep a smile on my face and a laugh always near the surface. I never knew anyone who could chuckle through a seething rage or righteous indignation like Rolla. He always remained—regardless of the circumstances—dedicated and devoted to those and what he loved. He also forgot more than any of us will ever know about the museum's history and the Panhandle-Plains region.

They broke the mold when Rolla was made. I just know up in Heaven there's post-dig campfire going right now with a bunch of grimy archaeologists and historians sitting around it that just welcomed Rolla into the circle to have a cup and share. Around that circle is Alvin Lynn, Jeff Indeck, Jack Hughes, Billy Harrison, Floyd Studer, Fred Rathjen, Mr. Bugbee, Mr. Haley, and many others who have gone before us.

As the Good Book says, “Well *done*, good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your lord.”

Much obliged, my friend, my colleague, my mentor, my pard.

Con todo respeto,
Michael”

-Michael Grauer

News Article: “Two Men Plead Guilty to Looting Artifacts from Federal Land”

The following has been copied and pasted from a news article from the Department of Justice, published on February 25, 2020. You can find the online article here at [Two Men Plead Guilty to Looting Artifacts from Federal Land | USAO-NDTX | Department of Justice](#) .

“Two men pleaded guilty this week to illegally excavating approximately 1,500 artifacts from federal land, announced Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Prerak Shah.

Jeffrey Alan Vance, 37, of San Marcos, and Dax Wheatley, 32, of Amarillo, pleaded guilty this week to violating the Archeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA).

“Looting from federal lands will always trigger swift enforcement action,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Prerak Shah. “The Justice Department will not stand for the theft of precious cultural artifacts. We are working aggressively to safeguard our nation’s Native American heritage and root out those who violate the law.”

“The federal law enforcement officers of the Bureau of Land Management and our state archaeologists work tirelessly to protect our nation’s natural and cultural resources,” said Eric A. Kriley Director of the BLM’s Office of Law Enforcement and Security. “I hope the sentences in this case will deter others from illegally collecting and trading in Native American cultural artifacts and other items protected by the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. I want to thank the United States Attorney’s Office for their outstanding cooperation and commitment in the prosecution of this case.”

In March 2019, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a tip that an illegal excavation had occurred on a Native American cultural site at the Cross Bar Management Area, just north of Amarillo, Texas. BLM determined that the illegal excavation took place at a site known as 41PT109 – a former homestead of the Antelope Creek Culture, Native Americans who lived in the Texas panhandle between approximately 1200-1500 A.D.

A BLM agent received information that a person, later identified as Mr. Vance, had posted photographs of the illegal excavation on social media. While commenting on the photo, a Facebook user informed Mr. Vance that the area he was “digging in is federal land and Rangers enforce” there. Mr. Vance replied, “I’m not scared of the feds.”

Mr. Wheatley also posted photographs of illegal excavations that he and Mr. Vance conducted at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers site in Austin, Texas. Mr. Vance posted more information on social media about other dig sites in the Austin, Texas area and the San Marcos, Texas area.

According to plea papers, a search warrant was executed at the homes of both Mr. Vance and Mr. Wheatley in November 2019. Mr. Vance admitted that there were human remains inside his residence and Mr. Wheatley had a photograph of the excavation site 41PT109 taped to his refrigerator.

Law enforcement sized Mr. Vance’s cell phone and conducted a forensic analysis. He had several discussions with people about selling the illegally obtained Native American artifacts and remains. In one text message, Mr. Vance stated, “Don’t be telling people we are digging on government property!” Vance also bragged that he is an “infamous illegal excavator of Native American artifacts in Texas” and that he is “a criminal.”

In total, approximately 1,500 artifacts were recovered by federal authorities including burial beads and petrified wood. BLM will consult with the appropriate tribes to determine cultural affiliation and to facilitate repatriation of the remains and artifacts.

Each defendant faces up to 2 years in federal prison and restitution for their crimes.

The Bureau of Land Management, FBI Evidence Recovery Team, National Parks Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Homeland Security Investigations conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna Marie Bell is prosecuting the case.”

2021 Texas Archeological Society Academies

Ceramics Academy will be held **virtually** February 20-21, 2021. Ms. Marybeth Tomka, Dr. Chris Lintz, and Ms. Becky Shelton will be the instructors.

Archeology 101 Academy class will be held **virtually** March 13-14, 2021, with half day of excavations held in the **field** at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site either March 20 or 21, 2021 (your choice!). Dr. Jon Lohse will be the instructor and Dr. Sarah Chesney will be Principal Investigator for excavation.

Archeobotany Academy will be held **virtually** April 24-25, 2021. Dr. Leslie Bush will be the lead instructor, with special guest lecturers: Phil Cross, Alaina Tahlate, Dr. Kevin Hanselka, and Dr. Elizabeth Temple Horton.

MEMBERSHIP IN TAS is required for attendance at TAS Academies. Before completing this academy registration form, please complete a TAS membership form and mail to TAS - address below - with appropriate dues (\$40 Student/\$70 Individual/\$90 Family) or complete online form and pay with a credit card. TAS membership information is available on the web at <https://www.txarch.org/join-or-renew>.

Fees: The registration fee for each Academy attended is \$100. Registration includes two days of instruction, a digital manual, kits for Ceramics and Archeobotany, and lunch and snacks on the Archeology 101 field day. A certificate of participation will be awarded to attendees. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit is available for teachers as approved by the Texas State Board of Education.

More Academy Info: Please check <https://www.txarch.org/tas-academies> on the Texas Archeological Society website for specific details and updates for each of the Academies. You can register by mailing this form (address below) which can be printed from the registration PDF found on the TAS website (checks only please); or you can register online with a credit card. For scholarship opportunities check <https://www.txarch.org/scholarships>.

2021 TAS ARCHEOLOGY ACADEMIES REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) and topic(s) of those attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Ceramics Academy	Virtual	February 20-21, 2021	February 6, 2021
Archeology 101 Academy	Virtual & San Felipe, TX	March 13-14; 20-21, 2021	February 27, 2021
Archeobotany Academy	Virtual	April 24-25, 2021	April 10, 2021

Number of Academies attended @ \$100 each _____ Total fees due _____

Cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable. Cancellation vacancies will be filled from a waiting list.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Texas Archeological Society**

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO: **Texas Archeological Society**
Dept. of Anthropology at Texas State University
601 University Drive
San Marcos, TX 78666-4616

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S Archeology 101 Academy



Virtual Academy

March 13-14, 2021

Via Zoom



Field Excavations

March 20-21, 2021

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

Instructor: Dr. Jon Lohse

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sarah Chesney

Register by February 27, 2021 at:

<https://www.txarch.org/tas-academies>

Cost: \$100 + TAS membership. CPE credits available.

Scholarship opportunities at:

<https://www.txarch.org/scholarship>

Learn the tools to identify, record and assess an archeological site (investigation, survey, test excavation, sample, preservation, catalogue, report and much more).

Participate in a field excavation on the Historic Site of San Felipe de Austin. No experience necessary.

Archeobotany Academy



Virtual Academy

April 24-25, 2021

Via Zoom



Instructor:

Dr. Leslie Bush

Register by April 10, 2021 at:

<https://www.txarch.org/tas-academies>

Cost: \$100 + TAS membership. CPE credits available.

Scholarship opportunities at:

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Introduction to Archeobotany with emphasis on Caddo ancestors and plant species of east Texas. Recovery techniques, plant identification, analytical processes, ancient technologies, traditional stories, Caddo language, and more. With lectures, a kit with plant-based snacks, class handbook, and more.