



“Camp Logan: A Houston WWI Training Camp” is February Program

Local historian and author Louis Aulbach and his research associate, Linda Gorski, will present a program this month on Camp Logan, the World War I training camp that was built to house over 44,000 soldiers on the banks of Buffalo Bayou in Houston in what is now Memorial Park. Our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on February 16th in Room 103, Anderson Hall, The University of St. Thomas, 3800 Montrose Houston, Texas 77006.



Camp Logan was an emergency training center in World War I, located on the earlier site of a National Guard Camp just beyond the western city limits of Houston. Construction of the center began on July 24, 1917, in the area that is now Memorial Park. Camp Logan was a tent camp supplemented by 1329 wooden buildings with a troop capacity of 44,899 men.

“As you walk or run through Memorial Park now, it’s hard to imagine a huge sprawling military base on its grounds, but historic photographs of the camp depict row after row of tents on raised wooden platforms along graded streets near mess halls and latrines – and many of those foundation features are still visible in the wooded areas of the park,” said Aulbach.

The streets in Camp Logan were unpaved or surfaced with oyster shell or cinders. A 600-foot deep water well south of Washington Avenue serviced the camp, producing over 1 million gallons of water per day. A complete sewer and trench system was installed. A Remount Depot was constructed just west of the main camp. The Base Hospital

was at the southeastern corner. A rifle range was built 8 miles west on Hillendahl Road. Drill fields were between 1 and 2 miles northwest of the camp proper. In short, Camp Logan was a huge place.

“The thing that surprises us is how little you will hear or read about Camp Logan in any of the books dedicated to Houston’s history,” said Linda Gorski. “Most of the residents of River Oaks have no idea that Camp Logan extended across

Buffalo Bayou and that horses and men paraded on grounds that are now their front yards,” she said.

In his presentation Aulbach will highlight Camp Logan through a series of maps, 125 letters and postcards left behind by Paul V. Hendrickson, a private stationed at the camp in 1917. He will also use recent photos to show archeological remains of the camp.

Louis F. Aulbach is the author of five best selling river guides to the rivers of West Texas. His most current book, *Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston’s Wilderness Beginnings*, is a history of Houston as it developed along Buffalo Bayou

Aulbach is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Chicago. He recently retired as the Records Management Officer for the City of Houston. He served on the Harris County Historical Commission 2009-2010 and is currently president of the Harris County Historical Society.

Linda Gorski, professional editor/writer, is a long-time avocational archeologist. She is a member of the HAS Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the SHUMLA School.



President's Message

Meeting Reminder

Place: University of St. Thomas (UST)

Where: Anderson Hall; Room 103

When: February 16, 2012

Time: 7:00-9:30 P.M.

We have some new prospects coming for the spring. Much like the season, it is a waiting game for the sun to shine while working with multiple people in making this happen. The information about these prospects will be disseminated as they are confirmed. If you have any new prospects, please forward them to me to be put on the list. Please be patient.

Speaking of patience, I am sure everyone is wondering about the status of our new website. Our web host has been working on the layout of the information provided to them in January. The numbers of pages we currently have exceed the amount of pages permitted in the package we purchased. To have our website do what we want, such as the interactive Calendar, method of membership payment (online) and Bulletin Board, we needed to move information around to keep to the amount of information HAS feels is important for the website within the number of pages in our package. There are many tasks associated with development of a web site, which requires extra hours by the Board in making this happen. We are doing our best. Again, please be patient. The site will be up soon.

In the interim, there are many activities with which one can participate within adjacent County archaeological societies. All require volunteers--seasoned and unseasoned--as the weather allows. When we assist other organizations with the same purpose, we expand our capabilities as they will call upon us when they need extra help.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting.

-- Karen Belvin, *President*

Minutes of the HAS Meeting January 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Belvin.

Vice President Michael Bailey announced that there was to be an event for people interested in becoming historic reenactors on Saturday, January 21.

Michael Bailey introduced the speaker. Dr. Dirk Van Tuerenhout spoke about the civil war exhibit presently at Houston Museum of Natural Science.

President Karen Belvin talked about the new web site which the board has approved. There were questions about the cost. Information in the form of photos or anecdotes was solicited.

Persons from whom information about expenses for the budget for the next year were asked to get that information to the board. They need an estimate of major expenses for the coming year. The topic for the next meeting will be Camp Logan, which was an army camp in the vicinity where Memorial Park is today. In 1916 this was the scene of a rebellion by black soldiers.

Persons who provided snacks for the evening are: Mike Woods, Lucia Buono, and Carol Roberts. Thanks folks.

-- Mary LeBlanc, *Secretary*

Lab Schedule for February

Labs will be Monday, Feb. 13th & 27th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University. We will continue documenting two collections from a prehistoric shell midden site. Visit www.rice.edu/maps to locate Founder's Court/Visitor Parking (requires a credit card).

-- Beth Aucoin

It's Membership Renewal Time!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Houston Archeological Society, P. O. Box 130631, Houston, TX 77219-0631

Please complete this form and mail it, with your check for the correct amount, to the above address.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (work) e-mail: _____

Type of membership: ___New ___Renewal Please circle one: Student (\$10/year) Single (\$20/year)
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ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE: I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any present or future federal, state or local statute concerning cultural resources, or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques.

I DO I DO NOT authorize HAS to invite me by e-mail to join the HAS Facebook page as a "friend."

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Next TAS Archeology Workshop: "Ceramics", March 3 & 4

The Texas Archeological Society will sponsor the Texas Archeology Academy titled "**Ceramics: The Stories Found in Pottery**" will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station March 3 and 4, 2012. This academy will impart the importance of archeological ceramics in terms of technology, chronology, dating, trade, subsistence, and cultural identity. **Registration deadline for this workshop is February 22, 2012.**

Lectures and hands-on exercises for both workshops will be provided by Dr. Harry Shafer. The registration fee for **each** workshop 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.

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

"Pecos Experience" Coming Up in March



If you read *Texas Highways* magazine, you already know about this: the upcoming **Pecos Experience** is a great opportunity to work with experts and contribute to research on incised pictographs in the caves along the Lower Pecos River in far West Texas. Participants will explore some of the most stunning rock art in the world.

The 2012 Pecos Experience will take place March 26-30, and a few spaces are still available. Participants will work with SHUMLA's research team to explore the origins, uses and meanings of these fascinating rock art features. They will visit sites throughout the Lower Pecos region, and will engage in discussions about how these archeological features are similar to petroglyphs in the Columbia Plateau region.

There is a good article (and gorgeous photography) on one new research project in the March 2012 issue of *Texas Highways*, entitled, "Panther Cave: Rock Art in Danger." For information or to make a reservation, contact programs@shumla.org or call 432-292-4848.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES IN HOUSTON: "ISTANBUL"

If ever there were a city that deserved the title "Imperial" it was Byzantium: as Nova Roma, she was capital of the late Roman Empire, as Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine and Crusader Empires, and as Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman Turkish Sultanate. For nearly a millennium Byzantium was a prosperous but not especially important port on a peninsula that controlled the waters between Europe and Asia. But then Constantine, in the fourth century AD, became enthralled with its strategic possibilities. The city would never be the same again; it was catapulted into the ranks of history's great imperial megalopolises.

In this course, led by Dr. William J. Neidinger of the Texas Foundation for Archeological and Historical Research, participants will study the great monuments, sites, and structures of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman eras: the ruins, churches, mosaics, statues, mosques, and bazaars of the premier Imperial City.

Date: 3 Monday evenings, March 19 - April 2, 2012

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: St. Agnes Academy, 9000 Bellaire Blvd., Houston TX 77036

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.tfahr.org/Istanbul12.html>

**Please submit articles for publication to *Profile* Editor Linda Swift at swiftlinda@sbcglobal.net.
Submit articles no later than March 1 for the March 2012 issue.**

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