



Dub Crook Returns with an Update on Brushy Creek

Wilson W. Crook III (“Dub” Crook), HAS member and avocational archeologist, will be the speaker at the December meeting, with a program on “Return to Brushy Creek.”

Our December meeting will be at 7:00 pm Thursday, December 15, in Anderson Hall (Room 103) on the Academic Mall at the University of St. Thomas.

Dub Crook is the Manager of Global Gas Regulatory & Legislative Issues for ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing Company. However, as the son



Returning to Brushy Creek, 2008

of a professional archeologist, he was introduced to this field of study at a very early age, and he has made significant contributions to the body of archeological knowledge through his own work.

Dub has published numerous papers in archeology, mainly focusing on the Upper Trinity River watershed but also sites in West Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, California, and Virginia. He has also worked in the rift valley of East Africa, in South America (Bolivia, Argentina, and Peru) and in Kazakhstan. He has been a member of the Texas Archeological Society for 34 years, a member of the Center for the Study of the First Americans,

The archeological association of Virginia and HAS.

“My father was Wilson W. Crook Jr., (“Bill” Crook) who was Past President and fellow of the Texas Archeological Society. I naturally grew up being dragged all around the world to archeological sites as he was a confident of Helmut de Terra, Louis Leakey, Thor Heyerdahl and others,” he says.

Dub and his long-time archeological field partner, Mark



Top: Brushy Creek. Bottom: Brushy Creek Point sand/gravel bar.

D. Hughston, discovered the Brushy Creek Clovis site in Hunt County, TX (41HU74) in 2004. The site to date has produced one Clovis point, a large Clovis perform, a number of apparent Clovis blades and other tools.

Dub will review the latest thinking in terms of what Clovis sites are producing across Texas, discuss the Brushy Creek finds, and review the work that remains to be done at this site.

Bring Goodies to December Meeting

Don’t Forget! The December meeting is when everyone is invited to bring something good to eat for a time of socializing after the lecture portion of the meeting. Yum!

HAS Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order by vice president Michael Bailey. He introduced our speaker of the evening. Michael then left to go celebrate his anniversary with his wife - Happy Anniversary to the Baileys.

The speaker of the evening was Brian McAuley of Texas Historical Commission. He presented updated information on work at the Levi Jordan Plantation near Brazoria.

After the presentation, President Karen Belvin conducted a short business meeting.

Volunteers were called for to participate on the audit committee. Mike Woods, Lenore Psenick and T. R. Williams volunteered to conduct the audit of HAS financial records in the coming spring.

HAS website has been experiencing some difficulty. The old website will be going away. Network Solutions has been asked to create a new website for HAS.

Texas Dept of Transportation has asked HAS to participate in an advisory capacity on the archeological investigation of the right of way for a proposed section of the Grand Parkway. Texas Dept of Trans is planning to do some trenching with a backhoe and also to put in some 1 by 1 test units. They will allow HAS to photograph and record these elements. There will likely be four visits by HAS to this site to perform this work. The site is located near Highway 6 and FM 521. For more information contact one of the board members.

In addition, HAS is considering participating in a proposed excavation of a sugar barn and brick works located near Arcola in Ft. Bend County. Interested members will meet there to look at the site November 19.

Diane Baird has offered to do a tour of the Levi Jordan plantation some time next spring. No date or time has been set but she mentioned March. For more information, talk to Diane Baird between now and then.

Lenore Psenick provided some excellent chocolate cake as refreshments for the evening. Thank you Lenore.

Refreshments for the December meeting are usually provided by all attendees as we celebrate the holidays. Ya'll bring something good, ya hear?

-- Mary LeBlanc, Secretary

Lab Schedule for December

Lab will be held on Monday, Dec. 12th only. We have only one lab in December due to the Christmas holidays.

We'll meet at the usual time & place: 7:00-9:00 pm, Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University. We'll continue documenting the Cable & Gibbs collections from Pine Gully, a prehistoric coastal shell midden site in Seabrook. Closest parking is Founder's Court/Visitor Parking and requires a credit card. For a map, see www.rice.edu/maps.

-- Beth Aucoin

SHUMLA Pecos Experience is March 26-30

SHUMLA announces their Pecos Experience program to be held March 26-30, 2012. Jim Keyser will join Carolyn Boyd and Elton Prewitt for a week of fun and learning while exploring the exciting rock art of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. For more information about this program, visit the SHUMLA web site http://www.shumla.org/pdf/PecosExperience/2012_PEFlyer.pdf.



MERRY CHRISTMAS Y'ALL!



LEARN TO READ STONE ARTIFACTS

The Texas Archeological Society will sponsor the Texas Archeology Academy titled “**Lithics: Reading Stone Artifacts,**” **February 4-5, 2012**, in Uvalde, Texas. This workshop will provide hands-on experience in the recognition of stone artifacts, their manufacture, and how they contribute to our understanding of ancient people. Classes will be held **at Quality Inn in Uvalde, 920 E. Main, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.**

Instruction will include how stone tools were made and what we can learn from them. Stone tools preserve longer than any other human artifacts. Much can be learned about people from the way they solved problems basic to survival. The stone tools often reveal what tasks were performed showing how ancient people lived. Dr. Harry Shafer, professor emeritus of archaeology, Texas A&M University, will teach the academy, with assistance from Paul Smith and David Calame. Two full days will be conducted in the classroom with lunch provided.

The **registration fee is for two days instruction: TAS member \$95; non members, including individual membership \$155; non member including family membership \$165; student non-member including membership \$135.** That includes lunches (2) and a manual on CD. A certificate of participation will be awarded to attendees. CPE credit will be available for teachers as approved by the Texas SBEC. Special rates are available upon request from the Quality Inn, 830-278-4511.

Registration deadline: January 22. For online information and registration: <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2012/index.php>. For more information call 800-377-7240.

AIA-Houston Presents “Confronting Empire—Celts and Romans”



The Archaeological Institute of America-Houston Chapter will cosponsor a lecture titled, “Confronting Empire – Celts and Romans, Conquest & Resistance,” on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive. Speaker will be Dr. Peter Wells, Professor, Anthropology, The University of Minnesota. General Admission – \$18.00, AIA and HMNS Members – \$12.00. Cosponsored by The William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, and by The Houston Museum of Natural Science. For more information visit the AIA web site at www.aia-houston.com.

New on TBH: Analysis of Ceremonial Cave Darts

New research on a group of remarkably well preserved darts from **Ceremonial Cave**, an El Paso area shrine site, is reported in this newly updated and expanded TBH exhibit on www.texasbeyondhistory.net/ceremonial/hafted.html.

TARL Director Darrell Creel initiated a study of seven of the darts, which still hold chipped-stone points hafted within their foreshafts. AMS dating and high resolution X-ray computed tomography (CT) scanning were used to examine these rare, perishable objects, likely left at the cave as ritual offerings by early Puebloan pilgrims. CT scans of the dart tips revealed the basal area of the chipped-stone points beneath their sinew wrappings, enabling determination of their shape and style. Most of the points appear to be type Carlsbad; another may be the earlier dart point form known as Hueco.

In the new, interactive, **Hafted Dart Point Analysis** section, viewers can study the darts through a series of rotating “movies” with 3-dimensional details generated for each object. These include complete views of the dart point basal sections beneath the hafting materials. Radiocarbon data and other information are reported in the various sections of this mini-exhibit. The new section, **What We've Learned**, summarizes latest findings and ongoing research on other Ceremonial Cave artifacts.

We now know that the ritual placing of darts and spears as offerings began at Ceremonial Cave about 2000 years ago, if not centuries earlier, indicating the site was one of the earliest shrine caves in the greater Southwest. Additional research is underway on other items from the cave, including *pajos*, or prayer sticks, and throwing sticks.

--Susan Dial, Editor, www.texasbeyondhistory.net

NEW PUBLICATION FROM TFAHR

Texas Foundation for Archaeological and Historical Research (TFAHR) is pleased to announce the publication of the report on the 2011 Excavations at Bylazora, Macedonia. The report is now available on the TFAHR website at <http://www.tfahr.org/public.html>. This report includes articles contributed by members of the TFAHR International Field School team and the People's Museum of Sveti Nikole.

To supplement this report, a number of team members are in the process of preparing articles to post at the Bylazora Project page. The first of these articles, on the analysis of seed and charcoal samples from the 2011 season, is now posted on the Bylazora Project page at <http://www.tfahr.org/BylazoraProject.html>

"Jihad and Holy War: The Crusades" Class Starts January 30 in Houston

Dr. William J. Neidinger of the Texas Foundation for Archaeological and Historical Research will offer a new adult education series, "Jihad and Holy War: The Crusades," starting January 30, 2012.

DATES: 6 Monday Evenings, January 30 - March 5, 2012; TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm; LOCATION: St. Agnes Academy, 9000 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX 77036. For additional information and to register for "The Crusades," visit <http://www.tfahr.org/Crusades.html>.

Please submit articles for publication to *Profile* Editor Linda Swift at swiftlinda@sbcglobal.net.
Submit articles no later than January 5 for the January 2012 issue.

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