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# The PROFILE

OCTOBER 2005

**OCTOBER MEETING:** Harry Shafer, "Masking the Dead: The Function of Mimbres Mortuary Pottery." Friday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. University of St. Thomas.

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

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Mondays, October 12, and 26, 7:00p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

**HAS LIBRARY:** Open on Friday, October 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Linda Swift, [Linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:Linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com)

## Announcements:

**TAS Annual Meeting:** October 28-30 in Austin at the Airport Hilton Hotel, 9515 New Airport Drive, located adjacent to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Guest speaker at the FREE public lecture at 7 p.m. on Friday evening is John Erickson, author of Discovery at Flint Springs and the Hank the Cowdog book series. Erickson's presentation is titled, "Two Guys from Austin Are Digging Up My West Pasture: A Rancher's View of Archeology." Saturday's Banquet speaker is Duncan Metcalfe, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Utah and an affiliate of the University of Utah Archeological Center. Metcalfe will focus on finds in the Range Creek Canyon, an important site for Southwest archeology, located in east central Utah. Flyers available at the meeting. For more information and registration forms, visit [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org).

## News About the Annual Meeting:

### Papers to be Presented on Friday

Due to the massive response to the Call for Papers, the first General Sessions will begin on Friday, October 28, 2005, starting at 1:00 and ending around 5:30.

**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 at 713-523-2649.

**Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin Historic Site, the Colonial Capitol of Texas:** Friday and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Excavators and other staff needed for site excavations, children's dig, and TAS & HAS displays. Contact Beth Aucoin, 281-480-6151 or [ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net](mailto:ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net). **Your help is needed and would be greatly appreciated!**

**October is Texas Archeology Month:** numerous presentations in our area.

Oct. 6: A Most Desperate Fight: The Battle of Round Timber Creek. Presentation by THC archeologist Brett Curse. FREE. Sponsored by Brazosport Museum of Natural Science and Brazosport Archeological Society, 7 p.m. at Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, 400 College Blvd., Clute. Contact Sandra Pollan 979/265-7831, [pollan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pollan@sbcglobal.net); [www.bmns.org](http://www.bmns.org).

Oct 13: Understanding the Past and Present of the Levi-Jordan Plantation. Lecture by archeologist Michael Strutt of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. FREE. 6 p.m. Location: Levi-Jordan State Historic Site. Contact: Meghan Alstrom 979/345-4656, [meghan.ahlstrom@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:meghan.ahlstrom@tpwd.state.tx.us); [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

Oct, 20: X Never Marks the Spot: Mapping Texas' Cultural Heritage. Talk by Jerry Drake, director of the Texas General Land Office's Archives and Records Division. FREE. 6:30 p.m. Location: Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 E. Cedar St., Angleton. Contact: Jackie Haynes 979/864-1208, [director@bchm.org](mailto:director@bchm.org); [www.bchm.org](http://www.bchm.org).

Oct. 29: Slavery in Austin's Colony. Performance of "Jumpin Juba: Uncle Bubba and Mammy Belle Jump de Broom," by interpreters from Talking Back Living History Theatre. Angleton. Performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adults \$5; Children \$2. Contact: Bruce Taylor-Hille 979/864-1208, [programs@bchm.org](mailto:programs@bchm.org); [www.bchm.org](http://www.bchm.org).

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### HAS visits Stonehenge and Hadrian's Wall

Fred Kelly, our roving reporter, spent most of September driving around the United Kingdom with his wife, Marcia. On their journey they visited the famous Stonehenge which was constructed in three phases between 5,050 years ago and 3,500 years ago. The circle of large Sarsen stones and smaller Blue stones is very impressive and the area is surrounded by Mesolithic burial mounds.

Fred and Marcia also spent a day retracing the Roman Emperor Hadrian's Wall, which was constructed in stone about 122 AD on the site of an earlier earth and timber wall. The Wall was constructed across Britain to keep the Barbarians in the North from raiding Roman settlements. Several impressive stretches of the Wall still remain complete with ruins of the old mile-castles.

Fred and Marcia also visited the site of the well-known Roman fort along Hadrian's Wall named Vindolanda, which dates back to around 85 AD. Remains of early timber forts are covered by stone foundations of later, more elaborate structures. The Roman Army custom of laying down a clean cover of clay or turf over demolished structures before rebuilding has created anaerobic conditions and the lack of oxygen led to the survival of almost everything that had been lost or discarded at the time. The most highly prized artifacts are slivers of wood with ink writing of official and private correspondence of the men and women who lived at Vindolanda. The Fort was occupied until the end of Roman Rule at the beginning of the fifth century and in 213 AD housed the Fourth Cohort of Gauls, 500 strong and part-mounted.

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## HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, August 12, 2005

Linda Swift, HAS President called the July meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 31 people in attendance.

Announcements:

- HAS members Beth Aucoin, Pat Aucoin, Johny Pollan, Sandra Pollan, and Sandra Rogers were presented certificates of appreciation by the Texas Historical Commission for "Exemplary Service to the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, 2004-2005."
- Work at the Powell Site this Sunday. Meet at the Hill Top Café at 9:00 a.m.
- Lab Monday night and August 29.
- Lab work on the San Felipe site artifacts is in progress at the Tyree House in Richmond. Volunteers needed.
- TAS annual meeting in Austin, October 28- 30.
- Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin, November 4 - 5.
- The HAS Library opens at 6:30 p.m. on meeting nights.
- The Brazoria County Museum has obtained the Streeter Collection.

Muriel Walker introduced guest speaker, Margaret Howard of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Her presentation was on, "Fort Lipantitlan: Teran's Sentinel on the Nueces."

Following the program, there was a refreshment break. The business meeting began at 8:40, with 27 people in attendance.

The May meeting minutes were approved with this correction: *the HAS Board will meet August 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Bob Shelby, Mary LeBlanc, and Linda Swift were thanked for providing refreshments.

Karen Acker reported the HAS membership at 115.

Richard Carter stated that the HAS website receives about one visit a day.

Librarian Diane Baird will began contacting people with overdue HAS books.

Sheldon Kindall talked about future work at prehistoric sites around some small lakes near Smith Point.

HAS Board members have been reviewing the HAS Constitution and Standing Rules. HAS members will be provided with recommended changes to these two documents in the September *Profile*. Secretary Tom Nuckols read the list of proposed changes.

The changes will be voted on during the September business meeting.

The HAS Officer Candidates were announced by the HAS Nominating Committee, comprised of Beth Aucoin, Wanda Carter, and Bob Shelby. The candidates are:

President Linda Swift  
Vice-President Michael Bailey  
Secretary Tom Nuckols  
Treasurer Karen Acker  
Director-at-Large Diane Baird

The election of Officers will be held at the September business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Nuckols, [annesullivan@andreswkurth.com](mailto:annesullivan@andreswkurth.com)

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**The following are the proposed changes to the HAS Constitution and the Standing Rules:**

1. Correct 9 misspellings/typographical errors.
2. **Article III, Section 2:** Change “The action of the Board may be appealed to the membership of the Society at a special meeting.” to “The action of the Board may be appealed to the membership of the Society at a regular or special meeting.”
3. **Article III, Section 5:** Break into two sentences for readability.
4. **Article IV, Section 1:** Add “Officers must be members in good standing”
5. **Article IV, Section 2:** Remove “In addition, the following officers shall perform certain specific duties.” This text is redundant.
6. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph b.:** Place second sentence first, as it describes the primary responsibility of the Vice-President.
7. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.:** Change “make all payments authorized by the President” to “make all authorized payments”.
8. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.:** Add “Payment for non-budget items can be authorized by the Board, or majority vote of the members at any regular meeting.
9. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.:** Add “The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end December 31.
10. **Article IV, Section 4:** Remove “orally”
11. **Article V, Section 3:** Change “A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any two members of the Board” to “The President or any two members of the Board may call a meeting of the Board of Directors” for readability.
12. **Article VI, Section 4:** Change “Twenty members” to “Ten members”. The decline in attendance at regular meetings forces this change.
13. **Article VII, Section 4:** Change “whenever the President who appointed them leaves office” to “at the end of the annual meeting”. This allows a reelected president to replace committee members without requiring the existing committee members to resign. It also allows committee members to remain in their positions should an unexpected presidential vacancy occur, providing continuity for an interim president
14. **Reword Article IX :** “Each proposed constitutional amendment must be signed by two members and submitted in writing to the Secretary. The secretary shall forward the proposed amendment to the chairman of the Constitution Committee for review, and to both The Profile editor and website administrator for inclusion in The Profile and on the website. The secretary shall also provide copies of the proposed amendment and read the proposal to the members at the next regular meeting. At the next regular meeting after the proposed amendment has been read, the Constitution Committee shall make its report to the membership and the vote shall be taken. A two-thirds majority of members present and voting is required for adoption.” The requested changes to this article 1) reduces the cost to the Society by allowing notification by other than U.S. mail and simplifies the written notification requirement. 2) Clarifies the two-thirds vote requirement. This makes the article a little easier to understand and the amendment process easier to manage. The only true change is doing away with the requirement to notify all members in writing. All members will still have ample opportunity to understand the proposal and make an informed decision.