



“Archeological Projects in Our Region’s State Parks” Is Topic for September Meeting

Ruth Matthews, Texas Parks and Wildlife Region 4 Cultural Resources coordinator will review archeological activities at various state parks in southeast Texas at the Thursday, September 19, meeting of the Houston Archeological Society. The program will begin at 7:00 pm in M.D. Anderson Hall at St. Thomas University and is free of charge and open to the public.

As TPWD regional archeologist, 15 state parks fall under Matthews’ responsibility, including three units at Lake Somerville, Stephen F. Austin SP, Washing-



**San Jacinto Battleground
State Historical Site**

ton on the Brazos SHP, Huntsville SP, Lake Livingston SP, Davis Hill State Natural Area, Fort Boggy SP, Mission Tejas SHS, Martin Dies, Jr., SP, Village Creek SP, Sea Rim SP, Sheldon Lake Environmental Learning Center/SP, San Jacinto Battleground SHS, Galveston Island SP and Brazos Bend SP. “Texas State Parks Region 4 is the most diverse cultural region in Texas. In my presentation I will emphasize each park within Region 4 and give a brief overview of the natural and cultural elements, and touch upon what has and has not been done regarding understanding the cultural component of each park and future efforts to learn through volunteer and other efforts.”

Matthews’ job as Cultural Resources Coordinator ensures compliance with state and federal antiquities laws. Program staff reviews projects that will involve ground disturbing activities or impacts to his-

toric structures or features to ensure compliance with cultural resources laws. The CRC also conducts archeological surveys and produces inventories of archeological sites on TPWD lands. The CRC curates artifacts



**Washington-on-the-Brazos
State Historical Park**

obtained under an Antiquities permit issued by the Texas Historical Commission before being sent to TPWD’s archeological collections. CRC also identifies areas where facilities can be built without damaging archeology, and includes plans for protecting the most important sites.

HAS volunteers have recently worked with TPWD on projects at San Jacinto Battleground and at Galveston Island State Park. “There are several important archeological projects that are ongoing in state parks in Region 4 and there is certainly potential for HAS members to become involved,” said Matthews.



Galveston Island State Park

For a campus map of St. Thomas University, 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. Teachers can receive one hour of CPE credit for attending this lecture.



President's Message

HAS members –

As most of you know, we will hold our election of officers for next year at the September 19th HAS meeting at St. Thomas University. Here is the slate of nominees for 2013-2014 with a brief bio of each candidate:

Louis Aulbach – Vice president. A native Houstonian, Louis graduated from St. Thomas High School, Rice University and received his masters degrees at the University of Chicago. He was the Records Management Officer for the City of Houston for 18 years. He served on the Harris County Historical Commission and is currently vice president of the Harris County Historical Society. Louis recently authored a comprehensive book on the history of Houston as it developed along Buffalo Bayou. Louis served as Vice President of HAS this past year.

Lenore Psencik – Secretary. A fifth generation Texan, Lenore was born and raised in Rosenberg, Texas. She graduated from U of H Clear Lake and worked for 30 years in the Oil & Gas industry. She has been a member of HAS since the 1990s. Lenore is also an active member of

Equusearch. Lenore served as Secretary of HAS this past year.

Robert Killian – Treasurer – Robert grew up in Central Texas and has had a lifelong interest in archeology. He has degrees in Geology and Botany from the University of Texas and is a Consulting Exploration Geologist. He is a Certified Master Naturalist and currently serves as a Board Member of the Gulf Coast Chapter. He is a member of the Texas Archeological Society and has attended 3 of the last 4 field schools.

Carol Roberts – Board Member. Even though Carol was born in Denver she proudly says she was conceived in Texas and returned to her home state when she was 18 months old and has been here ever since! She received her BA at the University of Texas and her MA at the University of Houston and taught history and French in high school for 30 years. Carol Roberts has one more year on her term as a Board member.

Don Keyes- Board member. Don is yet another Native Houstonian, raised in the Heights and a 1969 graduate of Sam Houston High. Don worked for Southwestern Bell for 41 years and has been a Houston Archeological Society and Texas Archeological Society member since 1993, a Texas Historical Commission Archeological Steward for over 10 years, and currently serves as the Region 5 Director for THC. Don Keyes has two more years on her term as a Board Member.

Kathleen Hughes – Kathleen graduated from Texas A & M University and is a seventh grade science teacher at Rosehill Academy in the Cypress area. She is very active in the Texas Archeological Society and serves as a Crew Chief at TAS Field School. Kathleen is running for the three year Board member position.

And me -- Linda Gorski – President – I think I'm the only non-native Texan on your Board, but I got here as quick as I could! I was one of the founders of the Fort Bend Archeological Society in 1991, its president and newsletter editor for several years and I've been a member of HAS and TAS since the late 1990s. I have also been a member of archeological societies in other parts of the United States and also in England and Australia. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as president of HAS this past year.

We hope to see you at the September 19th meeting!

--Linda Gorski, President

September Lab Dates

Lab will be held on September 16 and 30, 7:00-9:00 pm, Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University. We'll continue processing the latest surface collection of artifacts from a coastal-margin shell-midden site. To locate the closest parking to Sewall Hall, visit www.rice.edu/maps and look for the Founders Court/Visitor Lot across from Sewall. A debit or credit card is needed for access and the cost is \$3.50/hour. Hope to see you there.

--Beth Aucoin

HAS Screening Project Update

One of the highlights of our project at the Dimond Knoll screening site took place on Saturday, August 17. Thirty-four members and staff from the Houston Museum of Natural Science joined us, along with Texas State Archeologist Pat Mercado-Allinger, THC regional archeologist Jeff Durst, TxDOT Archeologist Chris Ringstaff, and Dr. Roger Moore, who was the Project Archeologist at the Dimond Knoll excavation (41HR796). After a quick orientation by Dr. Jason Barrett, everyone hit the screens and worked hard. We had nine screens set up, more than ever before, and we recovered some amazing artifacts! Our new HMNS friends ROCKED!

-- Linda Gorski



Dr. Jason Barrett gives the crowd an orientation before we start screening. We had over 50 people at our screening site Saturday!



Just a handful of the artifacts recovered on Saturday including points, pottery, tools, bone, and several “mystery artifacts” which have tentatively been identified as some type of slag. Now the real mystery is – how did it get there???



Pat Mercado-Allinger (left), Texas State Archeologist, works at the screens with visitors from HMNS.



Jack the donkey is up to his old tricks with a visitor from HMNS. We asked him to behave, but

Dr. Jason Barrett and Amy Potts, Director of Adult Education at HMNS, second from right, screened dirt all day with HAS members and HMNS guests.



While our visitors were having lunch we washed the artifacts recovered during the morning screening session so everyone could examine them. Here HAS member Kathleen Hughes explains the recovered artifacts to guests.



Dr. Roger Moore, Jeff Durst and Pat Mercado-Allinger admire a point knapped by TxDOT archeologist Chris Ringstaff, right. Chris demonstrated flintknapping and atlatl skills all day!



Chris Ringstaff throwing the atlatl. Guests were amazed at his distance and accuracy!

Minutes of the HAS General Membership Meeting, August 15, 2013

President Linda Gorski called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed all members and guests. There were 42 attendees, including 13 guests signed in.

Linda made the following announcements:

- Treasurer's Report – Checking account balance \$5,493.27; Savings Account \$9,459.13
- Nominating Committee Report – Lenore Psencik presented the 2013-2014 Slate of Nominees for the HAS Board including, President Linda Gorski, Vice President Louis Aulbach, Treasurer Robert Killian, Secretary Lenore Psencik, Director Kathleen Hughes. Members will vote on the HAS Board slate of nominees at the September meeting.
- St Thomas Meeting Room - A new nursing program will begin holding classes in Anderson Hall starting in September. We will not be able to access the room for setup until 6:45 pm on our meeting days.
- Newsletters and Journals Archive – Louis Aulbach has scanned 92 out of 130 of these invaluable HAS documents dating from 1959 to present. Bob Sewell is posting them onto the HAS website for easy access. He is working to process all of the 130 documents.
- Dimond Knoll Screening Project – Dr. Jason Barrett, TxDot Principal Investigator (PI) provided an update. TxDot has recognized the public outreach and education activities for this project as a huge success; participants including HAS members, teachers, professors and students. Saturday, August 17th, thirty members and staff from the Houston Museum of Natural Science will join us at the screening site; also attending is Pat Mercado Allinger, Texas State Archeologist, and Jeff Durst, Regional Archeologist.
- October 17th HAS Meeting -- Dr. Barrett will provide the first public presentation showcasing the Dimond Knoll site work.
- 2014 TAS Field School – Tentative site selected is the Tait-Jackson Plantation in Columbus, Texas.
- HAS Membership – We have over 100 members. Six new members since last meeting. Welcome Jim Harmon and son Ryan, John Mancha, Caitlin Sellers and Michael Bailey.
- Lab at Rice University – Scheduled for August 12th and 26th; announced in the Profile.
- Next HAS Meeting – Ruth Matthews, Archeologist for Region 4 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will talk about the 15 parks in her jurisdiction, ongoing/upcoming archeological projects in those parks and HAS participation.

Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski presented a very interesting program titled “Endangered Archeological Sites Along Buffalo Bayou.” There were many questions after the program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. HAS members and guests then enjoyed snacks provided by Linda Gorski.

The next HAS meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2013, at 7:00 pm

--Lenore Psencik, Secretary

Local THC Volunteer Stewards Recognized

At their recent meeting and luncheon held in San Marcos on August 10th, two HAS members of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN) were recognized for their dedication to Texas Archeology. Dick Gregg (at left in photo), a steward since 1984, once again received the *Norman Flaigg Certificate for Outstanding Performance* for exceptional accomplishments as a member of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network. Pat Aucoin received the *Jim Word Award* for his 10 years of service as a steward. Congratulations, Dick and Pat!

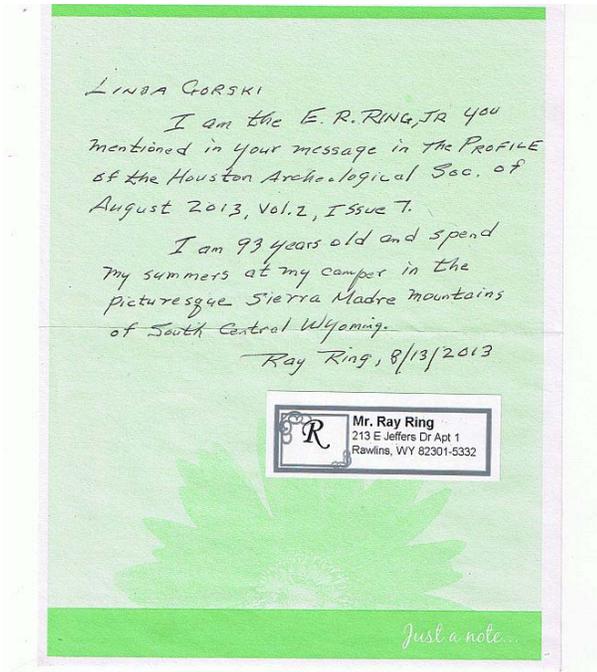


News from Charter Member Ray Ring

In last month's President's Message I mentioned the ten folks who attended the very first meeting to form the Houston Archeological Society in 1959. This week I received a note back from one of those founding members, Ray Ring, Jr. Here is a copy of the note he sent back.

I am so thrilled that Ray is still on our list to receive The Profile! Linda Swift does an amazing job of publishing The Profile every month and this is a perfect example of why it is so important to keep in touch with all our members --- old and new -- through The Profile! Kudos to Linda!

Please keep in touch with us, Ray! We look forward to hearing from you again!
--Linda Gorski



FOA to Present “Bylazora and the Last Palace Of the Last Macedonian Kings”

The Friends of Archaeology group kicks off its fall season of lectures on Sunday, September 29, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm with a presentation by Dr. William J. Neidinger, entitled, “Bylazora and the Last Palace of the Last Macedonian Kings.” The lecture will take place in Anderson Hall at the University of St. Thomas

The colossal empire of Alexander the Great had collapsed, but Macedonia still remained a formidable force in the Mediterranean. One of Alexander's successors, King Philip V of Macedonia, was threatened by barbarian invasions from the north. To defend against these invasions he conquered the largest Paionian city, Bylazora, and turned it into a redoubt against the barbarians. Philip V also built a palace there for himself and his troops.

But the days of Macedonia were numbered. Less than 50 years after Philip's conquest of Bylazora, the Romans defeated the troops of his son Perseus, and destroyed Bylazora and its palace.

The Texas Foundation for Archaeological & Historical Research (TFAHR) has been excavating the site of Bylazora since 2008, in partnership with the People's Museum of Sveti Nikole. Excavations on the acropolis of Bylazora have uncovered fortifications, public buildings and dwellings dating from before the 6th century BC to the 2nd century BC. In the 2012 and 2103 excavation seasons, TFAHR archaeologists, students, and volunteers brought to light a unique and important building, the Palace of Philip V.

Field reports about this project have been printed from time to time in the past in the *Profile*.

The lecture is free and open to all. For more information, please visit http://www.tfahr.org/Bylazora_092913.html.

AIA-Houston Lecture Series Starts Sept. 15

The Houston chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America has announced its 2013-2014 lecture series, which starts on Sunday, September 15 with a presentation by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, entitled "How Did They do That? – Egyptian Mummies." This presentation will describe how, in ancient Egypt, brains and other organs were removed from the dead and the body embalmed and wrapped for mummification. Speaker will be Pat Remler, Egyptologist, and the location is the MFAH Brown Auditorium Theater, 1001 Bissonnet. This lecture is free with general museum admission. Call 713-630-7771 for more information.

Two days later, on Tuesday, September 17, AIA and the Houston Museum of Natural Science will co-sponsor an event led by Bob Brier, Egyptologist and Senior Research Fellow at Long Island University, on "Mummies, Magic, and Medicine in Ancient Egypt." This presentation will be held in the giant screen theater (aka IMAX) at HMNS, 5555 Hermann Park Drive. Admission is \$12.00 for AIA and HMNS members, \$18.00 for the general public. For more information and tickets, call 713-639-4629.

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