



The PROFILE

May 2007

Frank Griffin Presents a Lithic Technology Primer at May Meeting

Frank Griffin will be the featured speaker at the May 11 meeting presenting a lecture titled **Lithic Technology: Techniques and Field Recognition**.

Mr. Griffin's two-part presentation will consist of a Lithic Technology Primer,

a show and tell, step-by-step description of linear biface reduction with reference to blade techniques, and Field Recognition of Lithics. The Field Recognition segment is derived from thirty years of avocational archeology and emphasizes a way of thinking about site lithics or field work. The examples of lithic technology are all from sites Mr. Griffin has

surveyed, recorded, or worked, including South Texas, Southwest Bexar County, Runnels County in West Texas and from a Southern Nevada Anasazi site.

A member of the Texas Archeological Society and South Texas Archeological Association, Mr. Griffin holds a bachelor's degree in Social Studies and a M.A. in United States History, as well as graduate

hours in Archeology from the UNLV Field School and UTSA. As an avocation archeologist, Mr. Griffin has been the Field Director STAA surveying and recording sites at the Bear Creek Boy Scout

Camp in Kerrville. A Crew Chief at TAS field schools including Galveston Island, he has also recorded and filed sites in Runnels and Bexar County. Mr. Griffin is currently working and recording multiple sites on 90 acres along Medio Creek of the Medina River in SW Bexar County, including a large open workshop with linear biface reduction.

The May 11th meeting will be held at our usual location in Anderson Hall on

the quadrangle of the University of St. Thomas, at 7:30 p.m. For a detailed map, visit the HAS web site at www.houstonarcheology.org. Parking for M.D. Anderson Hall: use the Moran Center Parking Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark (\$2 fee), or park in Faculty Parking Lot S at Montrose and Branard after 7:00 PM (no charge).



Lithic Technology Information: The Speaker for the May HAS meeting will give a talk entitled "Lithic Technology Primer." Individuals interested in this subject should be aware that there is an article entitled "An Introduction to Lithic Analysis" in the HAS Journal 105: 16-25, 1993. *—Lee Patterson*

HAS LIBRARY: Open on Friday, May 11th from 6:30pm-7:20pm., 3907 Yoakum Blvd.

REMINDER: No June Profile, meeting or lab, due to TAS Field School in Menard, TX, June 9-16.

July Meeting: All those attending Field School are invited to bring pictures or slides to share their experiences in Menard. If you don't happen to have photos, just stand up and tell us how you participated in Field School and what you learned!

Highlights of April Board Meeting

For this month's column, I'm going to highlight actions taken by your Board of Directors at their April meeting.

- Approved a scholarship in the amount of \$300, to go to Askew Elementary science teacher Scherie Townes, for attendance at this year's TAS Field School. Scherie is the science teacher who has worked with us on the Third Grade Archeology Project, co-sponsored by AIA-Houston. We've asked that she agree to teaching other teachers about field techniques next year, and that she come to one of our meetings to report on her experiences at Field School. We don't know yet if she will be able to accept at this late date, but the offer has been made.
- Approved a \$500 donation to the Brazoria County Historical Museum for their capital improvement project. The BCHM is the only museum in our part of the Gulf Coast area that is a certified curatorial facility for Texas historical/archeological artifacts. This has become an important attribute to have, because the Texas Historical Commission is changing its policy to require that future artifacts recovered from THC-permitted projects will *only* be turned over to certified curatorial facilities.
- Discussion on outreach activities – with Beth Aucoin resigning from the Outreach position this month, the Board discussed how to fill this position, including the need for more member involvement in outreach activities. Among our challenges are: a loss of membership (which is finally leveling off, thank goodness), an aging membership, parental and job responsibilities of the members, and travel distances from homes to outreach activity sites. All of these factors may dictate a change in the types of outreach we choose to do in the future. The Board is developing a job description for the Outreach Chair that will be published soon along with a request for interested persons to volunteer.

In other news, it is almost time to appoint a Nominating Committee for the 2007-2008 slate of officers. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please let me know by the end of May. I'd also like to encourage anyone who thinks they might like to serve as an officer or director to make their wishes known to the Nominating Committee. We would all like to see some "new blood" serving in leadership roles; fresh ideas and different viewpoints are encouraged!

--Linda Swift

Houston Archeological Society Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2007

Linda Swift, HAS President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Thirty-two people were in attendance.

Announcements:

- HAS lab is March 12 and 26.
- There is no current fieldwork.
- San Jacinto Day will be April 21 from 9:00am until 6:00pm. Beth Aucoin needs volunteers.
- An auditing committee consisting of Muriel Walker and Beth and Pat Aucoin completed the audit with no discrepancies.
- Karen Acker announced there are 107 paid members for 2007.
- The HAS Board will meet on April 26, 2007.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Submitted by Tom Nuckols, Secretary

San Jacinto Day Festival a Success!

The **San Jacinto Festival** held on April 21st was a big success! I estimate that 1,000 visitors stopped at our booth and enjoyed the displays and hands-on activities. A big thank you to volunteers **Pat Aucoin**,

Wanda & Richard Carter, Don Keyes, and Sheldon Kindall who were busy all day. Thanks also to **Diane Baird, Kathleen Barry, and Muriel Walker** for their assistance in the afternoon hours. -- *Beth Aucoin*

HISD Third-Grade "Dig" – Volunteers Needed!

HAS members are urgently needed to man the dig pits for our third-grade "dig" at Askew Elementary. If you can serve at ANY of the dates and times shown below, please call Linda Swift at 713-983-8105, or send an e-mail to swiftlinda@sbcglobal.net. Here is the schedule: **Saturday, May 12th - Prep Day - 9:00 am:** Meet at Askew Elementary (Walnut Bend area of

Houston--near Beltway 8 West and Briar Forest) to lay out dig pits and prepare the ground with "artifacts".
Wednesday, May 16, 8:30-1:00 and 12:00-3:30 - Dig Day—Two shifts of people needed.
Friday, May 18, 8:30-1:00 and 12:00-3:30 - Dig Day—Two shifts of people needed.

Archeology. . . Life in the Past Lane!

78th Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting CALL FOR PAPERS

The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, October 26-28, 2007
And yet again, into the breach! It's time for members to submit abstracts of papers, symposia, and poster displays to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Presenters with all levels of experience are welcome to submit abstracts for consideration. All presentation rooms will be equipped with PowerPoint projectors and laptop computers. Slide projectors will be made available upon request. Overhead projectors will not be provided unless specifically requested.

Individual Papers - Titles and Abstracts are due—
September 1, 2007

Symposia - Titles and Abstracts are due August 15, 2007

Poster Presentations - Titles and Abstracts are due
September 1, 2007

For questions, call Kay Hindes (830) 570-0138 or email
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**LABORATORY SCHEDULE: May Lab: Monday
May 14 only, 7:00 pm., Rice U. Archeology Lab, Sewall
Hall, Room 103. May 28, Memorial Day (no lab). There
will be no June labs due to Field School.**



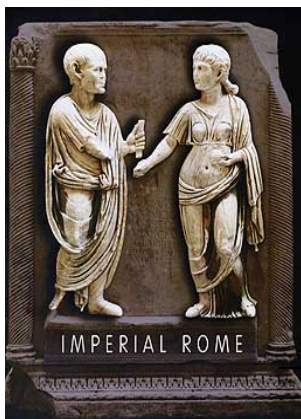
HAS 2007 Awards Nominations can now be made for 2007 HAS awards, the Merit Award and the Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award. Nominations can be given to Sheldon Kindall, Joe Hudgins, or Lee Patterson, 418 Wycliffe, Houston, Texas 77079. (713-468-4464). Awards are given at the October HAS meeting each year.

TAS Field School 2007

This year's field school, scheduled for June 9-16 in Menard, will mark the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the Presidio and Mission de San Saba. Deadline for registration (meals) is May 31. Forms and newsletters will be available at the meeting or at www.txarch.org.



The Arkansas Archeological Survey and Arkansas Archeological Society will cosponsor a Training Program in Archaeology at the Jones Mill Site (3HS28) in Hot Spring County, Arkansas June 9-24, 2007. For information <http://www.arkarch.org>.



Imperial Rome Exhibit

In this exhibit, The Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) is exhibiting Imperial Rome until July 29, 2007. This exhibit gives a glimpse of Roman life from 27 BC to the middle of the third century AD. According to the museum the exhibit will include, "Hundreds of artifacts, including ancient ceramics, terracottas, portraits, reliefs, sarcophagi, urns, jewelry, and bronze and marble statues, that reveal the brilliance of Roman art and culture while showcasing the Roman influences still prevalent in modern society." Tickets for museum members are \$7, adults \$15, students/seniors \$9 and may be purchased online at www.hmns.org.

Ancient Roman Technology

The well-known Roman physician, Galen (129-ca. 200 AD), was performing cataract surgery on the eyes in the mid-second century AD. He inserted a long needle-like instrument into the eye behind the lens and then pulled it back out to remove the cataract. —Fred Kelly

Jamestown Celebrates 400th Anniversary

May 11-13 is Anniversary Weekend at Jamestown, Virginia, to be kicked off by a visit from the President and the Queen of England the weekend of May 4-6. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 1607. Many activities are planned, including a dedication ceremony for Historic Jamestown, reenactments, cultural exhibits, tall ships sailing in Chesapeake Bay, rock and orchestra concerts, children's activities, issuance of a special postage stamp, and fireworks. For more information, go to the Jamestown web site at www.jamestown1607.org.

Famous Texans Rest at St. Vincent's Cemetery

St. Vincent's Cemetery, located at Navigation Boulevard and St. Charles Street adjacent to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, is the resting place of several prominent Houston families as well as individuals who distinguished themselves while fighting for Texas in the Battle for Independence and during the Civil War battle at Sabine Pass. The first burial was in 1853. Many victims of yellow fever were buried therein over the years--until 1871, when the city ordered burials to cease unless families had property already staked off or fenced in.

The most famous people buried in St. Vincent's are:
(1) Samuel Paschal, hero of the Battle of San Jacinto

and his wife, Bridget O'Reilly. Samuel's site has a pink granite Texas State Marker; (2) Charles Stephanes, a native of France, who also fought at San Jacinto; (3) Lieutenant Richard (Dick) Dowling (has a United States Government Marker), his wife, children and members of his wife's family; and (4) Count Dimarkowsky, a Polish Count. Besides Dick Dowling, another Sabine Pass hero is buried near the entrance of the cemetery: Captain (Title as Peace Officer in San Antonio) Jack White. White's grave is not marked. Samuel Paschal is the great-great grandfather of HAS member, Pat Aucoin. Beth Aucoin is currently researching locations of burial sites at St. Vincent's. --*Beth Aucoin*

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Submit articles no later than May 31st for the June issue.

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