

# The PROFILE

Texas Archeological Society-www.txarch.org

May 2005

**MAY MEETING: "The GLO's Map Digitalization Program and Archeology", Jerry C. Drake, Director, Archives & Records, Texas General Land Office.**

Anyone wishing to present should contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504.

#### LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 16, **only**, 7:00p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

**HAS LIBRARY:** Open on Friday, May 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

March and April are always busy months for Texas archeology and for Texas history buffs, because most of the significant events in the Texas revolution happened between March 2, 1836 (independence declared) and April 21, 1836 (Houston's defeat of Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto). We in the Houston area are fortunate to live within a couple of hours' drive of the sites where many of those memorable events took place.

On April 23, our Society ran an information booth and "kiddie dig" at the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment. Thousands of people read about us in the April 21 *Houston Chronicle*, and we had huge crowds. As Sheldon Kindall put it, "about 50 million" youngsters showed up for the dig. Many thanks to all our members who came out to man the booth and instruct the kids!

On April 9, there was the Texas Colonial Heritage Festival at Stephen F. Austin State Park near Sealy (and near the San Felipe de Austin excavation in which we are participating). The Fifth Battle of San Jacinto Symposium at U of H was held April 16. On April 23 and 24, the Texas Archeological Society held another session of the Texas Archeology Academy in Victoria. There were other events, but I won't list them all here.

Perhaps all these activities distracted people's attention away from our HAS Field School scheduled for April 30. To my great disappointment, we had to cancel the HAS Field School due to lack of enrollment. As of one week before it was to take place, we had only 3 people registered, and that was not enough attendance to justify holding the event. Thanks to Sheldon Kindall, who built new screens and did all the planning, to Fred Kelly, who created flyers and maps and publicized the Field School far and wide, and to everyone else who assisted.

Now would be a good time to set another date (not in April!) and begin planning for next year. Anyone interested?

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDER!

- Roman Portraits, Little Archeology Gallery, 3907 Yoakum Blvd. Weekdays 12-6 p.m., until May 3.
- How Running Made Us Human, Daniel E. Lieberman, Ph.D., Harvard University. Houston Museum of Natural Science Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Sponsored by the Leakey Foundation.
- TAS Field School, June 11-18, Paris Texas. For more information, call Beth Aucoin, 281-480-6151 or see website: [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org).

**REMEMBER: NO MEETING AND NO PROFILE IN JUNE, DUE TO TAS FIELD SCHOOL.**

## HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, April 8, 2005

Linda Swift, HAS President, called the April meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. There were 40 people in attendance.

- It is time to renew membership dues.
- The HAS will conduct a field school in April.
- Field work at San Felipe continues. Volunteers are needed.
- Volunteers are needed for the San Jacinto Festival on April 23.
- Lab on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Muriel Walker introduced the night's guest speaker, David Sherman, for his presentation "The Ear Spool Site."

Following the program, there was a refreshment break and the business meeting began with 13 people in attendance.

Wanda Carter and Mary LeBlanc provided refreshments.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved with one correction: Wanda Carter provided refreshments at the March meeting. HAS received a gift of \$100 on behalf of David Pomeroy.

In the absence of Karen Acker, Linda gave the Treasurer's report for the first quarter of 2005: **Opening balance: \$3,821.25; total income: \$2,711.00; total expenses: \$1,318.10; total operating fund: \$5,214.16. With a savings account of \$9,352.46, our total funds for the end of March are \$14,566.61.**

- Membership status: 142 last year; 109 this year (103 renewals, 6 new members.)
- There will be an HAS Board meeting in May.
- HAS member Don Crook has undergone surgery.
- HAS member Roger Moore was hospitalized with double pneumonia and is in stable condition.
- Some of the membership received the *Profile* via email without any complaints.
- Richard Carter reported that 25 people had visited the HAS website.
- Dick Gregg is waiting on corrections on one article before publishing the Journal.
- Beth Aucoin stated that there is no consensus of opinion on what should be worked on in the lab. There is plenty of work; we just need to figure out what it is.
- Linda reported on the status of the materials from 41FB3.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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**The Yates Museum:** Professor David Bruner, U of H, holds field school and lab sessions every Saturday (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at 1314 Andrews in Freedman's Town (founded by freed slaves in 1868. Confirm at [davearch@houston.rr.com](mailto:davearch@houston.rr.com) or call Dr. Carol McDavid 713-523-2640.

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**San Jacinto Festival a Huge Success:** Beautiful weather and a newspaper article about the festival and a planned dig on battlefield land outside the park generated huge crowds and increased awareness and interest in the archeology of the San Jacinto Battlefield and archeology in general.

Visitors were directed to the HAS/TAS displays and booth with the instructions, "Look for the sand pits." Per Sheldon Kindall, there were at least 20 million youngsters searching those two 15-by-15 foot pits for artifacts. In addition to general information on historic and prehistoric archeology and a demonstration on the intricacies of flint knapping, visitors were treated to informational displays about Mrs. Powell's place, San Felipe de Austin, and San Jacinto as well as books related to the Battle at San Jacinto and the subsequent retreat of the Mexican Army after its defeat at San Jacinto.

A great big thank you to a great crew: Pat Aucoin, Frank Binetti, Richard and Wanda Carter, Mary Barbara Gold, Don Keyes, Sheldon Kindall, and Muriel Walker. In addition to informing and interacting with hundreds of adults as well as children, these wonderful volunteers once again showed that they can put up, replenish supplies, and take down a very large display with the precision of a well-trained army field unit.

Beth Aucoin

**PUBLICATION NOTICE:** The Kinghorn Site, 41AU88, Austin County, Texas, by Leland W. Patterson, Houston Archeological Society, Report No. 23, 2005

Site 41AU88 has a long occupation sequence from Late Paleo-Indian through Late Prehistoric periods. This campsite had much lithic manufacturing activity, starting with primary reduction of chert cobbles. The price of this report is \$4.00, including mailing cost. It can be obtained from the Houston Archeology Society, c/o Leland Patterson, 418 Wycliffe, Houston, Texas, 77079-7133.

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**TAS FIELD SCHOOL:** The Texas Archeological Society Field School will be held June 11-18, at the Stallings Ranch north of Paris, Texas. Copies of the Spring 2005 TAS newsletter will be available at our May meeting. This issue provides important information about the field school and the *Fourache Maline* culture, as well as information on campground facilities and local accommodations and amenities. Registration forms are also included in the newsletter. Additional information on the Caddo Culture can be found at [www.texasbeyondhistory.net/tejas/ancestors/woodland.html](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/tejas/ancestors/woodland.html). Information and registration forms are also available online at [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org).

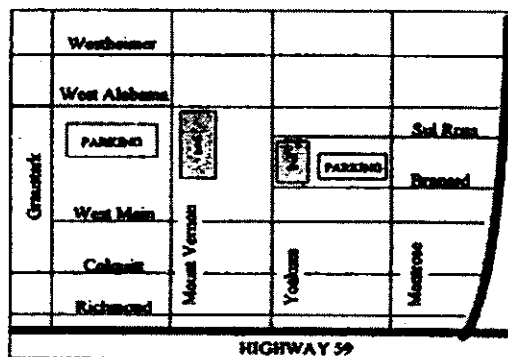
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University of St. Thomas
2. **McAgy Archaeology Library**  
3907 Yoakum  
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