



# TEXAS BEYOND HISTORY

## THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF TEXAS' CULTURAL HERITAGE

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To Our Viewers,

We at [www.TexasBeyondHistory.net](http://www.TexasBeyondHistory.net) (TBH) need your support. **Help!**

Since 2001 we have continuously added to and improved this unique website. In the past year alone we have added two major site exhibits (McKinney Roughs and Los Adaes) and a special exhibit, "Learning from Cabeza de Vaca." We revamped and beefed up our *Kids Only* section, and we are on the verge of premiering the third region of the Prehistoric Texas series—"Native and Early Historic Peoples of the Trans-Pecos Mountains and Basins." The Trans-Pecos presentation will feature five new site exhibits and many other components comparable to the previous two regions (Plateaus and Canyonlands and South Texas Plains). And we have much more planned for 2008, including the next region, Coastal Prairies and Marshlands.

We keep saying it, but it is true: There is nothing like *Texas Beyond History* in any other state or region of the country. This was affirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology here in Austin last April. Archeologists from across the nation saw our presentation and told us variations of the same thing: "Wow, I wish we had something like this for our state/area!" Our viewership continues to average about 6,000 visitors (sessions) per day—that represents over 2 million per year (over 43 million "hits"). However you cut it, many people—from K-12 students to researchers to the general public—rely on us as a unique resource to learn about the peoples who settled and traveled across Texas over the millennia.

Yet, when it comes to funding, we still struggle to stay alive. We are passionately committed to keeping TBH going and growing, but it remains an uphill battle. We continue to win grants, but to do so we often have to promise more than the actual funding received will cover. Yet, we always deliver, with help from our partners (16 and counting), many collaborators (well over 100), and our student interns and assistants. Just barely. The two of us continue to wear almost every hat: editors, writers, photographers, planners, promoters, fundraisers, arm-twisters, and bottle-washers (OK, maybe not the last one). Call us crazy, but we know this is a worthy investment, one in which all who are interested in Texas archeology, preservation, prehistory, and history can share.

So, we ask for your support. If you value *Texas Beyond History* and want to see it grow, **we ask you to show your support with a tax-deductible donation.** We promise to use your gift wisely and invest it in the future of Texas' cultural heritage.

Most sincerely,

Steve Black and Susan Dial  
Co-Editors, [www.TexasBeyondHistory.net](http://www.TexasBeyondHistory.net)

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