

eBay AUCTION UNDERWAY TO BENEFIT TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

By Linda Gorski

As most of you know, the 91st Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society scheduled for October 29 – November 1, 2020 in Houston has been cancelled due to uncertain future effects of Covid19. This meeting is not just the annual gathering of the archeological clan in Texas, it is also the biggest fundraiser for the society. In order to offset some of the financial shortfalls as a result of cancelling this meeting, the Local Arrangements Committee in Houston and the Houston Archeological Society are running an online auction to raise funds we would have raised at the Annual Meeting's Silent Auction. We will be doing this by placing items for auction on HAS Vice President Larry Golden's eBay site. You can see items we currently have on auction by going to eBay and then in the search box typing **TAS Auction 2020** and our items should come up. Larry will list new items every Sunday evening and that auction will run for a week, until the following Sunday evening.

Here's how the auction works and how YOU can participate.

1. Larry Golden and Linda Gorski currently plan to run this eBay auction each week until November 1 or as long as they have items to auction. Larry will put three or four items on his site every Sunday around 7 p.m. That auction will end the following Sunday at 7 p.m. Then he will put three or four more items up for auction. That's where you come in. We need items to auction!
2. Please take photos of items you would like to offer to sell in this auction to benefit TAS. Smaller, quirky, interesting, easy to mail items are best. Any Texas-centric or western theme items sell especially well. Send photos to lindagorski@cs.com and goldenlarry58@gmail.com. They will let you know if they think your item will sell on eBay. If you have large or heavy items or boxes of books you might want to save them for the TAS Silent Auction at our TAS Annual Meeting on October 21 -24, 2021 which will be held in Houston.
3. Once Linda and Larry receive your photos, they'll decide if your item will sell on eBay and they will contact you and ask you to mail the item to Larry Golden if you live far away (address to be provided) or arrange a reasonable pick-up/drop-off place/time locally.
4. Larry will list the item on his eBay site for auction and the auction on that item will run for one week. Remember that your items are being seen by a worldwide audience so bidding can be fast and furious and it can be very profitable! The winning bidder will pay for the item and for shipping from Houston. Larry will do all the shipping.
5. TAS will incur absolutely no expenses for this auction - but will receive all the profit. The donor (you) will receive a receipt for the sale price of the auctioned item(s) for your tax records.
6. Don't forget that you, too, can bid on the items!!! Keep in mind that gift list for family and friends for birthdays and the holidays. We have some really unique items to auction!!! All proceeds go to TAS!

Our goal for this auction is to raise \$6,000 by November 1. And here's the icing on the cake – an anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar what we raise up to \$6,000!!!!!! So please participate in this auction in any way that you can.

The response to the auction so far has been nothing short of remarkable. Check out some of the photos attached to see how HAS members have supported this important auction to benefit an important cause. Proceeds from this charitable auction will benefit the Texas Archeological Society in its efforts to promote scientific archeological exploration and research, the preservation of archeological materials and sites, the publication of associated information, and public education and outreach programs for both adults and children throughout the State of Texas. (TAS is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.)

If you have any questions about this auction please email Linda Gorski at lindagorski@cs.com. Thanks so much for your support.

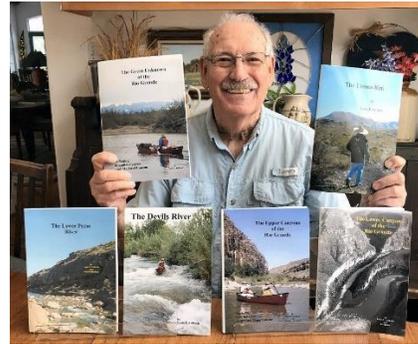


Dr. Carol McDavid, right, donating packing material to the eBay Auction with Linda Gorski, left,

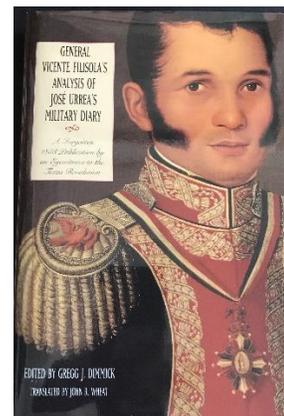
In the coming weeks watch for these items coming your way from some wonderful HAS/TAS members:



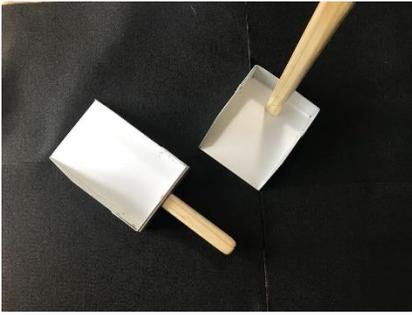
Stained glass artist and HAS member Mary Needham has donated three of her stained glass creations!



Author and historian Louis Aulbach has donated a complete autographed set of his paddling guides to the rivers of Texas including the Pecos, the Devils and the Rio Grande and his hiking guide to Big Bend Ranch State Park.



Author and historian Dr. Gregg Dimmick is donating autographed copies of his two books AND offering a guided group tour of the Sea of Mud site in Wharton County.



HAS member Stan Theut designed and handmade these two terrific scoops to use in the Field.



Bill Birmingham has donated one of his handmade draw trowels very similar to this one.



HAS member John Lumb donated this vintage cotton Sampling knife marked "Southern Bagging Company, Long Reach, Houston, Texas"



HAS member Jack Farrell has donated several southwestern inspired items including this collection of five beautiful handmade arrows with metal and flint points.



Professional Archeologist and TAS member Lauren Miller with BGE designed and made these beautiful pieces of jewelry and donated them to our auction!



HAS member Betsy Wittenmyer has donated this beautiful Mexican sterling silver bracelet with seven precious stone cabochons.



HAS member Geoff Mills donated these two professionally framed 1800s prints. The upper one is of New York City and if you look closely you can see the American flag hanging from the building on the right and a parade of soldiers marching on the left. The bottom print is a very old Birdseye view of Washington DC. How that City has changed!!!!



This interesting old padlock was donated by HAS member Jack Farrell and you'll see it in the eBay auction soon.