The SHA needs your help to celebrate our golden anniversary! For five decades the SHA has been at the forefront in the dissemination of scholarly research on historical archaeology in North America and beyond. Our annual conference each January is our major opportunity to share with others our most recent research findings, advances in theories and methods, and strategies for improving public archaeology. The 50th anniversary event is being hosted in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in honor of the first conference held in Dallas in January 1967. We invite you to be a sponsor of the conference and to help us make the golden anniversary in Fort Worth the best conference yet!

The annual conference is organized and run mainly by volunteers who form the local site committee which must depend upon registration fees and fundraising in order to ensure a successful conference. Financial contributions are vitally important to help keep conference registration affordable and encourage maximum participation. We hope to enlist your support for the 2017 conference!

All sponsors will be acknowledged in the conference program and on a large sign board displayed throughout the duration of the meeting at registration. Additional levels of acknowledgement are noted on the Sponsorship Invitation Form. Please use the Sponsorship Invitation Form (available for download at https://sha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/SHA-2017-Sponsor-Form_Fill.pdf) to identify which event or activity that you wish to support and the level of contribution you would like to make. Please consider donating towards the General Conference Sponsorship to support the success of the overall golden anniversary event. The events planned for the 2017 conference in Fort Worth include the following:

**Plenary Session and Opening Reception**
In honor of the conference anniversary, the Plenary Session will revisit significant archaeological projects of our time and show how advancements in technological methods and procedures have strengthened our understanding of the past. This event is immediately followed by the popular opening reception with hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

**Past Presidents’ Student Reception**
SHA greatly encourages attendance from undergraduate and graduate students alike as the conference provides a unique opportunity to not only learn about exciting research and developments in the field, but provides a forum for showcasing student work. This event is open to all students registered for the SHA 2017 Conference and provides a venue to engage SHA’s leaders in conversation and make contacts that will help foster future careers in archaeology.

**Reception at the National Museum of the Cowgirl and Hall of Fame**
Attendees will have the opportunity to browse this charming museum which hosts more than 33,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space dedicated to cowgirls, sharpshooters, and western culture. It is the only museum in the world that is dedicated to honoring women of the American West. Dine on Texas BBQ hors d’oeuvres. The event includes a cash bar.

**Friday Night Dance**
The city of Fort Worth was historically known as a Cowtown and a center for gambling, drinking, and lawlessness. Help us make the Friday night dance a boot-scootin’ good time with western dance band that will also play all of our classic favorites! Card tables will be available for Texas Hold ‘em.

Please contact the 2017 conference co-chairs for more information:
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**THANK YOU!**