



March 20 HAS Meeting to explore Origins of Caddo Culture

Dr. Zac Selden, Research Associate at the Center for Regional Heritage Research at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, will present a program on the origins of Caddo culture at our Thursday, March 20, meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in MD Anderson Hall at St. Thomas University. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public.

Selden (pictured below and at right), who earned his PhD at Texas A&M University in 2013, is currently focused on the analysis of macro-level trends within the ancestral Caddo region using traditional analytical techniques coupled with syntheses of radiocarbon (^{14}C), instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA), and 3D Geometric Morphometrics (GM) data.

His current research is aimed at the origins of Caddo culture (the transition between Woodland and Caddo populations). He is using advanced technology to define the period when the ancestral Caddo population began to intensify corn/maize production and analyzing their ceramics to produce a first-of-its-kind ceramic family tree. “Over the last two years, my colleagues and I have engaged in a reanalysis of the increasingly robust Caddo INAA database (only surpassed in size by the Mimbres Region of the American Southwest and the Valley of Mexico) to explore the potential interactions between different groups of Caddo peoples using the geochemistry of their ceramic vessels”, said Selden. “Through these analyses, we have been able to 1) illustrate a high degree of geochemical diversity within the geography of the ancestral Caddo region, 2) link the geochemistry of locally-manufactured ceramic sherds with the local geology, 3) rethink the methods used to explore the provenance of shell-tempered Caddo sherds, and 4)



test the effectiveness of a type-specific query within a model of local interaction. These analyses mark a significant methodological departure from those conducted at the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR), and a substantive leap forward with regard to the application and interpretation of this valuable archaeological dataset.”

Selden is a native Texan and a U. S. Marine Corps veteran. He has worked and volunteered on a variety of cultural resource management (CRM) projects throughout the state, including recent data recovery efforts at Sierra Diablo Cave (funded by National Geographic), and at the Gault site – a nationally-famous Paleoindian site (funded, in part, by the National Science Foundation). Zac serves on the Executive Committee of the Texas Archeological Society (also a member of the Board of Directors), and is a member of the Council of Texas Archaeologists, where he sits on the Governmental Affairs Committee. He also holds membership in the Society for American Archaeology, the Archaeological Institute of America, the Texas Academy of Science, the Caddo Conference Organization, and is the President-Elect of the East Texas Archeological Society.



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.

March Lab Schedule: Lab will be only one day this month: Monday, March 31st. We'll meet at the usual time and place, 7:00-9:00 pm, Room 103, Sewall Hall, Rice University. Visit www.rice.edu/maps to locate the Founders Court/Visitors Lot across from Sewall Hall. April schedule is still pending.



President's Message

HAS members,

Here's a little history for newcomers to the Houston Archeological Society – and an update for our more senior members! For many years HAS published a scientific paper which contained archeological reports of local and general interest contributed by HAS members and non-members. This publication actually started with Number 1 in 1959 and was, at that time, called The Newsletter. The name of the publication was changed with Number 72 (in 1984) to The JOURNAL. The last JOURNAL, Number 132, was published in 2009. In the early days the JOURNAL was published three times a year and contained between three and five articles and book reviews in each issue. For the past five years HAS has not published a JOURNAL.

At the January 2014 General Membership meeting, HAS member Dub Crook addressed the society, requesting that as a group we commit to writing academic papers and reports and to resurrecting publication of The JOURNAL. He said that he has been frustrated at having to submit his own articles to other scientific journals since the HAS JOURNAL is no longer published. At the February 2014 General Membership meeting Dub put his money where his mouth is and donated \$2500 to HAS to defray any costs of publishing the JOURNAL in 2014. In the note accompanying his donation Dub said “As you know, I am a firm believer that nothing is really knowledge until it is published and thus nothing, especially as trivial as money, should stop us from continuing the long tradition of publishing scientific work established within the Houston Archeological Society.”



Dub Crook

I have recently become the caretaker of 15 file boxes of old copies of the HAS JOURNAL. With the help of Beth Aucoin and Louis Aulbach we have sorted these Journals, counted each one, and developed a spreadsheet of how many copies of each issue we have. I currently have a stack of these JOURNAL issues by my bedside and have been reading them each night. I am totally blown away by the incredible articles contained in those Journals by HAS members like Leland Patterson, Dick Gregg, Dub Crook, Joe Hudgins, Beth Aucoin, Tom Nuckols, Bill McClure, Sheldon Kindall, Melissa May, Jean Epperson and Bob Shelby to name just a very few. You will not believe how much archeological knowledge is contained in these publications!



Louis Aulbach and Beth Aucoin sorting through stacks of HAS Journals on my dining room table.

Soon extra hard copies of many issues of these old JOURNAL issues will be made available to HAS Members. Also, thanks to our vice president Louis Aulbach and our webmaster Bob Sewell, we are scanning each copy of the JOURNAL and posting them on our website at www.txhas.org.

Louis and Bob have scanned all the way through issue #93. Have a look and you will see why it is so important that we continue this tradition.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dub Crook for his amazingly generous donation to HAS. And we owe it to him and to the Society to start publishing the JOURNAL again. I hope all of you will consider writing an article for this important publication.

--Linda Gorski, President

March is Texas History Month!

In June, 2003, the Texas Legislature added to Title 6 of the Texas Government Code a provision that “(a) March is Texas History Month in honor of those Texans who helped shape the history of the State of Texas and in recognition of events throughout Texas' history. (b) Texas History Month shall be regularly observed by appropriate celebrations and activities in public schools and other places to promote interest in and knowledge of Texas history.” To observe Texas History Month, you have only to look in this issue of the Profile to find interesting and informative activities for you and your family. Have a great month!

Minutes
Houston Archeological Society Membership Meeting
February 20, 2014

President Linda Gorski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed all members and guests. There were 34 attendees, including 10 guests signed in.

Linda made the following announcements:

- Treasurer's Report by Robert Killian, Treasurer – Checking account balance \$6,946.49; Savings Account \$9,461.81.
- HAS Membership – 139 members. If you have not renewed your HAS membership, your membership will expire on March 1st.
- Dimond Knoll Screening Project – Completed on January 20, 2014. Dr. Jason Barrett is taking the artifacts to Corpus Christi this week for further analysis. Thanks to all who helped.
- Tait Ranch Project Update – Preliminary work began at the site with shovel testing on February 1st. Many artifacts were recovered from the site area called The Pyramid. A fence line survey was conducted on February 15th. Linda will distribute an email concerning the next work days currently scheduled for March 15th and 29th. You must be a HAS, BAS or TAS member to participate.
- Vote on changes to the HAS Standing Rules for the HAS Lab at Rice University. Details were published in the February Profile, and Louis Aulbach presented the changes to the members present for a vote. Charlie Aulbach made a motion to accept the changes, Gordon Houston seconded the motion. Members voted to unanimously approve the changes.

The evening's program was titled "Sourcing Chert Artifacts from Texas Clovis Age Sites Using X-Ray Fluorescence" by Wilson W. "Dub" Crook. At the end of the program Dub presented to Linda Gorski his Honorarium as a deposit toward the publishing of the HAS Journal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m. HAS members and guests then enjoyed snacks provided by Linda Gorski.

The next HAS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014.

-- Lenore Psencik, Secretary

Preparations for TAS Field School are in Full Swing

We will have our third preliminary workday at the Tait-Huffmeyer Ranch this coming Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will meet at The Tait House in Columbus by 8:00 am sharp, and our landowners, Rita and Ed, will lead us in a convoy together to the Ranch from there.

We will be digging test units, screening dirt and collecting artifacts, much like we did last time but in a different area of the ranch. Bring shovels, trowels and other archeological gear. We will be in the field all day without access to indoor plumbing, so be prepared to rough it. (Children under 12 are discouraged from participating.)

You must be a member of TAS, BAS, FBAS or HAS to participate in this project. You will be required to sign a waiver before you are allowed on the ranch. If you are interested and have not yet joined the team, contact Linda Gorski at lindagorski@cs.com. Additional work days are scheduled for April 5, May 3, and/or 17, and June 7. Field School starts on June 14.



HAS Members Conduct Tours of Camp Logan to Highlight 100th Anniversary of WWI

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. Although the United States did not enter the war until 1917, most of Europe was embroiled in the “War to End all Wars” by 1914. When the United States entered WWI, over 30 training camps were established around the country to train soldiers to mobilize for the war effort. One of these training centers was Camp Logan, built in the summer of 1917 to house 44,000 soldiers in the area that we now call Memorial Park. As many of you know, foundation features of Camp Logan still exist in the wooded areas of the Park.

The anniversary of the beginning of WWI has sparked



Louis Aulbach, HAS vice president, left, explains where Camp Logan was located within Memorial Park to Dr. Libby Fleisher, and professors Dr. Jeff Fleisher from Rice University, Robert Marcom from Lone Star College and Scotty More, Houston Community College.



HAS members Louis Aulbach, Bob Sewell and HAS past president Tom Nuckols conducting a tour of Camp Logan foundation features for students and professors from the University of Houston.

renewed interest in Camp Logan among local history teachers and professors. HAS president Linda Gorski and vice president Louis Aulbach have been asked recently to give tours of Camp Logan for professors and students from Rice University, the University of Houston, Houston Community College, and Lone Star College to encourage research and awareness of this important part of Houston history as it relates to WWI. We were accompanied on these trips by HAS member Bob Sewell and former HAS president Tom Nuckols.

If you know of a group that would like to tour Camp Logan as a history lesson on WWI, please email me at lindagorski@cs.com and we'll try to arrange it.

--Linda Gorski



Linda Gorski and Louis Aulbach taught a class at the University of Houston in February, highlighting the history of Camp Logan, a WWI Training camp in what is now Memorial Park.

Confederate Fortifications on the Texas Coast Presentation is March 27

A program on “Guarding the Coast: Confederate Fortifications of Brazoria County” will be presented on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 pm at the **Brazoria County Historical Museum**, 100 East Cedar, Angleton, TX 77515. Speaker Leslie Pettigrew will present an informative talk about the confederate forts, camps, and posts in Brazoria County, which made up part of the coastal defense of Texas during the Civil War. For more information, call 979-864-1208.

Varner-Hogg Plantation Tour is March 25

The Friends of Archaeology at the University of St. Thomas will be making a day trip to the historic Varner-Hogg Plantation in West Columbia on Tuesday, March 25. The schedule calls for departure from the Moran Center at UST at 9:15 am, returning at 4:30 pm. Along the way, participants will visit the Varner-Hogg Plantation and the Columbia Historical Museum, with lunch at Lucy’s Fine Mexican Food. Cost is \$10 plus lunch. To register, send a check for \$10 to Bill Bartlett, 1631 Marshall, Houston, TX, 77006. For more information, contact Rita Marsales at mamarita@sbcglobal.net or 832-289-7283.

Joint 56th Caddo Conference and 21st East Texas Archeological Conference Event is March 27-29

Everyone is invited to attend the joint Caddo Conference and East Texas Archeological Conference, which will be jointly held March 27-29, 2014, in Tyler, Texas, on the University of Texas at Tyler campus. It will be in the Ornelas Activity Center; 3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler, Texas.

Registration fee for the conference is \$20, either before the conference or at the door. Payment can be mailed to: Caddo Conference, co: MRP; 1910 E SE Loop 323 #296, Tyler, Texas 75701. Please address questions or comments to Dr. Thomas H. Guderjan at tguderjan@uttyler.edu ; 817-831-9011. For Silent Auction donations: Patti Haskins phaskins2@aol.com.

San Jacinto Commemoration Starts March 29

Events and activities related to the Battle of San Jacinto will begin with a **Luncheon & Archeological Tour** of the San Jacinto Battleground led by Dr. Gregg Dimmick and hosted by the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy on Saturday, March 29. Cost: \$35.00 per person. Reservations required. For more information, visit www.sanjacintoconservancy.org. Other events are as follows:

2014 Battle of San Jacinto Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 12th at The Ripley House, 4410 Navigation. Registration deadline is April 5. Cost is \$55 and covers speakers, lunch, parking, exhibits and more. For additional information, call 713-237-8997, email sjbc-texas@usa.net, or visit www.sanjacintoconservancy.org.

2014 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in LaPorte. Lots of food, music, entertainment, games, and fun in addition to the Reenactment scheduled for 3:00 p.m. FREE event. For more information, visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org and Facebook.

Registration Deadline for TAS Geoaerchology Academy is March 21

Geoaerchology, the third class in the 2014 TAS Archeology Academy, will be presented April 5-6 in San Angelo at Fort Concho, with a March 21 deadline for registration. This Academy explores how geological and soil formation processes affect archeological sites and how investigators use this information to reconstruct both the human and natural histories of an area. Geoaerchologists use sedimentation, erosion, and soil formation to determine an area’s archeological potential. Learning to record and interpret soil profiles can illuminate both how a site was used by people and how people responded to changes in the natural environment.

This Academy will include instruction, laboratory exercises, and field trips. Both the presenters are experienced geoaerchologists. Dr. Frederick taught for several years at the University of Sheffield, England, and is now a consulting geoaerchologist. Mr. Kibler is affiliated with Prewitt and Associates, Inc. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark is located at 630 S. Oakes, San Angelo, Texas 76903. To register, visit www.txarch.org/Activities/academy.

March 23 is Last day of “Cave Paintings of Lascaux” Exhibit at HMNS

The “Cave Paintings of Lascaux” exhibit, which has been running at the Houston Museum of Natural Science since October, will complete its sojourn in Houston on March 23. For this exhibit, the cave has been recreated in a new and unique set of 5 exact replicas of the paintings in the Nave and the Well Scene. You can contemplate the paintings and their splendor and power in an atmosphere of silence and lamplight, in which one can ponder the origins of humanity. The animals seem to move in the flickering light of the oil lamps and the torches of the Lascaux artists. To purchase tickets, visit www.hmns.org.

Center for Irish Studies to Present *Legends of the Celtic Harp*

Legends of the Celtic Harp is a storytelling and music concert to be presented by The University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies on Thursday, April 10. *Legends of the Celtic Harp* is a musical journey into the heart of a legendary instrument. Three of the premier Celtic harpers in the world, Patrick Ball, Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter, will delve deeply into the myths, magic and fabled history of this most captivating instrument.

The program starts at 7:30 pm in UST’s Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon St. Houston, TX 77006. Cost is: \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and free for UST faculty, staff, and students. Advance notice is required for those with mobility issues and groups of 6 or more. Call 713-525-3592 or visit irishstudies@stthom.edu.

Please submit articles for publication to *Profile* Editor Linda Swift at swiftlinda@sbcglobal.net.
Submit articles no later than April 3 for the April 2014 issue.

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