



April Program Features Munitions Found At San Jacinto Battlefield

Douglas Mangum, Principal Investigator, Historian, and GIS Manager at Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc., will be the speaker for the Thursday, April 18th, meeting of the Houston Archeological Society. Mangum's topic will be "**Canister and Grape: Artillery Related Artifacts from the San Jacinto Battleground.**" The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in Anderson Hall at the University of St. Thomas.

Over the last 10 years of archeological investigations in and around the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc. has recovered more than 1,400 artifacts associated with the battle. Of these, 21 have been identified as being directly related to the canister munitions used by the artillery of both sides during the fighting. This collection consists of three groups of items; three iron canister plates, seven cuprous canister shot, as well as



Pieces of canister and shot, similar to those in the photo above, were found at San Jacinto Battleground.

ten small trapezoidal shaped pieces of lead referred to as "ingots," and one mass of lead ingots partially fused together. These artifacts and analysis of their locations, combined with historical research, have answered, or at least suggested answers to, some questions regarding the artillery at the Battle of San Jacinto. The analysis and research have also indicated differences in the way in which the two sides deployed their artillery, implying that these differences in the use of projective force influenced the outcome of this battle. This presentation will discuss these artifacts and the results of the analysis (which can also be found in a chapter of the upcoming Texas A&M Press book *American Conflict, American Revolution: The Archaeology of Engagement*).

Douglas G. Mangum graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in archeology in 1994 and received a M.A. in History from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 2010. He worked for the U. S. Forest



Service before joining the staff at Moore Archeological Consulting where he is a Principal Investigator as well as Historian and GIS Manager and co-manages the fieldwork the firm has conducted in and around the San Jacinto Battleground.

Douglas Mangum, left, and Roger Moore of Moore Archeological Consultants in Houston have been conducting archeological investigations at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site for the past 10 years. Photo courtesy of Moore Archeological Consultants.

For a campus map, go to www.stthom.edu and look for the Interactive Map, Building 20, Anderson Hall. Street parking is available as well as paid parking (\$2) in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark. Teachers can receive one hour of CPE credit for attending this lecture.

Lab Dates for April - June

April: No lab in April as Rice students will be utilizing the space.

May: Monday, May 13th only. Continue work on artifact collections from a coastal shell midden site. Meet at Sewall Hall, Room 103, Rice University, 7-9 pm. See www.rice.edu/maps to locate the Founders Court/Visitors Lot across from Sewall Hall. Access requires a credit or debit card and costs \$3.50/hr.

June: No lab due to TAS Field School

--Beth Aucoin



President's Message

HAS Members –

This month I want to express a special thank you to all our new and renewing members who have chosen to support HAS in 2013. As I've told you before, our membership numbers are on the rise and I've been delighted to see so many of our newer members at our monthly meetings. I think that our screening project is a huge factor in drawing new members to our group. In fact, some of those new members including Laurie Nash, in photo below, show up every weekend to screen and are becoming champs at finding artifacts!

If you have not already joined us at our screening site, I urge you to do so. You will learn so much!!! The above photos show examples of just a few of the artifacts we've found recently. In addition to diagnostic stone artifacts, we are also finding hundreds of flakes, pieces of shell, animal bone and pottery sherds in every dirt pile.

In addition to screening for artifacts on most Fridays and Saturdays, we just finished our second lab designed specifically to clean, sort and catalog the artifacts we've found at the site. Dr. Jason Barrett, our PI on the



Laurie's first point!



Points, tools & pottery from March 30



Pottery with lashing holes

screening project, is also heading up the labs and is teaching many of us how to identify the stone points and tools we are finding. Oh --and by the way --Jason and his wife Jenny Brevorka are both also new members of HAS!



Special Lab Night: Everyone agrees, Hester & Turner's new book is the best for identifying stone artifacts in Texas!



I now have 71 people on my list to screen. If you are not getting weekly updates, photos and reminders of screening dates from me, you are not on my list! Please email me at lindagorski@cs.com and I'll put you on my screening list to inform you of future screening and lab dates.

Once again, you are all making my year as president of this organization a total joy! Thanks for being part of HAS.

--Linda Gorski, President

Minutes of the HAS General Membership Meeting March 21, 2013

Linda Gorski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, welcomed everyone, and thanked our guests for coming. There were 38 attendees who signed in, 17 members and 21 guests; but a cursory count indicated 53 attendees.

Linda introduced Bob Sewell, head of the audit committee, who stated that he, Charlie Gordy and Robert Killian, had completed and the society's audit with no significant discrepancies found, and had forwarded their report to the Board.

Linda gave the treasurer's report stating that the society's balance sheet indicated \$5,162.58 in the checking account and \$9,457.45 in the savings account.

There are over 65 people signed up for the screening project that takes place (usually) every weekend on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A sign-up sheet was available for interested parties.

HAS now has logo patches available with a black or white background and can be purchased for \$12 with \$2 being returned to the society's coffers. Logos can also be embroidered on one's own shirt; contact Linda Gorski for details and costs.

Linda indicated that 2013 Membership renewals were due in March and that renewal forms were available in the lobby.

Beth Aucoin reminded everyone that the last March lab would be held at Rice University on Monday, March 25. No labs will be held in April as Rice students will be using the space.

The next Camp Logan Hike is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet was available in the lobby.

Linda Swift stated that she and co-editor Beth Aucoin, along with several authors, had been working diligently to prepare Part 3 of the Elizabeth Powell site report for publication later this year. Linda Gorski stated that copies of previous HAS reports would be available for purchase at either the April or May meeting.

Jorge Garcia-Herreros, professional archeologist and member of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission, reported that May 18 is Houston Preservation Day. The commission's purpose is to preserve and restore Houston's historical resources, and it needs our support. The support would be in the form of attending meetings, hoping to offset the influence of development interests. Information on commission meetings will be published in the newsletter.

Linda introduced HAS member Rob Clark who graciously provides space on his land for the screening project, and reminded members that details of the project should not be distributed.

Linda then introduced our speaker, Dr. Jason Barrett, who brought artifacts from his Cohal project so members could enjoy seeing them as part of his presentation.

Linda thanked Dr. Barrett for his wonderful presentation and reminded members that next month's speaker will be Douglas Mangum of Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc. The focus of Douglas' talk will be "Canister and Grape: Artillery Related Artifacts from the San Jacinto Battleground." The meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Everyone then enjoyed snacks brought by Linda Gorski, Beth Aucoin, and Jennifer Barrett.

--Beth Aucoin for Lenore Psencik, Secretary

HAS VP Louis Aulbach Receives National DAR Award

HAS vice president Louis Aulbach received the NSDAR Historic Preservation Medal at the 114th meeting of the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on March 15. The purpose of the NSDAR Historic Preservation medal is to honor an individual whose volunteer service, promotion and dedication to historic preservation has made a distinguished contribution on the national, regional or state level for many years. The medal was presented by Martha Hartzog, State Chairman, Historic Preservation Committee, TXDAR.

Aulbach was nominated for the honor by Jill Brooks, chairman of the Historic Preservation committee, Alexander Love Chapter of the DAR, for his preservation awareness efforts in the Houston area including his historic boat tours of Buffalo Bayou and his efforts to preserve the foundation features of World War I Camp Logan in Memorial Park.



Martha Hartzog, State Chairman, DAR Historic Preservation Committee, presents Louis Aulbach with NSDAR Historic Preservation Medal and certificate.

Gault School Director Invites Everyone to Volunteer Day on May 4

Here's your chance to put in some work and have some fun and a generally good day at the [Gault] site. We are calling on all our members and volunteers to come for a day of general cleanup and maintenance, and we'll supply the BBQ lunch! We work hard for a long half day (about 8:30am–1:00pm) followed by prodigious amounts of food.

It is really easy for us to get overwhelmed by the chores, so a large turnout on May 4th will mean that the work will go easier and faster for everyone. Our jobs include painting, cleaning, trash and brush hauling, path maintenance and light construction work. If you can wear gloves and walk we have a job for you!

So get out your gloves and work clothes and drop a line to me at Cwernecke@gaultschool.org that you would like to help out—we need an accurate count if there is to be BBQ for everyone!

D. Clark Wernecke
Executive Director
The Gault School of Archaeological Research

Friends of Archæology Members' Dinner is April 27

The Friends of Archaeology Annual Members Dinner will be held Saturday April 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center Bldg. on the University of St. Thomas Campus.

The program is dedicated to the FRIENDS Founder, Fr. Ed Bader, and the speaker Thomas Gudjurdan, PhD., Director Mayan Project, University of Texas at Tyler. Dr. Gudjurdan, a well received author, and acclaimed teacher, is currently conducting important archaeological research in Belize.

Cost is \$35 per person, and members may bring guests. Seating is limited and **reservations are required. Reservation must be received by Friday, April 19th.** For more information, e-mail or call Kathleen Solcher, kathleen@solcher.com, phone 713-266-9516; or Naomi Joyner, gma_naomi@yahoo.com, phone 713-681-8920.

"Fundamentals of Researching Texas" is Topic For Clayton Library Friends

Clayton Library Friends of Houston, Texas, warmly invites everyone to their next General Meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10:15 am, during which there will be a presentation by Teri E. Flack of Austin on "Fundamentals of Researching Texas."

Teri Flack, who is a 6th generation Texan, is a genealogist and consulting historian. She has been researching her family history for over 30 years. She also chairs the Texas State Genealogical Society's Records Preservation and Access Committee, and she is the state liaison to the national Records Preservation and Access Committee. She serves as treasurer for the Austin Genealogical Society, and was recently appointed to the Travis County Historical Commission. Flack is also a volunteer at the Texas State Archives working on a project to preserve and make accessible to the public over 1,000 volumes and 300 cubic feet of Galveston County records from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Teri Flack recently retired as Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education and Special Advisor to the Commissioner of Higher Education - after working for over 26 years for the State of Texas. She holds two degrees - B S in Education and MBA. After returning to school in the fall of 2010, she recently graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos with a Master's degree in History with a concentration in Public History.

The General Meeting of the Clayton Library Friends will be held at Clayton Library located at 5300 Caroline Street which is in Houston's Museum District close to Herman Park. There are four buildings on the property: the Main Building, which houses the research collection; the Clayton House (an auxiliary collection); the Carriage House and the Guest House which are used for meetings, functions, and seminars. When you drive into the parking lot, the Main Building is located to the left while the historic houses are located to the right. The General Meeting will be held in the Clayton Carriage House, which is the smaller building on the right and which is directly adjacent to the parking lot.

The mission of Clayton Library Friends (CLF) is to enrich the resources and facilities of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a unit of the Houston Public Library. Clayton Library for Genealogical Research is one of the top 9 genealogical libraries in the United States. In the pursuit of their mission, the officers and directors of Clayton Library Friends, in coordination with the manager of the Clayton Library, organize and direct fundraising projects to support the acquisition of research material for the library, to upgrade library facilities, and to enhance library services. Since Clayton is primarily a family history and genealogical research center, an important part of the Clayton Library Friends' mission is the organization of programs that encourage family history research, provide specialized volunteer services for the library, and educate the public in the use of Clayton Library and its collection.

For more information about CLF's programs, activities, membership and volunteer opportunities, please go to the website at: <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org/>

AIA-Houston to Present "Ancient Encounters – Egypt"

The Houston Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America will present the latest in its "Ancient Encounters" series with a program on "Ancient Encounters—Egypt" on Saturday, April 20, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Sugar Land.

Discover how people lived in Egypt through activities especially devised for children and families. Excavate the home of a tomb builder, play an Egyptian game, write your name in hieroglyphs, learn about ancient Egyptian technology by operating a giant lever, and sort bones to find out what was on the menu at Egyptian homes.

The program is from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is included with general admission - \$12.00 adult and \$9.00 child, but AIA members will be charged only \$5.00. The Sugar Land branch of the museum is located at 13016 University Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77479.

For More Information: 713.364.6DIG (713.364.6344); Website - aia-houston.com; Facebook - [facebook.com/houstonarchaeology](https://www.facebook.com/houstonarchaeology); Blog - archaeologyhouston.wordpress.com.

Sul Ross Announces 2013 Field School

Sul Ross State University announces its 2013 Field School, "Prehistory in the Trans-Pecos," to be held June 3-July 9. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to study archaeology, hands-on, in beautiful West Texas, and a chance to contribute to the study of newly discovered buried Paleoindian occupations—the Genevieve Lykes Duncan site.

The field school will incorporate investigations on the immense O2 Ranch in the Trans-Pecos region. The Genevieve Lykes Duncan site hosts a range of prehistoric occupations, including some of the earliest known in the region from roughly 8,500–11,000 years ago. This is an opportunity to be a part of groundbreaking investigations into one of the most poorly understood time periods in the region.

Tuition and fees will be \$1,329.50 for Texas residents and \$3,435.50 for out-of-state residents. A field school fee of \$500 will also be charged to cover the cost of prepared meals, transportation, and all lab supplies and equipment. Some scholarships are available. For more on the field school, visit <http://ww2.sulross.edu/cbbs/fieldschool-2013.php>. The registration deadline is May 20. There is a limit of 15 students, so reserve a place immediately by contacting Samuel Cason at scason@sulross.edu, (432) 837-8823. For more information, contact Susan Chisholm at the Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, (432) 837-8179, schisholm@sulross.edu.

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