



Jeff Durst to Provide Update on Fort St. Lewis this Month

Jeff Durst, Regional Archeologist and Project Reviewer with the Texas Historical Commission will be our speaker at the Thursday, March 15 meeting of the Houston Archeological Society. Durst will present an update on the Fort St. Louis Archeological Project, a French settlement dating to 1685 on the banks of Garcitas Creek in Matagorda County. will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103, Anderson Hall, The University of St. Thomas, 3800 Montrose Houston, Texas 77006.

Excavations at the Fort St. Louis Archeological Project took place along Garcitas Creek in Victoria County between 1999 and 2002. Since that time hundreds of thousands of artifacts have been processed and analyzed.



Aerial view of Fort St. Louis project

Extensive archival research has also been conducted in conjunction with the artifact analysis helping to develop a rich background of information informing the interpretation of the archeological record from the site. Remains from both the French occupation (ca. 1685) and the Spanish occupation (ca. 1721) allow us to interpret how these two diverse groups interacted with their environment and the surrounding native population. Artifacts from gunflints to

structural remains help fill in the blanks left in the written record.

Come listen to Fort St. Louis Project Director Jeff Durst as he weaves the artifact analysis with the rich archival background to enlighten this fascinating period of early Texas history. For more information about the excavations at Fort St. Louis see <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/lasalle/lasfsl.shtml>.

Jeff Durst has a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Durst has been actively employed in archeology for the past 18 years, most recently as Regional Archeologist and Project Reviewer for south Texas. Prior to his current position as Terrestrial Archeologist for south and coastal Texas, he served as the assistant project director and then project director of the THC's Fort St. Louis Archeological Project. He has experience in both historic and prehistoric archeology and has worked in Texas, New Mexico, and Belize (Central America). Durst has authored and coauthored numerous publications and papers on the archeology of Texas, New Mexico, and Belize.

The March 15 meeting is free of charge and open to the public. For a campus map, go to www.stthom.edu and look for the Interactive Map, Building 20. Paid parking (\$2) is available in the Moran Center at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark.

Lab Schedule for March

Labs will be March 12 and 26, 7-9 p.m., Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University. Reminder: the Founder's Court/Visitors Lot requires a credit card; you may access a map at www.rice.edu/maps. We'll continue working on the Gibbs and the Cable collections.

-- Beth Aucoin



President's Message

Meeting Reminder

Place: University of St. Thomas (UST)

Where: Anderson Hall; Room 103

When: March 15, 2012

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

We have some new prospects for the spring! Unfortunately, similar to waiting for those first buds of spring, it is as much a waiting game for the approval of agency projects. In the interim, the Board has been working on cultivating HAS events, and we hope everyone will participate as the events unfold; especially donating time for the proposed HAS Spring Membership Drive.

THE WEBSITE! I understand how anxious everyone is in having our website published. I want to thank those who recently provided the data that was required for the website to go public. It is now in the process of being "built" with the data that was provided this week and we hope to see the first useable, preliminary site up by the time we meet on March 15, 2012.

The *Profile* will be changing a little too. Among the changes, we are adding Volume and Number to each monthly *Profile*. In addition we are undertaking a new research project. The results of the research will appear in as a short article in each monthly *Profile*. The research will investigate Houston's cultural history, as well as explore the contributions of the people who helped in Houston's development, as the fourth largest city in the United States and the largest city in Texas. The first article will appear in April's issue. The project is titled:

Houston's Heritage: An Examination of Culture and Development.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting.

--Karen Belvin, *President*

Minutes of the HAS Meeting February 16, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Belvin.

The speakers for the evening were Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski. They gave a presentation on Camp Logan, which was a World War I training camp in the area where Memorial Park is today. Louis Aulbach is the president of Harris Co. Historical Society. Linda Gorski is a board member of Houston Archeology Society.

President Karen Belvin reported that the web site is making progress and may be up by the end of February. It was reported that efforts to rent a storage area for HAS materials is progressing. They are comparing prices of various storage facilities.

Report was asked for regarding the audit of 2011 records. That is pending.

Beth Aucoin reported that the Lab is working on two private collections of archaeological artifacts.

Linda Gorski wants information on neighborhood newspapers. She is seeking their e-mail contact information so she can publicize HAS activities through such media.

It is membership renewal time. Please forward dues to club treasurer Juan Reyes.

Karen Belvin provided refreshments for the evening.

-- Mary LeBlanc, *Secretary*

It's Membership Renewal Time. Last Chance to renew before April Deadline!

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)
Family (\$25/year) Contributing (\$30+/year)

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: _____

UST Center for Irish Studies Announces Spring Programs

Saturday, March 17--Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza

When: 10:00 am. Where: University of St. Thomas, Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum

Brunch: University of St. Thomas, Jerabeck Gymnasium, 4000 Mt. Vernon

Cost of Brunch: \$25 check or cash before March 15; \$30 after March 15 or at the door, Benefiting the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies. RSVP for Brunch to 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu

Sunday, March 18--Celebrate with Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns and accompanist Patrick Healy

When: 3:00 pm. Where: The Galveston Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice Street, Galveston, 77550

Tickets: Contact The Grand Ticketing Services web site: www.thegrand.com, or 409-765-1894 or 1-800-821-1894. \$5 discount with Code: Irish

Tuesday, April 24--Performing Irish Folk Ballads, Broadway Tunes, Classic Favorites

Benefit for the Wexford Autism Center, a US nonprofit educational organization

Sponsors: The University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies and CultureMap

Tuesday, April 24-- Peace through Commerce Conference Luncheon Presentation

When: 12:00 noon. Where: Ahern Room of the Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark, UST Campus

Bill Flynn, namesake of the UST Center for Irish Studies and Chairman Emeritus of Mutual of America Insurance Company, will speak with Irish Studies Director Lori Gallagher about how, as a business leader, he became involved in the Northern Ireland Peace Process. Bill Flynn also is the Chairman of the National Committee of American Foreign Policy. Free and open to the public. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu

Tuesday, April 24, 2012--Peace through Commerce: The World in Your Classroom - The World in Your Boardroom Evening Lecture

When: 7:00 pm. Where: Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd, UST Campus

Presenters: Frances Hesselbein, President and CEO of the Frances Hesselbein Leadership Institute, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her leadership and service as a pioneer for women, volunteerism, diversity and opportunity. Fr. Oliver Williams, CSC is the Director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values at the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business. Fr. Williams also is editor of *Peace through Commerce: Responsible Corporate Leadership and the Ideals of the United Nations Global Compact*, which addresses the global corporate role in promoting more peaceful societies.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 25, 2012: Friends of Archaeology holds its annual meeting at 4:30, followed by a 5:00 pm lecture on “**The Gothic Ghost Town of Famagusta,**” by Dr. Charles Stewart, Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas. Location is Anderson Hall on the UST campus. Reception follows lecture.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 7:00 pm: AIA-Houston Chapter presents “**Ten Thousand Things: Module and Mass Production in Chinese Art**” by Lothar Ledderos, Kim Son Restaurant, 1801 Saint Emanuel Street, Houston, TX 77003. Discussion moderated by Dr. Christine Starkman, Curator of Asian Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 2:00 pm: AIA Houston Chapter presents, “**Music and Power in Zhou Dynasty China,**” by Dr. Haicheng Wang, Assistant Professor, University of Washington, about the amazing discovery of ritual bells from the Bronze Age. Location is the Brown Auditorium Theater, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 1001 Bissonnet. Free Admission with General Museum Admission.

Thursday, April 12, 2012 6:30 pm: AIA-Houston Chapter presents “**The Archaeology of the Titanic**” by Dr. James Delgado, Director of Maritime Preservation, NOAA. Location is Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive. General Admission – \$18.00, AIA and HMNS Members – \$12.00.

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

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