

Excavations, Education and Public Archeology at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve

Members of the Houston Archeological Society continued the public archeology project at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve in Tomball on Saturday, December 2. As many of you know, Kleb Woods was a family farm whose owners were descendants of early German immigrants who settled in Harris County in the 1840s. As part of our multi-year public archeology project we will be excavating areas identified as foundation features of early buildings on the site. And you and your kids can help us as we dig up Texas history at Kleb Woods - one trowel full at a time!!! Once again, we had a huge turnout of HAS members plus a couple of local college students who are working toward their degrees in archeology and anthropology. Our incredible PI on the project, Ashley Jones, a professional archeologist with Raba Kistner, directed the crew as we took four units down to sterile. We recovered several artifacts this time, including white ware and yellow ware sherds and many nails and other bits of metal.



Frank Kozar, Joost Voeten and Gregg Dimmick open a unit



HAS member Bob Sewell doing paperwork after finishing a unit



HAS member Tom Williams is a stickler for a "clean floor" before photographing a unit.



Dawson Klein, an archeology student at Rice University joined us for the day.



HAS member Gregg Dimmick tells a visiting family about our archeology project at Kleb Woods.



Our project PI, Ashley Jones, gets down and dirty with the rest of us!



HAS member Don Keyes with SNHU anthropology student Evelyn Bianchi



A yellow ware sherd recovered from one of the units.



HAS Education Coordinator Sharon Menegaz discusses the archeology project with Fred Collins, Wildlife Biologist and Director of Kleb Woods Nature Center.