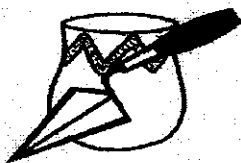


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DECEMBER MEETING: Jeff Durst, Region 5 & 6 Archeologist, Texas Historical Commission, "Fort St. Louis." Friday, December 10, 2004, 7:30 p.m. January's speaker will be Fred Kelly, HAS, "The Archeology of Greco-Roman Lybia." Anyone wishing to present should contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103. NO LAB on December 27.

HAS LIBRARY: Library hours are 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m., Friday, December 10. Michael Bailey is the interim librarian.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Another year is drawing to a close, and I want all of you to know how much your Board and I appreciate all the good work and effort you have given to HAS this year. I've acknowledged the Board members in a previous column, but this is a good time to say thanks to the many others who keep our organization moving forward. Just to mention a few:

- Mary Barbara Gold, who edits this newsletter and somehow manages to publish it on time every time.
- Dick Greg, editor of the HAS Journal, whose attention to detail and devotion to accuracy makes it a top-quality publication.
- Melissa May, our Lab Director, who has been there for us at the Rice U. Lab twice a month for I-don't-know-how-many years.
- Joe Hudgins, our Fieldwork chairman, who always seems to know where fieldwork is needed and which landowners are willing to be invaded by a gang of people with trowels and dirt screens.
- Sheldon Kindall, who filled in for Joe when needed and who will be organizing our Field School in the spring.
- Wanda Carter, our Refreshments chairman, who brings us great goodies, hot coffee, and all the right condiments every meeting.
- Bill Haskell, who mans the Publications sales table at every meeting.
- Leland Patterson, our prolific report writer as well as chairman of the Awards Committee.

➤ Michael Bailey, who has been opening up the Library for us on meeting nights the past few months. There are many others, and you are all appreciated. And to all HAS members and friends: Have a safe and joyous holiday!

Linda Swift, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will air a program on the work at San Jacinto Battleground on Channel 8, January 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. Members of HAS assisted in metal detecting and shovel testing overseen by Roger Moore and the staff of Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc.
- Jesse Jones Heritage Day, Saturday, February 19, 2005. We need volunteers!
- San Jacinto Day Festival & Battle Reenactment. April 2005. More information forthcoming. Volunteers needed.

PROFILE BY EMAIL!

I received several positive responses to the electronic newsletter, and hope to hear from more of the membership. If you have recently acquired, or have recently changed, an email address, please contact me (see back page) so I can add you to or update my list. I hope that by February we will be sending more email than "snail mail." In the interim, *The Profile* will continue to be mailed to all until I am satisfied that the email addresses are current.

Mary Barbara Gold, Editor

The annual HAS Christmas Celebration will be held at the December meeting. We need refreshments. Please contact Wanda Carter, richardandwanda@sbcglobal.net, if you can bring something.



HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, November 12, 2004

Linda Swift, HAS President, called the November meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., welcomed the guests and new members, then detailed the meeting's agenda.

A permanent librarian is needed. This individual may set library hours.

Field work at San Felipe will be November 16 – 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HAS donations to the TAS auction netted \$240 at the annual meeting.

Muriel Walker introduced the night's speaker, Dr. Roger Moore, for his presentation, "Mexican Army Campsite at the San Jacinto Battlefield."

The business meeting began after the refreshment break.

- The minutes of the October meeting were approved.
- The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$13,178.46.
- Field work at New Ulm is complete. Leland Patterson is writing the report. No new sites to investigate; work with Marianne at San Felipe.
- The lab is washing Galveston artifacts.
- Thanks to the Aucoin's for providing refreshments.
- **All members are to bring a dozen cookies for the December "pot luck sweets" meeting.** Wanda will provide chicken salad sandwiches with the crust cut off.
- Fred Kelly reported no changes in the publicity campaign. Our need for new members is growing.
- Librarian and Refreshment chair needed.
- Board meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p. m. in the HAS Library.
- Fred Kelly is searching for the 'Time Team' videos.

The HAS November meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Carter for Tom Nuckols

ATTENTION ALL HAS MEMBERS: The annual membership drive is underway. Please fill out the form and send it with your dues.

2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

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Type of Membership (please circle one) Individual - \$20.00 Contributing - \$30.00 +
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ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE:

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 _____ Date _____

HELP WANTED:

- ❖ HAS Librarian. Michael Bailey has graciously consented to be the interim Librarian, but we do need to fill this position.
- ❖ HAS also needs a Hospitality Chairman for our monthly meetings.
- ❖ The Boy Scouts have an Archeology Badge, and needs someone to help with field work in Ft. Bend.

Outreach Items Needed: Obsolete coins (Mexican pesos and French francs,) plus marbles. Beth Aucoin uses these for mock digs at Jones Nature Center and at San Jacinto State Park. Please bring them to the December, January, or February meetings.

BACKGROUND ON DECEMBER LECTURE:

“Fort St. Louis: The French Colony. French explorer Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, in search of the mouth of the Mississippi, landed instead at Matagorda Bay in present Victoria County. There, he and 180 colonists established Fort St. Louis in 1685. Henri Joutel, La Salle’s trusted aide, left a diary that provides firsthand accounts of daily life at the settlement and an inventory of the fort. Among the listed weapons are muskets, sabers and swords, and eight cannons. The cannons were to become important clues to the location of the archeological site.”

Source: Texas Historical Commission brochure, “Fort St. Louis, Archeological Project.”

Beth Aucoin, ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net

RECOGNITION WELL DESERVED:

Steward Dick Gregg received a Certificate of Appreciation at a recent meeting held in College Station. The Texas Historical Commission presented Dick the certificate “For Exemplary Service as a Member of the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network.” Dick was cited for his work at the San Felipe de Austin Archeological Project and his work at the mammoth site in Clute. Dick is one of the 14 HAS members who serve as THC Stewards.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE:

Sea of Mud, by Gregg J. Dimmick, 2004, Texas State Historical Association, 362 pages, \$35.

This book covers the history and archeology of the retreat of the Mexican army in 1836, after the battle of San Jacinto. Numerous records from the Mexican Army are used. Events leading to the retreat of the Mexican Army are discussed, and details of the retreat are given, especially in Fort Bend and Wharton counties. The title of the book refers to the sea of mud in Wharton County that was created by very heavy rain, which bogged down the Mexican’s retreat and led them to discard much equipment. Due to this book, many more details of the Mexican Army retreat are now available to the public.

Leland Patterson

GALVESTON CEMETERY:

In October, my sons’ school went on a field trip to Galveston to visit the cemetery on Broadway and the Moody Mansion. Having never been to either place, my wife and I went along as chaperones.

Although we did not get to spend much time in the cemetery due to time constraints, what little I saw was very impressive. This is what I remember: the graves of Confederate General John Bankhead Magruder, Steven F. Austin’s secretary and Galveston entrepreneur, Samuel May Williams, and the daughter of James Walker Fannin of Goliad fame.

Information on Magruder can be found in the book, Battle of the Bay, the Civil War Struggle for Galveston, by Cotham. One of my favorite authors, the late Margaret Henson, wrote a book about Samuel May Williams in 1976.

I cannot remember the name on the grave stone of Fannin’s daughter. She died in the 1840’s in her late teens. The only information that I have found so far about the Fannin family is in The Handbook of Texas. It states that Fannin, his wife Minerva, and their two daughters came to Texas in 1834 and settled at Velasco on a plantation.

Tom Nuckols

To submit articles to The Profile, contact Mary Barbara Gold, 3303 Big Spruce, Kingwood, TX 77339, 281-360-5226, or mary.gold@humble.k12.tx.us.

Submit articles no later than January 3, 2005, for the January edition.

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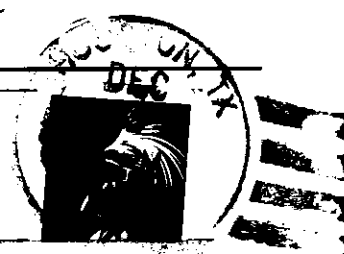
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Reminder:

“Made of Metal” Ancient Technologies from Ores to Artifacts, is in its last week at the Little Archaeology Gallery, 3907 Yoakum Blvd. The exhibit will be open on Friday, December 10, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Plan to stop by prior to the HAS meeting to see this fascinating industrial display.

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