



## January 15th 2015 Meeting Program

### HAS Kicks Off 2015 With Program On Puebloan Artifacts Recovered Along The East Fork Of The Trinity River Wilson 'Dub' Crook

Please join us for the Houston Archeological Society's first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. at MD Anderson Hall, at St. Thomas University. HAS member Wilson W. "Dub" Crook will present his second in a series of programs on excavations that he and his partner Mark D. Hughston have been conducting on the East Fork of the Trinity River.

The title of this presentation is "The East Fork - Pueblo Connection" which will detail the recovery of the 86 Puebloan artifacts from Late Prehistoric sites along the East Fork of the Trinity, including Puebloan pottery, obsidian artifacts, shell beads, and turquoise artifacts. Dub will also present 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", said Crook.

Dub Crook is a long-time member of the Dallas, Houston, and Texas Archeological Societies, Recently retired after a distinguished 35 year career as a senior executive with ExxonMobil, Mr. Crook has traveled extensively and started his archeological adventures as a child with his father, Wilson W. "Bill" Crook, Jr., who was past President and Fellow of the Texas Archeological Society and one of the pioneering researchers on archeology of the Upper Trinity watershed. As a result of his father's lifelong interest in archeology and paleoanthropology, Dub grew up going to and working on archeological and early man sites all around the world.

Mr. Crook has published 130 professional papers, 63 of them in the field of archeology. While his archeological research has focused primarily on the Upper Trinity River watershed, he has also worked on sites elsewhere in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, California and Virginia. He has also worked outside of the U.S. in the rift valley of East Africa, in South Africa, in South America (Bolivia, Argentina and Peru) and in Kazakhstan. Mr. Crook received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology (Mineralogy) from Southern Methodist University and conducted his graduate studies in mineralogy and rare-earth crystal chemistry at the University of Michigan. Dub was recently honored with a Lifetime Membership Award from the Houston Archeological Society for his efforts in spearheading publication of HAS Reports and Journals.



Puebloan pottery sherds recovered along the East Fork of the Trinity River

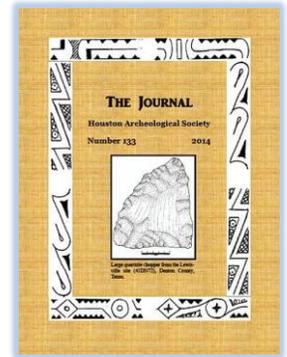
For a campus map of St. Thomas University, go to [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu) and look for the Interactive Map, Building 20, Anderson Hall. Street parking is available as well as paid parking (\$2) in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark. For more information about this program or about the HAS, please contact [линдagorski@cs.com](mailto:линдagorski@cs.com).



## President's Message

### HAS Members and Friends –

As 2014 comes to a close and we embark on the New Year I want to tell you how much I've enjoyed being president of this organization! You people are the best avocationalists in the State of Texas and make my job a cinch. Our New Year's gift to each of our members is a copy of the hot-off-the-press Houston Archeological Society Journal #133 which will be available at the January meeting. Thanks to Dub Crook and Louis Aulbach for spearheading the resurrection of HAS publications!



And I must say that I have never ever been as proud of the Houston Archeological Society as I am right now. On December 13 and 14, with less than 24 hours notice we organized the most incredible emergency salvage archeology project I've ever seen. We were asked by The Heritage Society to screen a completely full commercial size dumpster of dirt that had been removed from under the floorboards of the 1847 Kellum Noble House, one of the most historic houses in Harris County, during a massive renovation and foundation stabilization project. Our goal was to recover any artifacts that were in the dirt that was otherwise destined for a local landfill. Even though it was just ten days before Christmas and everyone was getting ready for the holidays, we had 25 HAS members out there on Saturday and an equal number on Sunday shoveling and screening dirt. And we did it!!!! We emptied the entire dumpster and recovered hundreds (possibly thousands) of artifacts including mid-19th century glass and ceramics, clay pipes, marbles, a bone domino, metal ware including buckles, parts of a child's tea set, buttons galore including shell, bone and metal, coins, butchered bone, and even pencil leads and slate (the house was used as a school at one time)! I will be posting a photo album on the HAS website sometime in the next couple of days but want to thank those who participated for a job well done. But it ain't over yet!!!! We now have two more dumpster loads of dirt plus several piles in the yard of the house to screen and the project has been extended until the end of January. We'll be screening dirt every weekend until then (and some of us may even go out on weekdays – please volunteer if that works better for your schedule – email me at [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com)). Watch for email updates on this project all month.



As you will read in this newsletter, we also have a paleontology dig coming up shortly plus several other activities in January and February. Remember that HAS membership dues are payable now – a membership form is included in this newsletter or you can find one on our website at [www.txhas.org](http://www.txhas.org). There will be many digs and other projects in 2015 that will be open to HAS MEMBERS ONLY! Please renew your membership so you will stay on our email list to be notified about these projects ... and to receive our monthly newsletter The Profile. We will also be voting on the 2015 Budget at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and only members will be allowed to vote.

Hope to see you soon at the Kellum Noble House project or at our meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for your support of the Houston Archeological Society.

*Linda Gorski, President Houston Archeological Society*

# Minutes

## Houston Archeological Society Membership Meeting

### December 11th, 2014

- Introduction (Linda Gorski)
  - President Linda Gorski called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. There were a total of 36 attendees, including 5 guests signed in.
- Treasurers Report (Tom Nuckols)
  - Checking Account: \$6,516.30                      Savings Account: \$11,963.17
- Membership
  - Current HAS membership is 176 – Our membership drive for 2015 began on November 1. Applications are online or in the lobby. 38 people have already signed up for 2015. If you joined in the fourth quarter of 2014 you are good for 2015.
- HAS Journal and Powell Site Report (Dub Crook)
  - Dub Crook announced that the copies of the Powell Site Report are ready for distribution this evening. Each HAS member will receive a copy of the report. Hardcopies of the HAS journal will be available at the January
- HAS 2015 Budget (Linda Gorski)
  - The 2015 Budget will be presented to the membership at the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.
- Projects (Linda Gorski)
  - Ken Theis gave a short presentation on a new paleo-archeological site on the Katy Prairie near Hockley. Mammoth bones have been found at the site. Mr. Theis asked for anyone who was interested in participating in the upcoming excavations to put their name on the sign-up sheet.
  - San Jacinto Screening Project: We had a work day on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and screening days on November 28, 29 and December 6. The turnout has been great. Several slides were shown in Linda Gorski's presentation and there are photo albums being posted on the HAS website.
  - 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.
  - TAS Field School dates for 2015 announced – June 13–20, 2015 at the Tait-Huffmeyer Ranch in Columbus, Texas.
  - Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski will conduct another Camp Logan Hike on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please contact Linda for more details.
  - Literally in the last 2 days an emergency salvage project has arisen in downtown Houston. The logistics are still being worked but we hope to be involved very soon.
- Program for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Dub Crook will present the second of his 3 part presentation on excavations on the East Fork of the Trinity River called "The East Fork - Pueblo Connection" which will detail the recovery of the 86 Puebloan artifacts from Late Prehistoric sites along the East Fork of the Trinity, including Puebloan pottery, obsidian artifacts, shell beads, and turquoise artifacts. Dub will also present 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," said Crook.
- Jason Barrett reported that TxDOT have potentially identified a Caddo village site in East Texas that is thought to be earlier than any previously found.
- HAS President, Linda Gorski, presented a review of the HAS activities during 2014 highlighting the Dimond Knoll Project, surveys at the Fannin Battleground and Huntsville State Park, International Archeology Day, Kleb Woods Archeology Education, and many others.
- The next HAS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2015.

After the meeting members and guests gathered for a social with refreshments brought by many of our members.

*Bob Sewell, Secretary Houston Archeological Society*

## January 25 hike around Camp Logan Foundation Features in Memorial Park

Linda C. Gorski, HAS President

As many of you know, Louis Aulbach and I published a book in 2014 entitled *Camp Logan Houston Texas 1917 – 1919* highlighting an almost forgotten chapter in Houston's history. Camp Logan was a WWI training facility built in 1917 to house nearly 45,000 soldiers in what is now Memorial Park. The camp was dismantled and abandoned when the war ended in 1919 but thanks to the efforts of Miss Ima Hogg and several other prominent Houstonians of the time, the area was set aside as a park dedicated to the memory of those soldiers who trained at Camp Logan and went on to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.



Camp Logan entrance gate near today's Westcott/Washington roundabout



Louis Aulbach kneeling next to a foundation feature of a Camp Logan structure dating from 1917

Nine soldiers who trained at Camp Logan won the Medal of Honor and over seventy African American soldiers who trained here (but were not allowed to fight with the American Army in France due to strict segregation laws at the time) served bravely with the French Army and won the Croix de Guerre, France's highest military honor.

Despite the fact that Camp Logan was torn down after the War, many foundation features of the camp remain in the wooded areas of Memorial Park and the Texas Historical Commission has designated several of these important sites as State Antiquities Landmarks. On Sunday, January 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. Louis and I will conduct a hiking tour of some of the foundation features and all HAS members are invited to attend. We will gather in the parking lot of the new Running Center near the Living Bridge in Memorial Park to begin the hike. This is an easy hike but be sure to bring water and wear hiking boots and long pants as it is brushy and could be muddy. Email me at [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com) if you are interested in joining us on this hike so we will expect you. My phone number is 713-557-1496 if you need to reach me on the day.

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Lab Dates for January 2015

Our 2015 labs will commence on Monday January 12th with the next one on January 26th. 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. These are activities in which all HAS members attending lab can participate. If you want to mark your calendars for the rest of the 2015 Spring lab dates, these are scheduled for the following Mondays: February 16th, March 16th, March 30th, April 13th, April 27th and May 11th.

We will meet for lab on the aforementioned Monday evenings, from 7-9 p.m., in 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](http://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](mailto:smay10@comcast.net).

*Melissa May*  
*Lab Director*

## 2015 TAS ARCHEOLOGY ACADEMIES

Information for the 2015 TAS Archeology Academies may now be found on the TAS website. You can link from the [Upcoming TAS Events](#) on the TAS Home Page or from the links in this message.

Archeology 101 will be meeting March 27-29 in Columbus, Texas (registration deadline March 19), and Historical Archeology will meet May 2-3 in Nacogdoches (registration deadline April 14).

Both Academies are excellent opportunities to add some zest to your spring activities! Also, Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit is available for teachers as approved by the Texas State Board of Education.

2015 Archeology Academy registration is now open!

[2015 TAS Archeology Academy home page](#)

<http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2015/>

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# Houston Archeological Society

## Monthly Meeting Programs for 2015

**7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June)**

**M. D. Anderson Hall, St. Thomas University**

January 15, 2015

**Wilson 'Dub' Crook**, will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.txhas.org) or email [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com). You can also join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/>

## **An Invitation to Participate on a Paleontology Dig From Ken Thies**

At last month’s HAS meeting I extended a request and invitation to members to help on a vertebrate paleontology dig here in Harris County. The project is on private land not far from the Dimond Knoll site where we are excavating fossils from the late Pleistocene (17,000-24,000 BP) mega-fauna. This assemblage at this site includes mammoth, mastodon, horse, bison, camel and many others. This site is considered to be one of the most significant in the Texas Gulf Coast for this assemblage. The primary project is the recovery of mammoth bones from one of the sites but other digs are in the offing.

I am a geologist/paleontologist and this project is my avocation. I need adult volunteers (the locality is not kid friendly: snakes, poison ivy, etc. no facilities or water) willing to dedicate a minimum of several weekend days to the project. Training will be provided along with general geologic context for those interested. The fossils belong to the landowner but due to their scientific significance have been dedicated to the State Memorial Museum, Vertebrate Paleontology Lab.

The first visit to the site will be an orientation only and will occur in early February contingent on weather and recent rain fall.

For further information contact me at 713 598 0526 or [kenthies.kt@gmail.com](mailto:kenthies.kt@gmail.com) or submit your name and contact info to Linda Gorski.

*Ken Thies*





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Please submit articles for publication to *The Profile* Editor Bob Sewell at [newsletter@txhas.org](mailto:newsletter@txhas.org). Submit articles no later than January 30th for the February 2015 issue.

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