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On the Cover: Jeff
Indeck at the float
station CAR FS 2010

The Panhandle Archaeological Society will hold its next meeting on Wednesday November 16, 2011, at 7:00 pm, at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center Science Building, 2301 N. Soncy Road, in Amarillo, Texas. Our program will be presented by Donna Otto.



Passport in Time: Volunteer Archaeological Opportunities

Donna Otto

Abstract

Passport in Time (PIT) is a volunteer archaeology and historic preservation program of the USDA Forest Service (FS). PIT volunteers work with professional FS archaeologists and historians on national forests throughout the U.S. on such diverse activities as archaeological survey and excavation, rock art restoration, archival research, historic structure restoration, oral history gathering, and analysis and curation of artifacts. The FS professional staff of archaeologists and historians will be your hosts, guides, and co-workers.

Over the years, volunteers have helped us stabilize ancient cliff dwellings in New Mexico, excavate a 10,000-year-old village site in Minnesota, restore a historic lookout tower in Oregon, clean vandalized rock art in Colorado, survey for sites in a rugged Montana wilderness, and excavate a 19th-century Chinese mining site in Hell's Canyon in Idaho.

Many PIT projects involve backcountry camping where you are responsible for your own food and gear. Others include meals prepared by a "camp cook," often for a small fee. Still others provide hookups for RVs, or volunteers may stay at local hotels and travel to the site each day. The projects vary in length from two days to two weeks or longer. While there is no fee to participate, you must get yourself to the project, and accommodations and amenities may vary. No project provides travel, per diem, or monetary allotments for lodging and associated expenses. This presentation provides an overview of my experiences in Passport in Time programs.

Biography

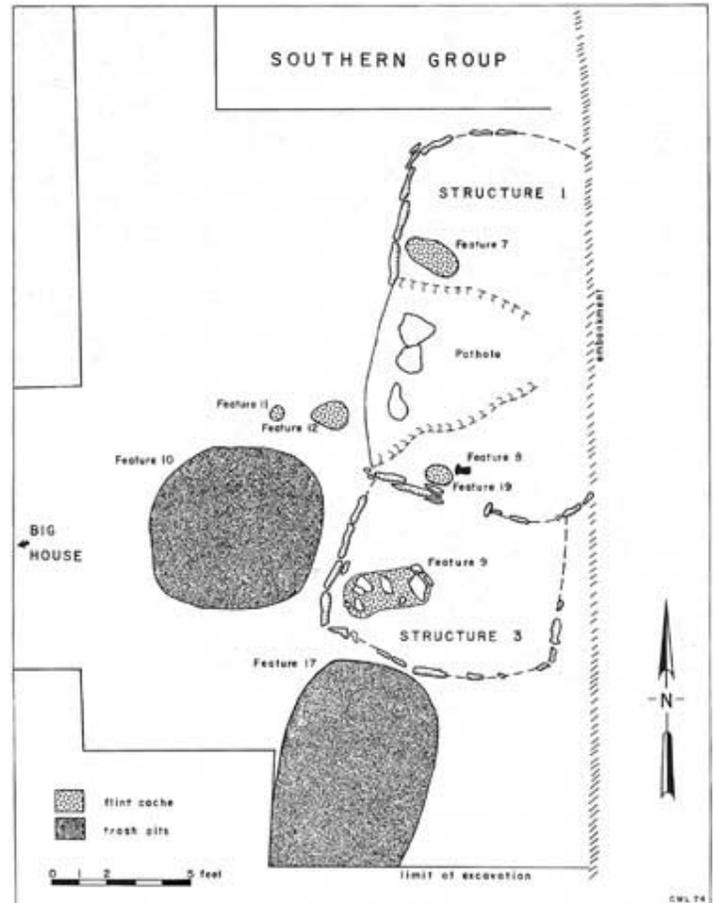
Donna Otto is a West Texas A&M University graduate, with major hours in anthropology and history. She was a student of Jack Hughes and Fred Rathjen, who stimulated her interest in archeology and Texas history. She has worked on archaeology projects with the Panhandle Archaeological Society, the Texas Archaeological Society, and Oklahoma Anthropological Society. She was employed with the National Park Service to oversee the cataloging of their archaeological collections, and the Bureau of Reclamation to work on the salvage project at Chicken Creek. She also did contract work on the Palo Duro Creek Project. She has served as past officer(s) of the PAS and has assisted in preparing publications for printing, including Southwest Federation papers and the report *Archaeological Salvage in the Sanford Reservoir Area* by F. E. Green. Donna is retired and is doing volunteer work on Forest Service archaeology projects through their Passport in Time program.

PAS November Field Trip

November 12, 2011

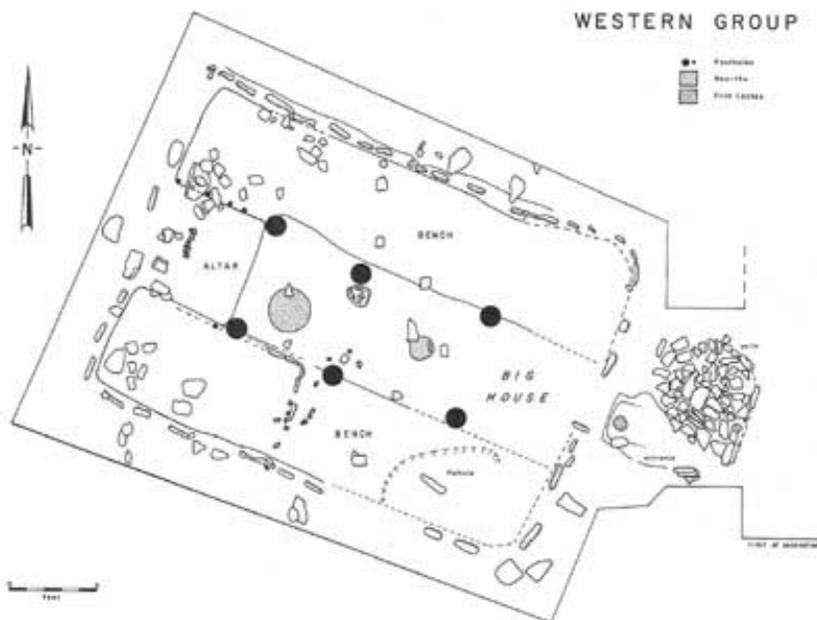
The Panhandle Archaeological Society (PAS) is pleased to announce another weekend field trip to visit several impressive prehistoric and historic period archaeological sites. On November 12, 2011 we will visit two private ranches in the Borger-Stinnett area that are closed to the public. We would like to thank Bob Smith and his daughter Deidre Hood who met the landowners and obtained permission for PAS members to participate in this tour. The properties that we will visit are on the north side of the Canadian River and have several south-flowing tributaries that were once perennial streams.

Sites that will be visited as a part of the tour include Black Dog Village, Zollars, Tres Casas Grandes, and Holden, all Antelope Creek phase settlements that contain remains of residential structures and abundant artifacts. Additional sites include Archaic and Early Ceramic period campsites, a *Pastore* shepherders camp with corrals, and an early Anglo-American dugout. The tour will also visit a few sites that sadly, have been destroyed by vandals. Nearly all of the sites to be visited are accessible by vehicle.



Southern Group of Features at Black Dog Village, Reproduced From Keller (1975: Figure 3)

This should be another excellent field trip to several very impressive and important sites. Once again, this tour is free and is open to all PAS members. If you would like to attend you must register in advance to reserve a spot. The registration deadline is November 10th. For more information contact Scott D. Brosowske at (806) 434-0157.



The Big House at Black Dog Village, Reproduced From Keller (1975: Figure 2)

PERRYTON FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 2011

Stacy Brown



Corson Archaeological Research (CAR) and the Museum of the Plains (MOTP) hosted the 3rd Annual Family Archaeology Day on October 22, 2011. The event was located at the Museum of the Plains in Perryton, Texas. This event is designed to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the prehistoric and historic cultures that occupied our region prior to settlement through "hands on" activities and games geared toward families with children ages 6 and up. Approximately 80 children, parents, and volunteers attended this year's event.

Starting at noon, on an absolutely gorgeous fall day, a hamburger lunch was provided by MOTP volunteers and staff. Following lunch, participants were split up into six groups and escorted to one of seven different educational stations. This year's stations included spear throwing with atlatls, rabbit sticks, pumpkin carving, orienteering, jewelry making, ring and pin game, and native foods.

The first station is consistently one of the most popular; atlatl spear throwing. Shorter practice throws were made by targeting a large round hay bale. Once their technique was honed, the participants began targeting Beulah, a life-sized papier-mâché buffalo. Many of the participants proved to be very adept at using this ancient weapon as was evident by Beulah's new scars.

Next up was learning to throw rabbit sticks. This is one of the earliest forms of hunting and while it required little technology, stealth and accuracy are a must. Participants had a variety of targets to engage, ranging from an armadillo, jackrabbit, and the ever elusive jack-a-lope. The jack rabbit had a tough day, losing his hind quarters and his lucky rabbit foot before the day was done.



Carving Pumpkins with Flint Tools

While most of the participants have carved the traditional Halloween pumpkin, none had ever had the opportunity to carve one with obsidian tools. A wide range of traditional and unique decorations emerged as the day progressed. Instruction, as well as pumpkin fun and facts were provided to the kids, many of whom did not realize that pumpkins are native to the America's and that they are an excellent food source.

Halfway through the event, everyone took a much needed cookie break. Everyone enjoyed handmade buffalo shaped cookies, lemonade, and discussed all of the activities that they had participated in so far. Refreshed, everyone continued on with the event.

This year's orienteering course evolved from last fall to include a treasure hunt. Participants learned basic compass skills and how to measure distance. After several courses that took participants to various points around the MOTP grounds, the children then searched designated buildings to find their treasure chest. The excitement was palpable as the adventurers divided up replica spear points, gold presidential dollars, and prayer coins.



The Kids are Learning how to Master the Ring and Pin Game

A new game was introduced this year; the ring and pin game. A version of this game can be found in some form among most North American tribes. The game is very similar to the European ball and cup game. A slender pin is attached to several rings by a piece of sinew. The objective is to swing the rings and catch as many on the pin as you can. A new competitive sport may be in the making if the participant's enthusiasm is any indicator.

Finally, a new station was added this year; utilizing local native foods. Participants were shown an informative power-point presentation and then learned hands on how to grind corn and mesquite beans, crack nuts, and process chokecherries. Wichita corn and squash, Arikara squash, metates, manos, and a mortar and pestle made from mesquite were on display as well. A few of the younger participants could not resist and eagerly downed some of the chokecherries. There was definitely a new appreciation on how difficult processing food can be.



Learning about Native Foods and How to Process them

Shortly after 5pm, all the CAR staff, MOTP volunteers and participants gathered in the Brillhart room where certificates of participation were handed out to everyone. With the day wrapped up, a tired, but happy bunch of children gathered their necklaces, pumpkins, and treasure and headed home. It was readily apparent that everyone, including participants, parents, and volunteers really enjoyed the day and cannot wait until next year's event.

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Fannin Middle School

History Festival

Rolla Shaller



Dick Carter Supervises the Corn Grinding Station



Joe Faulkenberry Helps One of the Youngsters with the Spear and Atlatl

The 15th Annual Fannin History Festival was held on Saturday, October 15, 2011. The event was first organized in 1996 to give students at Fannin Middle School a better understanding of world history through hands-on projects. Since then, the festival has been opened to the public. Many of the projects exhibited at the festival are created by students as part of a competition for special awards. As a result, students gain a wealth of knowledge on various historical subjects that they may not experience in the class room.

The history festival is also augmented by regional organizations, clubs, re-enactors, and volunteers who also participate. Through live and interactive demonstrations of activities and tools used in the past, these groups provide Fannin students and festival visitors with a unique look back into history.

The Panhandle Archeological Society (PAS) has had the privilege of being one of the few organizations that has been invited back year after year. Each year we host of a number of different stations that enable participants to directly experience an activity used in the past.



Alvin Lynn Explains to a Student the Way to Hold the Atlatl and Spear

The first station, led by PAS members Dick Carter, Lisa Jackson, and Millie Vanover, demonstrated the process of grinding corn using a mano and metate. The corn meal that is ground by each participant is bagged for them to take home and feed to birds or squirrels. Included in the bag is a special note from the PAS thanking them for their participation.

Meanwhile, out on the football field PAS members Joe Faulkenberry, Alvin Lynn, and Rolla Shaller were giving instructions on spear throwing with an atlatl. After some practice, many of these young participants became worthy hunters.

Also present at the festival were PAS members Joe D. Rogers and his apprentice Jeff Indeck. Using a wide assortment of tools from his personal collection, Joe demonstrated carpentry and wheelwright skills to the amusement of passing audiences.

Approximately 1400 visitors attended this years' Fannin Middle School History Festival making it a great success! Overall, we had a great time and enjoyed the beautiful weather! We plan to participate again next year and highly recommend that other members join us for this amazing event.



Joe D. Rogers Lets the Students Try the Pump Drill

PANHANDLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the October 26, 2011 Meeting

-President Paul Katz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center. Twenty-three members and two guests were in attendance.

-The next meeting of the PAS will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. PAS member Donna Otto will be next month's speaker.

PROGAM

-Paul introduced the evening speaker, Dr. David Battin, Eastern New Mexico University. His ongoing research focuses on relationships among pueblo communities in central New Mexico and between plains and pueblo societies. He discussed the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a tool to assist archaeologists in examining many different aspects of human behavior. His presentation examined the use of GIS for predicting travel routes between communities and as a tool for examining potential explanations for settlement and artifact distributions. He ended his lecture by discussing other uses of GIS for archaeology.

BUSINESS MEETING

-The business meeting began at the conclusion of David's lecture. The minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

-Lisa gave the treasurer's report. The current operating balance is \$1,640.33.

-Rolla submitted the Publication Committee report in writing. The current checking account balance \$1, 473.36.

-Last month's expenditures included the following:

- \$770.00 dollars for publishing the Canyon City Club Cave Report
- \$375.00 dollars for CD publishing of the Canyon City Club Cave Report
- \$12.99 dollars for Cracked Corn for Fannin Family History Fair
- \$5.67 dollars for postage of Canyon City Club Cave Report to Austin

-The Amarillo National Bank certificate of deposit balance is \$5,310.37.

-The Canyon City Club Cave report is now available in either hardcopy or CD form for \$15.00 each.

-The next proposed publication will be a collection of articles that examine the use of Alibates in the Texas panhandle and/or the Alibates quarries.

Old Business

Alvin Lynn reported on the nomination for 2012 officers. Jeff Indeck is nominated for Vice-President, Lisa Jackson as Treasurer, Stacy Brown as Secretary, and Rolla Shaller for Publications. Nominations for President are still needed.

-Fannin Fair was again a great success. An article detailing the event will be coming out in next month's PASTIMES.

-Alvin proposed using the September 2012 meeting to repair the atlats used at the Fannin History Fair.

-The Pollyanna Hughes manuscript was forwarded to Panhandle Plains Historical Review for possible publication.

-Registration forms for the Studer Banquet will be published in next month's PASTIMES. The event will be held at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and the main course will be a pot roast catered by the Stockyards.

-Discussion about the state of the PAS website was raised. It was agreed that considerable updates and changes should be made to the website in the upcoming months. Several proposals were made about the feasibility of changing the content, webhosting, and increasing site exposure. It was agreed that we should hire a company to make these changes and maintain the website instead of having to rely on volunteers who can only work on it in their spare time.

New Business

-A new field trip opportunity may be in the works for a site in Wheeler County near the Salt Fork of the Red River southwest of Samnorwood, Texas. A recently graded road has revealed a possible hearth and other features. The land owner is very interested in having the area surveyed. A tentative date is set for sometime this December.

-The next PAS field trip will be November 12, 2012 and will focus on sites in the Borger/Stinnett area. Some sites will include Black Dog Village, Holden site, and a pastore site. Most of the sites can be driven to, so access will be good for those who cannot walk long distances. Details about the field trip, including how to sign-up, can be found in the November newsletter

-Courson Archaeological Research (CAR) was approached to conduct a survey on Antelope Creek southeast of Sanford, Texas. It was proposed that PAS might be interested in conducting the survey as a PAS activity. CAR has also gained access to conduct a survey on the Boy's Ranch Property. This would also be an ideal opportunity for PAS to conduct field trips and help gain interest in our organization. Students and guests will be encouraged to come participate in these events as long as they are accompanied by a PAS member or guest of the landowner.

-Alvin brought up the possibility of presenting the Studer Award at this year's banquet. Members are encouraged to contact Alvin with possible nominations.

-The meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Announcements, Updates, and Upcoming Events

Washita Battlefield NHS 15th Anniversary Symposium Event

Friday November 11, 2011 2:00pm to 5:00pm Washita Battlefield NHS Cheyenne, Oklahoma
Saturday November 12, 2011 8:30am to 4:00pm Cheyenne High School Auditorium
Cheyenne, Oklahoma

For more information visit the WBNHS website at
<http://www.nps.gov/waba/>
or call (580) 497-2742

Panhandle Archaeological Society Monthly Meeting

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas
November 16th, 2011 at 7:00 pm

For more information visit the PAS website at:
<http://txpanhandlearchaeology.org/>

Panhandle Archaeological Society Annual Studer Banquet

December 17, 2011 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Hazelwood Hall; Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

For more information visit the PAS website at:
<http://txpanhandlearchaeology.org/>

Panhandle Archaeological Society Monthly Meeting

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas
January 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm

For more information visit the PAS website at:
<http://txpanhandlearchaeology.org/>

SPECIAL NOTICE: This is a reminder for all members of PAS to begin looking for some items to be used for the silent auction at the Studer Banquet in December.

Studer Banquet

Guest Speaker - Miles Gilbert
Tales of the Buffalo Hunter

Saturday Evening - December 17th, 2011
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum • Hazlewood Room (2nd floor)
2503 4th Avenue, Canyon, TX
\$25.00 per person • Reservation Required

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

No. In Reservation: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

RSVP no later than December 10, 2011 • You may pay at the door

Remember to bring an item for the auction!



Send information to: Lisa Jackson
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6:00 p.m.Social Hour and Silent Auction Bidding
7:00 p.m.Invocation and Banquet
8:00 p.m.Special Presentation for Honoree
8:10 p.m.Program, Miles Gilbert
9:15 p.m.Break
9:30 p.m.Introduction of New Officers, 2011-2012
9:30-10:00 p.m.Silent Auction, Auction and Raffle

It's time to renew your membership.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$15) _____ Student (\$10) _____ Institution (\$15)

Remit to Treasurer: Lisa Jackson
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