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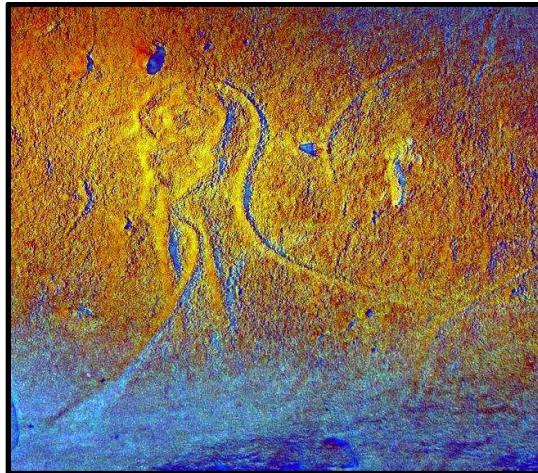
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A Second Jumano Lady in Blue Site

When looking into the pictograph images at Paint Rock recently, we contacted Barbara Yeates to ask if we could look at Bill's old photographs. Bill Yeates was a phenomenal photographer, researcher, and avocational archeologist. He sadly passed away in 2022. Barbara was kind enough to share copies of his works with us, and while reviewing them, we came across pictures and his previous report on a petroglyph site on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River, which included images of the Lady in Blue. He reported on this in 2010. Somehow, we missed his report completely at the time. It can be found in the 2011 Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies' Transactions archive, kept on the North Texas University website, Portal To Texas History. https://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?fq=untl_institution:SWFAS

In reviewing his report and photos, we realized we have information that could be added to his original research, and that we could revise his report to bring it up to date. So, we have taken on this new task. We conduct deeper research and return to the source that introduced Bill to the site. That is Reverend Malcom Neyland, from Lubbock, Texas. I have been back in touch with him because everything was passed verbally to Bill, and no notes exist. I hope to formally interview Reverend Neyland sometime soon. This report will include Bill's photos in full, sharpened color. The original SWFAS report was in black and white, with significant print degradation. Here is the most stunning petroglyph photo, shown in DStretch.



The Lady in Blue celebration here in San Angelo will take place May 15 & 16. On the 15th, they will have a reception at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts. Sandy Seidel is the coordinator for the weekend events. I will not be able to attend because I will be traveling to Fort Davis to give a presentation on Horsehead Crossing at the annual National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon conference. WTAS Vice President, C.A. Maedgen, will attend. He will bring the 12 X 24 image of the Lady in Blue story at Meyers Spring, and it will be on an easel

for display. Sandy will be giving her presentation. And as part of that, I am providing her with a video to include in her presentation. It combines the Meyers Spring story and the Brazos River petroglyphs. Our report will come up in mid-February. You can find the San Angelo Lady in Blue website at this link.
<https://www.ladyinbluesanangelo.com/about>

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum

<https://petroleummuseum.org/>

My talk at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum on Horsehead Crossing was very successful. They have a high-tech lecture area, and it was full. The audience was very attentive, with lots of great questions afterward. I even spent another half hour answering questions and meeting people after the lecture. The manager will be inviting us back for another lecture sometime later on their schedule. We also signed up 11 new members!



If you haven't been to the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland, it's well worth a visit. It is right off I-20 on the north-side frontage road. In addition to the extensive 15 acres of outdoor historical displays and their very impressive walkthrough displays inside on the history of the petroleum industry, they maintain several other remarkable collections. They keep an impressive art gallery of Thomas Lowell's historical paintings. One of those paintings on Horsehead Crossing I received permission by the Abel-Hanger Foundation to use in my presentations and at the Horsehead Crossing event. Here are a few more interesting ones from that gallery.



Coronado Expedition



Pecos Pueblo

They also have an entire gallery of racing cars.



And they maintain an entire gallery of incredible crystals



Fort Concho Display

We are making progress again on the Fort Concho Headquarters display, incorporating our work on the Concho Mail Station. I am working with Cory Robinson, Fort Concho Curator, to create wall displays. These will include images from our report and a brief history. I also recently passed him a 150-word description of the archeology techniques used, work accomplished so far, and future plans. As a reminder, here is the area planned for the display.



Coming Soon!

- *The Lady in Blue Petroglyphs at Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River*
- *Camp Meyers Spring, Fourth Edition, 2026 (currently 131 pages)*
- *The San Antonio To El Paso Overland Mail Across West Texas, 1868 - 1886: A Journey In Historical Archeology* (combined reports: *Concho Mail Station, Head Of The Concho Station, Ficklin Ferry Crossing, Pecos Mail Station*), **plus new information on two more stations – Centralia and Middle Stations** (currently 85 pages)

Upcoming Events (field projects will be emailed separately)

Feb 17: Zoom session with Fort Worth Westerners, 7 p.m. (link to be sent via email), Independence Creek's Indian Hideout/Lookout Site

Feb 18: Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists Luncheon, Midland Country Club, 'Horsehead Crossing'

Apr 10/11: West Texas Historical Association, MCM Elegante Hotel, Lubbock, TX – 1) The Jumano Picture Story of 'The Lady in Blue' at Meyers Spring, Texas, 2) The Goodnight-Loving Trail Through West Texas

<https://wtha.wildapricot.org/>

Apr 25: Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies' Symposium, Amarillo, TX

1) Lady In Blue 2) Independence Creek's Indian Hideout/Lookout Site 3) Camp Shumla

May 12 - 14: Library presentation for school students and the community of Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona, TX, 'Lady In Blue.'

TUES 12 MAY-2026	Students – 10am @ Sutton County Civic Center Community – 6pm @ Sutton County Civic Center
WED 13 MAY-2026	Students – 10am @ Schleicher County Public Library Community – 6pm @ Schleicher County Public Library
THURS 14 MAY-2026	Students – 10am @ Crockett County Civic Center Community – 6pm @ Crockett County Civic Center

May 16: National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Annual conference, Ft Davis, TX, 'Horsehead Crossing.'

Oct 9/10: Horsehead Crossing Weekend, 1) Horsehead Crossing, 2) Camp Van Camp: The Pecos Expedition

Our webpage is updated regularly, with information on the home page indicating when and what has been updated. There is no logging in. Updates are identified at the top of the home page.



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