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<https://www.phoenixmag.com/2019/10/15/9-valley-pumpkin-patches-to-visit-this-fall/>

## Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Our last meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Therefore, there are no minutes to report. Welcome back, everyone! Hope you're looking forward to the fall season!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2rTCtvxJbMcsq6Yh5JzdWC/autumn-oddities-22-facts-about-the-fall>

## Mining Paint at the Powars II Site, Platte County, WY

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### Abstract

The Powars II Paleoindian Red Ocher Quarry, located in Sunrise, WY, is one of only a handful of pre-historic ocher quarries discovered globally. Excavations conducted during the last several years have yielded a large assemblage of early and middle Paleoindian artifacts situated within a 2-meter-thick deposit of red ocher quarry tailings produced 11 to 13 thousand years ago by some of Wyoming's first residents. Major findings from excavation in the intact portion of the site include quarry pit features, several dozen Paleoindian spear points, bone and antler digging implements, and incised bone objects. This presentation will summarize the history of investigations, major findings, and ongoing historic preservation efforts at the site.



### Biography

Spencer Pelton received his PhD from the University of Wyoming in 2018 and became the Wyoming State Archaeologist in November, 2019. Spencer primarily researches the early Prehistory of the High Plains and Rocky Mountains, but also maintains interests in global human dispersal and the peopling of the Americas. Spencer conducts excavations at several Paleoindian sites in Wyoming, most recently at the Powars II red ocher quarry and the Sisters Hill site. Spencer splits his time between Laramie and Douglas, WY with his wife Hallie and their dog Cashew.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS, held via Zoom

October 17 Perryton Stone Age Fair held at the Museum of the Plains

October 21 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS, held via Zoom



<https://www.semidelicatebalance.com/best-autumn-quotes-messages-sayings-fall-season/>

## Some Summer Events

Well, we did manage to have two outreach events held at the Amarillo Community Market this summer. Our secretary, Andy Burcham and I (Erin Frigo) hosted the events, with the help of a few Texas Master Naturalists, where we talked about all the versatile uses for yucca during prehistoric times. We had all kinds of hands-on activities for the kids and they absolutely loved it! Some of the adults even took part too! So many people were so excited to learn that our society existed and, who knows, maybe we'll get some more members out of it! I'm still thinking of more outreach activities for us to do and if any of you can think of anything, please let me know.



In Memory of Alvin Lynn .

(Collage prepared by Lisa Jackson)



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