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The PROFILE

FEBRUARY 2004

Texas Archeological Society-www.txarch.org

FEBRUARY MEETING:

Friday, February 13, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Steve Black, Ph.D.,
Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, "Tejas: the Life
and Times of the Caddo: A new Synthesis on
www.texasbeyondhistory.net."

Contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504, to be put on the
program.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Mondays, February 16 and March 1, 7:00 p.m., Rice
University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

HAS LIBRARY: NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS- Library
hours are 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. on Friday, February 13. For
more information, contact David Pettus at
txgeol@earthlink.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ◆ **HAS Membership renewal in progress**
- ◆ **Texas Heritage Day**, February 21, at Jesse H. Jones Park
& Nature Center in Humble. We'll be in the Akokisa
Indian Village; flint knapper and other volunteers needed.
Contact Beth Aucoin at 281-480-6151 or
ekpi.aucoin@prodigy.net.
- ◆ **April 24, 2004, RETURN INVITATION!** HAS/TAS
participation at the recent San Jacinto fall Festival was so
successful that an invitation has been extended to
participate in the San Jacinto Day Festival & San Jacinto
Battle re-enactment program scheduled for Attendance at
the Fall Festival was 1500-2000 people. Estimated
attendance at the April program is 20,000 plus!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

The annual membership drive is in progress. Thanks to
members who have already sent in their renewal. Just a
reminder: please mark your renewal envelope with the
notation, "Membership Renewal"; that notation will facilitate
the handling of your request.

The 2002 audit has been completed and approved by the
audit committee; members who served on the committee were
Richie Ebersole, Tom Nuckols, and Roy Whitney. Thanks to
Mary K. Meriman and the committee for completing the audit
in a timely manner.

In January, the Board received a request from Leland
Patterson for funds for two radiocarbon dates for the
Hornbuckle site in Waller County. The two dates are for the
start of pottery and the start of bifacial stone arrow points for a
site in western Southeast Texas "where the time range of the
Early Ceramic period is not well defined." The Board
approved funding to cover the actual cost, estimated at
\$600.00, of the two-radiocarbon dates. Joe Hudgins has
applied for a site number; upon completion, the report will be
submitted for publication in the HAS Journal. A search for
another prehistoric site is currently underway. More
information as it becomes available, but check the HAS web
site, www.houstonarcheology.org, for fieldwork information.

Excavations for the current phase of the San Felipe de
Austin Archeological Project have been completed. Lab
sessions held at the Tyree House in Richmond, are a work-in-
progress. Hundreds of artifacts still need to be washed before
analysis can begin. If you would like to help in this important
phase of the project, please contact Marianne Marek,
marianne@nstci.com. The lab is located at 6th & Houston
Streets, two blocks south of Highway 90A.

Registration for the Texas Archeology Academy Ceramics
Workshop, "Ceramics, The Stories Found in Pottery" has
officially been completed. However, if you would like to
attend this workshop being held at the Sam Houston Museum
in Huntsville on Feb. 7 - 8, contact Beth Aucoin,
ekpi.aucoin@prodigy.net, or 281-480-6151, to see if
arrangements can be made for attendance.

Don't forget to check our web site for information related
to Dr. Steve Black's presentation on the Caddo Indians.
Richard Carter does an excellent job of providing pertinent
information and related links for our monthly presentations.

See you at the meeting!

Beth Aucoin, ekpi.aucoin@prodigy.net

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, January 9, 2004

Beth Aucoin, HAS president, opened the January meeting at 7:30 p.m., welcomed the guests and new members, then detailed the meeting's agenda.

Announcements:

- The 2002 Audit Committee members were announced. Their audit will begin in January.
- January is membership renewal time.
- Thanks to Bob Shelby and Muriel Mueller for providing refreshments. Volunteers needed to provide refreshments at the February meeting.
- TAS ceramics workshop in Huntsville information is available in the lobby. Deadline is January 21.
- HAS fieldwork on the Hornbuckle site is complete. Stone and bone artifacts and clayballs were recovered. Will have radiocarbon dating performed.
- Lab work on San Felipe de Austin artifacts continues. Contact Marianne.
- HAS will participate at the Texas Heritage Day and San Jacinto Day Festival. Will need volunteers to help at those events.

Muriel Walker introduced Dr. Fred Valdez, University of Texas, for his lecture "Theory, Method and Practice: Maya Archeology in the 21st Century."

The business meeting began after the refreshment break at 9:20 p.m.

- ◆ The minutes of the December meeting were approved.
- ◆ Richard Carter reported the HAS website had 150 visitors in December.
- ◆ Seventy members and guests were in attendance for the presentation portion of the meeting.
- ◆ The Treasurer reported \$14,600.23 in all accounts. Renewal of the bulk mailing permit was authorized.
- ◆ A matching funds discussion took place, with no results.
- ◆ There will be no fieldwork until a new site is found.
- ◆ Bill Haskell reported the sale of some old Journals.
- ◆ The Profile will continue to be mailed first class until the electronic distribution is proven.
- ◆ Richie Ebersole has donated his collection of archeology and anthropology books to HAS. Most will be added to the library, the remainder will be sold.
- ◆ Thanks to Jean Epperson for hosting the HAS Christmas party.
- ◆ Leland Patterson has requested approximately \$600.00 for radiocarbon dating samples from the Hornbuckle site. Beth explained the purpose of the Field and Lab Donor's Fund. Availability of funds in the FLDF and their use in this case were discussed. As a quorum did not exist, there was no decision.

Submitted by Richard Carter, Secretary, richardandwanda@sbcglobal.net

My First Experience With Archaeology!

Hello, my name is Michelle Broussard; I am 21 years old and a University of Houston student. I have only been a member with HAS for a few months. I am extremely new to the field of Archaeology. I was first introduced to HAS by Mary Barbara Gold, who gladly took me to my first meeting. I was not very sure what Archaeology was all about, but what I did know was that I was interested in it and wanted to know more. My first meeting I was very nervous and excited at the same time. When the meeting started I was introduced by Bev Mendenhall, the President at the time, as a guest of Ms. Gold's and I felt very welcome and comfortable. I enjoyed the lecture by Charles McGimsey, Ph.D., who lectured on "Louisiana at 700 AD: the North and South of it All." By the end of the lecture I had decided to become an HAS member. After attending a couple of meetings my mind was made up, I applied to University of Houston as Anthropology major. I was accepted into the spring 2004 semester and I am currently taking an Introduction to Archaeology course and enjoying every minute of it. I have not yet been able to participate in fieldwork due to my busy schedule, but I am anticipating the day that I will be able to join you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to see what Archaeology is all about!

Michelle Broussard, michelle3582@yahoo.com

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

2004 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail _____

Type of Membership (please circle one)	Individual - \$20.00	Contributing - \$30.00 +
	Family - \$25.00	Student - \$10.00

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 _____

Archeology Benefits Students

This summer I attended my first TAS field school in Menard. As an educator, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my professional education through the "Teachers Dig Archeology" course. The entire experience was fascinating. My gifted and talented elementary students have benefited from this experience. These students have been so enthusiastic as we bring the past to life through archeology!

Andrea Gonzalez, andrea.gonzalez@humble.k12.tx.us

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

Submit articles no later than February 26, 2004, for the March edition.

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