



The PROFILE

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NOVEMBER MEETING: Roger Moore, PhD., Moore Archeological Consulting, "Army Campsite at the San Jacinto Battlefield." Friday, November 12, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Coming for the December Meeting: Jeff Durst, Region 5 & 6, Archeologist, Texas Historical Commission, "Fort St. Louis." Anyone wishing to present should contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Mondays, November 15 & 29, 7:00 p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

HAS LIBRARY: Library hours are 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m., Friday, November 12. Michael Bailey is the interim librarian.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Several of us have just returned from the Texas Archeological Society's annual meeting in College Station October 29-31. Talk about a *quiet* Sunday morning on the 31st! I think the whole town was in mourning over the Aggies' loss to Baylor the day before.

Many interesting papers and lectures were presented, and while these probably only scratched the surface, I'm inspired by the amount of interesting archeology that is going on in the state of Texas right now. Friday night's speaker was Dr. Vaughn Bryant of Texas A&M University on the topic, "Catching Crooks Through Pollen Analysis". This was a fascinating account of how he has used palynology over the last several decades to identify climate, food availability, and cultural patterns of long-gone peoples. Since 1990, law enforcement agencies have often employed his services for criminal investigations. Dr. Bryant has hundreds of stories to tell; I could have listened to him all night.

The Saturday night speaker was no less fascinating. Dr. Kevin Crisman of Texas A&M University and the Institute for Nautical Archaeology spoke to us about "The Wreck on the Red." The project involves a recently-discovered paddle-wheel steamboat that went down in the Red River in 1838 near Fort Towson, Oklahoma. A flood and subsequent change in the river channel caused the wreck to be covered in silt and entombed in the river bank and forgotten, until a modern-day flood changed the river channel again and uncovered the wreck. The artifacts are quite well-preserved due to their being covered with river silt for so many years.

Linda Swift, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Father of Texas Birthday Celebration. November 5th & 6th. Stephen F. Austin State Historic Park, I-10, between Katy and Sealy.
- San Jacinto State Historic Park Fall Festival, November 6, 10- 5 p.m. Battleground Road, north of Hwy 225, LaPorte. Displays, dig, flint knapper needed.

COMING SOON: PROFILE BY EMAIL!

Many of you received an email from me regarding my desire to send as many "e-newsletters" as possible in an effort to save the Society money over the year. If you have recently acquired, or have recently changed, an email address, please contact me (see back page) so I can add you to or update my list. In the interim, *The Profile* will continue to be mailed to all until I am satisfied that the email addresses are current.

Mary Barbara Gold, Editor

Background for November Lecture: The battle at San Jacinto in April, 1836, was the decisive victory in the Texas Revolution, the battle for independence from Mexico. Dr. Moore will discuss the field methodology of his recent work at the Mexican Army Campsite and new information from the musket balls analysis by Dr. Doug Scott of the National Park Service, as well as the distributional analyses done by Dr. Moore's staff at Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc. Plan to join us for this fascinating presentation on the latest information related to this important period in Texas history.

Check you local bookstore for a new publication about this historic battle: Stephen L. Moore's "Eighteen Minutes: the Battle of San Jacinto and the Texas Independence Campaign" published by Republic of Texas Press.

Beth Aucoin

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, October 8, 2004

Linda Swift, HAS President, called the October meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., welcomed three guests and one new member, then explained the meeting's agenda.

Announcements:

- Beth Aucoin reported that there is a book sale in the lobby and that a majority of the books came from the estate of David Pettus. She also informed the membership that October is Texas Archeology Awareness Month and about the TAS annual meeting on October 29 and 30.
- Linda Swift discussed the current field work at the *Maison Rouge* site in Galveston and upcoming HAS lab projects and called for volunteers for the same.
- Beth Aucoin presented the annual HAS awards. Recipients were: David Pettus, posthumous Merit Award as Librarian, Mary Barbara Gold, Merit Award as editor of *The Profile*, and Etta Palmer, Southeast Texas Research Award for outstanding contributions to Texas Archeology.
- Linda Swift reported on a possible HAS field school in April, 2005, and also spoke about the upcoming TAS Annual Meeting in October.

Muriel Walker introduced the guest speaker, Marianne Marek, Principal Investigator for her presentation: "Archeological Investigations at Colonial Capital of Texas, San Felipe de Austin."

The business meeting began after the refreshment break.

- The minutes from the September meeting were approved without corrections.
- Treasurer Karen Acker reported a September ending balance for all accounts at \$13, 125.85.
- Linda Swift briefly discussed the results of the board meeting held on September 29, and the need for a new refreshment chairperson.
- Beth Aucoin said that Michael Bailey will serve as interim Librarian.
- Fred Kelly gave an update on his effort of publicizing HAS activities.
- Linda Swift thanked Sara Guillotte and Pat Aucoin for providing refreshments.
- Linda also discussed the cost of purchasing a digital projector.
- Karen Acker suggested that there be an attempt to sell any unsold HAS book sale items at the TAS annual meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Nuckols

HAS 2004 AWARDS: Annual awards of the Houston Archeological Society were presented at the October 2004 meeting. An HAS Merit Award was given posthumously to David Pettus for outstanding service as HAS Librarian. An HAS Merit Award was given to Mary Barbara Gold for outstanding service as editor of *The Profile*. The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award was given to Etta Palmer for outstanding contributions to region research.

The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award has previously been given to William McClure, Richey Ebersole, Joe Hudgins, Lawrence Aten, Alan Duke, Lee Patterson, Grant Hall, Sheldon Kindall, Dee Ann Story, Richard Gregg, and Harry Shafer.

The HAS Merit Award has previously been given to Etta Palmer, Pam Wheat, Sheldon Kindall, Bob Etheridge, Richard Gregg, Don McReynolds, Bernard Naman, Karen Acker, Linda Swift, Muriel Walker, Jeanette Siciliano, Jim Wells, Joe Hudgins, Tom Nuckols, Robert Shelby, Richard Carter, and William Haskell.

Other previous HAS awards include a special award to Alan Duke as HAS Journal Editor, and election of Alan Duke, Don Lewis, Richard Gregg, Evelyn Lewis, and Pam Wheat as Lifetime Members of HAS.

Lee Patterson

HELP NEEDED FOR ARCHEOLOGY EVENTS! Volunteers are needed to help with two events to be held in November. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby at the October meeting, or contact Beth Aucoin, (281-480-6151, or ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net) to put your name on the list.

- 1) Father of Texas Birthday celebration at San Felipe de Austin, Friday & Saturday, November 5 & 6, 2004. Public archeology tours of the site of Stephen F. Austin's "Old 300" settlement, the first Anglo colony in Texas. Located north of I-10 between Katy and Sealy, Texas. Take Stephen F. Austin State Historic Park Exit. Free Event.
- 2) San Jacinto State Historic Park Fall Festival, Saturday, November 6 from 10- 5 pm. Located on Battleground Road north of Hwy 225 in La Porte. Displays, mock dig. Free, Flint knapper needed.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS (which will be available in the HAS library in November.)

- ❖ **Books** from the library of David Pettus: Austin's Old Three Hundred: The First Anglo Colony in Texas; Bricks and Brick Making: A Handbook of Historical Archaeology; Colt Firearms (from 1836); Father of Texas Geology; The Galveston Era: The Texas Crescent on the Eve of Secession; Geologic Society of America: South-Central Section; Liberty County and the Atascocito District; Lone Star: A History of Texas and the Texans; Old Texas Trails: Texas Trails 1716-1886; Texas Flags (1836-1945).
- ❖ **Reports**: Geologic Atlas Sheets: Dallas, Sherman, and Texarkana; Lithic Technology.
- ❖ **Books** donated by Leland Patterson: American Indian Archery; Deciphering a Shell Midden; Native American Bows; Bows & Arrows of the Native Americans; The Practical Archaeologist; Prehistoric Life on the Mississippi Floodplain; In search of Ancient North Americans; Oklahoma Indian Artifacts; Lithic Illustration.
- ❖ Joanna Mundy of Rice University has donated the book, Birds of Houston.

LIBRARY & BOOK SALE NEWS:

Members are reminded that books may be checked out for a period of 30 days. Records indicate there are a large number of overdue and/or missing books. Please check your personal libraries for any belonging to HAS and either return them to the library or update your check-out cards.

Proceeds from our recent book sale totaled \$205! Many thanks to the following members who helped with hauling, sorting, set-up, and sales: Pat Aucoin, Michael Bailey, Diane Baird, Dick Gregg, Bill Haskell, and Tom Nuckols. Thanks to all members who purchased items; surplus items are being stored for another book sale in the spring.

Beth Aucoin, ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net

I recently acquired a copy of the January 23, 1914, issue of the Carrizo Springs¹ *Javelin*², "The Oldest Weekly Newspaper in Southwest Texas." This is one of the front page articles:

Davy Crockett Rifle

Jake Bell of Bermuda³ was in the City on Wednesday and while here was the whole attraction from the fact that he had in his possession the "Old Blue Whistler", an old cap and ball rifle that belonged to the immortal Davy Crockett during his lifetime. The rifle is unlike anything made this day and time, but in the days of Crockett was considered the best shooting iron made. The stock is short and the barrel long and the wood work used in its construction is beautifully inlaid with silver stars, half moons and various figures that make it highly attractive. It shoots a ball about the size of a .45 caliber Winchester bullet and even at this age it is said to carry with perfect accuracy. The rifle was presented to Davy Crockett by Jas. M. Graham at Nashville, Tenn. in March 1822, and is said to have been used by him only on hunting expeditions. The rifle was secured by Mr. Bell in a trade with B. P. Thorpe of the Carla Ranch and who is a great-grandson of Crockett's. "Old Betsy", the famous rifle that Crockett had with him at the time of his heroic death at the Alamo, is owned by a cousin of Mr. Thorpe. Asherton⁴ News.

Tommy Nucklos, tholnuc@ev1.net

¹ Dimmit County seat

² In circulation since 1880

³ Dimmit County agricultural community, 1904-1918

⁴ Dimmit County city, 1909-present



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