



Thursday, September 21st, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

**“Emergency Salvage Archeology Project at 1847 Kellum Noble House”
– Linda Gorski**

The next meeting of the Houston Archeological Society will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 009 of Doherty Library at the University of St. Thomas. **Please note this change of venue. Please see important information on this meeting location change in the President’s Message on Page 2 of this newsletter.**

The September 21 meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the society when members will vote on the new slate of Officers and Board of Directors. We will also present our special annual awards to three deserving members and will distribute the newly published HAS Report #28 on our project at the Kellum Noble House to HAS members. HAS President Linda Gorski will present a program on the important Emergency Salvage Archeology project undertaken by the Houston Archeological Society at the historic 1847 Kellum-Noble House in Sam Houston Park, Houston, Texas, from December 2014 to March 2015 that resulted in this publication.



“In the process of conducting urgent structural and foundation repairs at the Kellum Noble House, the oldest brick structure in Houston still on its original foundation, numerous period artifacts were recovered by the contractors from the dirt that was being dug from foundations of the house,” said Gorski. “HAS was called in to assess the importance of the recovered artifacts and, at the request of the Texas Historical Commission, members of HAS spent three months screening dirt and rescuing 10,283 artifacts that otherwise would have been destined for the landfill. These artifacts have added immeasurably to the historical knowledge of the Kellum-Noble House and the early days of the City of Houston, and they will serve as important additions to future exhibits and displays at The Heritage Society.”

“We hope that all HAS members who were part of this extremely important project will attend this meeting, see themselves on the big screen, and pick up their complimentary copy of the Kellum Noble report that is literally just off the press,” said Gorski.

“Since Doherty 009 is a much smaller room than our normal meeting space in MD Anderson Hall, we ask that only HAS members attend this meeting. Members will be required to show one ID (driver’s license is fine) to gain access to the Doherty Library. Doherty 009 is a theater style auditorium in the basement of the building and can be accessed by stairs or an elevator,” said Gorski. “We urge all HAS members to get there early so we can start the meeting promptly at 7:00”.

For a campus map of St. Thomas University, go to www.stthom.edu and look for the Interactive Map, Building 22, Doherty Library. Street parking is available as well as paid parking (\$5) in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark. For more information about this program or about the HAS, please contact Linda Gorski, at lindagorski@cs.com.



President's Message

HAS Members –

I have both bad news and good news to share this month about future HAS meetings at the University of St. Thomas.

BAD NEWS: If you were at the August HAS meeting you heard me say that we would probably be losing our meeting facility in MD Anderson Hall at the University of St. Thomas effective immediately. We have, in fact, received confirmation that we will not be able to meet in MD Anderson Hall for at least a year while the building is being renovated.

GOOD NEWS! Our wonderful contact at the University of St. Thomas, Facilities Coordinator Michelle Clayton, has worked closely with your Board of Directors to ensure that HAS can continue to meet at St. Thomas on the third Thursday of every month. Starting with the September 21 Annual General Meeting we will be gathering in Doherty 009 – an auditorium in the basement of the Doherty Library. Although this auditorium is smaller than MD Anderson, it affords us a theater style room with very comfortable seats and all the audio-visual equipment we need. A couple of things you need to know:

1. Doherty Library is in Building #22 on the University Campus. As you are facing MD Anderson Hall, Doherty library is the building at the southern end of the quadrangle to the left. Here's a link to a campus map https://www.stthom.edu/Public/getFile.asp?File_Content_ID=117604.
2. To enter Doherty Library, you will need to show one form of ID (a driver's license is fine) and say you are with the Houston Archeological Society. Please arrive early enough to go through this process and be at our meeting at 7:00.
3. The Auditorium is in the basement of the library and can be accessed either by an elevator or by the stairs. This room will hold 69 people so we will be restricting our meetings to members only for the time being. This will give our members a great opportunity to get to know one another.
4. We can continue to have snacks at the new location – but, as with MD Anderson, we cannot bring food into the auditorium.

We hope you will join us on September 21 for the Annual General Meeting as we elect our new Officers and Board of Directors, and honor three very special members who will receive awards this year. We will also be handing out our most recent publication, HAS report #28 - The Kellum Noble House, which highlights all the emergency salvage archeology work our members did at the oldest brick structure still standing on its original foundation in Houston! I will be giving a presentation on the Kellum Noble project, so come and see yourselves on the Big Screen on Thursday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. in Doherty 009 at the University of St. Thomas. Please email me at lindagorski@cs.com if you have any questions.



Doherty Library, University of St. Thomas – our new meeting place!

- Linda Gorski, President Houston Archeological Society

Minutes

Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting

August 10th, 2017

Welcome New Members and Guests (Linda Gorski, President)

Treasurer's Report (Bob Sewell): Bob reported amounts in the HAS checking and savings accounts and stated that we will have expenses coming up due to publications. If any member is interested in more information about HAS finances, please see Bob.

Membership (Bob Sewell): As of tonight, the HAS membership totals 200!

New Business:

New Meeting Location (Linda Gorski): MD Anderson Hall will be under renovation for this entire school year beginning immediately. We are working with St. Thomas to come up with another meeting space, hopefully the auditorium in the basement of the library. If they cannot accommodate us, we will have to move to another location. As soon as the St. Thomas fall schedule is released, we will know for sure. **Check your emails for updates!**

Nominating Committee: Linda Gorski introduced Frank Kozar, representing the Nominating Committee that includes Sharon Menegaz and Geoff Mills. Frank presented the slate of nominees for 2017-2018. They are: Linda Gorski, President; Louis Aulbach, Vice-President; Bob Sewell, Treasurer; Beth Kennedy, Secretary. Mike Woods' term as Director-at-Large will expire at the September meeting. Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen has been nominated to replace Mike. Larry Golden, Director at Large; and Dub Crook, Director at Large have terms of 1 and 2 years still to run and will remain on the Board for 2017/18.

Publications (Dub Crook and Louis Aulbach): Dub reported that two publications are ready for distribution to HAS members tonight: Journal #137 (13 papers, 116 pages) and the Andy Kyle Artifact Collection (authors Dub Crook, Bob Sewell, Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, with 56 pages and 92 photos). Anyone joining HAS tonight will receive both publications. Next month members will receive HAS Special Report #28, The Kellum-Noble House (Beth Aucoin, editor, with contributions from Linda Gorski, Larry Golden, Tom Nuckols, Charlie Gordy and Dub Crook). Dub Crook believes this report will become the standard for salvage excavations in Texas! Early next year, members will receive Journal #138, which will cover "everything Roman"!

Lab Report (Linda Gorski): Labs at Rice are curtailed for the time being due to an increase in parking fees to \$12. Watch emails for updates on Labs at Linda's.

Projects:

Outreach Projects:

Frost Town – Jason Barrett is out of town tonight. The Elysian Viaduct is not demolished yet. A note from P.I. Doug Boyd indicates that the project will likely start again at the end of September at the earliest.

Kleb Woods Public Archeology Project (P.I. Ashley Jones): Ashley reports a hugely successful first day of the project on August 5 and appreciates all who came out. A lot of ground was covered! Linda will email about our next work date, probably August 26. Kleb Woods will be holding a "Digging Old Stuff" weekend October 21. Let us know if you can help.

TAS Annual Meeting October 20–22, Fort Worth: Several of our members will be giving presentations and signing books. This is a great opportunity to get to know avocational and professional archeologists from around the state. Try to attend if you can.

Program for September 21 meeting: Scotty Moore, Anthropology Program Coordinator at Houston Community College, will present a program on The Search for the People of the Palm: Prehistoric Archaeology in the Ecuadorian Rainforest.

Tonight's Program: Dub Crook presented on the Megalithic Archeology in Malta.

- Beth Kennedy, Secretary

Labs at Linda's Resume

As many of you know, HAS held occasional labs at Rice University for several years. However, attendance at these labs was consistently low, mainly due to expensive parking fees. This year Rice increased the parking rates on campus to \$12 which is too expensive for most HAS members. Thus we have started up our "Labs at Linda's" again – and our first one on Saturday, August 19, was a huge success. Sixteen HAS members showed up – ten spent the morning outside in the driveway under canopies washing artifacts from the Frost Town project. Six members were inside with Dr. Jason Barrett sorting, counting and weighing artifacts from the Cotton Field site. Thanks to Frank Kozar and Dan Warren who both brought industrial box fans, those working outside survived the blazing hot day! These Labs at Linda's are for HAS members only. Watch your emails for future dates.



Louis Aulbach, Joost Voeten and Frank Kozar (front), John Rich and Gene Bremer (back)



Artifacts from the Frost Town site



Larry Golden and Beth Aucoin examining artifacts



Team counting, weighing and sorting artifacts from the Cotton Field site



John Rich with complete bottles



Artifacts from the Cotton Field site

WHAT IS IT?

This porcelain artifact recovered from the town site of San Jacinto is approximately 6 cm in length and 3.5 cm at its widest, with openings of 2 cm and 1.5 cm. Could this be a receptacle or test tube from an old laboratory or possibly a type of insulator from knob and tube wiring?

The glazed receptacle or lower bowl is in fact from a European (German) pipe. The lower bowl was connected to the upper bowl by a stem and was used to catch the tobacco juices. The “German” pipe consists of four parts: mouthpiece, tube, upper and this lower bowl. It wasn’t unusual for the tube to be 2’ – 3’ in length and made from woods of cherry, briar or rosewood. The mouthpiece was typically of horn, later changing to plastic in the 1920’s. The upper bowls, which could hold large quantities of tobacco, could be decorated with battle scenes, coats of arms, nudes, game animals, religious icons, etc.



Lower pipe bowl recovered from San Jacinto



The popularity of this style pipe peaked from the early to late 1800’s throughout Western Europe particularly in Germany and Austria. Imported to America, this style pipe was considered to be “an article of very considerable luxury”.

Along with the lower bowl recovered from San Jacinto, upper bowl shards (not shown), were recovered from the Kellum-Noble house. The photograph left shows a complete pipe from the 1920’s.

The Milam Street Bridge Artifact Assemblage - Josh Farrar

Buffalo Bayou has connected Houston to Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico since the city's founding in 1837. During the American Civil War of 1861-65, Houston served as the quartermaster storehouse for weapons, ammunition, food, gun powder, and clothing. Houston was a vital hub for the transport of men and supplies to the Confederacy, and to the multiple battles that took place in Galveston.

During or soon after the Civil War, Confederate supplies ended up in Buffalo Bayou under the Milam Street Bridge. In 1968, the Southwestern Historical Exploration Society (SHES) gathered anecdotal proof about a shipwreck near Milam Street Bridge in Buffalo Bayou.

On July 20, 1968, the SHES conducted an artifact recovery with an 80-ton dragline crane off of Milam Street Bridge. An initial project report was written up by the SHES, detailing the finds of the dragline which consisted of over 1000 artifacts.

The artifacts dredged up in 1968 were soon forgotten and shunted around to various institutions. They sat with the Houston Museum of Natural Science until 1986 when they were transferred to the Harris County Heritage Society. Since then the Harris County Heritage Society has become The Heritage Society. The artifacts were housed at The Heritage Society in about fifteen filing boxes, but the staff never had the expertise to examine the collection. The Houston Archeological Society was offered the opportunity by the Heritage Society and the Texas Historical Commission to examine the collection of artifacts. Not all of the original 1000 artifacts remain, but about 650 were found and HAS members spent several months sorting, bagging, identifying and cataloguing these artifacts.



Joshua R. Farrar working on the Milam Street Bridge Artifact Assemblage in the Conservation Research Laboratory at Texas A&M University.

This past spring, HAS member and Texas A&M University PhD student Joshua R. Farrar gained approval for a dissertation proposal involving intense study of the Milam Street Bridge Artifact Assemblage using both artifact analysis and historical documentation such as contemporary newspaper accounts. After gaining internal funding from Texas A&M's Anthropology Department, he worked with the Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park, the Houston Archeological Society, and the Conservation Research Laboratory at Texas A&M to begin conservation on choice artifacts.

Throughout the summer Josh worked under the guidance of famed conservator Dr. Donny Hamilton, whose many projects include the centerpiece of the Texas State Museum in Austin, the French ship *La Belle*. The first set of fully conserved artifacts will be transported to Houston in September. More conservation will continue throughout the next school year, with a museum exhibit planned in Houston at The Heritage Society Museum Gallery in May of 2018.



Before Conservation



After Conservation

Kleb Woods Public Archeology Project

Saturday August 5th, 2017 saw 26 HAS members descend on the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve to participate in the Project Kick-Off. The day started in the Visitor Center with an overview by Jim Wilson, Kleb Woods Park Historian, about the history and facilities of the Kleb Woods property. Our PI, Ashley Jones of Raba Kistner gave an orientation of the upcoming archeological activities. We then moved outside, where Ashley gave a brief lesson on how to use a GPS unit. Having mastered that, we split into teams and explored various areas of the Nature Preserve, pin-flagging interesting locations, structures and features.

After completing our survey work we were treated to a hot dog lunch courtesy of Chef Tom Williams.

We plan many more visits to Kleb Woods so keep an eye out for informational emails.



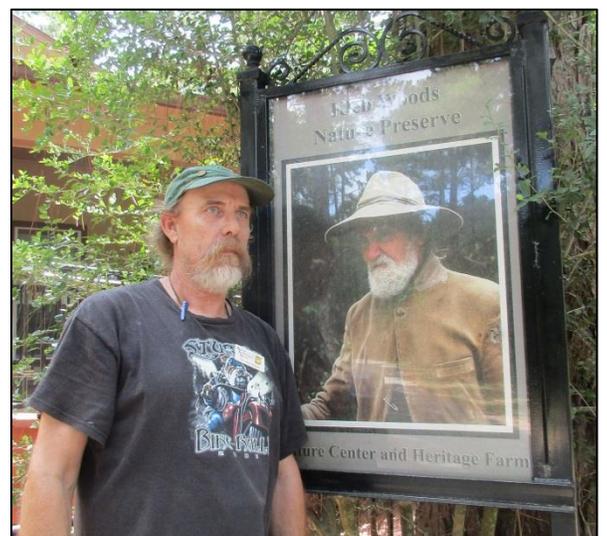
HAS members listen to Jim Wilson, Kleb Woods Park Historian, explaining the Kleb Woods Site



Ashley Jones (2nd left) teaches HAS members how to use a GPS unit



Bob Sewell (left) and new HAS member Cindee Ewell (right) explore the Kleb family home buildings



Our very own Tom William (left) and Elmer Kleb (right)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of year again! On Thursday, September 21st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. we will hold our Houston Archeological Society Annual General Meeting and election of officers for 2017.

If you were at the August meeting you heard Frank Kozar, on behalf of the nominating committee that also included Sharon Menegaz and Geoff Mills, introduce the nominees for the 2017/18 Board. They are:

Linda Gorski – President

Louis Aulbach – Vice President

Beth Kennedy – Secretary

Bob Sewell – Treasurer

Liz Coon-Nguyen – Director-at-Large (three year term). Liz is replacing Mike Woods whose term is expiring.

We have two additional Directors-at-Large, Larry Golden and Dub Crook, who have 1 and 2 years still to run, and will remain on the Board for 2017/18.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting. We hope you will be there on September 21st, 2017 to raise your hand and your voice and take part in the election process!

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THC Award for Louis Aulbach



Louis Aulbach (left), Houston Archeological Society Vice President and a member of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, received the Norman G. Flaigg Award for exceptional accomplishments from February 1, 2016 - January 2017 to the TASN at a ceremony held in Austin on August 12.

Jeff Durst, Texas Historical Commission Regional Archeologist for Harris County, presented the award.

88TH TAS Annual Meeting Grapevine

We hope you'll join members of the Houston Archeological Society at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society on October 20 – 22, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine, Texas. Hosted by our friends at the Tarrant County Archeological Society, this annual “gathering of the clan” of avocational and professional archeologists in Texas is not to be missed! Several HAS members will be presenting papers at this important annual meeting including Dr. Jason W. Barrett who will be discussing Dimond Knoll point type methodology and preliminary results – including research on many points that HAS members recovered during that project. Louis Aulbach will be presenting a paper written by Wilson W. “Dub” Crook on the research HAS members have done on the Andy Kyle collection at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas. The Embassy Suites Hotel is attached to a huge new Bass Pro Shop so that's another added attraction to the meeting! Registration is now open for this event so sign up soon! You can also make reservations directly with the hotel. For more information about this meeting check out the Texas Archeological Society website at www.txarch.org.

International Archeology Day, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Saturday, October 28

Come join us as the Houston Museum of Natural Science celebrates International Archeology Day on Saturday, October 28th, 2017, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Initiated by the American Institute of Archeology in 2011, International Archeology Day has been celebrated at the HMNS since 2014 and this year promises to be better than ever. On October 28th, professional and avocational archeologists from all over the greater Houston area will mark the day by highlighting exciting discoveries in local archeology. The event will include artifact identification, presentations and programs about archeological excavations in the Houston area and displays of artifacts from other local sites including the Townsite of San Jacinto.

The event will also feature a family-friendly archeology fair with interactive hands-on displays using real artifacts recovered from archeological sites, including stone tools, prehistoric pottery, flint-knapping demonstrations, and arts and crafts for kids focusing on the prehistoric era. HMNS docents will man the Museum touch carts from several exhibits, including Egypt, Hall of the Americas and Paleontology and Human Evolution. Attendees will receive a goody bag with handouts from participating organizations, including bookmarks, rulers, brochures and other surprises.



This event is sponsored by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Houston Archeological Society, Rice University Archaeology, the Texas Department of Transportation and several other local groups. Exhibits in the Grand Hall of the museum will be free of charge. Additional exhibits in Glassell Hall will be free for HMNS members but will require an entry ticket for others. For more information contact Dr. Dirk Van Tuerenhout at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at dirkv@hmns.org We will need several volunteers to help us run the HAS tables at International Archeology Day. If you can participate, please contact HAS president, Linda Gorski, at lindagorski@cs.com

Quick News from San Felipe de Austin



Don't Miss It!

Join us for a public information meeting about the museum project held at the new learning hall. This is a perfect opportunity to get an up-close look at the new facilities. Bring a friend (or two) and get the latest.

JOIN US!

Monday -
September 18th
Learning Hall
6:30 p.m.

The museum is on-schedule to open in late March. The building will be mostly completed in September and the project will transition to exhibit installation. This will be an exciting time to get a look at the facilities and learn about upcoming events. There will also be information on volunteer opportunities and the latest news on the capital campaign.

The AC will be on
and the
welcome mat set
for a first-look at
the new
museum facility.

Recent Archeology near the Josey Store Building

We continue to explore the archeological record between the Josey Store and the river looking for information about some of the important buildings that were there during the life of the town. This digital drone image shows open units from our most recent effort in July and early August. This work will help us better understand building locations and inform our interpretation.



Houston Archeological Society
Monthly Meeting Programs for 2017
7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June)
M. D. Anderson Hall, St. Thomas University

Programs for 2017

October 19 – Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, “Beyond the Glitz and Glamor of Campus Martius: A Serious Look at the Ancient Ruins in Rome’s Tourist Mecca”.

November 16 – Dan Worrell “Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century”.

December - Date to be announced – **Wrap up of HAS Activities in 2017**

All **Houston Archeological Society** meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about HAS then visited 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/>

Please submit articles for publication to *The Profile* Editor Bob Sewell at newsletter@txhas.org. Submit articles no later than September 27th for the October 2017 issue.

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