

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Museum of Natural Science

January 12, 1972 Rm. 2

SUBJECT: Dating Pottery and Lithic Artifacts

SPEAKER: Dr. Donald Lewis. Dr. Lewis is an employee of the Shell Development Corporation, and a long time member of HAS.

NIGHT ON A BURNED ROCK MIDDEN: An extension of the work done in the Turtle Creek area by the summer field school of the Texas Archeological Society will be carried on January 4-17 under the supervision of Alan Skinner. Designated Night on a Burned Rock Midden, operations will be based in Kerrville at the Dwyer Community Center on Goss St. Weekend dates are January 6-7, and January 13-14. People attending should supply their own food and equipment; and be ready to leave the Community Center on work days at 7:30 a.m. All interested HAS members are urged to participate. For further information call Catherine Salzar at 645-2589.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, February 11, 1972  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Jon L. Gibson  
Assistant Professor of Anthropology  
University of Southwestern Louisiana  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Mr. Gibson, a specialist in Southeastern archaeology, is presently engaged in survey and excavation in South-central Louisiana and Central Louisiana, and has just completed a study of the Poverty Point Site in Northeastern Louisiana. He received a M.A. in Anthropology from LSU in 1968, another from SMU in 1970, and is currently revising his doctoral dissertation which deals with Poverty Point.

Subject: SOCIAL ORGANIZATION AT POVERTY POINT

Analysis of the intrasite distribution of nearly 19,000 artifacts from Poverty Point has led to the elucidation of patterns of internal organization. Summarily, Poverty Point seems to represent a pristinely developed chiefdom center, with the resident community organized by dualism, exogamous moieties with matriloca1 residence. Interesting devices include, in addition to re-distribution, at least one sodality, probably involved with the masculine pursuit of hunting-fowling.

A current research report on South Louisiana archaeology will preface the illustrated presentation.

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Note: Tuesday, February 8, 1972  
8:00 p.m.  
Sewall Hall, Room 301  
Rice University

Speaker: Theodore Wertime

Subject: THE BEGINNING OF PYRO-TECHNOLOGY: MANS FIRST INDUSTRIAL USES OF FIRE

The presentation will include an illustrated study of the history of metallurgy utilizing data collected during an expedition to the Middle East in 1968.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
Friday, March 10, 1972  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Frank Hole and students  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Rice University

Subject: Report on Excavations Along Armand Bayou  
and Chocolate Bayou

This will be an illustrated report of some  
of the most recent archeological work in  
our immediate area.

Field Work: Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12  
HAS has agreed to assist the Texas Historical  
Survey Committee (State Archeologist's Office)  
and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in  
an archeological survey of a proposed State  
Park at Lake Livingston. Alton Briggs from the  
State Archeologist's Office will work with us  
on the site and instruction in site survey is  
of primary concern. Some members of the Society  
will probably camp somewhere in the area.  
Members only may be included in this activity  
and details will be available at the business  
meeting on March 10. Information will also be  
available from the Chairman, Bill McClure, at  
688-0872, or the Secretary, Margie Fullen, at  
479-3748.

Members should bring their own equipment includ-  
ing such items as a trowel (Marshalltown brick  
mason's pointing trowel, about 5" long, from  
hardware store- don't waste money on one with a  
spot-welded handle), clipboard, pen, pencil,  
marks-a-lot, steel tape measure, magnetic com-  
pass, some kind of pack to let you walk with  
free hands, suitable clothing & shoes (heavy  
woods, probably muddy), and a sack lunch.

Address change: Beth Shoemaker, 3321 Norfolk, Apt. C, 77006

New paid members: James Baptist, 7214 Selma #21, 77025

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Tilton (Shirley), 530 Trails End  
77024

Madison High School Archeology Club (Institutional  
Membership with 14 students)

Houston Archeological Society

Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday, April 14, 1972

7:30 p.m.

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

Subject: SURFACE GEOLOGY OF THE UPPER TEXAS COAST

Speaker: Dr. DeWitt C. Van Sicien

Department of Geology

University of Houston

Houston Archeological Society  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, May 12, 1972  
7:30 p.m.  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2

Speaker: Dr. Vaughn M. Bryant, Jr.  
Assistant Professor of Anthropology  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Texas A&M University

Subject: Early Man in Peru

In the summer of 1971 Dr. Bryant participated in the National Science Foundation supported Ayacucho Archaeological-Botanical Project headed by Dr. Richard S. MacNeish, director of the Robert S. Peabody Foundation for Archeology in Andover, Massachusetts. This expedition produced evidence that man lived in the Andean highlands at least 19,500 years ago, and led to the discovery of the earliest known agricultural center in South America. Dr. Bryant will discuss these and other aspects of the Peruvian expedition that has attracted much public attention.

Houston Archeological Society.  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, June 2, 1972  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** Alexander Macnab  
Architect and Instructor  
College of Architecture  
University of Houston

Mr. Macnab has engaged in Architectural Archeology in the Southwestern United States and Mid-America and is currently involved in teaching and research.

**Subject:** ARCHITECTURE AND AMERIND SOCIETY: POST-CLASSIC AND CONQUEST

The illustrated lecture about archeology from an architect's point of view will include a few remarks about temple mound, Xochicalco, Anasazi, Toltec, Tiahuanaco, Chalchuites, Maya, Chimu, Eastern Woodland, Totonac, Tlaxcaltec, Northwest Coast, Aztec, Calixtlahuaca, Athabaskan and Pueblo, Tarascan, Inca, Eskimo, and Plains societies.

**Note 1:** Meeting date has been changed to the first Friday to permit members to attend both this meeting and the TAS Field School.

**2:** Dues are payable in June for the 1972-1973 year according to the following schedule:

Active membership.....	\$ 6.00
Additional members of a family (over 12 years old).....	\$ 1.00
Student.....	\$ 1.00
Institutional.....	\$ 1.00
Sustaining.....	\$10.00
Contributing.....	\$25.00

**New members:** John Collier..6010 Sugar Hill..Houston 77027..465-0569  
Michael Goins..3410 Robertson..Houston 77009.....223-0263  
Mr.& Mrs.Alexander Macnab (Sally) 6023 Portal.....  
Houston 77035..729-7095  
Charles Magan....6727 Neff...Houston 77036.....774-1334  
Russell Singleton.171 Mable Ave...Baytown 77520...424-8969  
Maurice Whiddon...4206 Lurlene...Houston 77017....649-7637

**Telephone change:** The Zehls.....729-4480

Houston Archeological Society  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, July 14, 1972  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. W. L. Fullen

Subject: A Report on the 11th Annual Texas Archeological  
Society Field School: A Study of the Archeology  
of the Turtle Creek Watershed, Kerr County,  
Texas.

DUES ARE DUE: The Secretary will accept payment at the  
monthly meeting or you may mail a check to her  
at 717 Dartmouth Lane, Deer Park 77536.

Houston Archeological Society  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, August 11, 1972  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Lawrence Aten, Doctoral student in Anthropology at The University of Texas at Austin, employee of the Texas Archeological Salvage Project, and a former member and officer of the Houston Archeological Society

Subject: Results of Archeological Investigations in the Upper Texas Coastal Area: From the Brazos to the Sabine

Note: The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of candidates for office in the coming year, and additional nominations will be accepted from the membership at the August meeting. Ballots will be mailed during August to those members who have paid their dues for 1972-1973. After the September meeting, all persons who have not paid dues will be dropped from the mailing list.



HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, September 8, 1972  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Leland W. Patterson  
Mr. Patterson, a member of the HAS, is a Chemical Engineer and has spent considerable time in a study of flint classification.

Subject: LITHIC BLADE TECHNOLOGY

Note: Dr. DeWitt C. Van Siclen, Department of Geology, University of Houston, has returned to the city, and will present the October program entitled Surface Geology of the Upper Texas Coast.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday October 13 1972

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. DeWitt C. Van Siclen  
Department of Geology  
University of Houston

Subject: SURFACE GEOLOGY OF THE UPPER TEXAS COAST

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Friday November 3 1972

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

7:30 p.m.

Subject: Two films dealing with the life of the Yanomama tribe  
of the Orinoco River-

YANOMAMA-description of daily work habits  
THE FEAST-a ritualistic feast with a neighboring tribe

Please note the date of the meeting which is one week prior to the usual second Friday. This change has been made to enable HAS members to attend the annual Texas Archeological Society meeting to be held in Austin November 10-12. If you plan to go, get your reservations in now.

Houston Archeological Society

Museum of Natural Science, Room 2  
7:30 PM December 8, 1972

Subject  
Basic Principles of Dating Using  
Natural Radioactive Decay

Speaker  
Dr. Donald D. Bogard

Dr. Bogard's professional area is natural nuclear phenomena in geochemistry. He is currently Principal Investigator of Lunar Samples for NASA.