

**Texas Master Naturalist Program
Cradle of Texas Chapter
General Meeting and Advanced Training
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Texas AgriLife Extension Building
21017 County Road 171
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

8:30 AM – 9 AM	Fun and Fellowship Snack Team George and Anne Bettinger, Mike Bettorf, Jerry Krampota, Mike and Ellen Lasseter, Carolyn May-Monie, Georgia Monnerat
9 AM – 9:50 AM	General Membership Meeting Nature Notes: <i>Historic Oaks</i> by Neal McLain <i>This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time</i>
10:15 AM – 12 PM	Speaker: Brian Miles, Curator of Paleontology at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science Topic <i>Mammoths and The Ice Age in Brazoria County</i>



Brian Miles is Curator of Paleontology at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, a partner group of the Center for the Arts and Sciences, Clute, Texas. He also serves as First Vice President of the Center's Board of Directors.

Brian found his first Indian spearpoint when he was about seven years old on a lake shore in the Texas hill country. That really sparked his interests in all things old and made of stone. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1984 with a B.S. degree in Geology. His intentions were to go find oil, but the crash of 1985 put a damper on that dream. Still Brian had a passion for artifacts, bones, and fossils. He joined up with Dr. Thomas Hester in 1987 when he was excavating some Indian sites north of Austin. Brian became friends with Hester and has contributed specimens, pictures and new finds to Hester's latest book on "Stone Artifacts of Texas Indians".

After getting married and moving back to Lake Jackson in 1990, Brian changed his interest more towards paleontology. He has searched many miles of the Pleistocene beds in Brazoria and Matagorda Counties, as well as the Hell Creek formation in the Dakotas in search of the elusive T-Rex.

His interest now is mainly teaching others about what they can find locally and across the lower 48. Also educating youngsters on how fossil fuels actually touch their daily lives regarding how oil and gas is transformed into most of the items we use every day like cell phones, clothing, or anything not made from stone, steel or wood.



Interior of the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science at the Center for the Arts and Sciences, Clute, Texas 77531.

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