



**Thursday, August 10th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**“Megalithic Archeology of Malta” – Wilson “Dub” Crook**



The next meeting of the Houston Archeological Society will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall at the University of St. Thomas. **Please note that due to a conflict with freshman orientation at the University, this is the second Thursday of the month, not our normal third Thursday date.** Long-time HAS member, **Wilson W. "Dub" Crook**, will discuss the Megalithic culture of the island nation of Malta. This meeting is free of charge and open to the public.

In the fall of 2016, Dub had the opportunity to spend some time on two of the islands that make up the small island nation of Malta. What he found was a place with a little known but incredibly rich archeological history beginning in the Neolithic and stretching through medieval times. Dub was particularly intrigued by the megalithic culture which began with the arrival of early farmers from Sicily about 5,200 B.C. For a thousand years, these farmers established a culture that raised sheep, goats and cattle and began exploiting the islands' thin soils for cereal grains. These early settlers lived in small communities of a few family units in oval-shaped stone house structures.

Abruptly, in about 4,100 B.C., the culture changed and the island's inhabitants began to construct massive megalithic "temple" structures all over the islands of Gozo and Malta. Over 35 major temples and subterranean tombs have been found which pre-date the earliest beginnings of Stonehenge by over a thousand years. These temples, which are uniquely "apse-shaped", are the second oldest standing man-made structures in the world, second only to Gobekli Tepe in Turkey. Granted access to the main museum's collections, Dub also discovered that the island's inhabitants were part of an extensive inter-island network of trade with Sicily and mainland Italy for obsidian, chert, ceramics and food. After over 1,500 years of massive building and expansion, the Maltese megalithic culture vanished almost overnight. Archeologists have no clue as to what might have been the cause for the abandonment of the islands and their temples. While Malta has a long and varied Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman history, Dub's presentation will focus solely on the megalithic period, from the islands' first arrivals to the abandonment of the temples in 2,500 B.C.



Dub Crook is a Life Member (Fellow) of the Houston Archeological Society, a Life Member of the Dallas Archeological Society, a member of the Texas Archeological Societies, a member of the Center for the Study of the First Americans, a Life Member of the Gault School of Archeological research, a Research Fellow with the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, a Texas Archeological Steward, and a Fellow of the Leakey Foundation. He is the author of over 110 papers in the field of archeology and has recently published a new book on "The Peoples of the Bible". He is currently writing a new book on the "History and Archeology of Paul's Missionary Cities" which is due out in early 2018.

For a campus map of St. Thomas University, go to [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu) and look for the Interactive Map, Building 20, Anderson Hall. Street parking is available as well as paid parking (\$5) in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark. For more information about this program or about the HAS, please contact Linda Gorski, at [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com).



## President's Message

I have a sign on my bulletin board that reads “Enthusiasm is contagious. Not having enthusiasm is also contagious.” So true! All of us can change the tone of any meeting, dig, program, or activity simply by our enthusiasm level. And I’m convinced that the enthusiasm shown by HAS members is just one reason our society is so successful. Virtually every member of HAS is enthusiastic about being an avocational (or professional) archeologist and enthusiastic about being a good steward for archeology in the state of Texas.

For instance, if you missed our July meeting, you missed a good example of the enthusiasm of HAS members as Sharon Menegaz led an incredibly interesting and informative program on the 2017 TAS Field School. She gave several members in the audience, who had also attended field school, an opportunity to share their stories. Every single person had something positive and enthusiastic to say about their experiences at field school. It was a great night! One common thread among the comments shared was how fantastic it was to share experiences with avocational and professional archeologists from across the State of Texas and beyond at the 2017 field school.

We have another opportunity coming up in October to share our enthusiasm for the Houston Archeological Society and to meet other archeologists from across the State of Texas. If you have never attended a Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting, you should plan to attend the one coming up in Fort Worth, October 20 – 22. It’s being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine and is being hosted by our friends from the Tarrant County Archeological Society. This is the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the TAS and there are a lot of special programs and activities planned. Many of you participated in the 2015 TAS Annual Meeting that was held here in Houston so you know what a wonderful “gathering of the clan” this meeting can be. I am sure that several HAS members, especially those from our professional ranks, will be presenting papers at the meeting. Louis Aulbach and I will be participating in the TAS Annual Meeting Book Festival, sponsored by the Journal of Texas Archeology and History, discussing our series of walking guides to archeological sites in Rome. I’m especially excited to attend a book signing by Brad Jones and Amy Borgens for the long-awaited book on the LaBelle project, which several HAS members participated in (“LaBelle: The Archaeology of a Seventeenth Century Vessel of New World Colonization”) and to hear our good friend from SHUMLA, Dr. Carolyn Boyd, discuss her newest book on the rock art of the Lower Pecos (“The White Shaman Mural, An Enduring Creation Narrative in the Rock Art of the Lower Pecos”).

This promises to be another great TAS meeting and I hope you will join us there. Some of us have already made our hotel reservations (NOTE: A huge Bass Pro Shop is attached to the hotel! It don’t get much better ‘n ‘at Bubba!). For more information check out the TAS website at [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org). Click on “Event Details” under the paragraph describing the 88<sup>th</sup> TAS Annual Meeting on the home page. We will provide more information about this meeting in the September newsletter.

Thanks again for your incredible support of the Houston Archeological Society. Please email me back at [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com) if you have any questions about membership or about the upcoming TAS meeting.

- Linda Gorski, President Houston Archeological Society

# Minutes

## Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting

### July 20th, 2017

Welcome New Members and Guests (Linda Gorski, President)

**Treasurers Report** (Bob Sewell): We have had some expenditure on publications lately. If any member is interested in more information about HAS finances, please see Bob.

**Membership** (Bob Sewell): So far in 2017 HAS membership is 195.

#### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee** (Linda): Sharon Menegaz, Geoff Mills, and Frank Kozar are our nominating committee for the upcoming year. We have had nominations for all Board positions and will report next month on who will run. Thanks so much!

**Education Committee** (Linda): We are starting to get requests for school outreach programs for the new school year. If you would like to be part of our team that goes into schools to give presentations, please let us know. We need folks to supervise kids in hands-on activities.

**Publications** (Dub Crook and Louis Aulbach): Dub reported that Journal 137 is here tonight. Pick yours up! It is 116 pages long and includes 13 papers! Next month, Special Report 29 on the Andy Kyle Collection, currently housed at the Sam Houston Regional Library in Liberty, TX., should be available. This report is a summary of the pre-history of Southeast Texas. Also, Special Report #28 on the Kellum-Noble House will be available in September. Coming later this year will be a journal on Etruscan/Roman archeology.

**Camp Logan Exhibit at Rice University** (Linda): This exhibit celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States participation in WWI. Watch for the article in our August newsletter.

**Civil War Artifacts** (Linda): We just had report from Joshua Farrar who is using these artifacts for his master's thesis at Texas A&M. He will write an article for an upcoming newsletter about his findings so far. These artifacts were sunk in Buffalo Bayou in 1865 and were dredged out of the Bayou in 1968. The Heritage Society will display them in a 2018 exhibit!

**Lab Report:** We hope to begin labs at Rice University in the fall. However, we will probably hold a couple of informal labs in Linda's driveway shortly to clean artifacts recovered recently from the Frost Town site. Watch for announcements. Parking at Rice is becoming increasingly more expensive.

#### **Outreach projects:**

**Frost Town:** Dr. Jason Barrett was not in attendance, but Linda reports that the Viaduct is not down yet; the project has been delayed until further notice. We may hold a workday in August.

**Kleb Woods Public Archeology project** (Linda): Ashley Jones will be our PI. We hope to have the permit shortly, and our first scheduled workday is Saturday August 5. Bob Sewell will send out announcements. This day will be for HAS members only.

#### **Other:**

**TAS Annual Meeting October 20–22, Fort Worth** - Several of our members will be giving presentations and signing books. This is a great opportunity to get to know avocational and professional archeologists from around the state.

**Program for August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting** – Dub Crook will present a program on The Megalithic Archeology of Malta, based on experiences on his recent trip there.

**Tonight's Program:** Report on 2017 TAS Field School at Camp Wood presented by Sharon Menegaz.

- *Beth Kennedy, Secretary*

**Cypress Historical Society's "Hands-On History Camps"  
Campers and members of the Houston Archeological Society  
at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and Heritage Farm, June 27, 2017**



*Cypress Historical Society*

**Sharon Menegaz and Members of the Houston Archeological Society**

**WOW! Your team hosted the most popular activity at our first "Hands-On History" Camp. This was a free summer day camp offered to areas youngsters in grades 4-6. We received a great deal of positive feedback from both the youngsters and their parents. Most mentioned the "Dig" as being the most exciting activity for the week.**

**You and the HAS have always done a wonderful job with young people and this was no exception. The "Dig" at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and Heritage Farm introduced our campers to the excitement of archeology. From the setting up and mapping of the dig, to the techniques and procedures including the "screening" for artifacts, provided a great opportunity for the campers to experience what archeologists do. The additional exhibits which included many "hands-on" artifacts, allowed the youngsters to explore the many questions they had.**

**Once again, thank you and the HAS members for offering the youngsters an exceptional "hands-on history" experience. We hope you join us next summer.**

***Jim Sigmund, CHS President***

***Jay Gavitt, Camp Director***

***James Wilson, Parks Historian***



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*Campers with members of the Houston Archeological Society*



*Campers examining artifacts*



*Campers digging for artifacts*



*Campers screening for artifacts*



*Campers viewing exhibits*

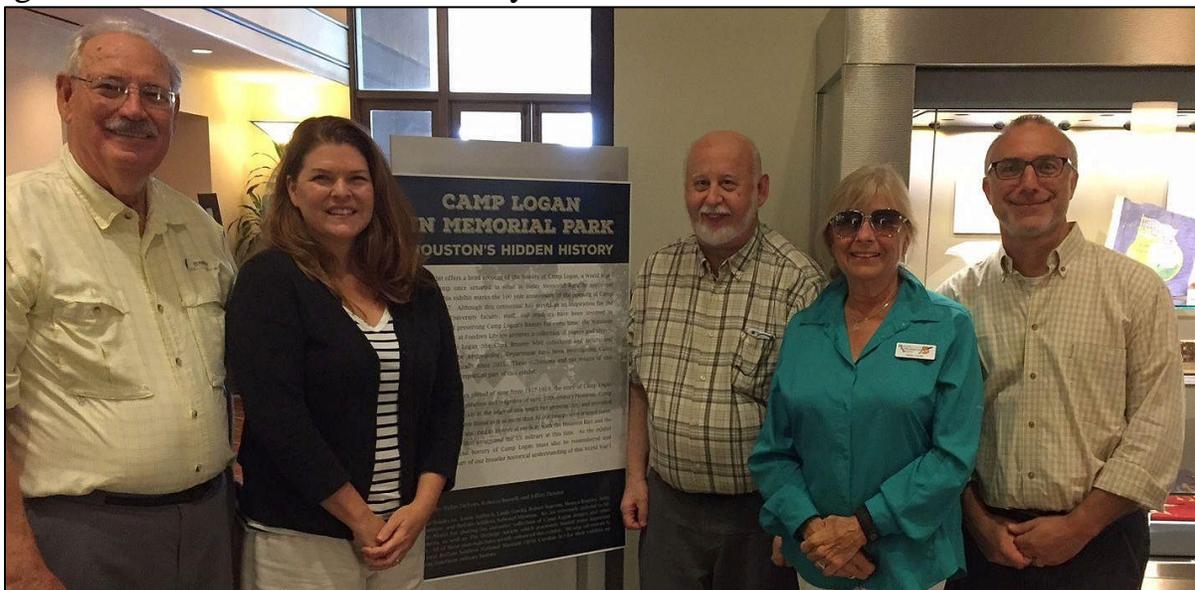
**THANK YOU, from our “Junior Archeologists”**

## **Camp Logan in Memorial Park – Houston’s Hidden History – An Exhibit at Rice University**

By Linda Gorski, President, Houston Archeological Society

For several years HAS Vice President Louis Aulbach and I have been researching Camp Logan, a WWI training camp that was built to house nearly 45,000 soldiers in what is now Memorial Park. In fact, in 2014, we published a book entitled *Camp Logan Houston Texas 1917 – 1919*, which is available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Camp-Logan-Houston-Texas-1917-1919/dp/1497448646/>. We frequently give presentations to local groups about Camp Logan and lead tours around the existing foundation features of the camp in Memorial park.

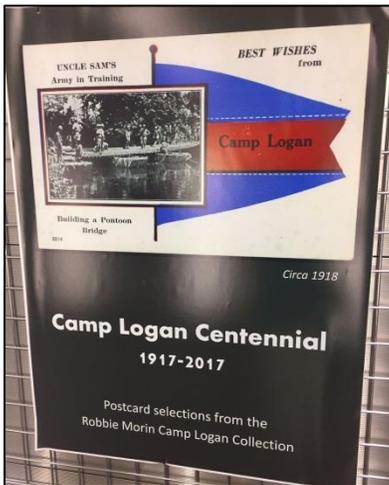
Recently Louis and I were honored to preview a new exhibit highlighting Camp Logan that opened in July at the Fondren Library at Rice University. The exhibit marks the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of Camp Logan in 1917, the year the United States entered WWI. Although this centennial has served as an inspiration for the exhibit, Rice University faculty, staff and students have been involved in researching and preserving Camp Logan’s history for some time. The Woodson Research Center at the Fondren Library archives a collection of papers and objects related to Camp Logan including the Clark Bruster WWI collection. Faculty and students from the Rice Anthropology Department have been investigating Camp Logan archeologically since 2015. These collections and the results of this research form an important part of this exhibit. HAS members Dr. Jeff Fleisher, an associate professor of Anthropology at Rice, and Aulbach, a 1970 Rice graduate, were part of the team instrumental in putting this exhibit together. Robbie Morin, a Houstonian who has one of the largest collections of Camp Logan memorabilia in the nation, loaned many of the items appearing in this exhibit to Rice University.



*Louis Aulbach, Rebecca Russell, archivist at the Fondren Library, Robbie Morin, Linda Gorski and Dr. Jeff Fleisher previewing the Camp Logan exhibit that opened recently at Rice University.*

The exhibit includes:

1st floor Hobby Information Concourse:



"Camp Logan in Memorial Park: Houston's Hidden History" exhibit offers a brief account of the history of Camp Logan, a World War I training camp once situated in what is today's Memorial Park in northwest Houston. Co-curated by Dylan Dickens (Martel '18), Dr. Jeffrey Fleisher and the Woodson Research Center.

1st floor hallway:



"Camp Logan Centennial 1917-2017 postcards" features selections of historic postcards from the Robbie Morin Camp Logan Collection on loan to the Woodson Research Center.

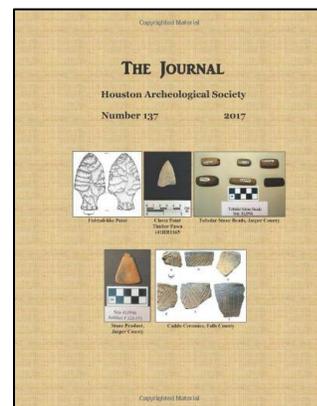
We think this exhibit is a great way to honor the soldiers who trained at Camp Logan, including nine who went on to win the Medal of Honor in WWI, and to share a bit of Houston history that has remained hidden for too long.

The exhibit will be on display in the Fondren Library through December, 2017. Fondren Library Summer 2017 Visitor Hours are Sunday - Closed; Monday through Thursday 7am to 9pm; Friday 7am to 6pm; Saturday 10am to 6pm. This exhibit is free of charge and open to the public.

## New HAS Publications

For about a year you have heard me talk about several new publications that HAS members have been diligently working on. Three of these have now been completed and printed and will be distributed to the membership over the next several months.

Starting with the July membership meeting HAS *Journal* #137 was handed out to all members in attendance. This is the largest issue of *The Journal* in the history of the Houston Archeological Society and contains 13 papers spanning every aspect of Texas archeology, from Paleoindian (3 papers) to Archaic (2 papers) to Late Prehistoric (7 papers) to Historic (1 paper). The entire issue is 116 pages in length and covers such diverse topics as sourcing turquoise using X-Ray Fluorescence, Poverty Point-like drilled stone beads, an analysis on the damage to arrow points from the East Fork of the Trinity River, an analysis of two Minnie balls from the Levi-Jordan Plantation, and descriptions of paleo points (including Clovis) from several private collections.



At the August 10 membership meeting, in addition to *Journal* issue #137, we will also be distributing copies of HAS Report #29 which covers the Andy Kyle Archeological Collection currently curated at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas. As many of you know, several HAS members have been working on this collection over the last five months with the goal of assisting the Center in creating a new, interactive exhibit on the prehistory of southeast Texas. This special report uses the Kyle Collection to discuss the various chronological periods of southeast Texas prehistory and contains over 90 color photographs of diagnostic artifacts.

The last publication is HAS Report #28 on the salvage excavations conducted by HAS members at the Kellum-Noble House in downtown Houston. The report has been edited by Beth Aucoin and is 145 pages long with 14 individual papers detailing every major type of artifact recovered from the excavations. This report will be distributed to the membership starting at the September meeting.

What's in the works for the future? HAS members are currently working on a series of papers which will go into *Journal* issue #138 which will be dedicated to Etruscan and Roman archeology. I expect this issue of *The Journal* to be ready either at year-end 2017 or early in 2018.

Remember, all HAS publications are free with your society membership. Louis Aulbach will bring copies of *Journal* issue #137 and Report #29 (Andy Kyle Archeological Collection) to the August 10 membership meeting. Even if you are not currently a member, if you come to one of these future meetings and pay your membership fee, you can walk home with the above publications. So please come to the meetings in August and September and pick up your copies of these great new archeological publications. I guarantee you will learn a lot about archeology by reading them!

## HAS Member Merle Hudgins Releases New Book on Civil War

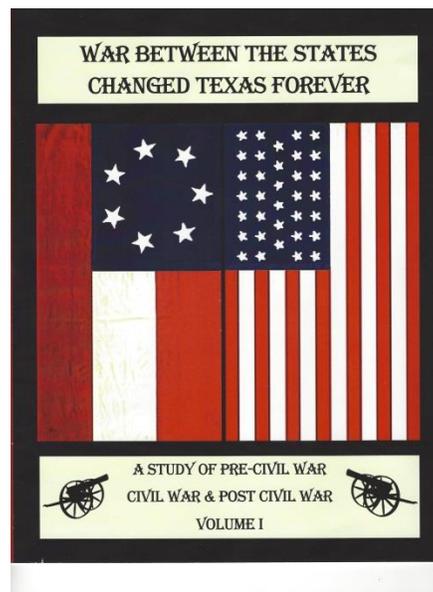


HAS member and Wharton County historian Merle Reue Hudgins' newest book, **War Between the States Changed Texas Forever – A Study of pre-Civil War, Civil War, post-Civil War**, is hot off the press. The 850 page book is published in two volumes. Hudgins spent over five years compiling the turmoil, tragedy, and triumph of those times in a style that will appeal to all readers interested in the factual history of Texas and this period. The 28 chapters are reminiscent of *The New Handbook of Texas* in which Hudgins has over 70 contributions. Each chapter targets a single subject giving its history to reveal how it impacted the course of Texas history beginning with settlement of Amerindians.

Hudgins targeted those counties having the largest number of plantations and slaves, as they were the crux on which historians hang the blame for the American Civil War. One cannot tell the story of this period without including the entire state. This was done in a fact-laden style of mixing statistics and archival accounts.

Some of the topics include:

- “Farming & Other Ways to Make a Living.” Texas colonists found perfect conditions for cotton, sugar cane, corn, and rice to create plantations.
- “Disease and Treatment.” During the Civil War, disease caused more deaths than bullets; cures sometimes worse than illness in the struggle to stay alive.
- “History of Slavery.” Slavery’s impact on the New World and Texas seen in excerpts from newspapers, diaries, and court records, with data on numbers, treatment, concentrations, and economic impact.
- “Reconstruction.” Once the war is over, the victor declares its terms for forgiveness. A second Civil War during the post war period 1865-1870 brought harsh terms to create continued disunity between northern and southern states.
- “Political Parties in Texas 1846-1900.” Political parties determine the “*who*” will be in charge of local and national government. More political parties emerge and die during this period than in any other in US history.
- “Texas Law and Order.” Reconstruction creates greatest violence period in history of Texas and other southern states; no one is safe, no area not affected. Revenge sought by supporters of both sides of Civil War during 1870s-1880s has no winning side.



Over 100 illustrations give readers an insight to the times and mindset of both sides of this conflict. Texas State Historical Association gave the author permission to use panels from their *Texas History Movies*. Northern views can be seen with the political cartoons created by Thomas Nast in Harper’s Weekly Magazine.

As with her prior publications, Hudgins has given the copyright to the Wharton County Historical Commission, non-profit arm of Texas Historical Commission, to create funding to facilitate its efforts to preserve, protect, and promote the history of Wharton County. Purchase price is \$75 + \$10 mailing. To order by mail: WCHC, 1406 Kelving Way, Wharton, Texas 77488. Order forms can be obtained via <http://whartoncountyhistcomm.com>. Please specify if buyer wants author’s autograph and if a dedication is wanted (list name/s).

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**Programs for 2017**

**September 21** – Scotty Moore, Professor of Archeology, Houston Community College, “**Search for the People of the Palm: Prehistoric Archaeology in the Ecuadorian Rainforest**”.

**October 19** – Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, “**Beyond the Glitz and Glamor of Campus Martius: A Serious Look at the Ancient Ruins in Rome’s Tourist Mecca**”.

**November 16** – Dan Worrell “**Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century**”.

**December** - Date to be announced – **Wrap up of HAS Activities in 2017**

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Please submit articles for publication to *The Profile* Editor Bob Sewell at [newsletter@txhas.org](mailto:newsletter@txhas.org). Submit articles no later than August 26<sup>th</sup> for the September 2017 issue.

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