



**Houston Archeological Society Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Featuring Christopher Lintz, Ph.D.**



Dr. Christopher Lintz, Center for Archaeological Studies at Texas State University in San Marcos, [Chris Lintz : Center for Archaeological Studies : Texas State University](#).

The HAS February meeting takes place on February 20 at 6:00 p.m., and we are pleased to welcome Christopher Lintz, Ph.D. This meeting will be virtual only, as our speaker resides in Austin, when he's not busy working field projects throughout Texas. Dr. Lintz will discuss his fifty-five years of research studying the Late Prehistoric Antelope Creek Phase people in the Texas-Oklahoma panhandles, including domestic architecture and settlement patterns, Alibates flint trade and quarrying activities, and the collapse and demise of the culture in the mid to late 1400s.

Lintz received his M.A. (1975) and Ph.D. (1984) in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma and his B.A. in Anthropology from Arizona State University (1970). He has conducted and directed cultural resource management archaeology in seventeen states and Puerto Rico, working for various universities and private consulting firms. In 2006, he became the first full-time Cultural Resource Specialist for the Wildlife Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, where he managed cultural resources on some fifty-one Wildlife Management Areas across 1,200 square miles of Texas and coordinated cultural

resource consultation for federal grants addressing habitat restoration projects on private lands. He retired from this state agency in 2016 and currently serves as a Research Associate at the Center for Archaeological Studies at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Since 1970, Lintz has focused his geographical research interests on the southern High Plains, with emphasis on ecological anthropology involving paleo-environmental reconstruction, human adaptation, settlement/subsistence patterns, architectural and community patterns, technological trends in lithic resource extraction and tool manufacture, ceramic technology, and regional exchange/interaction across the Southern Plains region with adjacent areas, especially during the Late Prehistoric Period. He has built and actively maintains lithic cache and obsidian databases from sites across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas as a means of documenting cultural interactions. Since many of the prehistoric cultural definitions are shaped by the personalities and interactions of early archeologists, he has compiled biographical research on early investigators who worked across the Southern Plains and Southeastern Colorado.



Chris Lintz and Frank Kozar uncovering a bison scapula at Nighthawk bison jump site, March 2024. Photograph courtesy of Frank Kozar.

Lintz has published more than 370 reports, articles, and book chapters on a wide range of projects and research topics. Lintz has served as an officer or member of advisory and steering committees for the Plains Anthropological Society, the Texas Archaeological Society, Oklahoma Anthropological Society, and the Texas Historical Commission. He is a steward of the Texas Historical Commission. Lintz has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Panhandle Archaeological Society, a Lifetime Membership Award from the Hill Country Archeological Society, and a Distinguished Service Award from the Plains Anthropological Society. Several of his projects have been recognized with THC Merit in Archaeology

Awards and he has been recognized as a TAS Fellow. His current research focuses on the Late Prehistoric acquisition, shaping, and spread of Alibates flint trade blanks and caches across the region from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Contrary to previous exchange models, most of the Alibates flint was being exchanged with contemporaneous cultures in south-central Kansas, rather than the Puebloan cultures in New Mexico. Detailed distribution studies of decorative motifs on Plains cord marked pottery hold the key for mapping prehistoric interactions that provide insight into regional interactions and flint exchanges. The scarcity of decorative Antelope Creek phase pottery near the Alibates flint quarries relative to the abundance of decorated cord marked ceramics in a crescent-shaped region from the Oklahoma panhandle southeastward through the Buried City Complex, and south to sites near Matador in Motley County, suggests that sites near the Alibates quarries were buffered from larger regional impacts, especially from Bluff Creek, Pratt, and Wilmore complexes in south-central Kansas which also reflect decoration motifs on their cord marked pottery. The presence of much larger houses in the Buried City complex along Wolf Creek (one of only two sweet water drainages flowing towards the east), raises the possibility that the Buried City Complex, and possible large sites like Stamper in the Oklahoma panhandle might represent Late Prehistoric rendezvous trade centers. Development and testing of the distribution of cord marked decorative motifs validated by INAA studies of ceramic paste should illuminate regional trading relations across the region and perhaps document the nature of Antelope Creek regional abandonment after 1450/1500.

We hope that you will join us virtually for this fascinating lecture. The link for the meeting will be sent to currently registered members as we get closer to the meeting date. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting or in the field at our various projects.

For more information about this program or about the Houston Archeological Society, please contact Bob Sewell at president@txhas.org. Sources and further information about Dr. Lintz may be found at [Christopher-Lintz-HCAWebsite.pdf](#); <https://cas.anthropology.txst.edu/about/cas-staff/lintz.html>.

See you in the field! Frank Kozar, HAS Vice President

HAS Memberships for 2025 Are Due

We hope you will renew your membership in the Houston Archeological Society - and maybe even give a membership as a gift to someone you know who might enjoy digging up Texas history with us, one trowel-full at a time. You may pay your dues online using a credit card at www.txhas.org/membership.html. Or, if you prefer to submit your payment by mail, then please print and include this completed form along with your check made payable to Houston Archeological Society: www.txhas.org/PDF/HAS%20Membership%20Form.pdf. Our memberships are the best deal in town, available at \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), \$15 (Student), and \$35+ at the Contributing Membership level. Remember that benefits of your membership include the unique opportunity to dig with us at archeological sites in the area, work with us at our labs where we process artifacts from those sites, and receive free copies of our current academic publications including HAS Reports and Journals. Please join us!!!! Note: If you joined after September, then your membership is good for 2025.



Coming Next Month: March Map Madness

In the spirit of March Madness, the HAS team hits the court with Map Madness, thinking about archeology and history as communicated through maps. Maps are frequently referenced in archeological work, such as the review of historic maps when interpreting the context of a proposed dig site and LIDAR maps. We invite all HAS members and friends to submit a digital copy or link to some of your favorite maps, whether they are hanging on your wall, or sourced from a museum collection, research, or archeological site. Just an image is fine, although an explanatory paragraph or article is welcomed. Remember that we will post this in our newsletter online, so please do not include location information that should remain confidential, and please provide the source for your map. Please send submissions by February 15 to newsletter@txhas.org.

President's Message – Bob Sewell



The first item of business for HAS every year is the presentation and approval of the budget for the upcoming year. I am pleased to announce that the budget for 2025 was unanimously approved by HAS membership. Many thanks to all of you who voted.

We also have started the new year out in the field again with visits to the Goloby site (41WL3) near Brookshire and to the Lone Oak site (41CD168) near Frelsburg. Three of our new members participated at Lone Oak. We cleared up the Lone Oak site last December after having mothballed it for several months, and we started a couple of new units. Even though the weather was cold, it soon warmed up and became a beautiful sunny day. Last Saturday we got our electric fence installed so that the units are protected, and the resident herd of cattle will be safe. Since we had an hour to spare before lunch, we worked on one of the recent units down to 60cm and we found the sweet spot! Photos of the artifacts found are shown. Initial analysis indicates a Pedernales point (partial) and a possible Friday blade.

Left: Pedernales Point (Partial) 3,000 – 2,000 B.P.
Right: Friday Blade (Possible) 4,000 – 1500 B.P.
Lone Oak site (41CD168), January 2025.
Photographs by Robert Sewell.

Goloby was a bit muddy. We are still not deep enough in any of our new units at either site to have recovered artifacts, but we will get there. We had to cancel our visit to the Walnut Tree Hill site due to the ice storm, but we will return soon.

Since we are now already into February, don't forget to renew your HAS membership if you have not done so already. We give a grace period, but why not get your renewal done and out of the way so that you don't miss out. You can easily do this by going to our membership page at www.txhas.org/membership. I look forward to welcoming you back to HAS for 2025 and seeing many of you out in the field or at our monthly meetings. If you have any questions about the Houston Archeological Society, please email me at president@txhas.org.



Bob Sewell, HAS President



Above: Other examples from Angostura Lanceolate; Projectile Points Identification

Right: Other examples from Friday Bi-Face; Projectile Points Identification



What Do You Think?

Is the artifact pictured above right, recovered at the Lone Oak site (41CD168), a Friday blade, or an Angostura?

Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2025

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. – Bob Sewell, President. Happy New Year, and welcome to the first HAS meeting of 2025. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Announcement – Bob Sewell, President. We would like to wish a sad farewell to Dr. Tim Perttula, who passed away on January 13, 2025. Dr. Perttula was a longtime TAS and HAS member, and a prolific archeological scholar. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Membership – Louis Hebert, Treasurer. HAS completed 2024 with a total of 200 members, including 6 lifetime, 23 students, 18 contributing, and 32 family members. This is an improvement from 2023, which was completed with 188 members. So far, we are starting 2025 with 104 members (including lifetime members and new members from September to December 2024). Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2025! Yearly dues are \$15 for students, \$25 for individuals, and \$30 for families. Memberships can be renewed quickly and easily on the HAS website:

<http://www.txhas.org/membership.html>

Treasury – Louis Hebert, Treasurer. We finished 2024 in good financial health. We are happy to announce that the proposed budget for 2025 was approved unanimously by our membership, with a total of 66 votes cast. The 2025 budget is comparable with that of 2024, except for some cost increases on physical storage, subscriptions, website hosting, and domain names.

Projects – Bob Sewell, President.

- **Lone Oak** (41CD168)
 - We restarted excavations at this site on January 11. Two new units were opened, but we are only at 20cm so far.
 - We also need to put up an electric fence here soon to keep cattle out, so hopefully we will plan to get this done as soon as possible.
- **Goloby** (41WL3)
 - We last visited this site on January 15 – those who attended had the chance to meet Diane Goloby, the owner of the site.
 - We are down to 60cm in one unit.
- **Walnut Tree Hill** (Alleyton)
 - We will potentially be visiting this site next on Saturday, January 18, weather permitting. We are waiting to hear from the owner as to whether we will have access to the site, and if we can't get in touch we will err on the side of caution and postpone this visit to another day.
- Members interested in participating in upcoming site visits may look out for invitations from fielddirector@txhas.org.
- **Upcoming:**
 - **Kirbee Kiln**
 - Our upcoming visit to Kirbee Kiln has unfortunately been **cancelled** due to Dr. David Brown injuring his shoulder and wrist. It is unclear when or if this will come again, depending on his recovery.
 - **Crying Woman Ranch** – Frank Kozar, Vice President.
 - Per Mike McBride with HCAA, it is possible that we may have another invitation to help out at this site the week before the TAS Archeobotany Academy in early April. Keep an eye out for more information as plans solidify.

February 2025 Monthly Meeting – Our speaker for next month will be Dr. Chris Lintz, speaking about Late Prehistoric Antelope Creek Phase people in the Texas-Oklahoma panhandles. Because Dr. Lintz is based in the Austin area, February's meeting will most likely be virtual only via Zoom again. Tonight's presentation, conducted by Dr. Heather Para, is entitled *Solid as a Rock: Ritual Reuse of Hearthstones and Monuments in Early Medieval Wales*.

The business meeting was concluded at 6:46 p.m.

Noah Newland, HAS Secretary



In Memoriam

Timothy Keith Perttula
10/30/1953 ~ 1/13/2025

Timothy K. Perttula was a Caddo archaeologist who studied all facets of the Caddo archaeological and native history record for the better part of five decades. He particularly focused on the archaeological and native history of Caddo Indian peoples in East Texas and the documentation of the material culture record of Caddo peoples from ca. A.D. 800-1840.

Originally from the mid-west, Perttula worked as an archeologist at Archeological & Environmental Consultants, LLC in Austin, worked on the Section 106 project for the Texas Historical Commission, and served as an historic preservation specialist of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from 1989 to 1990. Perttula specialized in Native American archeology and Caddo Indian archeology. While attending graduate school, Dr. Perttula worked for a variety of archeological firms and universities, including Southern Methodist University, Missouri State University, University of North Texas, and Prewitt & Associates, Inc.

Throughout the course of his career, Dr. Perttula considered his most notable achievement to be the working relationship he established with the Nation of Oklahoma peoples. Prior to embarking on his professional path, he pursued an education at The Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1975. Later, Dr. Perttula continued his education at the University of Washington, graduating with a master's degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in archeology in 1977 and 1989, respectively.

Recognized for his exceptional undertakings, Dr. Perttula was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Archeological Society in 2017 and an Archeologist Award from the Texas Historical Commission in 2002. He published numerous books and academic works, founded and edited the *Caddoan Archeology Journal* and remained active with the Society for American Archaeology, the Texas Archeological Society, and the Society for Historical Archaeology. Perttula was a longtime member of the Houston Archaeological Society and a friend to many of our group.

From the Texas Archeological Society ~ It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of the greatest scholars of Texas Archeology and a TAS fellow, Dr. Timothy K. Perttula. Authoring hundreds of publications, Dr. Perttula's work throughout Texas, particularly East Texas archeology and ceramic analysis of Caddo wares, made significant strides in our understanding of the people, history, and culture of the region. He was an advocate for collaboration, and he was vocal about the responsibility of archeologists to publish their work and make their research available to other scholars. Tim was committed to Texas archeology, evidenced by his tenure as the longest serving BTAS editor in our organization's history, serving for twenty-five years, in addition to his TAS board and committee service. Those of us who had the honor of working, collaborating, and learning with Tim will never forget his contributions or his one-of-kind character. An enigmatic and memorable figure, as well as a true friend to Texas archeology, his death is a great loss to the field and our community.

Sources and more about his life and publications may be found at [Timothy K. Perttula, PhD, Celebrated for Dedication to the Field of Archaeology](#); [Timothy K. Perttula - Google Scholar](#); [Timothy Perttula Research profile](#); [Anthropology and Archaeology Laboratory](#); [Caddo Conference Organization](#); and [Caddo Landscapes in the East Texas Forests \(American Landscapes\)](#): Perttula, Tim: 9781785705762; Amazon.com: Books; <https://youtu.be/SujxAY-sOCg?feature=shared>.





Source: Black History Month - Texas A&M University Press

February is Black History Month – Celebrate this Important and Profound Story in the History of our State and Nation with these Events and Resources

Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site - Saturday, February 1 - Public Guided Tour for Black History Month. Staff members will teach about the enslaved people and sharecroppers who lived here during the plantation and post-emancipation eras and the archaeological history associated with them; visitlevijordanplantation.com.

George Ranch Black Cowboy Student Day –

Friday, February 7 - Bring your class out for Black Cowboy Student Education day at the George Ranch. Students will tour the park and discover what life was like for the African American cowboys that worked here at the Ranch in the 19th and 20th centuries.

www.georgeranch.org.

Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, West Columbia - Saturday, February 8 - Voices of Varner-Hogg: Oral History Journey.

On a guided tour, hear oral histories from those who lived at the Varner-Hogg Plantation throughout its history. Discover why oral histories are crucial to understanding this site's story and learn how to conduct your own oral histories using tools you already have.

Saturday, February 22 - Public Guided Tour for Black History Month. Learn about the people who lived at the plantation at different times throughout the site's history. The tour includes information about the enslaved people's skills and the accomplishments of cowboys like Hal Fields. varnerhoggplantation.com.

Market Square Park - Friday, February 21, 6 – 8 p.m. Celebrate Black History Month with an evening of music, art, and culture at Market Square Park in downtown Houston.

Houston Freedman's Town Conservancy - Through February 28 -

Bennett Road: A New Exhibition Celebrating Black Labor and Culture, Freedman's Town Visitor Center.



Above: www.georgeranch.org. Below: varnerhoggplantation.com.



Online Resources: Houston Public Library Black History Month events: [Events](#) - [Reservations](#) - [Visit us](#); Texas A & M University Press book recommendations: [Black History Month - Texas A&M University Press](#); [Texas AFT :Black History Month](#) • [Texas AFT](#) – The Texas American Federation of Teachers Profiles Important Texans - Black History Month is an important time for educators and students to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Black people throughout history and acknowledge the struggles and injustices of the past and present. Texas AFT highlights Black Texans from our communities, nominated by local leaders. [Black History Month - University of Houston](#); [Black History Month | Texas Education Agency](#); [TSU Black History Month](#).

Update from CoBALT Archeology, Victoria, Texas

The Coastal Bend Archaeological Logistics Team (CoBALT) is based in Victoria and is working the McNeill Ranch site (41VT141) in a cooperative agreement with the landowner and the Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB). While considered a significant Paleoindian site, 41VT141 was also regularly occupied by more recent prehistoric cultures over thousands of years. On January 3, the first excavation of 2025 proved to be an interesting one. Just under two inches of rain fell on the site since the last excavation, and cool weather with overcast skies made the digging pleasant.

In the north unit, Mike, John, and Cameron found what we think is the site's first sequent flake uniface. Located 120cm below datum, this specimen does not have the classic oval shape, but it has cortex around one edge and the positive and negative percussion bulbs typical of this interesting artifact. These artifacts can date back to Early Archaic period. Also discovered in the unit were a core, core fragment, a preform, and scraper. A lot of organics, debitage, and fire-cracked rock were also found in the unit.



Over in the west unit, Bill, Roger, Ann, Ben, and O.C. found another artifact that dates back to Early Archaic, a Gower. It was found about 125cm below datum and appears reworked with dulled basal edges and basal notch. This deep unit also produced several preforms, a core, a scraper, bone and burnt bone, clay balls, land snails, mussel shell, turtle, and lots of debitage and fire-cracked rock.

HAS members are always welcome to join us at the site or in the lab. The archaeology lab at the Museum of the Coastal Bend is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stop in at the museum's front desk for directions to the lab.

~ O. C. Garza

All photographs are courtesy of O.C. Garza. Source: [CoBalt](#).





Registration for the Texas Archeological Society 2025 Field School is now open! Each summer, the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) sponsors a week-long archeological field school. The program provides training in archeological techniques to Society members and contributes important new data to the state's archeological and historical heritage. No prior archeological experience is necessary. Activities and learning opportunities are offered for all ages, including excavation techniques, survey methods, and special training for newcomers and teachers. The TAS field school spans seven days and is led by professional archeologists and trained avocationalists. Participants may register for a minimum of three days or for the full week and choose excavation, survey, or the laboratory. Volunteers may also participate in the afternoon and evening workshops, educational programs, and social activities that are spread throughout the week. Several Field School Scholarships are also available. This year the 2025 TAS Field School takes place from June 14-21 in Milam and Robertson Counties. Red Mountain (also known as Sugarloaf Mountain) is a very important place for the Tonkawa people, who recently reclaimed this ancestral land and will maintain it with the help of the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association. The 2025 field school will be primarily survey-based, with limited excavation for the Youth Group and an exploratory team led by Dr. Tamra Walter. Lab work will focus on existing collections, providing in-depth lab activities such as sorting, data entry, analysis, and photography. Keep an eye out for more field school information on the TAS website and in the TAS spring newsletter. Learn more at TAS-Field School; nps/planyourvisit/texas.htm; statesman.com/tonkawa-tribe-sacred-sugarloaf-mountain.



You are invited to register to attend the TSHA 2025 Annual Meeting taking place in Houston this month from February 27 – March 1. The session about the Texas Tonkawas, taking place on Friday, February 28, at 3:00 p.m., will be chaired by HAS friend Brad Jones of the Texas Historical Commission. This illuminating session will delve into the history and scholarly re-evaluations of the Tonkawa tribe. Bob O'Dell, Producer/Writer at Sugarloaf Pictures, LLC, will present “1842-1843, When the Tonkawa Tribe Lived in Austin,” shedding light on the tribe’s significant period in Austin. Stanley S. McGowen, Ph.D., from Texas Christian University, will discuss “Re-Evaluating the 1601 Onate Expedition and Late 20th Century Conclusions of Tonkawa Origins,” offering new perspectives on the tribe’s historical roots. C.B. “Hoppy” Hopkins from Fredericksburg will provide commentary, enriching the discussion with contextual insights.



Additionally, the TSHA’s 23rd Annual San Jacinto Symposium will be held April 26-27 in Houston and the Jesse H. Jones Theatre at San Jacinto. Addressing the theme “The Battle of San Jacinto: Before, During, and After,” this annual event is presented by Texas State Historical Association and the San Jacinto Battleground Association. As the preeminent conference on the Texas Revolution era, the objective is to promote public awareness and scholarship on the Mexican national era in Texas (1821-1835), the Texas Revolution (1835-1836), the Battle of San Jacinto (1836), and the Republic of Texas (1836-1845). These pivotal years mark the transition from Spanish and Mexican sovereignty to independent Texas and annexation to the United States. HAS member Dr. Greg Dimmitt will be the featured speaker on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



Home - Real Places Conference 2025 - Texas Historical Commission (THC) hopes you will join the 2025 Real Places Conference, either in Austin or online for their ninth annual event. Topics include historic cemetery preservation, El Camino Real, the early history of Galveston Island, and a report on Loma del Mesquite near the Brownsville ship channel, an ancient village where marine shells were manufactured into gorgets, flat disc beads, tinklers, and tools.

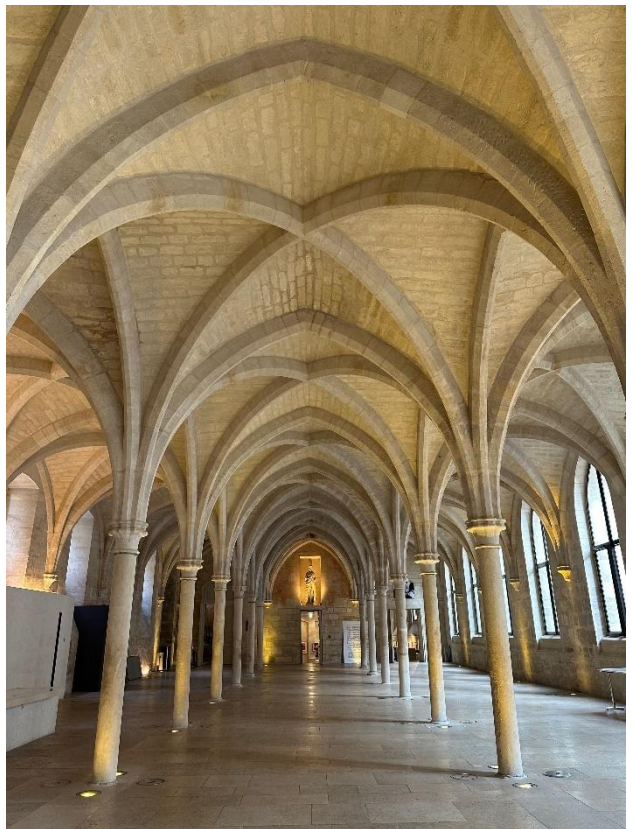
Notre-Dame and Medieval Archaeology: A Tour with Archaeology Now

Gail Larsen Peterkin

Our HAS Board Member Gail Larsen Peterkin also serves as President of Archaeology Now, which is the Archaeological Institute of America Houston Society. We appreciate her work with both these organizations. She and the leadership at Archaeology Now are sponsoring a fascinating series related to the history, archeology, culture, and restoration of Notre-Dame. In this article, Gail describes the recent Archaeology Now trip to France that focused on medieval archeology and history, and she also outlines for us several events scheduled over the upcoming months that you won't want to miss!

Archaeology Now (Archaeological Institute of America, Houston Society) sponsored a “Notre-Dame de Paris Medieval Tour” in December 2024, coinciding with the reopening of the cathedral after the catastrophic fire of April 15, 2019. The trip was planned and coordinated by Valerie Chouquet of Trésors de France. Valerie has extensive experience conducting small, VIP tours for five-star Parisian hotels. In Houston, she has offered Texans gourmet and luxury artisanal products from France, and she has introduced Parisians to Texas barbeque sauce and other regional specialties.

Of course, Paris was decked out in all its holiday finery while we were there. However, the focus of the trip was on Notre-Dame and medieval archaeology. We toured the Collège des Bernardins, the former home for Cistercian monks studying in Paris. Renovated in 2008, initial construction began in 1248. A walking tour of medieval structures on the right bank with Paris Historique began at the Maison d’Ourscamp, one of the oldest structures in Paris. The group also dined at the Michelin-starred Auberge Nicolas Flamel, the oldest house in Paris (1407) and an inn that once belonged to the alleged alchemist.



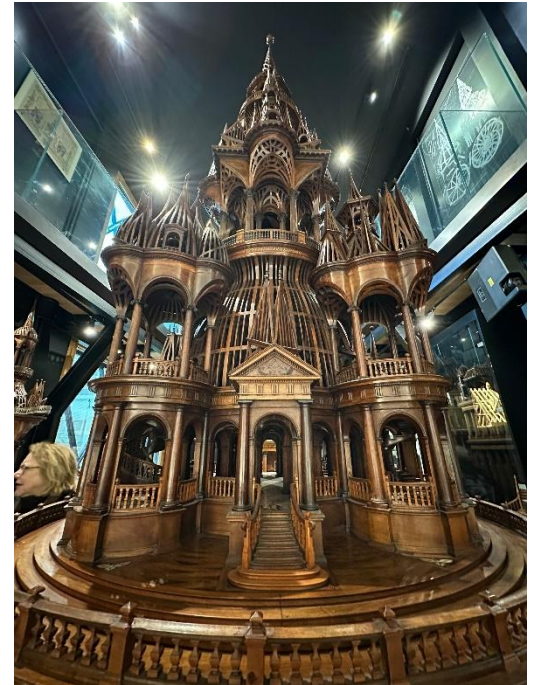
Above: Collège des Bernardins. Left: Musée de Cluny. Note the remnants of polychrome paint. All photographs by Gail Larsen Peterkin, December 2024.



Before leaving Paris, we stopped in at the Musée de Cluny to see the special exhibit *Faire Parler les Pierres: Sculptures Médiévale de Notre-Dame*. The exhibit featured some of the medieval statuary recovered during INRAP’s archaeological excavations in the transept crossing after the fire. About a thousand fragments of medieval statuary were recovered during the excavations, with around 700 still exhibiting vestiges of the original polychrome paint. Many of the fragments came from a 13th century rood screen that separated the choir from the nave. (Renovation work by Viollet-le-Duc in the 19th century previously unearthed fifteen medieval sculptures from the rood screen, now on display at the Louvre.) In addition, two lead coffins were discovered during the recent excavations, one belonging to Canon Antoine de La Porte and another possibly associated with Renaissance poet Joachim du Bellay.

The primary archaeologist for the recent excavations at Notre-Dame, Christophe Besnier, will be speaking at the University of St. Thomas on Thursday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. (archaeologynow.org). He will discuss the excavations at Notre-Dame, which also yielded Carolingian, Merovingian, and even Roman remains. Besnier expects that they will ultimately be able to reconstruct 2,000 years of history on the Île de la Cité (<https://archeological-dig-at-notre-dame-unearths-2-000-years-of-history>). Dorothee Chaoui-Derieux, the chief heritage curator who oversaw the archaeological work at the cathedral, says that even the rubble from the fire has been conserved for future research and will provide data on the initial construction and various phases of restoration of the cathedral.

While in Paris, we met with the Compagnons du Devoir at their headquarters. We toured the guild museum, viewed their spectacular wooden models, and learned about their rigorous apprenticeship program. The Compagnons, who are currently working at the Alamo, will bring a model of Notre-Dame to the Julia Ideson Library in downtown Houston. Archaeology Now is working with the library to create an exhibit about the people who helped renovate Notre-Dame. The exhibit will feature models, tools, and videos, along with seminars and activities for children. The materials will be on display from mid-June through the end of July. We hope that the exhibit will travel through the U.S. for a year or two. We also caught up with Marcel Pérès, the founder and director of Ensemble Organum. **The ensemble will be performing an evening of medieval chant at St. Anne's Catholic Church this month, on Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m.** (archaeologynow.org).



Right: Compagnons du Devoir model. Below left: Sarcophagus of Richard the Lionhearted, Rouen Cathedral. Below right: Sarcophagus of Rollo, Count of Rouen, Rouen Cathedral. All photographs by Gail Larsen Peterkin, December 2024.



The next stop was Normandy, where we dined at La Couronne, the oldest inn in France, and blended our own calvados at Château du Breuil. Normandy was all about Vikings (Rollo) and Normans (William the Conqueror). Rollo, the Count of Rouen and founder of the Norman dynasty, is interred in Rouen cathedral. To our surprise, next to his sarcophagus was one containing the heart of Richard the Lionheart, one of Rollo's descendants through William the Conqueror.

In Honfleur, we went to the immersive Viking exhibition and saw the experimental archaeological reconstruction of *La Mora*, the flagship of William the Conqueror's fleet. Oak for the ship was sourced from a nearby forest. Only period tools are used for construction, and smiths forge them onsite using traditional methods. The team in Honfleur is collaborating with the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde, Denmark, which has successfully sailed several Viking ship replicas. When *La Mora* is complete in another five years, it will be rowed across the English channel—minus horses, warriors, and weapons!

We saw the full account of the Norman Invasion and the 1066 Battle of Hastings as depicted in the Bayeux Tapestry, which was commissioned by William's brother Odo, the Bishop of Bayeux. We also visited Château de Falaise, a castle dating from the 12th-13th centuries. Also known as William the Conqueror's castle, William was born at a previous castle on the same site. On the way back to Paris, we spent some time in the medieval city of Provins, where we attended a festive medieval meal and wandered through the ancient streets.

Above: *La Mora*,
Honfleur, France.
Below left: An alleyway
in Provins.
Below right:
Entertainment at the
medieval dinner in
the ancient town
of Provins.
All photographs by Gail
Larsen Peterkin,
December 2024.



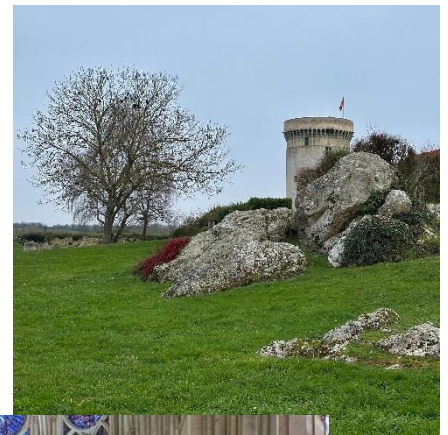
Before returning to Houston, we had a final chance to visit Notre-Dame de Paris, the prime objective of the trip. After all the VIPs and dignitaries departed (and traffic was back to normal), we were able to enter the cathedral on Sunday, December 15, about a week after the official reopening. The renovations are truly spectacular, and the interior of the cathedral is simply aglow with light. And it's so clean, with hundreds of years of grime removed! The side chapels are bright and vividly painted. The paint colors are all original. Restorers only cleaned and retouched the walls. **One of the art historians involved with the restoration, Jennifer Feltman, will be speaking at Rice University on Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.** (archaeologynow.org).

While we were inside the cathedral, we were treated to a brief Bach organ concert, very powerful after the cleaning of all 8,000 pipes. Of course, we went to lots of other places and had many other adventures—holiday festivities at Vaux-le-Vicomte, illuminations in Chartres, a holiday concert at Château de Fontainebleau, and lots of chilly Christmas markets and *vin chaud*! But the main purpose of the trip was to explore medieval archaeology, far afield from my previous research on the French Upper Palaeolithic in the Dordogne.

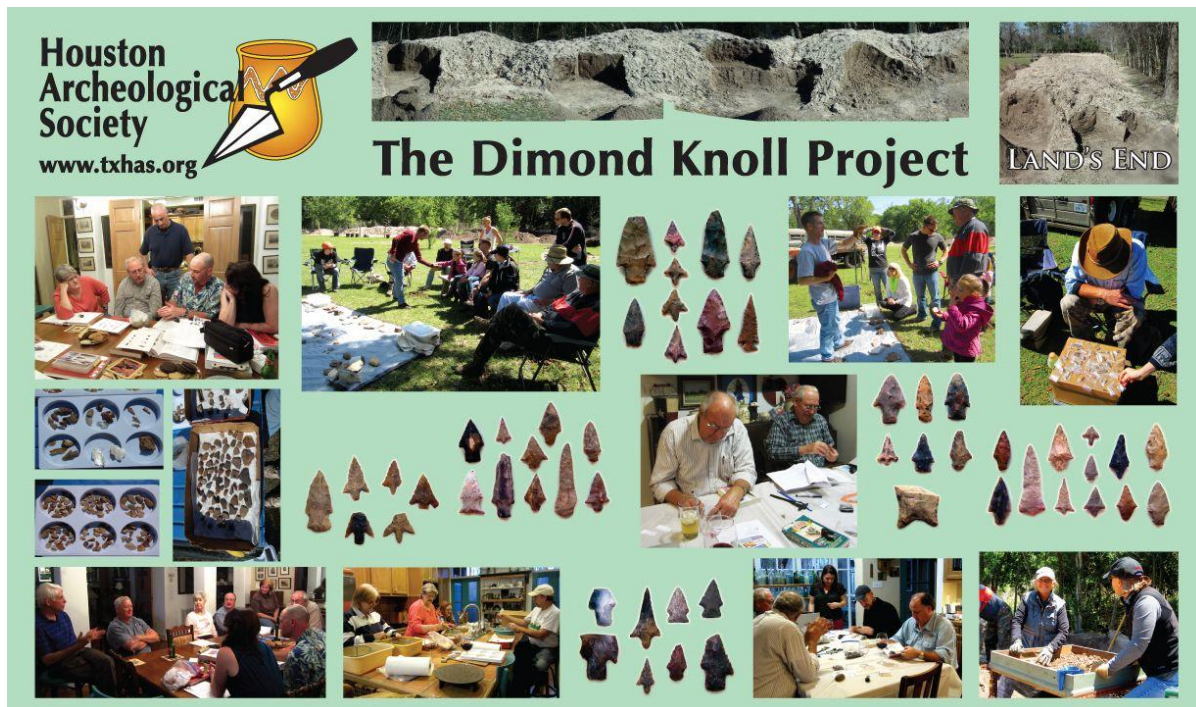
Please visit the Archaeology Now website (archaeologynow.org) for more information on upcoming events in the “Notre-Dame: A Wider World” series. The lectures and events are free of charge, with the exception of the Renaissance Banquet in June. See you there!



Right: Château de Falaise.
Left and below right : The interior
of Notre-Dame, beautifully
cleaned and restored.
All photographs by Gail Larsen
Peterkin, December 2024.
Below left: Detail from the Bayeux
Tapestry. Source:
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Dimond Knoll Presentation ~ February 8, 2025



On Saturday, February 8, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, HAS member Sharon Menegaz will give a presentation about Dimond Knoll (41HR796). This takes place at the Tomball Library, which is in Tomball at Lone Star College, 30555 Tomball Parkway. For more information, see:

[Lone Star College-Tomball Community Library | Harris County Public Library](#)

[Dimond Knoll Screening Project - Houston Archeological Society](#)

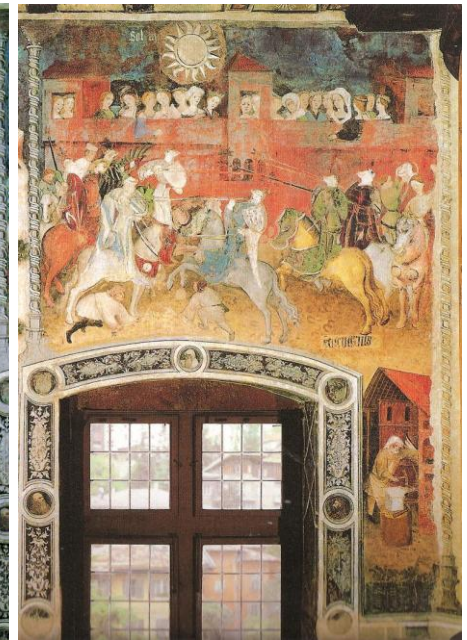
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The Cycle of Months Frescoes ~ Torre Aquila, Castello del Buonconsiglio, Trento, Italy January and February ~ Winter Weather and a Medieval Joust



Source: [The cycle of the months of Torre Aquila in the Castello del Buonconsiglio: an International Gothic masterpiece in Trento](#)



Victorian Vinegar Valentines 2025

These rather vicious cards
delivered insults instead of sweet
sentiments!

*Mischievously exploiting the
anticipation of recipients on St.
Valentine's Day, these grotesque
insults couched in humorous style
were sent to enemies and unwanted
suits, and to bad tradesmen by
workmates and dissatisfied
customers.*

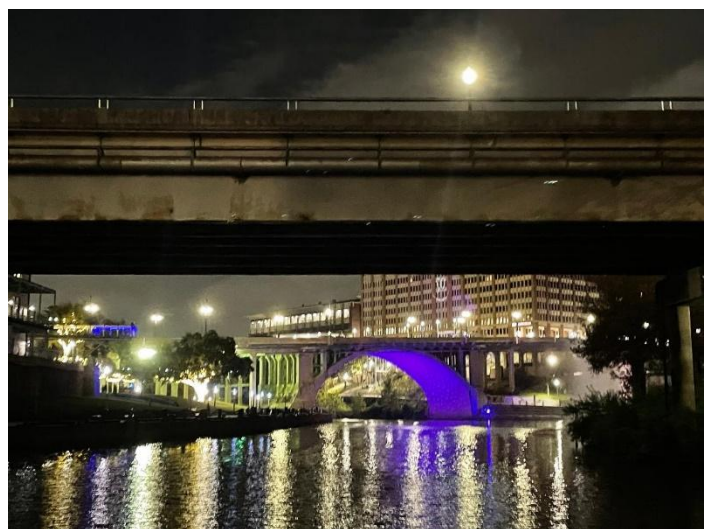
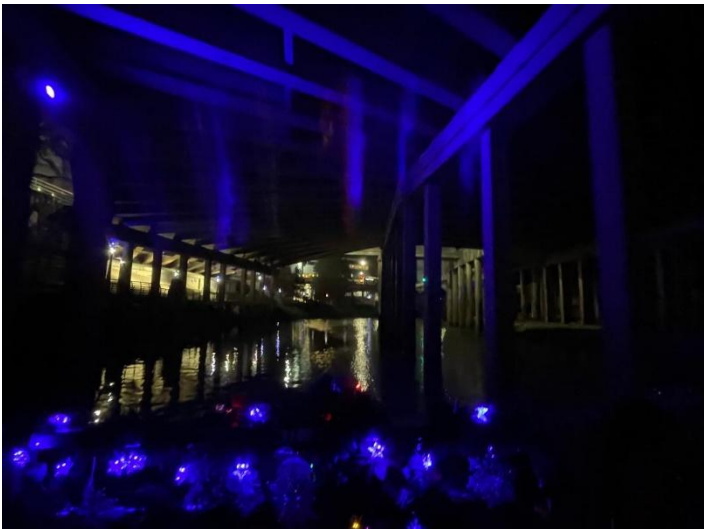
*The Gentle Author,
Spitalfields Life*



A Tug at the Heartstrings – Remembering Louis Aulbach

Over the holidays, my family enjoyed an evening pontoon boat ride offered by the Buffalo Bayou conservancy ([Buffalo Bayou Partnership](#)). Although these outings often include narration, the focus that night centered on the lovely waterside lights and skyline.

Our family kicked off the evening with tasty tacos and cocktails at the festively-decorated McIntyre's Downtown. Then, a paved walkway led us along the bank to the wharf at 1019 Commerce at Main, Allen's Landing Park, where we were welcomed aboard amid holiday music, although "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" blasted a few decibels too loudly ([Snow Glow on the Bayou | Downtown Houston](#)).



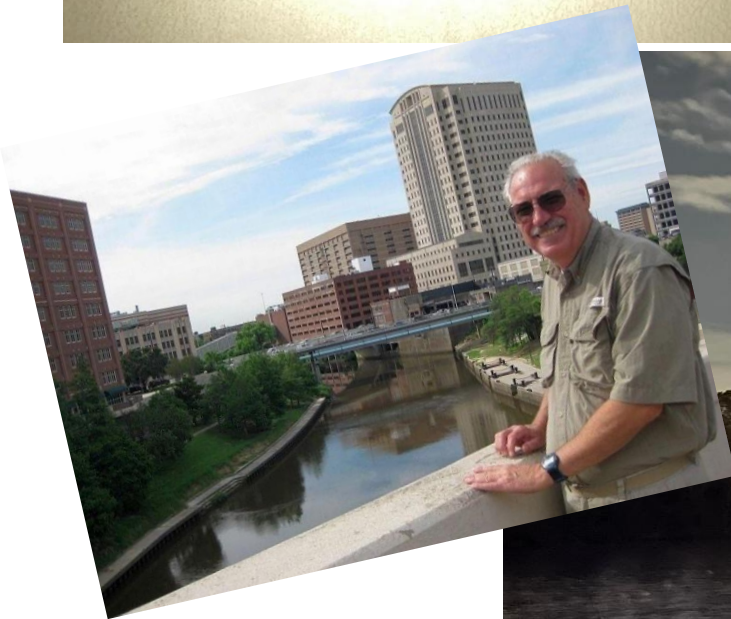
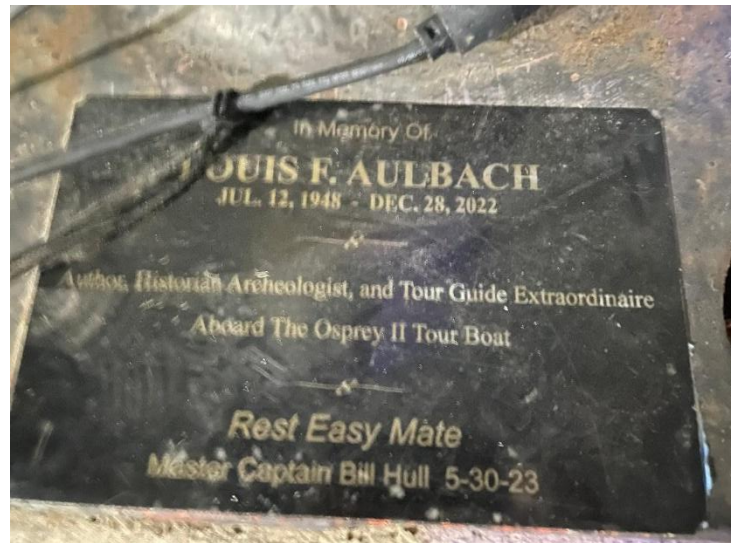
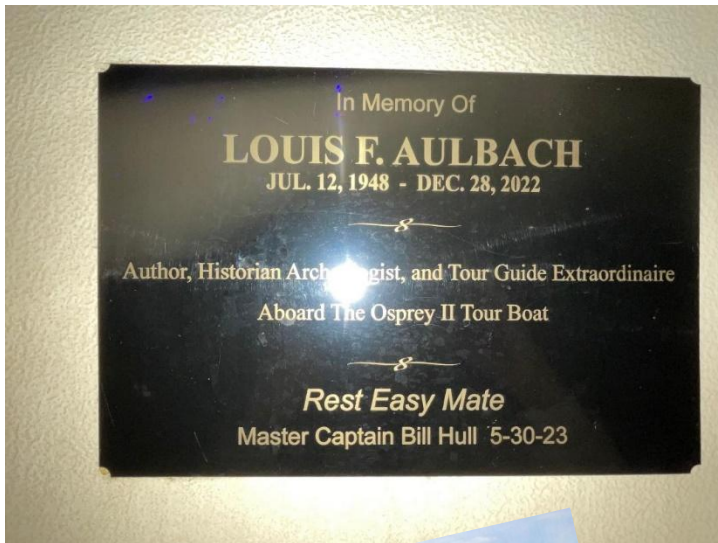
Having read the book by our HAS friends Linda Gorski and the late Louis Aulbach ([The Buffalo Bayou Greenway: A Walking Guide to 25 Historical Sites That Are Hiding in Plain Sight: Aulbach, Louis F., Gorski, Linda C.: 9798449719171: Amazon.com: Books](#)), I particularly watched for the historic Donnellan family crypt. I approached the captain and guide for assistance, and a heartfelt conversation ensued. They had not known Louis personally, but HAS members won't be surprised to hear they informed me that Louis is an absolute legend with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Louis often led the guided history tours (I regret never joining one), and apparently one of those excursions was filmed. The video now serves as a training module for these volunteers, and the book, their curriculum!

When they suggested I buy a copy of *Buffalo Bayou Greenway*, I proudly replied that, not only did I already own it, but my copy was autographed by both authors!

Then, I was led to a plaque mounted on the vessel that was dedicated to Louis, and upon disembarking back at the dock, I located a second memorial to our old friend. During the holidays, and during February, the month of love, we particularly remember those dear to us – and Louis meant so much not only to all of us in the Houston Archeological Society, but to so many in Houston, and in Texas. This Christmas season marked two years since he passed away from complications related to cancer treatment.

As our group glided beneath historic bridges, drifted past industrial relics, gazed at the glittering Houston skyline, and cruised right by Frost Town, Louis was in my thoughts. Louis, we still miss you and think of you, and you remain in our hearts! As the Buffalo Bayou Partnership markers suggest, may you rest easy, mate.

~ Betsy Wittenmyer



Above: Plaques on board (left) and on shore (right). Right: Bayou at night. Photographs by Betsy Wittenmyer. Left: Louis Aulbach with Buffalo Bayou behind him; photograph by Linda Gorski.



From the HAS Archives



A repository of past issues of *The Profile* is available on the HAS website wherein you will find a wealth of archived articles, including this overview of the HAS monthly meeting in February 2006, which featured J. Barto Arnold, III, speaking on the Civil War blockade runner *Denbigh* ([HAS Profile Feb. 2006](#)).

A San Antonio native, Barto Arnold received his undergraduate and postgraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin. From 1972 until 1997, he worked as the State Marine Archaeologist for Texas. He has been extremely active in several professional societies, including terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society of Professional Archaeologists and as President of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Arnold has received wide recognition for his contributions to the passage of the Abandoned Shipwreck Act, which helps protect irreplaceable cultural resources from unscrupulous treasure hunting. Arnold also directed the recent discovery of La Salle's ship *La Belle* in Matagorda Bay, Texas. In October 1997, Barto Arnold joined the underwater archaeologists of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology and the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University to establish a shipwreck program in Texas and adjoining areas. As Director of Texas Operations for INA, Arnold is planning and directing pre-disturbance surveys of known shipwreck sites, surveys for wrecks yet to be located and major wreck excavations. Recently, his work has resulted in the excavation project of the famous Civil War blockade runner *Denbigh*, sunk off the Bolivar Peninsula in 1865. Detailed information about the *Denbigh* can be found at www.nautarch.tamu.edu/projects/;



The "Denbigh" and her cargo | Naval War - At Sea & Along Inland Waterways.

Denbigh at Mobile by Thomas Cantwell Healy, 1864. Source: Pickering Family History, Denbigh and Pickering connection.



Upcoming Event Highlights

Be sure to reconfirm details before making plans to attend.

VIRTUAL:

American Institute of Archaeology (AIA)

2/15 – Saturday, 2 p.m. Samarra – the Abbasid Capital, recording one of the world's largest archaeological sites. Lecture by Dr. Alastair Northedge, Professor Emeritus at Universite de Paris discusses the archaeology of the famous Medieval city in modern Iraq. <https://users.stlcc.edu/mfuller/aia/index.html>.

2/20 – Thursday, 6:30 Pacific/8:30 Central. Roman Libarna, an early colonial city of Rome, with Dr. Katherine Huntley, Boise State University. Sponsored by AIA Spokane Society, <http://www.spokaneaia.com>; [Launch Meeting](#)

Engelhardt-Moore Lecture Series

2/5 - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Eric Scott, Vice President and Principal Paleontologist at Cogstone Resource Management, Inc. will lecture on Cracking the Coldest Case: Ice Age Extinctions in Western North America. The causes of the extinction of large mammals such as mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths, and others has long been a topic of debate and contention. More information at <https://engelhardtmoore/lecture-series>; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87915122968?pwd=aNdDgDkDT3BiUeVbbkPBgnkI6tznR.1>.

Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

2/20 – Thursday, 6 p.m. Enslaved to Entrepreneur: How Wilson Pottery's Innovation and Industry Created a Lasting Legacy. The Wilson Pottery pioneers, Hiram, James, and Wallace Wilson, reached Texas as enslaved men in 1856 and learned pottery-making skills while assisting their enslaver in building a successful business. Following the Civil War, during the post-slavery era, they were granted some land and equipment in Capote by their former enslaver, allowing them to apply their trade as potters to establish and maintain their own pottery business. Presented by Paula King Harper of the Wilson Pottery Foundation and fifth-generation descendant of Hiram Wilson.

SHUMLA

2/19 - Wednesday, Noon. Lunch and Learn; Part 2: Preserving the Oldest Known "Books" in North America. Following up on January's introductory Lunch and Learn, in this presentation, Jessica Hamlin will focus on Shumla's work to preserve the archaic library of the

Lower Pecos Canyonlands, focusing on the forces that endanger the rock art as well as the flagship projects and cutting-edge technologies Shumla uses to preserve and share it. [Register here](#).

ON-SITE:

Some websites listing upcoming events: [Upcoming Events | Texas Historical Commission](#); <https://texashighways.com/events/>.

Archaeology Now (Archaeological Institute of America, Houston Society)

2/19 – Wednesday, 7 – 8:30 p.m. [Explorations | A Medieval Musical Journey: Gregorian Chant](#). As Europeans met the Mediterranean sound-world, their music changed profoundly, creating a new heritage for music. Experience a performance by an internationally-renowned ensemble, Ensemble Organum, directed by Marcel Pérès, in residence at Moissac Abbey in France. Presented at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2140 Westheimer Road.

Harris County Library – Tomball

2/8 – Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Sharon Menegaz speaks on the Dimond Knoll site. [Lone Star-Tomball Harris County Library](#)

Kreische Brewery State Historic Site

2/15 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. [Ich Liebe Dich: Tea and Valentines at the Kreische House](#). Enjoy a Valentine social gathering with a tea and cooking demonstration in the Kreische house kitchen. Take home some delicious recipes of classic cookies, cakes, tea blends, as well as some Victorian valentines. For more information, email jennifer.townzen@thc.texas.gov or [social media](#).

Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site

2/1 – Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m. [Public Guided Tours: Black History Month](#). Join a tour for Black History month and learn from site staff about those who were enslaved or sharecropped during the plantation and post-emancipation eras and the associated archaeology.

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

2/1 – Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. [March on Fredonia](#), annual event.

2/8 – Saturday, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [The Cholera Outbreak in Texas](#).

2/15 – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. [Brick Making in the Villa](#). Learn and participate in the brick making process.

2/22 – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sharpen historic edged tools using historic methods. See all the different tools, what they are used for, and how they are sharpened.

2/23 – Sunday, 2 - 3 p.m. [San Felipe Nature Walk in the Footsteps of Stephen F. Austin](#), led by the Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists.

2/75 – Thursday, 6 p.m. [History At Night: William Barrett Travis' "Victory or Death" Letter - A Deep Dive into the Revered Story](#).

San Jacinto State Historic Site

2/11 – Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. [Battle Beats: Music of the March](#). Listen and learn about nineteenth century battle music and view some historic sheet music pulled from the San Jacinto Museum's archives.

Varner Hogg Plantation State Historic Site

2/8 - Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. [Community Curation Workshop](#), participate in a grant-funded project focused on rehabilitating archeological artifact collections.

2/15 – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. [Crafting Sailor's Valentines: Myth and Artistry](#). Found in Ima Hogg's art collection, sailor's valentines may look like floral arrangements, but they are really made from hundreds of shells. Discover the hidden stories of craftswomen, consider how myths develop, and make a sailor valentine of your own.

2/22 – Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m. [Public Guided Tours: Black History Month](#). Learn about those who lived here throughout the site's history including the enslaved people's skills and the accomplishments of cowboys like Hal Fields.



Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Program Schedule

Please note that meetings vary between in-person, hybrid, or virtual (via Zoom). Some presentations will be uploaded to our YouTube site where they will be archived and available for public viewing. The meeting format may change; be sure to doublecheck the HAS website and your emails prior to each meeting for updates.

February 20 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly HAS Meeting. Virtual only via Zoom. Featuring Chris Lintz speaking on the Late Prehistoric Antelope Creek Phase people in the Texas-Oklahoma panhandles.

March 20 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly HAS Meeting in person at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, with a Zoom link available for members. Featuring Rebecca Shelton, Regional Archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, who will provide an up-to-date overview of the stewards, what is new, who is new, and current projects.

April 8 – HAS Board Meeting

Houston Archeological Society monthly meetings are customarily free and open to the public. Many previous HAS presentations are archived on our YouTube site at www.youtube.com/channel. For more information about HAS, visit www.txhas.org, email us at president@txhas.org, or join our Facebook page at [Houston Archeological Society | Facebook](#).

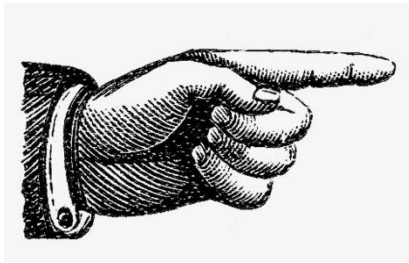


Calling All HAS Members – Please send photos and articles for *The Profile*!

We would like **all HAS members** to consider submitting content for *The Profile* newsletter. Please send submissions to newsletter@txhas.org. Report on an interesting on-site experience, academy, field school, lecture, cultural trip, or public outreach event! Send photos of yourself on an HAS or TAS adventure! What archeological artifact or historical event have you been researching? Add your voice to our community's conversation. Your contributions can be brief, such as a couple of paragraphs or about 250 words. Please submit information for upcoming issues no later than the fifteenth of each month.



Feedback Requested! We want to hear from YOU!



Send a quick email to newsletter@txhas.org and let us know about things such as your regular favorites, which articles and reports did you most enjoy, what did you really read and what did you skip, topics you'd like to see in the future, what could be longer or what should be shorter, what could be omitted, and any other suggestions about how we can improve.

Source: [Vintage Pointing Hand Free Download](#).



HAS Reference Desk

What research on archeology, anthropology, paleontology, or history have you been reading lately? The HAS Reference desk seeks your suggestions about interesting archeology and history news and links.

The Illustrated History of the Snowman: Eckstein, Bob: 9781493036660: Amazon.com: Books

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2025/01/archaeologists-find-lost-residence-of-king-harold/154399>

Cemetery for People Enslaved by Andrew Jackson Found on His Plantation - Newsweek

Mystery bones discovered by workers digging up road in historic Sussex city | The Independent

Dino 'highway' shock: Quarry worker's mega find; Hundreds of dinosaur footprints dating found in quarry

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Lost City of Maya Civilization Discovered by Student - GreekReporter.com; How a PhD Student Discovered a Lost

Mayan City From Hundreds of Miles Away | WIRED

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/lost-site-of-alexander-the-greats-battle-against-persians-discovered-in-turkey>

Archaeologists Are Finding Dugout Canoes in the American Midwest as Old as the Great Pyramids of Egypt

New bone test could rewrite British history, say scientists

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Archaeologists discover 4,000-year-old canals used to fish by predecessors of ancient Maya

Ancient Babylonian map's secrets revealed by British Museum experts

Laser mapping reveals oldest Amazonian cities, built 2500 years ago | Science | AAAS

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/how-italys-carabinieri-cultural-heritage-protection-squad-foiled-tomb-raiders>

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Exceptionally Well-Preserved Gold Ring Featuring 'Venus the Victorious' Unearthed on Ancient Road in France

<https://irma.nps.gov/GrandCanyon>

Archaeologists find 3-million-year-old tools at 'cradle of humankind' in huge breakthrough

<https://www.livescience.com/roman-era-silver-coins-turkey.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/jan/16/archaeologists-uncover-roman-service-station-in-gloucester>

Mammoth skull uncovered in a Texas gravel quarry

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