

Has Members Volunteer for Texas Archeology Month Activities at San Felipe de Austin Historic Site

On Saturday, October 6, several members of the Houston Archeological Society joined the staff at the San Felipe de Austin Historic Site for an event celebrating Texas Archeology Month. Bryan McAuley, Site Manager, and his staff including Shelley Wong and Bethanie dePalermo, conducted archeology-themed activities and programs for kids between 9:00 am and noon. Diane Baird, Bob Sewell, Juan Reyes (and his son Carlos), Charlie Gordy, Karen Belvin and Linda Gorski were on hand to assist the staff in these events. Several Houston area Boy Scout troops were camped at the San Felipe State Park and hiked over to the historic site to take part in the archeology programs.

At 1:30 the volunteers and staff moved over to the State Park where Robert Marcom presented a program on the excavations at Bernardo Plantation which many of us participated in



Charlie Gordy explains artifacts from the Bernardo Plantation dig to visitors.

last year. This presentation included a display of artifacts from the site. All of the HAS volunteers mentioned above were on hand to man the artifact display and explain the history of Bernardo Plantation to many park visitors who stopped by the TPWD facility at the State Park to view the artifacts.

If you missed this event, HAS members will have another opportunity to volunteer at the annual Father of Texas celebration at San Felipe on November 3. Please mark this day on your calendar! Bryan McAuley, the site manager, will need 6–12 volunteers from HAS. This is going to be a fun day with kids' activities including artifact sorting, artifact reconstruction, transfer ware analysis/comparison; digital cameras for informal surface surveys and possibly a dig area for adults. There will be presentations and book signings in the afternoon, including our very own HAS Vice President Louis Aulbach who will be on hand to discuss his new book *Buffalo Bayou: an Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings*. I will send more information to members about this event as the date draws near. If you'd like more information about the Father of Texas Celebration, Contact: Bryan McAuley, Site Manager, bryan.mcauley@thc.state.tx.us, 979-885- 2181, and www.visitsanfelipedeAustin.com (for maps and directions).



Diane Baird mans the Houston Archeological Society table on the porch of the visitors center (formerly the old store) at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site.



Bob Sewell works with Shelley Wong and Bethanie dePalermo of the Historic Site staff and Boy Scouts reassembling ceramics.