



Tobacco Trade, Clay Pipes, and the “Pipe Wreck” are Featured in December Program



David Furlow, native Houstonian and HAS member, will present a program entitled *The Archaeology of Global Capitalism: Tracing the Dutch Tobacco Trade from Amsterdam through the 17th Century America*, at the Thursday, December 13, 2012 meeting of the Houston Archeological Society at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas University. Please note that this month’s program will be held on the second Thursday of the month rather than the third Thursday in Anderson Hall, Building 20, on the St. Thomas campus.



For centuries, soldiers have passed their time on battlefields and in occupied territories by smoking. Tobacco pipe stems thus reflect the ebb and flow of colonialism and war. Globalization actually began nearly four centuries ago with the tobacco trade and a few other New World commodities. In 1630,

Edward Bird, an English-born Puritan exile fighting to defend the Netherlands from Spain, left the army, married a Dutch woman, Aaltje Goverts, and opened a factory to sell tobacco pipes all over the world. From Boston to Brazil, from Newfoundland to Nevis, Edward and Aaltje created a business for exporting white-clay tobacco pipes throughout the Atlantic world. The Birds responded to Native American religious and cultural traditions by designing some pipes to sell in Susquehannock and Iroquoian markets. David Furlow uses recent photographs he took of the Birds’ pipe-stems excavated at Swedish Governor Johan Printz’s Printzhof capitol near Philadelphia, outside the Jamestown fort in Virginia, at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The presentation examines other Bird pipes including the “Pipe Wreck” which was exca-

vated by Texas A & M archeologists off the coast of the Dominican Republic, as well as artifacts from Scotland, Albany, Manhattan, Maryland, Virginia, and Brazil, to map global trade in the seventeenth century.

David Furlow (at left) is an attorney in Houston who fell in love with archeology at age 8 when he visited Native American sites at Moundville, Alabama. He graduated from Westbury High School and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas. While studying law in London in 1983 he participated in archeological excavations with the Museum of London and became avidly interested in Roman British archeology. He is the Executive Editor of the *Texas Supreme Court Historical Society Journal*. He has practiced law in Houston since 1984.

HAS members are asked to bring a snack to share for the annual potluck holiday celebration which will take place in the lobby of Anderson Hall following Mr. Furlow’s presentation. For a campus map, go to www.stthom.edu and look for the Interactive Map, Building 20, Anderson Hall. Street parking is available as well as paid parking (\$2) in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark.

Lab Schedule for December and January

Season's Greetings! Please note that we have only one lab night scheduled for December: Monday, December 10th only. During January 2013, two lab nights are on the schedule: Monday, January 14th and 28th. We'll meet at the usual time and place: 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm, Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice U. We'll continue working on a collection from a coastal margin shell midden site. Closest parking to Sewall Hall is the Founders Court/Visitor Lot across from Sewall Hall. This lot requires either a credit or debit card to gain access. For a map of the campus and parking, visit www.rice.edu/maps.

--Beth Aucoin

President's Message - Happy Holidays 2012!

As all of you know, Texas is rich in its ethnic heritage, and nowhere is this more apparent than in our own homes during the holidays. It's at this time of year that all of us celebrate with family traditions that have been passed down through the generations.

I'm Irish and I still put a lighted candle in the window of my house during the holiday season. It has a number of purposes, but I was taught that it was a symbol of welcome to travelers looking for shelter. We also place a wreath decorated with holly sprigs on the door – another tradition that originated in Ireland -- as holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time and which gave the poor ample means with which to decorate their dwellings.

My husband is Polish and his family's favorite Christmas tradition is the Wigilia dinner on Christmas eve and the breaking of the oplatek. The eldest family member takes the oplatek wafer, breaks it and shares it with the next eldest with wishes for good health and prosperity, and a kiss on each cheek. Each person then exchanges oplatek with everyone else at the table. It can be a very emotional time as grudges are forgotten and deceased family members are remembered.



I also have a bit of German in me and am always proud and a bit nostalgic when I put up our Christmas tree – or Tannenbaum – which holds hundreds of decorations made by my children and grandchildren or those I've collected from our travels all over the world. It is reported that the Germans brought the tradition of the Christmas tree to the United States and to Texas ...one source indicates they even brought the first artificial Christmas trees to Texas in the early 1800s! These artificial trees were made of green-dyed turkey feathers wound onto wire branches and mounted on wooden bases. Today these feather trees are rare collectors' items!

I think that one of the reasons I belong to the Houston Archeological Society is because it gives me an opportunity to discover parts of my own heritage every time I go out and survey or dig at a historic site. Each early piece of ceramic that we unearth is generally from somewhere else in the world. Each artifact we uncover gives us the chance to do research - not just on how each artifact tells the story of the site we are digging, but how it might reflect our own family origins and how those origins fit into the history of Houston and Texas.

And speaking of traditions, the Houston Archeological Society will celebrate the holidays with a tradition of its own at the Thursday, **December 13th** meeting at 7:00 pm at Anderson Hall at St. Thomas University. (Note we are meeting on the 2nd Thursday this month). Everyone is invited to bring a potluck snack to share. If you have any questions about this holiday feast, please email me at president@txhas.org. Hope to see you there!!!

I hope all of you have a wonderful and safe holiday with family and friends and I look forward to “digging into history” with you in 2013!

-- Linda Gorski

Don't Forget! TAS 2013 Academies Coming Soon

Archeology 101 will meet Friday to Sunday, March 1-3, 2013, in Victoria Texas. *Archeobotany* meets Saturday and Sunday, April 6th and 7th, 2013, in Kerrville, Texas. Fees: each academy is \$95 for members and \$155 (including TAS membership dues) for individual non-members. Lunches, snacks, and drinks will be provided during each session. Please check Texas Archeological Society's web site, <http://www.txarch.org>, for updates and specific details about each of the academies. You can register by mail with a printout of the online .PDF, and you can register online. All credit card registrations should be completed online. Online registration and more information at <http://www.txarch.org>. For scholarship details see <http://www.txarch.org/scholarships/index.html>

Minutes of the HAS General Membership Meeting November 15, 2012

Linda Gorski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, welcomed everyone, and thanked our guests for coming. There were 32 total in attendance, with 16 members and 16 guests.

A thank-you was given to Bob Sewell and Charlie Gordy for helping with the archaeological activities at the Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe. There will be more archaeology work there in the future, and a new visitor center is in the works. A thank-you was given to Beth Aucoin who gave a great presentation this week at the SHUMLA Teachers Training session held at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, also attended by Linda Gorski and Andrew Freeman.

The TxDOT Project has resulted in 24 dump truck loads of dirt to be screened. There will be an opportunity for HAS members to volunteer sometime after the Thanksgiving Holidays. The soil is sandy, and it is expected to be rich in prehistoric artifacts.

The 2013 membership drive is underway, and Diane Baird will be handling that activity.

Linda introduced the speaker for the evening, Andrew Freeman, Deputy Executive Director at the SHUMLA Archaeological Education and Research Center in West Texas. Andrew presented an interesting program titled *The Lower Pecos as a Teaching Laboratory: Rock Art, Archaeology, and New Techniques in Cultural Resources Instruction*. You can get more information at www.shumla.org.

The next HAS meeting is scheduled for December 13th, the second Thursday in December. The meeting was closed at 8:10 pm.

We extend a big Thank-You to Linda Gorski who brought all kinds of snacks and goodies.

--Lenore Psencik, HAS Secretary

Coming Up December 9:

Gorski and Aulbach to Guide Walking Tour of Camp Logan Foundation Features

Ever since Louis Aulbach and I gave the presentation to HAS earlier this year on Camp Logan, a World War I Training Camp in Memorial Park, there has been a lot of interest in exploring the foundation features of the camp that are preserved in the Park. Since the Texans are not playing on the afternoon of Sunday, December 9, we will lead a hike in the wooded areas of Memorial Park and will point out the historic features from Camp Logan and check out the effects of the drought and the removal of trees and brush on those foundation features.

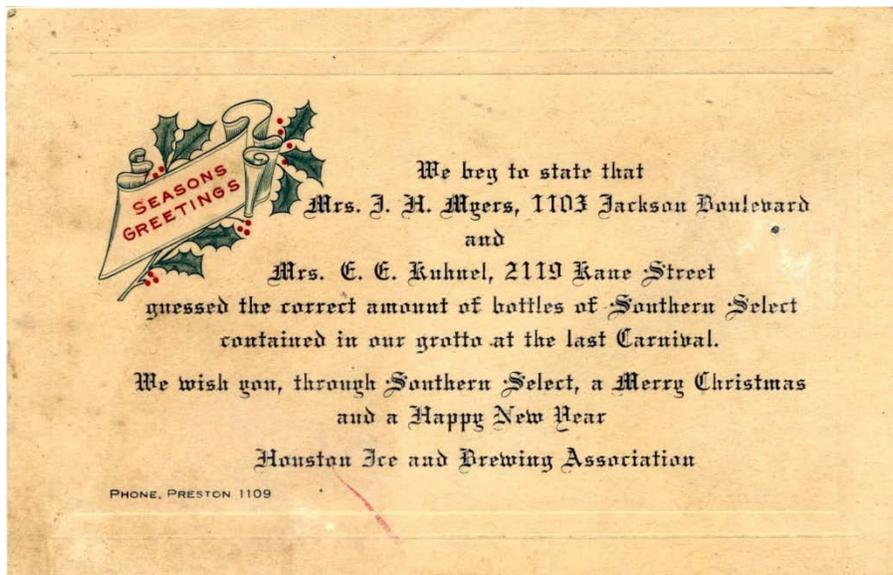
We'll start the hike at 1:30 pm, and it will last about two hours. If you are interested in taking this hike and learning more about this fascinating chapter in Houston's history, please email Louis Aulbach at lfa@hal-pc.org or Linda Gorski at lindagorski@cs.com. If you do not have email, please call me (Linda Gorski) at 713-557-1496. You must RSVP and we must have your contact information (email and phone number) so that we can reach you in case we have to cancel due to inclement weather. We will let you know where to meet when you RSVP. Wear good sturdy boots or shoes and bring plenty of water and maybe a snack. This is not a strenuous hike, but it does require a good deal of walking from parking lot to sites. *--Linda Gorski*

Reminder about Teacher CPE Credits

As a member society of the Texas Archeological Society, HAS can offer classroom teachers valuable CPE credits when they attend almost any HAS function including programs, field activities, and workshops. Certificates of attendance will be available at monthly meetings. For more information: publicoutreach@txhas.org.

Season's Greetings from your local Brewery - circa 1912!

Most of you will have received many "season's greetings" cards by the time you read this newsletter. However, since the holidays aren't officially over yet, we thought you'd like to see just one more greeting card that was sent to Houstonians... one hundred years ago ... in 1912!



Traditionally, the holiday season has been a time for retail businesses to communicate the company's good wishes to their customers. In the early nineteenth century, the Houston Ice and Brewing Association used an engraved greeting card to announce the winners of its "guess the number of bottles" contest while extending its best wishes for a happy holiday season.

The card was a simple, but direct, message to its customers and to those who stopped by its booth at the city's annual No-

ember festival known as the Carnival, or more properly, the No-Tsu-Oh Festival. This Mardi Gras-style festival was a week-long celebration of local businesses, most notably the cotton trade, in which pageants, parades, and balls were held throughout the week. No doubt, the local brewery also played a big role in the festivities.

The Houston Ice and Brewing Association was the producer of several beers, including the Magnolia, Riche-lieu, and Southern Select brands. The brewery was located on Buffalo Bayou at Franklin Avenue and was very convenient to the street celebrations of the Carnival along Commerce Avenue and Franklin Avenue. Today, the Magnolia Ballroom is a remnant of the large brewery complex that spanned the bayou.

This greeting card dates from about 1912 and was in the personal files of my maternal grandmother Hildegard Cox, a long time resident of the City who came to Houston in 1908 as a college student. The No-Tsu-Oh Festival began in the late 1890's, and the last festival was held about 1915. Nevertheless, the message conveyed by the card is timeless. **Season's Greetings!** -- Louis F. Aulbach

Shop at the HAS online Mall

Wouldn't it be nice to have places to shop where a portion of your money goes to support the Houston Archeological Society? Well, you have that place --- a whole mall in fact. A mall with hundreds of stores where each purchase helps the HAS. There you will find all the big name stores you may already order from. Also discounts and coupons are available.

HAS has partnered with an organization called We-Care. Their motto is **Shop with Purpose**. Well, we certainly have a purpose! Using Google or another search engine, just type the following in the Search line: **houstonarcheology.we-care.com**, then search. Click on the listing, and you will be directed to our mall. Once there, you can even download shortcuts to make it even easier next time.

Of course this can only be a successful venture if we use it. Please immediately bookmark the page. For those who might forget to go there before shopping, you can download a reminder so that if you go to, for example, Best Buy or Amazon direct, a box will pop up that asks if you want a portion to go to the HAS. You will of course say yes! You can find the reminder program under the Downloads tab on the Mall page.

New on Texas Beyond History

Pine Tree Mound Now on TBH

This 5-section exhibit covers the history and archeology of an important Caddo ceremonial and residential area in the middle Sabine River Basin and how project sponsors, archeologists, and the Caddo Nation worked together to bring this history to light. To access it, visit Texas Beyond History at www.texasbeyonhistory.net/pine/.

Investigations conducted between 2004 and 2012 by Prewitt and Associates, Inc. revealed that Pine Tree Mound was the site of more than a dozen residential household compounds ringing a ceremonial precinct and three temple mounds. From the 1300s to perhaps as late as the 1700s, this site was the political and social heart of the Caddo province of Nadaco. Archeologists know of no other site of the same age in this region that has such a well-defined ceremonial landscape, and it is clear that this was home to a powerful ruler.

Written by **Ross Fields** and **Eloise Gadus** of Prewitt and Associates, the exhibit presents key findings and interpretations from the site with detailed graphics and photos. A special ceramics section explores the symbolic motifs of Ripley Engraved vessels from Pine Tree Mound burials and implications for connections to the larger Mississippian world.

New Lecture Series by Dr. William J. Neidinger Begins February 4: "The Road to Santiago De Compostela"

Pilgrims from across Europe would brave bandits, pirates, searing heat and limb-numbing cold, thirst, and hunger, and rapacious hoteliers to make it to the end of the Earth (Fisterra) to visit the tomb of Saint James. As a Christian pilgrimage destination, Santiago de Compostela was rivaled only by Rome and Jerusalem. More importantly, the discovery of the body of James in remote Galicia on had a profound effect. It fueled the Christian holy war, the Reconquista, that would someday drive Islam from the Iberian peninsula.

Dr. William J. Neidinger will present four lectures in February:

1. Christianity vs. Islam. The Islamic tidal wave swept away the Visigothic kingdom in Spain. The tide of the army of the Prophet seemed irreversible.
2. The Discovery. After the discovery of the body of James the Apostle (Santiago) in a deserted Galician field, the Christians, too, had a talisman in their holy war.
3. The Journey. As Christians regained the peninsula, pilgrims, priests, warriors, and merchants came with new artistic styles and religious ideas. We will re-trace the steps of an actual pilgrimage from Paris to Santiago.
4. The Church. The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is adorned with some of the most sublime examples of Romanesque and Plateresque architecture and sculpture.

Dates: Four Monday evenings, February 4 - 25, 2013, each at 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Location: St. Agnes Academy, 9000 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX 77036. For additional information and to register for "Santiago," visit <http://www.tfahr.org/Santiago.html>

AIA Archeology Calendar Available for Holiday Gifts

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is now offering for sale its *A Year of Archaeology* calendar. Featuring photos from AIA Site Preservation-funded sites and the AIA's 2011 online Photo Contest, this calendar highlights archaeological sites from around the globe. Experience all aspects of a dig through images of excavations, ancient architecture, interesting finds, and field life. The *A Year of Archaeology* calendar is a great gift idea for the holiday season. Join the AIA in preserving the past by purchasing the calendar from its online store at <http://www.archaeological.org/news/sitepreservation/10962>. Price: \$20.00 All proceeds from this calendar sale benefit the AIA Site Preservation Program, which works to safeguard the world's archaeological heritage for future generations.

SHUMLA 2013 Pecos Experience Scheduled for March

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Pecos Experience taking place March 18-22, 2103! Dr. Stacy Schaefer and Dr. Jim Bauml are joining SHUMLA Executive Director Dr. Carolyn Boyd and Board President Elton Prewitt. This talented team will lead an exploration of the canyons of the Lower Pecos to investigate regional rock art, and to make connections through discovery.

In addition to visiting the world-class rock art sites of the Lower Pecos region, program participants will have opportunities to participate in Native American lifeways instruction and traditional Huichol crafts. Activities include native plant identification, harvesting, processing, and preservation of plants, cordage construction, earth oven construction, and crafting ceremonial beaded bowls and yarn paintings. Space in this week-long program can be reserved with a \$500 deposit by February 1st. Questions? Call 432-292-4848 or email programs@shumla.org.

Please submit articles for publication to *Profile* Editor Linda Swift at swiftlinda@sbcglobal.net.
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