



JANUARY 1994

# The Profile

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY • HOUSTON • TEXAS

## JANUARY MEETING

January 14, 1993  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
University of St. Thomas



## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17 and  
Monday, January 31

7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,  
Room 103

## HAS LIBRARY

The HAS library will be open before the meeting this month. Visit the new location at 3801 Mt. Vernon (corner of Mt. Vernon and Alabama) between 6:30 to 7:25 pm and say hello to our new Librarian Jim Wells.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are including membership renewal forms in the **Profile** at this time. I would like to encourage each of you to review the pledge you must sign to be a member of **HAS**. The importance of following these guidelines cannot be stressed enough. Please report and record archeological sites you are aware of. Our stewards can provide forms and instructions for recording sites. Remember, unrecorded archeological data, once disturbed or collected, loses most of its value to the archeological record.

**In the field:** Weather permitting, we will be working on 41FB77 in the near future. The site is very difficult to get to when the field is wet.

**In the lab:** We are completing work on material collected from 41FB223, so the report can be written and published in a timely manner.

---Karen Acker

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** Please take a minute to mail your dues to HAS or bring your check and renewal form to the next meeting.

## Membership/Renewal Application

Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, TX 77265-6751



Please complete and mail with check for correct amount to the above address.

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### FORT BEND MEETING

Barto Arnold will speak to the Fort Bend Archeological Society on February 10, 7:00 PM at the George Library in Richmond. Dr. Arnold is the Head of the Texas Antiquities Committee, a branch of the Texas Historic Commission. The title of his talk is unknown at this time but Dr. Arnold is an underwater Archeologist and speaks on local topics. It should be interesting and Houston Archeological Society members are invited. If you need directions ask Sheldon Kindall, Dick Gregg or Joe Hudgins.

### HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to Rebecca Jacobs and Charles Haskett for the delicious refreshments at our November meeting.

### THE PROFILE

Thank you to Richey Ebersole and the Mailing Committee for organizing the December issue.

Please send items for The Profile to: Jeanette Siciliano (795-4691)  
12462 Barryknoll, Houston 77024



### Officers for 1993-1994:

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FEBRUARY 1994

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

February 11, 1993  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Fr. Edward Bader  
University of St. Thomas

Topic: "A Primer on Biblical  
Archaeology"  
EXHIBIT-LECTURE

Exhibit: "Archaeology and the  
Bible"  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Reception before Lecture  
Place: Little Gallery  
1121 Alabama at Mt. Vernon  
(see map on next page)

Lecture: a background presentation  
on the materials in the exhibit  
and the distinction between  
archaeology in Biblical lands and  
archaeology of the Bible.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome new members! We are pleased you decided to join our group and urge you to get involved in field activities or the lab or visit our library and get acquainted with the 'oldtimers'. With time I think you will find that HAS has a great group of friendly people. I would like to remind members to introduce themselves to new members and visitors and make them feel welcome. Sometimes we get so busy visiting with old friends or conducting Society business we overlook our hospitality.

Deadline for registration for the TAS field school at Lake Jackson in June will be April 1. For those who are not currently members of TAS, membership registration forms and TAS field school registration forms will be available at the February and March meetings. You must be a member of TAS to attend their field school.

**In the field:** The field crew has been working with Joan Few at the Lake Jackson site moving bricks and rubble to get the site ready for the 1994 TAS field school in June.

---Karen Acker

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 14 and Monday, February 28  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
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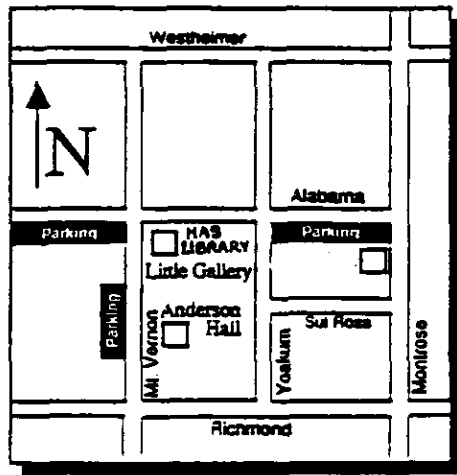
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**AIA MEETING**

Archaeological Institute of America  
 Room 301, Sewall Hall, Rice U.  
 Tuesday, February 15, 8:00 PM  
**"Neolithic Jordan: Ain Ghazal"**  
 Alan Simmons  
 University of Nevada

**EXHIBIT**

Houston Museum of Fine Arts  
 February 13 to April 17, 1994  
**"Royal Tombs of Sipan"**  
 Exquisite gold, silver and turquoise artifacts from recently (1987) discovered tombs of elite members of the Moche culture, a pre-Inca civilization that dominated northern Peru more than 1500 years ago.

**HAS HISTORY**

Richey Ebersole has kindly agreed to keep track of the development and history of the HAS. If you have any pertinent information or items for a HAS "scrapbook" please contact Richey at: 2215 Robinhood, Houston 77005; phone: 524-4864.

**PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM**

**Antebellum Texas, Brazos Style**  
**February 26, 1994**  
**8:30 - 4:30**  
 Brazoria County Historical Museum  
 100 East Cedar at B288  
 Angleton, Texas

Featuring Archaeological and Historical Research on Nineteenth Century Economic and Social History in the Lower Brazos River Valley.

Sponsored by: U of H-Clear Lake, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept/ Varner Hogg State Historic Park, Brazosport Archaeological Society and Lake Jackson Historical Association and made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Committee for the Humanities, a State program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Registration: 8:30-9:00, Lobby of Museum  
 Session One, 9:00-12:00

Introduction: Joan Few, U of H-Clear Lake  
 Speakers: Joan Few; Dr. John B. Boles, Rice U.; Naomi Carrier, composer, lyricist, author; Dr. Bruce Palmer, U of H-Clear Lake; Patricia Smith Prather, historian and author; and Art Black, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Lunch Break 12:00-1:00

Session Two, 1:00-3:00

Speakers: Members of Brazosport Archaeological Society; Dr. Cynthia Brandimarte, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept; and Jeff Hutchinson, Park Superintendent.

Session Three, 3:30-4:30

Plantation Open House: Varner-Hogg Plantation

Registration Fees: Adults \$20; Families (2) \$25; Teachers \$15; and Students \$10.

Registration includes tour of Plantation and Symposium Book

Registration: PACE UofH-Clear Lake (713)283-3030

Additional Information: Joan Few, (713)666-3496 or (713)283-3318

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MARCH 1994

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## MARCH MEETING

March 11, 1993  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
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Speaker: Joan Few  
University of Houston -  
Clear Lake

Topic: "Lake Jackson State  
Archeological Landmark Site -  
Prehistoric and Historic"

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

March 14 and March 28  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall  
Room 103

## HAS LIBRARY

Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM  
before the monthly meeting.

Location: Little Gallery  
1121 Alabama at  
Mt. Vernon

## TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK April 9-16, 1994

## TAS FIELD SCHOOL AT LAKE JACKSON JUNE 11-18, 1994

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Just a reminder that the deadline for registration for the TAS field school at Lake Jackson in June is **APRIL 1**. For those who are not currently members of TAS, TAS membership registration forms and TAS field school registration forms will be available at the March meeting. You must be a member of TAS to attend this field school.

**In the field:** Some of our field crew members helped with a survey in Matagorda County on February 19 and 20. We will be announcing plans for further work at Lake Jackson at the March meeting. HAS help is needed to get the site ready for the TAS field school in June.

---Karen Acker

## HAS SPRING WORKSHOP

The Houston Archeological Society will again sponsor a spring workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to train people in archeological field technique. It will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and will consist of 3 hours of classroom followed by 3 hours hands-on experience on a prehistoric site in Wharton County.

We hope that those HAS members who have been holding back on participating in our field projects because they felt they were lacking in experience will use this as a means of 'getting on board'. Non-HAS members are also invited to attend, it is not necessary for one to be a member of HAS in order to attend this workshop. The cost will be \$12. Lunch, refreshment on the site, and tools will be provided.

Application forms will be available at the meeting. Or register by just sending your name, telephone number and the \$12 registration fee to:

Sheldon Kindall  
414 Pebblebrook  
Seabrook, Texas 77586  
(713) 326-2160

Welcome  
New  
Members!

Sharon Loy Anderson  
Cheryl Faber  
Mary Barbara Gold  
Anne Harker  
Vickie Lyon  
Mary Merriman

Allen Oravetz  
Tom, Etta, and Jim Palmer  
Mary Peterson  
Stephen Sebesta  
Linda Stout  
Susan Wallen

## New Student Members

Theron Moore  
Justin Taliaferro

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**AIA MEETING**

Archaeological Institute of America  
Herring Hall, Rice University  
Tuesday, March 22, 8:00 PM  
**"Roman Copies of Greek Sculpture"**  
Dr. Miranda Marvin  
Wellesley College

**THIRD ANNUAL LECTURE ON GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY**

**"Echoes of Homer in Prehistoric Crete: New Thoughts on Epic and Archaeology"**

Halford W. Haskell  
Professor of Classical Archaeology  
Southwestern University

Sunday, March 27, 1994 8:00 PM

University of St. Thomas  
Jones Auditorium  
3900 Yoakum Blvd.

A reception will follow the illustrated lecture.

**Archaeology in the San Saba Region of Central Texas**

1994 Summer Field School  
Texas Tech University  
June 1-July 9, 1994, Summer Session I  
Deadline for applications-May 15, 1994  
For more info: Dr. Grant D. Hall  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work  
Texas Tech University, Box 41012  
Lubbock, Texas 79409-1012  
(806) 742-2227/2400

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## APRIL MEETING

April 8, 1994  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: John Ippolito  
Texas Forestry Service

Topic: "Forest Service  
Archeology"



## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

April 11 and April 25  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall  
Room 103

## HAS LIBRARY

Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM  
before the monthly meeting.

Location: Little Gallery  
1121 Alabama at  
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## TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK April 9-16, 1994

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Members of HAS have been invited to attend a workshop on archeological site recording to be conducted by Robert Mallouf, Archeologist of the Texas Historical Commission, for the Fort Bend Archeological Society at their April 13 meeting. The workshop to be held at the George Memorial Library in Richmond will start at 6:30 pm and last two and a half hours. Anyone interested in current information on reporting and recording archeological sites should consider attending this workshop. For more information or directions call Linda Gorski, (713) 341-9397 or Karen Acker, (713) 358-0893.

**In the field:** Work continues at Lake Jackson in preparation for the TAS field school in June. HAS members were on site March 12 and 26 to do their part.

The HAS field crew began work on a site in Wharton Co. (41WH38) on March 19. Work on this site is scheduled for April 2 and April 9. If you want to join us in the field, meet us at the Hilltop Cafe/Truck Stop in Kendleton at 8:45 am to caravan to the site.

**In the lab:** We should be cleaning and cataloging artifacts from 41WH38.

---Karen Acker

## HAS SPRING WORKSHOP

The Houston Archeological Society 1994 Workshop will be held this year on **April 16**. The purpose is to acquaint the general public with archeology and to provide a means for those who have archeological experience to become familiar with the field work done by the HAS. HAS members are encouraged to attend, but it is not necessary to be a member of HAS to participate.

The workshop will be held in Wharton County. It will consist of 3 hours of classroom discussion followed by 3 hours of hands-on experience on a prehistoric site. The cost is \$12 per person which will include a BBQ lunch.

You may send the following application with your check for \$12 to:

Sheldon Kindall  
414 Pebblebrook  
Seabrook, Texas 77586  
(713) 326-2160

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

#### AIA MEETING

Archaeological Institute of America  
 Herring Hall, Rm 124, Rice University  
 Monday, April 18, 8:00 PM  
**"Recent Work in Central Asia"**  
 Nick and Lee Pappas  
 Sam Houston



#### TAS FIELD SCHOOL - LAKE JACKSON

June 11-18, 1994

The campground will be available beginning Thursday, June 9.

Opening Session is scheduled for Friday Evening, June 10.

- Help Wanted -

HAS members may help with the site preparation; work days have been scheduled for the following Saturdays:

April 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

June 4



#### HAS History

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#### EXHIBIT - RECEPTION

Sunday, April 17, 5 to 7 PM  
 Little Archaeology Gallery, 1121 Alabama  
**"Classical Style:  
 Greek and Roman Art and Artifacts"**

#### SIXTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

**"Caesarea Maritima:  
 A Roman City in Ancient Israel"**

Dr. Robert Hohlfelder  
 University of Colorado

Sunday, April 24, 8:00 PM  
 University of St. Thomas  
 Jones Auditorium, 3900 Yoakum Blvd.

#### Re-inventing the Wheel?

In ancient graves on the steppes of Russia and Kazakhstan archaeologists have uncovered skulls and bones of sacrificial horses and traces of spoked wheels which appear to be wheels of chariots. Analysis of materials indicates these chariots were built more than 4,000 years ago, strengthening the case for their origin in the steppes rather than in the Middle East. Archaeologists refer to these ancient people as the Sintashta-Petrovka culture and have uncovered a large settlement of ~50 rectangular structures arranged in a circle within a timber-reinforced earthen wall, and slag deposits from copper metallurgy, bronze weapons and gold earrings, and the remains of six chariots. Radiocarbon tests yielded a range from 2136 to 1904 B.C., with an average of 2026 B.C.

### Earth Day Family Festival!

Sat., April 23  
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Free admission!**
- **Hands-on activities suitable for all ages.** Enjoy over 20 different crafts, games and experiments that teach environmental concepts in an entertaining setting.
- **Houston Museum of Natural Science**
- **Questions? Call 639-4686.**

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## JULY MEETING

July 8, 1994  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
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Speaker: Members of HAS

Topic: Highlights of TAS  
Field School 1994

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 11 and July 25  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

(Via phone conversation between Sudbury, Ontario, Canada and Houston, Texas)  
Karen has reported that the 1994 TAS Field School was a great success. HAS members were well represented and participated in many helpful activities such as building showers and serving meals. They also worked at the pre-historic and historic sites and in the lab. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who spent time and offered expertise to help make this a pleasant meeting.

Be sure to attend the July meeting to hear the reports and view the slides from the TAS Field School.

## SAA AWARD

Leland Patterson received the Crabtree Award on April 22, 1994 at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Anaheim, California. The Crabtree Award is given for outstanding contributions to archeology by an avocational archeologist. Patterson has authored or co-authored over 300 papers and reports, including many publications on the archeology of Southeast and South-Central Texas, and on lithic technology. He has previously received the Golden Pen Award of the Texas Archeological Society, and the Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award of the Houston Archeological Society.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR  
Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vermont

The Lake has a long history of maritime importance. Indians traveled its waters in birch bark canoes and dug out canoes. British and French warships appeared in the 1750's. During the Revolutionary War the American and British fleets met in battle. An American victory at the Battle of Plattsburgh Bay helped bring the War of 1812 to an end. Steam vessels were introduced in 1808 only one year after Fulton's steamboat Claremont appeared on the Hudson River.

The Champlain Maritime Society incorporates professional and avocational historians, archeologists and divers interested in maritime heritage. In 1982 members undertook a Shipwreck Survey. The Whitehall Project involved looking for remains of the military squadron from the War of 1812. Three vessels were located: 1) 75-foot American Row Galley tentatively identified as the Allen, 2) 58-foot midship section from the captured British Brig Linnet, and 3) a real prize - surprisingly well preserved 120-foot-long American Brig Eagle.

Archival research in Washington, D.C. located the logbook of the Eagle - only known logbook from any War of 1812 warship on Lake Champlain.

The Eagle was constructed in Vergennes, Vermont between July 23 and August 11, 1814, by order of Thomas Macdonough the U.S. Navy Lieutenant responsible for the defence of the Lake. The Battle of Plattsburgh Bay took place on September 11, 1814. It lasted for two and a half hours after which the Royal Navy surrendered - with the exception of several gun boats which escaped to Canada. About one third of the Eagle's crew were casualties and the vessel was severely damaged. It was repaired and retained for service but with onset of winter the ship was retired to Whitehall. A Treaty signed in December, 1814 ended the war. The Eagle remained for five years with a caretaker crew after being stripped of guns and equipment. Then it was removed to a nearby channel of the Poultney River and allowed to sink.

Source of information:  
Nautical Archeology of Lake Champlain - ) sults of  
1982 Field Season of the Champlain Maritime  
Society. 1984  
Arthur B. Cohn, editor. Contributions by:  
William A. Bayreutter, II, Kevin Crisman and  
E. Jan Warren

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### NOVEMBER MEETING

November 11, 1994  
7:30 PM  
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Speaker: Dr. Harold Haley

Topic: Archeological  
Architecture of Angkor Wat,  
Borobudur, and Yemen

### LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday, November 14 and  
November 28  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
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### HAS 1994 AWARDS

Annual awards of the Houston Archeological Society were presented at the October 1994 meeting.

The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award was given to **GRANT HALL** for his many contributions to research in this region, including the well-known report on the Allens Creek sites in Austin County.

The HAS Merit Award was given to **KAREN ACKER** for several years of outstanding work as HAS Librarian.

The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award has previously been given to William McClure, Joe Hudgins, Lawrence Aten, Alan Duke, and Lee Patterson. The HAS Merit Award has previously been given to Pam Wheat, Sheldon Kindall, Bob Etheridge, Richard Gregg, and Bernard Naman. Other previous HAS awards include a special award to Alan Duke as HAS Journal Editor, and election of Alan Duke, Don Lewis, Evelyn Lewis, and Pam Wheat as Lifetime Members of the HAS.

### HAS BOOK SALE

Librarian Jim Wells will conduct a sale of books from the HAS Library in the lobby of Anderson Hall before the November meeting. Be prepared to take home some "treasures".

**CORRECTION**  
Dick Gregg's correct telephone number is: 721-4865.

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### DR. LAWRENCE ATEN RETIRES

From the Newsletter of the Friends of TARL, September, 1994: "Dr. Lawrence Aten has retired from the National Park Service, where he has worked for many years (in Washington, D.C.) overseeing archeological programs. He is now at work on report preparation for several Texas projects, including the Gaulding site, the focus of an early Texas Archeological Society field school on the upper Texas coast."

Lawrence Aten is a long-time member and former President (then called Chairman) of HAS.

### ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA BASE UPDATES

Computerized archeological data bases for the inland and coastal margin subregions of Southeast Texas have now been updated to include sites published through mid-1994. There are now 285 sites in the inland data base and 197 sites in the coastal margin data base. These data bases are formulated for the IBM PC using the Paradox relational data base program. Data sets are also available in dBASE format.

A package is available for these data bases that includes computer disks (either 5.25 inch or 3.5 inch) for each data base, and a printed text that explains data base design and use. This data base package is available for \$10.00 from:

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### NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Anyone planning a visit to Canada might want to allow time for a stop at the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History. A walk through the narrow (some cobbled) streets of Old Town to get there is a visual delight of 19th and early 20th Century architecture with even a remnant or two of the 18th century. Beneath the museum building one can wander through extensive excavations and view the development of this area in layers of various type of construction from the remains of an early Catholic cemetery to sections of fortifications built in the 1700's to the foundation and wall remnants of a mid-1800's insurance building.

Artifacts on display from these excavations include bits and pieces of Iroquois Indian pottery, clay pipes, trinkets and points dated prior to 1600. Historic items are arranged by century and include jewelry, coins and household and kitchen utensils as well as personal effects.

Another unique exhibit is an impressive vaulted stone conduit which is the former bed of the little St. Pierre river.

Other archeological excavations in the area include: The LeMoyne/LeBer, a vast garden site which helped document unsuspected aspects of horticultural practices under the French Regime; and Champ-de-Mai which yielded information on military engineering in the area, including the scarp and counterscarp walls, the locations of certain posterns, the slope of the glacis, and depth of the ditch. Objects recovered from the ditch, dating from 1750 to 1780, indicate that local citizens deposited their household refuse here after the military abandoned the fort.

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## DECEMBER MEETING

December 9, 1994  
7:30 PM  
M D Anderson Hall,  
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Thomas R. Hester  
Archeological Research  
Laboratory

Topic: Earliest Maya?  
Pre-ceramic Agriculturists  
at Colha, Belize

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I would like to wish all our members a Happy Holiday Season.

In 1994 we have had interesting programs, good times in the field, several new HAS publications, an improved library, and a successful TAS Field School. Let's look forward to more of the same in 1995.

Field: Field work has been on hold because of wet conditions and holidays.

Joan Few will be working at Lake Jackson on December 3 and 4. Volunteers from HAS will be welcome. Call Karen Acker at 358-0893 for directions.

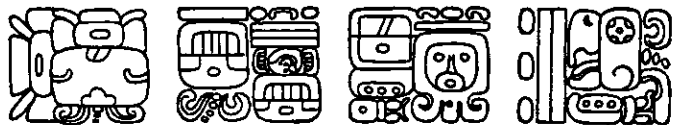
Lab: Lab will meet only once in December on the 12th. We are cleaning and cataloging artifacts from 41WH72 and 41WH21.

---Karen Acker

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Only one meeting this month:  
Monday, December 12  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University  
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall  
Room 103



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*Please renew your Membership this month*

## Membership/Renewal Application

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"I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any present or future federal, state, or local statute concerning cultural resources, or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques."

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGRATULATIONS**

HAS member **Bill McClure** is the recipient of the 1994 Golden Pen Award. Bill is also President-Elect of the TAS. Well done Bill!

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**HAS LIBRARY**

Open between 6:30 and 7:25pm  
before the monthly meeting.

Location: Little Gallery  
1121 Alabama at  
Mt. Vernon

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**MEETING**

**FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

George Memorial Library  
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 pm

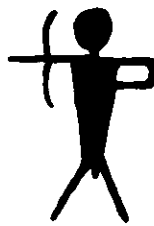
Dick Gregg  
Archival Archeology

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**NOTES FROM ALL OVER**

Discovery at Chek Lap Kok -In September 1989 the Governor of Hong Kong announced that the site chosen for a new airport was the island Chek Lap Kok. Construction work would require the complete leveling of the island. The Hong Kong Archaeological Society was commissioned to organize a major archeological "salvage" project, with funds provided by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club. Initial survey work identified six sites requiring major excavation and a number of minor sites. Excavations brought to light a wealth of artifacts and carbon dating confirmed occupation of the island as early as 11,000 BP. However, the larger volume of artifacts were from the Middle Neolithic (4000-3000 BC), Late Neolithic (3000-1500 BC), Bronze Age (1200-1000 BC), Tang Dynasty (700-1000 AD), and Sung Dynasty (1000-1300 AD). Few artifacts from the Han Dynasty (200 BC to 200 AD) were found and the Ming Dynasty (1300-1700 AD) was completely missing. Artifacts included many stone tools, bronze tools including bronze axe molds, coins, rings and pottery representing most of the periods listed above. Perhaps the most spectacular finds were ten kilns. Many of these were used to convert shells to lime but some were believed to be metal smelters. Some of the kilns not actually on a runway will remain on site as a permanent exhibit. The smaller artifacts are tastefully exhibited by the Antiquities and Monuments Offices in a building that once housed the oldest school in Hong Kong dating back to 1900.

---contributed by Jim Wells

Maya Jade Cache - A dedicatory cache containing some 900 jade artifacts including several pendants, one depicting the so-called jester god, has been found by archaeologists working at the Maya site of Blue Creek in northwestern Belize. Discovered by Thomas Guderjan and a team of excavators from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, the cache represents the largest single deposit of Maya jade artifacts ever found.

---Archaeology

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