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**Forensic Sculptor Amanda Danning will present "Written in Bone" at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Wednesday Evening, April 16th.**

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# Upcoming Events

## New PPHM Curator of Archaeology Returns to Her Roots

It is refreshing to see Texas panhandle people return to live and work in our area after pursuing their careers in other states or countries. That is the case with Veronica Arias, PhD, who is the new curator of archaeology at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

After her graduation from Amarillo High School, Arias attended Boston University, double majoring in history and international relations. “But it was in undergraduate that I realized that I wanted to become an archaeologist,” she said. Arias had enough credits for her two majors and then added additional classes in archaeology and anthropology before receiving her undergraduate degree.

Bitten by the travel bug, Arias expanded her horizons. “I wanted to explore the archaeology idea. I have roots in Argentina. My family is originally from Argentina, so I moved to Buenos Aires and lived there for just short of two years,” she said. She took classes at the University of Buenos Aires in prehistory and archaeology in order to give her the background she needed for graduate school.



*Veronica Arias , PhD.*

Arias chose the University of New Mexico for its archaeology program. She found that theory rather than actual field work was more the focus there. “They just sort of assume that you’re going to get that on the side,” she said. She did get that experience while attending there.

Arias credits her years spent in Amarillo growing up with nurturing her attraction to PPHM. “I grew up in Amarillo, not here (Canyon), and I would have even less of a reason to come out here if the schools hadn’t introduced me to the museum,” she said.

Arias’ strong history of field work should prove to be advantageous to her duties at PPHM. “I started my academic career as an Andean archaeologist in the Andes. So I have worked in Peru and Bolivia. In Peru I worked a number of seasons. In Bolivia I spent one season. In Argentina I spent one season. While in Peru I worked at some monumental archaeological sites. I worked at a site with two huge pyramids. Part of my job was to help excavate at the base of one of those pyramids. It was not fun, because it was made out of adobe. Imagine excavating adobe under the walls,” she said.

Arias explained that they wanted to know if the pyramid was built all at one once or in stages. She said, “They were made all at once. It was beautiful, because we got to the bottom and there were actually carbon samples we could take and have dated.”

Her background in archaeological field work seems to have influenced her ideas for the future at PPHM. “I would love to offer more archaeology and anthropology classes here. If I can take out students, a work crew, that I can train well, even if it’s just for a month in the field and the other two months in the classroom. You can do a lot in that time period,” she said.

## “Written in Bone” coming to PPHM April 16

By Stephanie Price

Have you ever looked at bones in a museum and wondered what the person or animal looked like during its life? Forensic sculptor Amanda Danning will present a program showcasing facial reconstruction and the interesting stories surrounding her profession.

Danning will present “Written in Bone” at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, on April 16 at 6 p.m. She will focus on “Sam”, whose 10,000 plus year old remains, along with those of a juvenile girl, were found in a sediment filled shelter along the Brazos River in Central Texas. Danning was commissioned to do the facial reconstruction on the skull with collaboration from Dr. Doug Owsley, head of the physical anthropology department of the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History. It was determined that “Sam did not resemble any of the Native Americans known to have resided in North America.

Join PPHM for a fascinating look at Danning’s methodology of forensic sculpting. The event will take place in the Hazelwood Lecture hall of PPHM from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Museum members, West Texas A&M faculty, staff and students are free of charge and all other guests will be charged \$5 at the door.

**Reservations must be made by April 14. You may make reservations by contacting Amy Mitchell at [amitchell@pphm.wtamu.edu](mailto:amitchell@pphm.wtamu.edu) or 806-651-2242.**



*Amanda Danning Presents:*

# WRITTEN IN BONE

*Sponsored in part by the Goodnight Circle*

# PPHM

PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

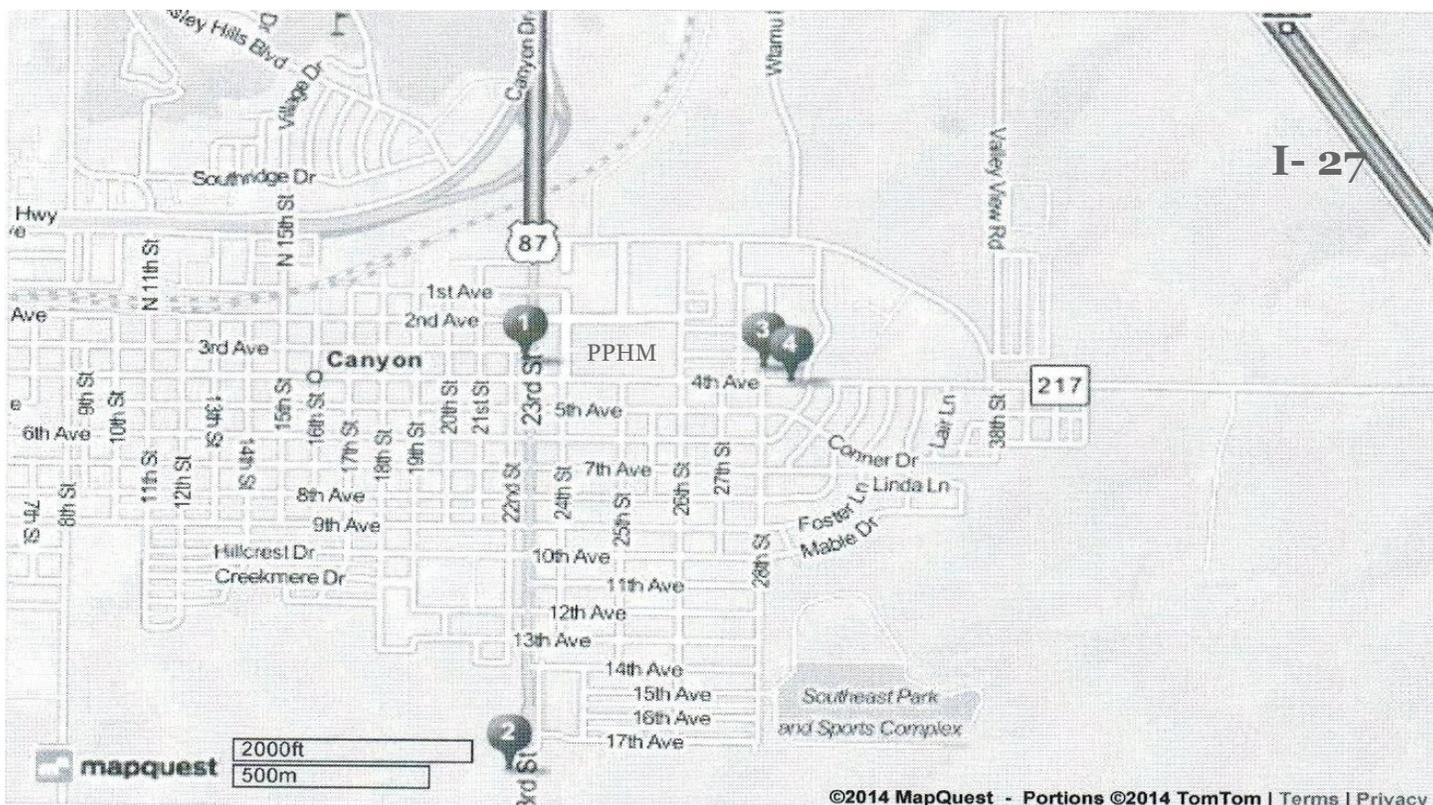
You are invited to attend the  
**Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies 50<sup>th</sup> Symposium**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:00 - 5:00**

[Friday evening social, informal Saturday dinner, Sunday tours to Alibates Ruin 28 or Adobe Walls]

Hosted by the Panhandle Archeological Society  
at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, TX

**Hotels in Canyon, Texas**

- 1. Buffalo Inn—300 23rd St., 806-655-2124; 800-526-9968; \$45/night; must mention archeology meeting to get rate.**
- 2. Knights Inn & Suites— 24270 S. US Hwy. 87; 806-655-1132; \$45/night.**
- 3. Holiday Inn Express— 2901 4th Ave.; 806-655-4445; 800-465-4329; pet friendly; \$112/night; 2 people.**
- 4. Best Western Palo Duro Canyon Inn & Suites— 2801 4th Ave.; 806-655-1818.**



PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY Minutes March 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Otto shortly after 7:00 p.m. at the Downtown Amarillo Library second floor Board Room. Guests and members were greeted. There were 23 in attendance: 21 members and 2 guests. The new PPHM Curator of Archeology, Veronica Arias, PhD., was introduced to those who had not met her last month.

The following upcoming meetings and events were announced.

NOTE: the PAS April meeting will be in Canyon at the PPHM in the Hazelwood Room an hour early at 6 PM

- . Apr. 26 Stone Age Fair, Museum of the Plains, 10 a.m. Perryton, TX (Contact Scott Brosowske, 806-434,0157)
- . May 3 50th Annual Symposium of the SWFAS, PAS Host, PPHM

Program: Todd Smith, Chief Investigator of the Lubbock District Attorney's office presented a report of his and Mike Mitchell, also an investigator of the same office on their efforts to locate the site of the 1870's grave of Leander Gregg, US Army in the Blanco Canyon area, using techniques of modern criminal investigation and historic documents.

MINUTES: Minutes from the previous meeting were published in the PAS Newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pam Allison reported a balance of \$3,299.70. The report was approved.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Rolla Shaller reported a balance of \$1,147.40 in the money market account and \$5,017.29 in the CD. The report was approved. Publication of a report from Chris Linz is in the works.

OLD BUSINESS: SWFAS Meeting. Paul Katz reported that the program is full with ten papers to be presented. He and Rolla Shaller are working on the program schedule which will be printed in the April newsletter and on the PAS Web Site. The Fifty Year Anniversary of the Federation will be kicked off by the same person who opened the first meeting. There will be a registration fee of \$10.00 which includes break refreshments.

Committee Reports:

Pam Allison is working on a Friday evening social hour and a listing of lunch sites.

Bill Webb is working on suggested lodging.

Elaine Maples and Audrey Taylor are in charge of welcome bags.

Dick Carter and Careyn Henslee are in charge of registration.

Dick Carter will be the timekeeper for the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS: Next month's program will be "Written in Bone" by Amanda Danning, who has worked with Doug Owsley of the Smithsonian, showcasing facial reconstruction and interesting stories from her profession. The program will be in conjunction with PPHM and will be at the Museum. The program will begin at 6 PM in the Hazelwood Room. Reservations must be made by April 14; contact Amy Mitchell at amitchell@pphmwtamu.edu or 651-2242. Light refreshments will be served. A \$5.00 fee will be charged nonmembers.

Jerry Leatherman will retire as Newsletter editor with the May issue. Donna asked a for volunteer to fill the position.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned by Donna Otto at 8:45 p.m.

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## *News & Notes:*

I have a fairly complete set of back issues of a journal called “The Biblical Archaeology Review”, with issues from about 1979 through 2005. This is a high class journal with glossy pages and many color photographs. There are a number of articles on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea Scrolls among the Israeli and Palestinian sites I can remember. I want them to go to a good home where they will be read and appreciated.

Bill Webb 806-355-6098 [wwebbbb@suddenlink.net](mailto:wwebbbb@suddenlink.net)

On Saturday, May 3, the PAS will be hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies. It is a milestone event for the Federation, and we want it to be a memorable one for the participants and the attendees.

You can make this happen by helping with one (or more) of the many tasks that must be done beforehand. Most of these tasks are listed in the accompanying table, grouped into committees. The names already in the table are members who signed up at the last meeting.

If there is something that you are good at doing and you would like to participate, please send an email to or call President Donna Otto, who will be coordinating the committee activities: Ottotomfarm@aol.com or **(806) 681-4181**. Please provide both your email address and a telephone number so that we can contact you with more information about your committee's activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMITTEE	TASKS	STAFFING
Book sales <i>[optional]</i>	PAS and SWFAS publications	
Donations and funding	identify potential donors; solicit funds; solicit snacks for breaks	
Friday social	find location; make arrangements	Pam Allison
Lunch	prepare list of restaurant options with map; take orders and deliver Board lunch	
Lodging	prepare list of lodging options and	Bill Webb
Photography	pictures of speakers; pictures of field trip(s)	Joe Cepeda
Program	solicit participants; get abstracts; schedule presentations; prepare and print program	Rolla Shaller Paul Katz
Publicity	write press releases; submit to media outlets; submit to HPPR	
Registration	prepare name badges; register attendees; collect registration money	Careyn Henslee Dick Carter Beryl Hughes
Sessions	Timekeeper; introduction of speakers	Dick Carter
Sunday tour(s)	decide on venue(s); find guide(s); prepare map(s)	
Welcome bags, door prizes, silent auction <i>[all optional]</i>	solicit items; prepare bags; door prize tickets; display auction items	Audrey Taylor Elaine Maples

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# Upcoming Events

- April 16 - There will be an informal PAS meeting following the lecture to work on any final details of the SWFAS Symposium. All interested members should plan on staying for this.**
- April 26 - Perryton Stone Age Fair, Museum of the Plains, Perryton, TX.  
10 A.M.—5 P.M. Contact Scott Brosowski (806) 434-0157.**
- May 3 - 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies at PPHM. See details on Page 12.**
- May 21 -Panhandle Archeological Society meeting at Amarillo Public Library, 413 Southeast 4th St., 2nd Floor, 7:00 PM. *Last meeting before summer break.***
- Sept. 17- Panhandle Archeological Society meeting at Amarillo Public Library, 413 Southeast 4th St., 2nd Floor, 7:00 PM.**
- Oct. 15- Panhandle Archeological Society meeting at Amarillo Public Library, 413 Southeast 4th St., 2nd Floor, 7:00 PM.**
- Nov. 18- Panhandle Archeological Society meeting at Amarillo Public Library, 413 Southeast 4th St., 2nd Floor, 7:00 PM.**
- Dec. 16- Panhandle Archeological Society meeting at Amarillo Public Library, 413 Southeast 4th St., 2nd Floor, 7:00 PM.**