

Heritage Society – Building Arts Lecture

26th August, 2015

“Preserving a Landmark: Archeology at the Kellum-Noble House”

On Wednesday, August 26th, the Houston Archeological Society presented the prestigious Building Arts Lecture at the Heritage Society in Houston highlighting the emergency salvage archeology project we undertook on behalf of the Texas Historical Commission earlier this year at the 1847 Kellum Noble House in Sam Houston Park. It was a terrific three month project with an amazing turnout of HAS members each weekend to screen literally tons of dirt removed from the interior foundations of the oldest house still standing on its original foundation in Houston. (A huge thanks to HAS member Dr. Roger Moore for his professional guidance on this project!)



During the course of the project, (see photo reports on the Kellum Noble project as it was ongoing at http://www.txhas.org/kellum_noble_house_bulletins.html) we recovered an amazing 10,200+ artifacts including rare German marbles dating from the 1850s, ceramics, glass, buttons, munitions, artifacts made of bone and ivory, jewelry and other metal items – even clay pipes including a beautiful and rare Queen Victoria effigy pipe! HAS members Beth Aucoin, Charlie Gordy and Tracy Connell cleaned, catalogued, and documented every single item and then Tracy professionally photographed each artifact. The dynamic threesome then put together an exhibit of just a few of the recovered artifacts which they brought to the Heritage Society to share during the program. It is an absolutely phenomenal exhibit and I'm sharing some of the photos here. The next time you see Beth, Charlie and Tracy give them a high five for a job incredibly well done!

Beth will be presenting a paper on this project at the 86th Annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Society on October 23 - 25, 2015 at the Omni Hotel here in Houston (Westside). For more information see http://www.txhas.org/tas_annual_meeting_2015_main.html or <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/am2015/>. We look forward to seeing you!

Linda Gorski, President



Emily Ardoin, Curator of Buildings at the Heritage Society, and one of the hardest workers during the Kellum Noble Project, introduces the speaker and the exhibit.



Charlie Gordy, Beth Aucoin and Tracy Connell put together the exhibit that was on display during the Building Arts Lecture at the Heritage Society

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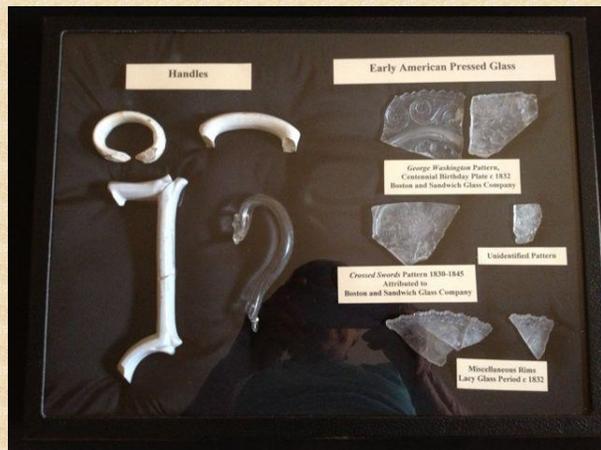
Ceramics Display



Glass Display



Buttons



Ceramics and glass



Various ceramics including transferware and a Texian campaign wear sherd



A display of pipes and stems

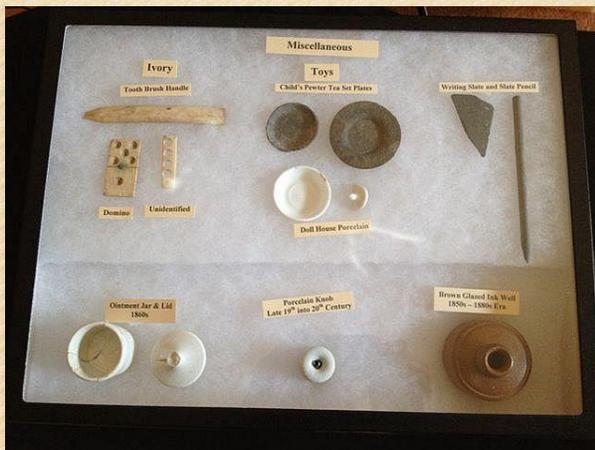
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Glass bottles



A display of marbles



Miscellaneous ivory, pewter, and porcelain



Metal items



Partially reconstructed plates



Beth Aucoin with a reconstructed chamber pot