



December 11th 2014 Meeting Program

REVIEW OF HAS 2014 ACTIVITIES

Linda Gorski



Please join us for the Houston Archeological Society's final meeting of the year on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at MD Anderson Hall, at St. Thomas University. Please note that we have moved this meeting to the second Thursday of the month to accommodate members' holiday travel schedules. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public.

Linda Gorski, HAS President, will present a review of the many activities that the society has been involved with during 2014. These included archeological surveys, excavations and other activities in and around the Houston area and the completion of the Dimond Knoll Screening Project for which HAS received the coveted E. Mott Davis Award for the most outstanding public archeology project in the State of Texas and the 2014 Award of Merit from the Texas Historical Commission. She will also highlight surveys and fieldwork at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, the screening project at San Jacinto, survey and shovel tests to locate the French Fort Champs d'Asile in Liberty County, fieldwork at the 2014 TAS Field School at the Tait Ranch in Columbus, Texas, HAS participation in International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and surveys at the Fannin Battleground State Historic Site to name just a few. Photos of many HAS members will be highlighted in this presentation so come and see yourself on the big screen!



Linda Gorski is a researcher and writer who has lived and traveled extensively in the United States, Europe and Australia. Her byline has appeared in many publications worldwide and for several years, she was a correspondent for the Houston Chronicle. Gorski has had a lifelong interest in archeology and history and has been an avocational archeologist for nearly 40 years. She is serving her third term as President of the Houston Archeological Society and was recently selected as a member of the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Archeological Stewards Network (TASN). She has co-authored several publications with her writing partner Louis Aulbach including the book *Camp Logan Houston Texas 1917-1919* which went to press earlier this year.

The meeting will also include a special holiday themed snack buffet for members and guests. Please bring a holiday snack to share! 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. For more information about this program or about the HAS, please contact lindagorski@cs.com.



President's Message

HAS Members and Friends –

As I celebrate my third holiday season as President of the Houston Archeological Society I marvel yet again at the terrific group of people we have on our team! 2014 has truly been a banner year for the society and all the credit goes to YOU. And I am so thankful for each and every one of you. If I could be more like Saint Nicholas, the secret gift-giver who is purportedly the model for Santa Claus, then I'd put coins in each of your shoes ☺. Failing that, my gift to you is the program I will present at our next meeting at the University of St. Thomas at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th (please note ... a week earlier than our normal third Thursday).

HAS members have participated in so many surveys, excavations, projects and activities this year and I hope to feature photos of many of you in my presentation on December 11th. So come see yourself on the Big Screen in MD Anderson Hall. If you have any photos you'd like to share with me that you've taken at our projects this year, please send them to me as soon as possible!

I also hope that you will continue your support of the Houston Archeological Society and renew your membership for 2015. We have just started our San Jacinto screening project and have several other projects lined up for 2015 which I'll also discuss at our December meeting. As a member you'll receive prompt notification of all these projects and especially those that are open to members only. Membership forms will be available at the meeting and can be found on the society's website at <http://www.txhas.org/PDF/HAS%20Membership%20Form.pdf>.

By the way ... membership in HAS would make a great gift for any of your friends who also enjoy digging up the history of Texas – one trowel full at a time!



May you have the happiest of holiday seasons!

Linda Gorski, President Houston Archeological Society

Minutes

Houston Archeological Society Membership Meeting

November 20th, 2014

- Introduction (Linda Gorski)
 - President Linda Gorski called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. There were a total of 93 attendees, including 53 guests signed in.
- Treasurers Report (Tom Nuckols)
 - Checking Account: \$7,360.98 (Deposits: \$165, Expenses: \$20.76) Savings Account: \$11,965.66
- Membership
 - Current HAS membership is 165 – Our membership drive for 2015 began on November 1. Applications are online or in the lobby. If you joined in the fourth quarter of 2014 you are good for 2015.
- HAS Journal and Powell Site Report (Dub Crook)
 - The Powell Site Report is now complete and ready to be published. Each HAS member will receive a copy of the report. In addition, a number of copies will be provided to various libraries, institutions and other archeological societies. A total of 200 copies will be printed. The total cost (including shipping) is estimated to be \$1600.
 - The HAS Journal is nearing completion and is expected to contain 7 papers. Again each HAS member will receive a copy, as will various libraries, institutions and other archeological societies. Again, we expect to print 200 copies. The total cost (including shipping) is estimated to be \$1000.
 - Dub Crook has already donated \$2500 to cover this expense.
 - Since the cost of these reports is an un-budgeted expense over \$500, the HAS Constitution requires that it is approved by the HAS membership. The membership voted in favor of approving the expense.
- Projects (Linda Gorski)
 - International Archeology Day on October 18 was a huge success. HMNS wants to do it again next year. Thanks to all volunteers who helped on the day.
 - TAS Annual Meeting in San Marcos – October 23 – 25. Another huge success. Many HAS members attended and two of them, Joe Hudgins and Sue Gross, received awards from TAS. 2015 TAS Annual Meeting will be held in Houston and HAS will be a regional sponsor. We need you to volunteer!
 - San Jacinto Screening project – We had a work day on November 15. Eight members showed up and we completely cleared the piles of dirt of brush. We are ready to screen.
 - Elysian Viaduct/Frosttown Project is still in permit phase. Work has started on the north side of Buffalo Bayou. The project we will be helping with is on the south side of the Bayou.
 - Preliminary Fieldwork for 2015 Field School will begin in January after hunting season.
 - TAS Archeology 101 Academy – March 27 – 29, 2015, Columbus, Texas. If you have never taken classes in Archeology, this is a great way to learn. More information to follow.
 - Program for December 11th, 2014. A review of all HAS activities in 2014 plus distribution of the Powell Report to all members. We always ask members to bring special holiday snacks for this meeting so hope you will participate.
- Dr. Gregg Dimmick was the speaker. His topic was “The Surrender of Almonte at the Battle of San Jacinto”.
- Following the program, Dr. Dimmick kindly donated his honorarium to Jan DeVault, President of the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy.
- Jan DeVault thanked the folks who were out at San Jacinto on Saturday clearing the dirt piles for the screening project.
- David Singleton of the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy informed the meeting that videos of their Symposium Lectures are available at www.friendsofsanjacinto.com
- Special Guests and Awards – Jeff Durst (THC Regional Archeologist) presented a special THC award to Joe Hudgins for his outstanding contribution to Texas archeology.

The next HAS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th, 2014.

Bob Sewell, Secretary Houston Archeological Society

HAS Member Joe D. Hudgins receives 2014 Award of Merit from the Texas Historical Commission

Texas Historical Commission Regional Archeologist Jeff Durst presented the 2014 Award of Merit to HAS member Joe D. Hudgins for his 24 years of distinguished service to the Texas Archeological Stewards Network and for his many years of dedication to Texas archeology at the society's November 20th meeting. Joe, a 6th generation Texan, is a rancher in Wharton. He graduated from Texas A & M University in 1960 with a degree in Animal Husbandry, one of four generations of the family to attend Texas A&M.



“Growing up on the ranch, Joe found shell middens, arrowheads and other materials left behind by the indigenous people who lived along the San Bernard River system and Peach Creek,” said Durst. “Thus began a lifelong relationship recording sites and conducting site surveys under the auspices of the Texas Archeological Society, the Houston Archeological Society, the Fort Bend Archeological Society and as a member of the Texas Historical Commission’s Texas Archeological Stewards Network. Of the first 86 sites recorded in Wharton County, Joe Hudgins recorded all but one!”

In addition to his field work, Joe has contributed over 60 articles to the HAS Journal and other noteworthy publications. He was awarded the Texas Archeological Society’s “Distinguished Service Award” in 2007 and in October 2014 he received the Texas Archeological Society’s “President’s Award” for 36 years of outstanding service to the Society.

Joe and his wife Merle celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in September 2014. Joe continues to maintain his registered Brahman cattle business with the help of his grandson, an 8th generation Texan and fellow Texas A&M Graduate. His leadership in conducting archeological field work put him on the short list to help with recent surveys at the San Jacinto Battleground, the Fannin Battleground, San Felipe Cemetery, the Elizabeth Powell site and many others.

Congratulations to Joe Hudgins on this well-deserved award!

Lab Dates for December 2014 and into 2015

Our last lab for 2014 will be on Monday, December 15th. We will continue measuring, drawing to scale, labeling and documenting the Frio County, Addick's Midden and Harris County artifacts from the Marshall Black Collection over the next several months. These are activities in which all HAS members attending lab can participate.

If you want to mark your calendars for the upcoming spring 2015 lab dates, these are tentatively scheduled for the following Mondays: January 12th and 26th, February 16th, March 16th and 30th, April 13th and 27th and May 11th.

We will meet for lab on the aforementioned Monday evening, from 7-9 p.m., Room 103 (lower level), Sewall Hall, Rice University. Founders Court/Visitor parking is directly across from Sewall Hall and requires a credit or debit card for access. (Cost is about \$3.50/hour.) Visit www.rice.edu/maps for a map of the campus and the parking area. Any member wishing to be included on the lab e-mail list should contact Melissa May at smay10@comcast.net.

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Lab Director

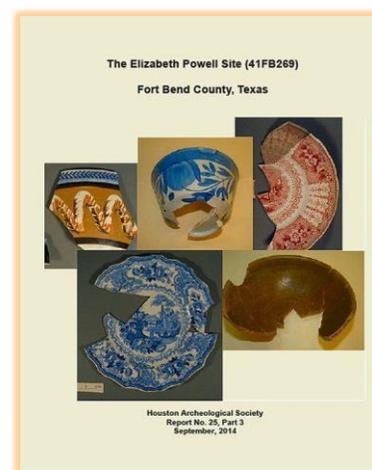
Part 3 of Powell Site Report to be Distributed to Members at December 11th meeting

The long anticipated Part 3 of the report on the Elizabeth Powell Site is at the printer and should be hot off the press in time for the December 11th HAS meeting. Thanks to a generous donation from HAS member Dub Crook, all current society members will receive a printed copy of this full-color report.

The Powell Report includes these chapters:

- Ceramics by Richard L. Gregg
- Metal and Miscellaneous Objects by Robert T. Shelby
- Munitions Artifacts by Thomas L. Nuckols
- Miscellaneous Faunal, Slate, and Shell Artifacts by Elizabeth K. Aucoin
- Summary and Conclusion by Elizabeth K. Aucoin

Authors Beth Aucoin, Dick Gregg, Tom Nuckols, Bob Shelby, and Editor Linda Swift have worked diligently to get Part 3 to print. Louis Aulbach has published the report through CreateSpace.com, which HAS will also use for publishing our upcoming Journals.



Members of the Houston Archeological Society began investigations at the Powell Site (41FB269), a significant historical landmark during the period surrounding the Battle of San Jacinto, in 1999. Work at the site continued until 2005. Parts 1 and 2 of the Report were completed in April 2007 and December 2007.

Texas Archeological Society Activities coming up in 2015

If you didn't join the Texas Archeological Society in 2014 to participate in TAS Field School at the Tait Ranch, you might want to give yourself the gift of a membership for Christmas. TAS has several events coming up next year in our area so save the dates!

Archeology 101, March 27-29 in Columbus, Texas.

Archeology 101 provides an introductory course about archeology. It will begin on Friday, March 27, 5 – 8:30 PM (light refreshments); continue on Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM (includes lunch) and go to the field on Sunday 8:30 AM – 3 PM. This Academy introduces basic archeological procedures. Instruction includes identifying archeological sites, mapping remains, analyzing evidence, reporting finds, and protecting our heritage. The class sessions will be taught by HAS member, Dr. Jon Lohse and held at St. Anthony's Catholic School in Columbus, Texas. Field work on the Tait property will be supervised by Dr. Jason Barrett assisted by Linda Gorski, Sue Gross, HAS and BAS. We also will visit with Rita Tait Jackson to see the archeological collection from her family properties. We heard from previous participants in Archeology 101: "*what I learned* - how archeology works, how artifacts tell a story, and the importance of mapping." They also explained: "*what I liked* - it was easy: step by step, the wealth of information, quality of manual and presentation, and nice people."

Registration deadline March 10; spaces limited. Fee: TAS member \$100; Non-member \$160 (includes membership). Fees include a 100 pp manual and lunches. CPE (Continuing Professional Education) credit is available for teachers as approved by the Texas State Board of Education. The registration form will be online at www.txarch.org.

2015 Texas Archeological Society Field School, June 13 – 20, Tait Ranch in Columbus, Texas.

Spend a week in the field with a couple hundred of your best archeological friends from across the State of Texas! HAS will again be one of the regional sponsors of Field School 2015 and Dr. Jason W. Barrett will come back as the PI. We will have more information about Field School in the New Year but, in the meantime, mark your calendars, schedule your vacations from work and check out the TAS website at <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/fschool/index.html> for information on previous field schools.

86th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society – October 23 – 25, 2015, OMNI Westside Hotel and Resort, Houston

The Houston, Brazosport and Fort Bend Archeological Societies will welcome almost 400 avocational and professional archeologists from across the State of Texas to this annual event. The meeting will be held at the gorgeous Omni Hotel and Resort on Houston's Westside, at I-10 and Eldridge Road, October 23 – 25, 2015. HAS members Kathleen Hughes and Linda Gorski are heading up the Local Arrangements Committee and are already requesting volunteers for this huge annual event. Please email Linda Gorski at lindagorski@cs.com or co-chair Kathleen Hughes at hughes.kathleen@yahoo.com if you have any questions. More information to follow in the coming months, but for information on previous TAS Annual meetings visit the TAS website at www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/



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I/WE have read and agree with the current HAS Waiver of Liability, as downloaded from the HAS Website (www.txhas.org)

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Houston Archeological Society

Monthly Meeting Programs for 2014/2015 7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June) M. D. Anderson Hall, St. Thomas University

December 11, 2014

Linda Gorski, HAS President will present the highlights of the society's archeological activities in 2014.

January 15, 2015

Wilson 'Dub' Crook, will present the 2nd installment of his recent archeological surveys along the Trinity River with a presentation entitled "The East Fork – The Pueblo Connection". Dub will detail the finding of the 86 Puebloan artifacts (to date!) from the Late Prehistoric sites along the East Fork of the Trinity, including puebloan pottery, obsidian artifacts, shell beads, and turquoise artifacts. Dub will also (hopefully by then) have the XRF data which will source the obsidian and possibly the turquoise. Clearly with 86 artifacts from 4 different sites, there was a major trade connection between the Pueblo southwest (mostly north-central New Mexico) and the East Fork. And at the heart of the trade was bois d'arc.

February 12, 2015 (Please note this is a week earlier than usual due to unavailability of MD Anderson Hall on our regularly scheduled date.)

HAS member **Gordon Houston** will give a presentation on "The Archeoastronomy at the Paint Rock, Texas, Archeological Site". Paint Rock is the largest pictograph site in Texas, and is located on the Campbell Ranch. Since the first solar marker was discovered in 1999 by Kay Campbell, many interested individuals have studied the site. There are pictographs that interact with the sun and shadow displays on the cliff, which accurately define significant solar points on the calendar. No one has been able to explain how the native cultures were able to do this. Gordon will talk about his findings from 20 visits to the site over 2 solar years. The talk will combine elements of talks given at three conferences, including IFRAO, the International Federation of Rock Art Organizations held May 2013, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2014 Society of American Archaeology annual meeting in Austin, Texas, and the Society for Cultural Astronomy of the American Southwest held June 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona.

March 19, 2015

Dr. S. Alan Skinner will present a program entitled A World War I Concrete Airplane.

The discovery in a North Texas pasture of an airplane-shaped "watering trough" made of concrete led to the realization that this previously unrecognized structure was an airplane silhouette practice target used in the training of US Air Service pilots and gunners at Taliaferro Air Field during World War I. The target has a wingspan of almost forty feet and is almost thirty feet from nose to tail. The 1918 issues of the base newspaper, the *Taliaferro Target*, mention that twenty of these "Reinburg" targets had been constructed. Damascus twist steel rebar reinforced the concrete and along with machine gun bullets manufactured at the Frankfort Pennsylvania Arsenal in 1915 confirm the construction date. The target has been fenced off by the property owner and a Texas Historical Commission marker is to be installed. This is apparently the only confirmed World War I Reinburg target known to be preserved and recorded in the United States.

April 16, 2015

Jan DeVault will discuss "Archives, Archeology, and the Fair Sex: the Challenge of Reclaiming the San Jacinto Battleground." Jan's presentation will explore the role of archives and historical research in determining prospective archeological targets and how much of the early efforts of preserving the records of the battle and reclaiming the land was led by women. She authored *The Ladies and the Battlefield*, a book about the early preservation effort of women at the San Jacinto Battlefield. DeVault was appointed by Governor George W. Bush to a six-year term on the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and reappointed by Governor Rick Perry. She is currently a director of the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy.

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May 21, 2015

Wilson W. “Dub” Crook will complete his series on archeological surveys on the East Fork of the Trinity River with a program entitled Mano a Mano: East Fork Ground Stone Tools, Manos and metates are consistent components of the artifact assemblage of most Late Prehistoric sites. They are typically associated with grinding grain, such as maize, to make flour. However, a great deal more information can be obtained by analyzing these oft overlooked stone tools. Using the East Fork manos and metates as an example, Dub Crook will demonstrate the type of information that can be gained from an analysis of ground stone tools.

June – NO MEETING DUE TO TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FIELD SCHOOL

July 16, 2015 –

Dr. Jason W. Barrett will present a wrap up report on the 2015 TAS Field School at the Tait Ranch in Columbus, Texas.

All **Houston Archeological Society** meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about HAS see our website at www.txhas.org or email lindagorski@cs.com. You can also join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/>

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Please submit articles for publication to *The Profile* Editor Bob Sewell at newsletter@txhas.org. Submit articles no later than December 31st for the January 2015 issue.

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