



Dan Warren to Discuss Gulf's Deepwater Shipwrecks at March Meeting

Our next meeting is at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 17, in Anderson Hall room 103 at the University of St. Thomas. Our speaker will be Marine Archeologist Daniel Warren, whose topic is "Deepwater Shipwrecks in the Gulf of Mexico: A Decade of Discovery and Documentation."

The expansion of natural resources exploration into the deeper reaches of the world's oceans has led to unprecedented shipwreck discoveries. Mr. Warren will discuss some of the Gulf of Mexico deepwater shipwreck discoveries of the past decade and the technologies used to document these unique archaeological sites thousands of feet below the ocean's surface. A variety of deepwater wreck sites will be examined, including 19th and early 20th century sailing vessels, the German U-boat *U-166*, the steam yacht *Anona*, and several World War II U-boat casualties.

Daniel Warren is a Senior Marine Archaeologist at C & C Technologies, Inc. Houston. A professional archaeologist with over 20 years of experience, Mr. Warren is trained in both terrestrial and underwater archaeology, as well as material culture analysis.



U-166 Conning Tower

Since 1998, he has been working at C & C Technologies interpreting high-resolution geophysical data for shipwreck investigations, oil and gas sur-

veys, search and recovery operations, and cable route studies in U.S. waters and around the world.

He was part of the team that located and identified the German submarine *U-166* in the Gulf of Mexico during 2001. In 2002, he verified the identities of the H.M.S. *Ark Royal* in the Mediterranean and the wreck of the steam yacht *Anona* in the Gulf of Mexico. He served as the principle investigator for the archaeological investigations at the *U-166* wreck site (2003), and as co-principle investigator on the DeepWrecks (2004) and the Viosca Knoll (2006) Shipwreck Projects. He is currently principal investigator for archaeology on the Reefs, Rigs, and Wrecks Project: *Ophelia*/Shipwrecks II Study.



Mr. Warren and his wife Rebecca live in Houston.

Ewing Banks Shipwreck

February Lab Nights

Labs are scheduled Monday the 14th and Monday the 28th, at the usual time and place: Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University, 7-9 p.m. We'll continue working on artifacts from the Cable collection. **Reminder:** A credit card is necessary to access the parking lot near Sewall Hall. For a map, check www.houstonarcheology.org. —Beth Aucoin



President's Message

REMINDER: THIS MONTHS MEETING will be Thursday, March 17, 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. NOTE: We will meet at the UST Anderson Hall, room 103.

Today I'm continuing my January message on using the Fondren Library to access archeological reports/publications. Since then, I hope you have taken the time to become familiar with the library website (<http://library.rice.edu>). In being able to locate your references, there are three pages with which to become familiar: (1) the pages showing the layout of the library floors; (2) the stacks location guide; and (3) the Fondren Library search catalog. As the name implies, the **library floor layout** is a rendering of each floor with an arrangement description as to where the stacks and facilities are located. The **stacks location guide** directs you to the correct floor relative to the call number of the publication. It is advisable to print out the floor layout and the stacks location guide before you go to the library, however if you forget, they generally have them readily available on many of the counter tops as handouts.

From this point, let's use an example and **search the Fondren catalog**. Let's say we are interested in a report/publication concerning archeological excavations in Harris County, but we do not have a specific title in mind. We do a catalog search by entering a subject like: "*Harris County Excavations Archeology.*" We won't find an exact match to that, but we will find a lot of listings for Harris County, with the top (first) being: "*Harris County Excavations (Archaeological) – Texas.*" It will show that there are 44 publications on this subject. When you click on that subject description, every title from 1 to 44 will be displayed; each showing the title, author, publication date, and most importantly, the call number. The first letter in the call number (in our case will be "F") indicates the **stack** in which the publication is located. And since "F" corresponds with the fourth floor on the **stacks location guide**, that's where you will have to go to find the publication. To get more information concerning the publication, you can click on "**Details**" and a lot more information will be displayed including subject cross reference information, publisher information, bibliography notes, and other general information. I usually print the details page out. When I go to the library, I bring the detail page, the floor layout page and the stacks location guide with me. This way when I get to the library, I know what I'm looking for, where I'm going, and how to get there. All I have to do is search the stacks for the publication with that call number. As a side note, there are plenty of work stations on each floor where you can read the reports/publications, take notes, or use your laptop computer.

That in a nutshell is how to take advantage of the Fondren Library which now is the repository for the many archeological reports and publications we have entrusted to their care. Remember that while the library has very liberal hours, they do vary with semester finals, holidays, etc. Library hours are subject to change so you may want to check by calling 713-348-4800. Please note that the Woodson Research Center for special collections have limited open hours M-F from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. All visitors need to show current photo identification at the security desk to enter the building. It might be helpful if you save this month's and January's *Profile* with these instructions for future reference.

--Charlie Gordy

Minutes of February 17, 2011, HAS Meeting, University of St. Thomas

After a program on Frostown presented by Kirk Farris, the meeting was called to order by Charlie Gordy, President. Minutes of the January meeting were approved with one correction to be noted. In the last paragraph where it read "John Williams reported that a three....." the name was corrected to read T. R. Williams instead of John Williams.

Charlie Gordy reported that the Champs d'Asile outing that was scheduled for February 12 was cancelled due to weather and a scheduling change by the THC. It was announced that the March meeting for HAS will be held in Anderson Hall, Room 103; however, everyone should pay close attention to the *Profile* and to the HAS Facebook page for any last minute changes.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Roberts, Beth Aucoin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

--Charlie Gordy for Phyllis Bradley, Secretary

Update on the Fight to Fund the Texas Historical Commission

The campaign to communicate our request to fund the THC at equitable levels is now proven to be effective. Across the board, Senators and Representatives acknowledge this subject to be “important”; a dramatic change from the previous “non-essential” standing amongst many of them. What once appeared to be a solid block in the House Appropriations Committee, now is showing clear evidence of some room to negotiate.

Various letters and emails received back from our elected officials make it clear that we must be much more bold face on this one point: we are not asking for full THC funding; **we seek parity/equity in the reduction with other Article I agencies of approximately 25-28%**. We do NOT seek full funding; we expect the THC to carry an equal burden in the budget balancing effort with all other agencies.

Please do not sit on the sidelines and watch this train wreck happen. We need immediate action by everyone who supports the good work of the Historical Commission. The turnout for the Senate Hearing was impressive and definitely was noted by the Members.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Letters, emails and phone calls – we need a flood of them to show strength, again!.
2. These need to go out in the next two days.
3. Be specific, direct and on point in your communications; stick to fact.
4. Absolutely do NOT get personal, be abrasive or use profanity.
5. Edit the previously forwarded Mail Merge Template Letter along with the Spreadsheet to generate a new letter. [Contact Steve Davis for sample letter and names/addresses of Committee members.]
6. Stick to the recommended points in this Update for your next communication (we seek a Rider to access \$8 million from the TPTF and a Rider to \$54.4 million from the RDF).
7. Send letters and/or emails to House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

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THC's Historic Preservation Conference is March 31-April 2

THC'S Historic Preservation Conference will be in Austin on March 31–April 2, 2011. To date this has been an annual effort but it is safe to assume that even minimal budget cuts will eliminate the staff and funding necessary to facilitate future statewide conferences. So make the most of the opportunities at hand and attend the 2011 conference. It will be held at the Sheraton Austin at the Capitol, 701 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. Registration is online and can be accessed on the website: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/annualconference/cof2011.shtml>.

2011 TAS Academies to Begin This Weekend

It is not too late to register for a 2011TAS Academy—TAS is extending the registration deadline for Geoarcheology to March 19th. This year, Archeology 101 will be held March 11-13th in San Antonio, and Geoarcheology will be taught in San Angelo the weekend of April 2-3rd. For more information please visit <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/aa2011/index.php>.

Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies to Meet April 9th

The 47th SWFAS Symposium will be held in San Angelo, Texas on Saturday, April 9th at Fort Concho's Quartermaster Building. This symposium provides the opportunity for avocational and student archeologists to present their work and have it published in the SWFAS journal. The meeting is open to anyone interested in history and archeology.

No registration fee is required, but contact Bill Yeates at byeates@WCC.NET, if you plan to attend. Guest speaker will be Dr. Bruce Dickson, professor of Archeology at Texas A&M University. Tours to Paint Rock and Fort Chadbourne will be available on Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Houston Archeological Society, P. O. Box 130631, Houston, TX 77219-0631

Please complete this form and mail it, with your check for the correct amount, to the above address.

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Type of membership: ___New ___Renewal Please circle one: Student (\$10/year) Single (\$20/year)
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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.

[] I DO [] I DO NOT authorize HAS to invite me by e-mail to join the HAS Facebook page as a "friend".

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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