

This month's member spotlight is our member, Erin Frigo!

"I was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas, although I have temporarily lived in Lubbock (TX), Portales (NM), and Elk City (OK). I have an Associate in Science in General Studies from Amarillo College, I have a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology with a minor in History from Eastern New Mexico University, I have a Master of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in Biology from Texas Tech University, and I have a Master of Business Administration from West Texas A&M University.

I really enjoyed getting my Masters in Anthropology, because I learned that I enjoyed research. My emphases were in human osteology and archaeology. My thesis explored the relationship between the presence of a dental lesion, known as linear enamel hypoplasia, and life expectancy in a sample of Antelope Creek and Wolf Creek individuals held at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

I really love history, nature, and archaeology! I have worked as an intern, a volunteer, a researcher, and a student worker for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. I have also worked as an archaeological technician for BGE Engineering, the Forest Service at Black Kettle National Grasslands, and most recently with the Bureau of Land Management at the Cross Bar Ranch. I love the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. The collections are spectacular! And I'd really love another museum job. However, working at the Cross Bar has been one of my favorite field jobs. I had no idea there was so much history out there, and I got to see so much of it! And so many beautiful views too!

I have done archaeological field schools in Connecticut and Ohio! The Ohio field school was definitely more interesting, as we excavated a 19th century cemetery in the hopes of relocating individuals whose grave markers no longer existed in order to give them proper recognition, along with the intention of studying the presence of cholera among those buried at the cemetery and attempt to place the cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.

I am the current president, newsletter editor, social media manager, and YouTube manager for the Panhandle Archaeological Society!

I love animals! I have two dogs named Rocky and Artemis, and two birds (diamond doves) named Ginny and Belle!

I love to hike and travel. I love going to museums, they are places of wonder! I like to read and I love to sketch, paint, and do general artsy and crafty things!

I have been certified three times as a Texas Master Naturalist, and I became interested in the Texas Master Naturalists when one of my best friends (Miranda Bible) told me about the program and her experiences in the program. I love being in this program, especially all of the outreach we do because I think more people than we realize have an interest in history and nature, but sometimes, they just don't know where to look and I'm always glad when we can share our knowledge with the public! It has a lasting impression!"

