



Texas Archeological Society is named a
Preserve America Steward by First Lady Michelle Obama

In May, 2012, the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) was named as a Preserve America Steward. The award letter, from First Lady Michelle Obama stated: “Thank you for all you do to care for our Nation’s important historical resources. The places you care for hold a treasured place in the American story, and it is through your vision and dedication that our history will be upheld and our future will be renewed. President Obama and I are proud of your efforts and we applaud your achievement. Thank you again for all that you do, for your continuing commitment to our Nation’s heritage, and for your enthusiastic participation in the Preserve America program.”

Twenty-one Preserve America Stewards from all across the nation have been officially designated and recognized for their exemplary volunteer efforts to care for historic resources around the country since the program was announced in 2008. Other groups from Texas include the German Texan Heritage Society, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) RIP Program, and the THC Texas Archeological Stewards Network.

The Texas Archeological Society promotes study, preservation and awareness of Texas archeology. The Society encourages scientific archeological exploration and research, the preservation and conservation of archeological materials and sites, and the interpretation and publication of the data attendant thereto. To accomplish this mission and goals, the Society:

- Creates training opportunities for Students of All Ages;**
- Enhances and Expands Programs;**
- Increases and Diversifies Membership;**
- Informs the Community of their Archeological Heritage and Values;**
- Cultivates and Preserves Resources (People and Dollars).**

The Texas Archeological Society is dedicated to the study and preservation of the historic and prehistoric aspects of Texas' past. The Society has 1,500 members, and has been in existence since 1929. The TAS is devoted to research, public education, and the preservation of our state's history. The TAS offices are located at the Center for Archaeological Research, UTSA. Kay Hindes, City Archaeologist, City of San Antonio is a Region 12 Director for the TAS. Region 12 is made up of the following counties.

Atascosa	Bandera	Bexar	Comal	Dimmit	Frio
Guadalupe	Kendall	Kerr	Kinney	LaSalle	Maverick
Medina	Uvalde	Wilson	Zavala		

If you are interested in joining the TAS, please check out their website at <http://www.txarch.org/>. Regional societies include the Southern Texas Archaeological Association (STAA) in San Antonio, Texas (<http://www.staa.org/>), the Hill Country Archaeological Association (HCAA) headquartered in Kerrville, Texas (<http://www.hcarcheology.org/>), and the Archeological Institute of America, Southwest Texas Archeological Society in San Antonio (<http://aiaswtas.org/>).

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