

## Texas Archeology Academy: Archeology 101, Columbus, Texas, 27-29 March, 2015

The Houston Archeological Society was well-represented – both by students and support staff – at the TAS Archeology 101 Academy in Columbus, Texas March 27 – 29. The weekend was just totally awesome! Pam Wheat-Stranahan, Sue Gross and Rita Tait and Ed Jackson did a magnificent job organizing the event which was held in Columbus, Texas.



*The whole crew at TAS Archeology 101 enjoyed a beautiful day at the Tait House in Columbus*

(who shall remain nameless) had such a great time he said he wanted to quit his day job and dig full time 😊

The weather was absolutely gorgeous for the field work on Sunday and the Archeology 101 students recovered some amazing artifacts from the units at the Tait House including several buttons, ceramic and glass sherds, all sorts of metal objects, a spoon, marbles, cast iron stove parts and more. Beth Aucoin and Sharon Menegaz ran the field lab and cleaned, sorted and bagged artifacts all day. Tracy Connell took hundreds of photos but here are a few from my camera.

Thanks to all of you who represented HAS so well at this very important Texas Archeological Society Academy!!! The next TAS Academy will be held on May 2 – 3 in Nacogdoches, Texas. This Academy will focus on historical archeology. The deadline for registration is April 14, 2015.

For more information and registration forms see <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2015/index.php>

Below you can see more photos of some of the folks participating in the TAS Academy - Archeology 101.

Dr. Jon Lohse in the classroom and Dr. Jason Barrett in the field (both HAS members!) were terrific instructors and Chris Meis, Eric Oksanen, Tom Williams, Tom Nuckols, Gus Costa and Kathleen Hughes were A-1 Crew Chiefs during fieldwork on Sunday. I was so proud of the HAS Support Team including Bob Sewell, John Rich, Louis Aulbach, Debbie Eller, Steve and Sharon Menegaz, Tracy Connell and Beth Aucoin (if I've forgotten anyone, mea culpa).

Several HAS members were students in the Archeology 101 Class including Scott Brown, Cecil

Jones, Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen and her sister Margaret Coon, Larry and Christine Golden, John Lumb, and Betsy Wittenmeyer. One of the students



*Beth Aucoin and Sharon Menegaz working at the field lab*

*Linda Gorski, President Houston Archeological Society*





*Beth Aucoin and Scott Brown*



*Unit with Cecil Jones and Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen*



*John Rich admires an artifact found by Ruth Rouse*



*John Lumb screening*



*Tom Williams teaching*



*Christine and Larry Golden*





*Debbie Eller filling bucket with dirt while backfilling*



*Dr. Jason Barrett and Bob Sewell excavating a unit*



*The Class of 2015*



*Louis Aulbach screens with two of the Academy students*



*Tom Nuckols with a recovered artifact -- a porcelain cat.*