



**Houston Archeological Society Meeting, Thursday, September 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Only
Featuring Christopher Lintz, Ph.D. Discussing the Antelope Creek Middle Ceramic Period, Part II**

Hello HAS Members,

The HAS February meeting takes place on Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place virtually only via Zoom. This is our Annual HAS Meeting, when new officers are installed. As our speaker, we welcome back Christopher Lintz, Ph.D., for Part II of his discussion of 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.



Dr. Christopher Lintz, Center for Archaeological Studies
at Texas State University in San Marcos, [Chris Lintz](#) :
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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. He has published more than 370 reports, articles, and book chapters on a wide range of projects and research topics. He has served as an officer or member of advisory and steering committees for the Plains Anthropological Society, the Texas Archaeological Society, the Oklahoma Anthropological Society, and the Texas Historical Commission. He is a Steward of the Texas Historical Commission and several of his projects have been recognized with Merit in Archaeology Awards by the THC. Honors include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Panhandle Archaeological Society, the Lifetime Membership Award of the Hill Country Archeological Society, recognition as a Fellow by the Texas Archaeological Society, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Plains Anthropological Society.

We hope that you will join us for our Annual Meeting and this fascinating lecture. A Zoom link will be emailed to currently registered members as we get closer to the meeting date. I look forward to your participation in the virtual meeting or 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-HCAAwebsite.pdf](#); <https://cas.anthropology.txst.edu/about/cas-staff/lintz.html>.

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

President's Message – Bob Sewell

HAS Members and Friends –

It's that time of year again! On Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., we will hold our Houston Archeological Society Annual General Meeting and election of officers for 2025-2026. If you attended the August meeting, you heard HAS Board Member Geoff Mills speak on behalf of the nominating committee, which also includes Beth Kennedy and Larry Golden. Geoff introduced the nominees for the 2025-2026 Board.

The nominees are:

Bob Sewell – President
Frank Kozar – Vice President
Noah Newland – Secretary
Louis Hebert – Treasurer
Gail Peterkin – Director-at-Large (three-year term)
John Swann – Director-at-Large (two-year term), replacing Allison Bohn
Geoff Mills – Director-at-Large (one-year term remaining)



I am especially pleased that many of the existing Board members have agreed to stand for the 2025-2026 season, and I am also proud that the Nominating Committee members have confidence in nominating us. All members who were on the membership record for the August meeting should have received an email regarding the voting process. Many of you have responded, but if you have not then there is still time. So, make your voice heard.

Volunteers Needed for Community Outreach

The Houston Archeological Society has recently been contacted by several schools and other organizations regarding delivering some outreach activities. These include giving short presentations and/or offering displays at certain events. We have done this sort of thing numerous times before over the years, and we see educating the public as an important part of the HAS mission. After a lull, we appear to be back on the radar of these community groups. So, I am very grateful to those who have recommended HAS to these organizations and promoted our outreach program.

However, outreach activities cannot be effectively achieved by just one or two people. Like most things of this nature, it takes a village! When we make appearances at events, we usually have an artifact display and other materials that we need to set up and take down. We also need members to speak to the group and to assist in discussing the artifacts and the role of HAS. The outreach activities take place both during the daytime (usually for the schools) or in the evenings (for other organizations).

To this end, I am asking if anyone can assist with HAS Outreach Support—we need your help! If so, then please let me know. We have the presentations ready, and we can train you. It's not difficult; it just takes a bit of your time and can be very rewarding. If you are interested, then please let me know promptly at president@txhas.org.



I look forward to seeing everyone at outreach events, out in the field, and at our monthly meetings. If you have any questions about the Houston Archeological Society, please contact me at president@txhas.org.

Geoff Mills talks with students from West Houston Montessori at the August HAS meeting as Tom Williams observes. The students are participating in the First Lego League archeology project. Photograph by John Rich.

Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. – Bob Sewell, President. Welcome to all attendees, both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Thank you for the great turnout for this meeting!

Membership & Treasury – Bob Sewell, President. Louis Hebert, Treasurer, was unable to attend today's meeting as he was on vacation. Membership stands at 170 members, including fourteen students, and the treasury funds are looking good.

Newsletter – Bob Sewell, President. Betsy Wittenmyer, Newsletter Editor, was also unable to attend today's meeting, but relays that we are doing well on material for the newsletter, and to keep the articles and photos coming. These can be related to any relevant topics including projects, excavations, research, classes, or academies, historical or educational trips, or any other interesting experiences that you'd like to share – does not necessarily have to be Texas- or United States-related. Anyone wishing to contribute is invited to contact newsletter@txhas.org.

Board of Directors Nominations – Geoff Mills, Director-at-Large. The nominating committee, consisting of Larry Golden, Geoff Mills, and Bethie Kennedy, for the 2025 HAS Board of Directors election has put forth the proposed slate of nominations. An email notice will be sent out soon after today's meeting to all members with a deadline for response before the September meeting. Acceptance of nominations will be by email. At the September meeting (which is also the HAS Annual Meeting), the results of the voting will be announced, and the new board will be introduced. The proposed Board of Directors is as follows: Bob Sewell as President; Frank Kozar as Vice-President; Noah Newland as Secretary; Louis Hebert as Treasurer; Gail Peterkin for a 3-year term as Director-at-Large; and John Swann for a 2-year term as Director-at-Large (replacing Allison Bohn, who is unfortunately too busy with work to finish out her term). Geoff Mills' term as Director-at-Large remains unexpired, with one year left to go. Members may look out for an email from secretary@txhas.org and reply via email to vote for or against this proposed slate.

Projects – Bob Sewell, President.

- **Lone Oak (41CD168)**
 - Our last visit to this site was on July 19.
- **Goloby Site (41WL3)**
 - Our last visit to this site was on August 2.
- **Walnut Tree Hill Site**
 - Our last visit to this site was on August 9, when we discovered evidence of a possible hearth feature.
- The last time we went out for excavation it was quite hot, so we are planning further visits to all three of these sites once the weather is a bit cooler.
- Lab work has recently commenced, and cataloging of Lone Oak artifacts is next on the agenda. We are planning to meet in the coming weeks at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center for further lab work activities. Members interested in participating in lab activities, or site visits once they recommence, may look out for invitations from fielddirector@txhas.org.

Upcoming Events – Bob Sewell, President. Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science will take place on October 18. This will be HAS's eleventh year participating in this event, and we are looking for volunteers to help make this year yet another success! Members interested in helping out are encouraged to reach out to president@txhas.org.

September 2025 Monthly Meeting – Our next meeting will be HAS's Annual Meeting, and our speaker will be Dr. Chris Lintz, who will continue his discussion of the Antelope Creek Culture via Zoom.

Tonight's presentation will be conducted by Mike McBride of the Hill Country Archeological Association (HCAA) and the Gault School of Archaeological Research, speaking about his work with projectile points at the Pine Ridge archaeological site in Belize.

The business meeting was concluded at 6:44 p.m.

Noah Newland, HAS Secretary



Engelhardt-Moore Lecture ~ Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring HAS Board Member Gail Peterkin, Ph.D.

On September 4, Gail L. Peterkin, Ph.D., HAS Board Member, will present a virtual lecture with the Engelhardt-Moore Series entitled “Notre-Dame de Paris and the Wider World of Medieval France.”

As President of Archaeology Now (Archeological Institute of America, Houston Society), Gail was involved in their 2024-2025 program focusing on the restoration work at Notre-Dame de Paris, including the archaeological excavations following the devastating fire of 2019. In addition to featuring the cathedral itself, the season included an exploration of medieval France and its surprisingly far-flung international connections. An unprecedented collaboration with the French government, Rebâtir Notre-Dame, and many other local and international agencies and organizations facilitated the presentation of this ground-breaking research to the public in Houston and around the world.

Peterkin holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Tulane University, where she specialized in French Paleolithic archaeology. She has authored and edited numerous papers and books. Her field experience includes Paleolithic sites in France as well as prehistoric and historic sites in the American Midwest and Southeast. While in New Orleans, she taught anthropology, geography and geology at Tulane University and Delgado Community College. Gail directed Tulane’s Cultural Resources Management program and was principal investigator and lab director for R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates. She currently volunteers at the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) as a master docent specializing in anthropology and archaeology. Gail edits the HMNS *Dashing Diplodocus* newsletter and has served as president of the HMNS Volunteer Guild. She also serves on the board of Archaeology Now and is active in numerous related organizations, including HAS.



This link will allow you to attend this interesting presentation on September 4, [Join the Zoom Lecture.](#)

The next virtual lecture in the series will take place on Thursday, November 6, with guest speaker Jim Kirkland, Ph.D., Utah State Paleontologist with the Utah Dept. of Natural Resources and Utah Geological Survey. Mark your calendar and look for more details on this lecture.

Photos courtesy of Gail Peterkin and Archeology Now.

and viewed on the website at: <https://engelhardtmoore.wixsite.com/lecture-series>. Please note that you must download a video and dismiss Dropbox; otherwise, you may only see a short preview.

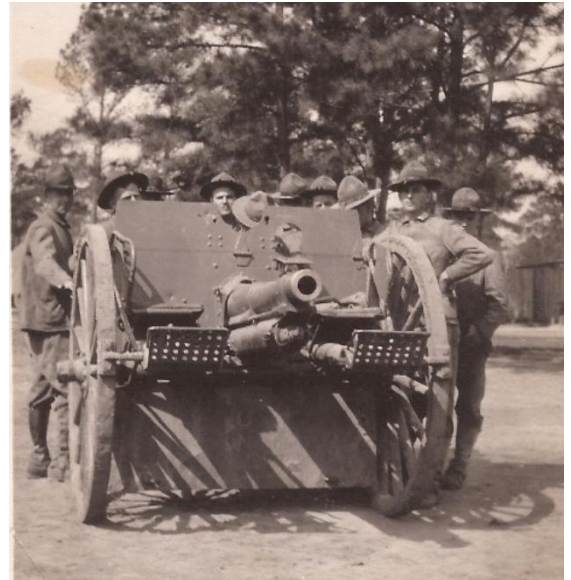


Explosive News from Camp Logan in Memorial Park



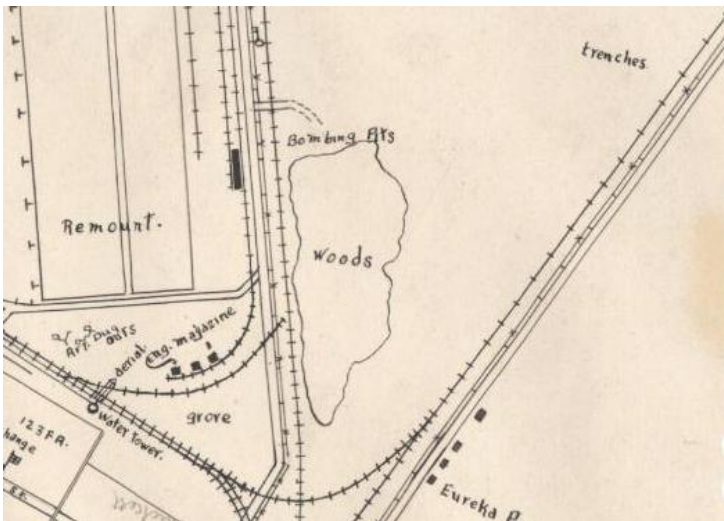
The HAS community has long followed and researched the compelling history and human stories of Camp Logan. Louis Aulbach, Linda Gorski, and Robbie Morin wrote two definitive histories of the World War I training camp ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)).

Perhaps you heard that on Monday, August 25, a brush-clearing crew discovered a live WWI-era artillery shell. Construction preparations were underway for the Memorial Groves project, which will encompass the notable site features in the western portion of the park and will recognize and honor the legacy of Camp Logan and those who served. The Houston Police Department was immediately alerted, but upon inspection, they determined the ordnance was too fragile to move to a facility. After closing and securing the area, the HPD Bomb Squad carefully and safely detonated the shell onsite, which did cause a loud boom that could be heard in the park. HAS friend Michael Quennoz, archaeologist with Gray & Pape, became involved with all this excitement through his oversight of the cultural heritage management of the Memorial Park Conservancy's revitalization master plan.



Photographs above: Houston Police Department, [Houston Police/ X](https://www.houstonpolice.org).

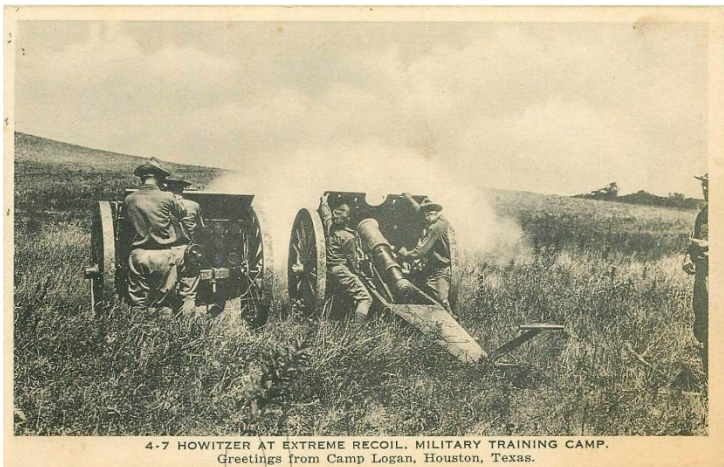
Below left: [WW1 Camp Logan, Military Training Camp, Houston, Texas Postcard \(C\) | #3933930335](https://www.postcard.com/WW1-Camp-Logan-Military-Training-Camp-Houston-Texas-Postcard-C-3933930335). Below right: Courtesy of Robbie Morin.



Above: Map of Camp Logan, Houston, Texas - Rice University Digital Collections. Paul B. Hendrickson, Map of Camp Logan, Jan. 12, 1918. Map of Camp Logan, Houston, Texas - Rice University Digital Collections.



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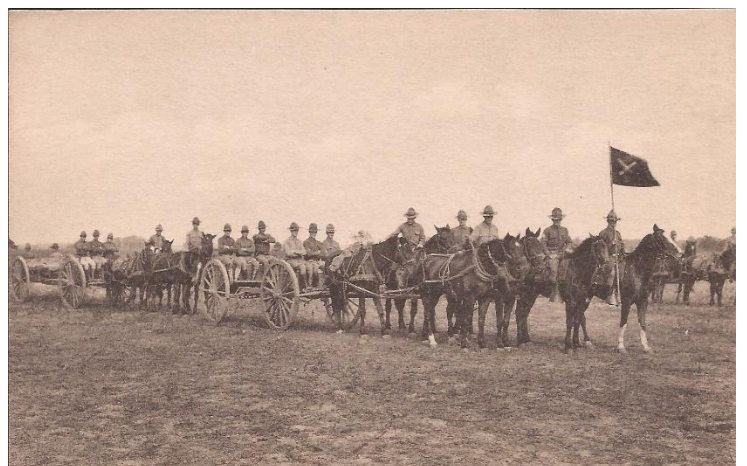
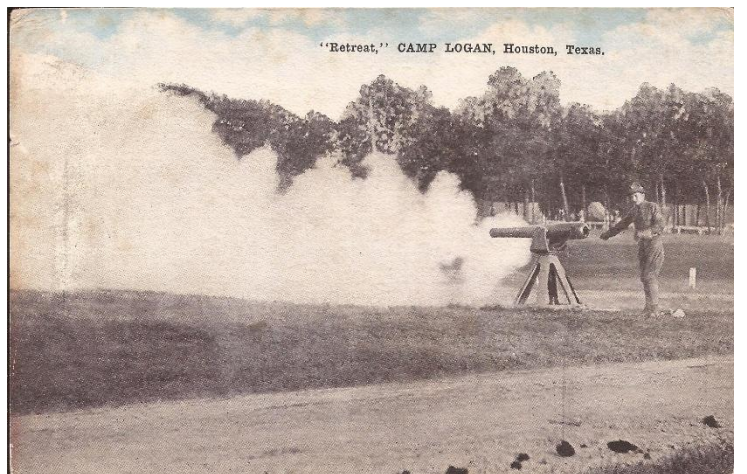
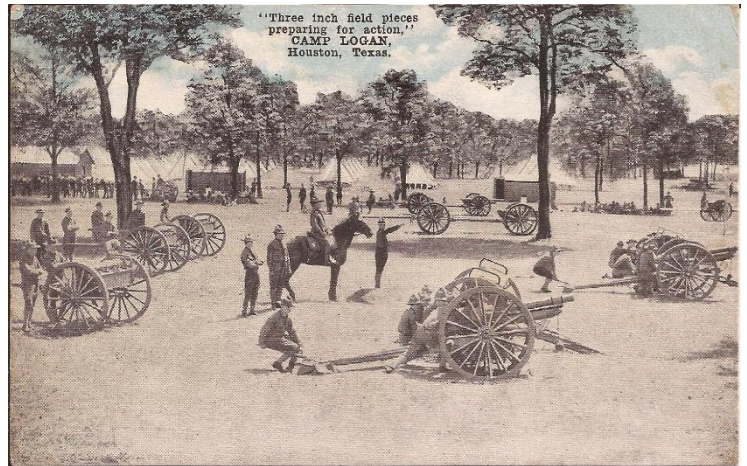


See more at [World War I-era artillery shell detonated by bomb squad after being found at Houston's Memorial Park – Houston Public Media](#); [Memorial Park Conservancy Unveils Plans For Memorial Groves – Memorial Park Conservancy](#); [WWI-era object found in Memorial Park](#); [Houston police bomb squad called - khou.com](#); [HPD bomb squad blows up WWI-era artillery shell](#); <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/trending/article/houston-memorial-park-bomb>.

Perhaps we can learn where the shell lay in relation to the Bombing Pits indicated on the Hendrickson map. This map is cardinally oriented with West generally at the top, so the Bombing Pits noted by Hendrickson were located just outside the current northwest corner of Memorial Park.

Article compiled with assistance from Robbie Morin.

All images below right are courtesy of Robbie Morin.



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~ The TAS 96th Annual Meeting takes place October 10 - 12, 2025, in McAllen, Texas ~

Make your reservations now for the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the McAllen Convention Center. More information may be found at [TAS Annual Meeting](#), with more information posted to the website as it becomes available. The deadline to register for meals is September 24th. Conference Registration rates increase on September 25th.



Featuring Speakers Amy Borgens and Sarah Rowe – Since 2010, Amy Borgens has served as the State Marine Archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission. She is a doctoral candidate at Texas State University, where her research interests include coastal archeology, Texas underwater archeology, and connecting the public with our state's unique maritime cultural heritage. Amy also is a member of the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology's (ACUA) Board of Directors.

Dr. Sarah Rowe is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). Her scholarship examines the material culture of Latin America, with an emphasis on the Valdivia tradition of coastal Ecuador. She examines questions of social organization and identity with a focus on ceramic analysis, community collaboration, and digital archeological methods. Dr. Rowe joined the faculty at UTRGV in 2015 and also serves as the Chair of the Department of Anthropology.



Submit an Abstract - Abstracts and creative ideas are sought for papers, symposia, and posters to be presented at the 96th Annual TAS Meeting. TAS encourages presentations by avocational, student, and professional members on any topic of archeological interest. Send questions to am-papers@txarch.org. Abstracts for each presentation can be no longer than 150 words. All presenters must be TAS members and be registered for the meeting. **The deadline for submitting abstracts is September 5, 2025. [Click here for the abstract submittal form](#).** See the [Summer 2025 Newsletter](#) for more information on submitting abstracts.

Apply for a Scholarship - The TAS offers Annual Meeting scholarships for Native Americans, students, and members of diverse communities. For the application and deadline information, see [TAS Scholarship Program](#).

Enjoy More of the Interesting Rio Grande Valley Area Sights – You are encouraged not only to attend the Annual Meeting, but to stay and experience the unique heritage of South Texas. Learn more at the McAllen Heritage Center, <https://www.mcallenheritagecenter.com>; Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg <http://mosthistory.org>; International Museum of Art & Science, <https://theimasonline.org>; Mission Historical Museum, <http://missionmuseum.org>; Old Hidalgo Pump House Museum in Hidalgo, <https://cityofhidalgo.net/old-hidalgo-pump-house-museum-and-world-birding-center>; National Butterfly Center in Mission, nationalbutterflycenter.org; Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park in Mission, <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/bentsen-rio-grande-valley>; King Ranch; Gelman Stained Glass Museum; Palmito Ranch Battlefield | Texas Historical Commission; Civil War Trail | UTRGV; Quinta Mazatlán in McAllen, <http://www.quintamazatlan.com>, [Things to See in the RGV, Rio Grande Valley](#); <https://heywhatsgoingon.com>; Visit RGV Nature Centers, Wildlife Refuges, State Parks; and [Plan An Unforgettable Road Trip Through South Texas](#).



Walnut Tree Hill Site Update

Geoff Mills

Excavations on Saturday, August 9, were very productive. In the unit I worked with Tim Blanchard and Jeff Jones, I believe that we found a fire feature, possibly a hearth. A scatter of chert, fire cracked rock, and some charcoal were found at a depth of 72 cm.



Left: Possible hearth.
Right: Tim excavating the feature.
Below left to right: Core; core fragments; clay balls, hammerstone.
Photographs by Angelina Gonzalez, Geoff Mills, and Bob Sewell.



The additional artifacts pictured above were found within a few centimeters of the cultural level. Confirmation of the feature and accompanying artifacts will be investigated with further excavation and analysis. Clay balls are associated with prehistoric native cooking processes (Pottery Cooking Balls). Many thanks to landowner Richard Obenhaus, visitor Jeff Jones, and HAS members Tim Blanchard, Angelina Gonzalez, Frank Kozar, Jari McCoy, Geoff Mills, Bob Sewell, and Jacob Cantu for coming out on a worthwhile, albeit hot, day in the field.



Left to right:
Jari, Jacob, and Bob surveying;
Jari screening;
Jari working and Bob . . .
supervising!

Texas Archeology Month in October



Preparations for Texas Archeology Month (TAM) in October are well underway. Whether you are hosting an event, coordinating a school program, or looking for ways to get involved, there's a lot to look forward to in October. This year, TAM will pay special tribute to the thirtieth anniversary of the discovery of La Belle, the famed 17th-century French shipwreck found in Matagorda Bay. The story of La Belle and its excavation remains one of the most significant archeological finds in Texas history. Special programs and

exhibits will highlight the ship's historical importance, the groundbreaking conservation efforts that preserved its artifacts, and its impact on our understanding of early Texas exploration. Additional tools and opportunities for TAM 2025 include the following.

15,000 Pinch Pot Kits Available: Free pinch pot kits may be ordered by following the website links; [Home Page - TAM](#); [Outreach Materials](#) | [THC](#).

Volunteer Kit-Building Opportunities: Volunteer sessions will be taking place at facilities across the state for assembly of pinch pot kits. These events are coordinated by local partners and offer a great way to get involved and support TAM. Check [the website](#) for upcoming dates and locations as they become available.

Order Outreach Materials Early: TAS recommends that you order the free public outreach materials early. Materials include the pinch pot kits, the TAMazine, and other handouts; [Home Page - TAM](#); [Outreach Materials](#) | [THC](#).

Submit Your Events to the TAM Calendar: Please submit your planned TAM events through the Partner Portal to ensure they're included on the public calendar and interactive map. Stay tuned for more updates, resources, and opportunities at [Texas Archeology Month](#).



What are these Artifacts?

These images are two examples of an ingenious invention used much like a handy reading light or flashlight: a medieval portable folding candle holder.



From the U. K. Antiquities Scheme Database, [Record ID: SF4651 - Medieval candle holder \(R\)](#) and [Record ID: YORYM-EF56C4 - Medieval candle holder \(L\)](#). Describing the example on the left: An incomplete copper-alloy folding candlestick of medieval date, c.AD 1200 - 1500. All that remains is one arm which is triangular in plan with a tapering rectangular section. A semi-circular projection extends from one side with three small slit cut-outs and a central perforation. This is the hinge which would have allowed the candlestick to fold. The opposite surface has worn triple banded ridge decoration. The metal has a dark green patina and is worn. The object is 56.7mm long, 4.6mm wide, 3.8mm thick (11.9mm with loop) and weighs 5.4g. The central plate in the slot prevents the hinge from moving; when the candlestick needs to be unfolded, the central plate is swung out, revolving on the rivet, and it is then swung back to lock the candlestick at closed, fully open, or half open forming a right angle. The pointed arm (which is often found detached) can be driven into a door, window, or other block of wood.



Update from CoBALT Archeology, Victoria, Texas

The Coastal Bend Archaeological Logistics Team, based in Victoria, is working at 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.

Excavation Day, July 11, 2025:

Bill, Joe, Ben, and O.C. resumed work on Level 1 of the north. It isn't often Bill Birmingham or Ben McReynolds encounter a "first" type of artifact anymore, but this happened when Bill uncovered a Bristol Biface. Bill and Ben each have more than fifty years of field experience and neither had uncovered or even seen a Bristol Biface until this day. Also found was a utilized flake scraper with polish/sheen easily seen with the naked eye. A variety of organics were also found including deer, turtle, and a hackberry seed. Found in the lab was an unidentifiable but burned seed pod. At the Paleo2x site Frank and Cameron worked Level 5 at what is probably a late Archaic elevation, finding a lot of debitage and fire-cracked rock which could indicate at least a camp site but found no identifiable tools in context. They also found mussel shell and land snails, and in the lab, an unidentified seed. Working in the west unit at Level 5, Mike, Roger, and Lori uncovered a crude preform, a proximal, and several hammerstone fragments, indicating a possible tool-making zone. In the material screen Lori found two utilized flake scrapers. After completing Level 1 in the north unit, Bill, Ben, Joe, and OC worked Level 2 and found a variety of organics but no diagnostic lithics.



Excavation Day, July 18, 2025: Heat and humidity were our unwelcome friends all morning, but it was a productive day for the team. Frank, Tim, and Cameron found the first diagnostic artifact on the Paleo2X terrace, a well-used Guadalupe Tool at Level 6. These tools date back about 5,500 years or earlier. It also gives us our first age reference on the new terrace. In the west unit at a deep Paleo elevation, Mike, Roger, and Joe found a lot of tool-making activity including three cores, some core fragments and two small sandstone slabs. We theorized the slabs were used for processing meat or plants or provided a base for woodworking or tool-making tasks. After the slabs were lightly cleaned in the lab, we found ash, carbon, and possibly plant residue on both of them. The team found a variety of organics including a tooth with some intact enamel, but the dentin appeared silicified. In the north unit Bill, Max, and O.C. are at Level 3, where they uncovered a preform fragment, a sandstone abrading stone that was very lightly used, and in the material screen, a graver and utilized flake. Other artifacts included an unidentified tooth fragment, clay balls, deer, turtle, burnt bone, land snails, and mussel shell.

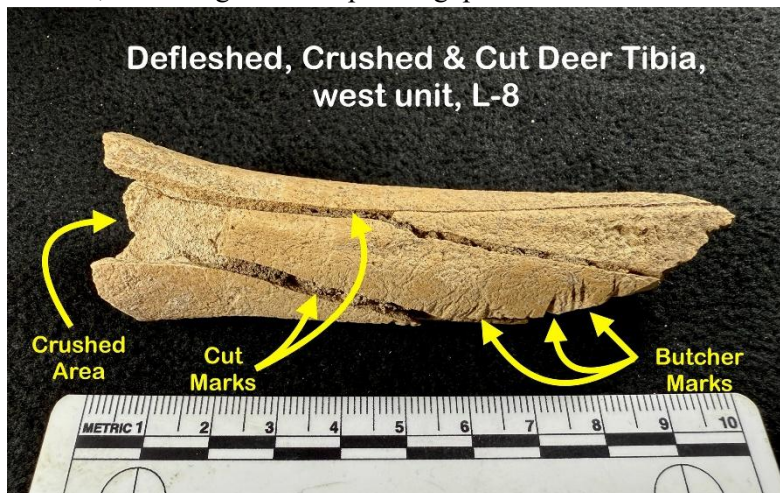


Excavation Day, July 25, 2025: The team enjoyed a relatively mild day with cloud cover for most of the morning. In the west unit at Level 7 (L7), Mike, Cameron, Joe, and Lori found an interesting group of lithics including several large wedge-shaped scrapers and a chopper (perhaps debitage of core reduction technology) and several preform or core fragments. Another interesting find was a utilized flake graver made on what appears to be a thinning flake. Just as interesting were the



organics. A mussel shell with a hole punched through it from the inside of the shell, found very deep, is only the second such artifact recovered at this site. Additionally, the team found burnt sandstone, charcoal, and deer bone fragments.

Excavation Day, August 1, 2025: Work in the west unit continued at Level 9 (L-9), two levels deeper than the elevation where the Clovis flute failure was discovered in late June. Mike, Frank, and O.C. continue to discover debitage, fire-cracked rock, and lithic artifacts, but none appear to be diagnostic. A proximal, core fragment, biface distal, and two utilized flake scrapers, one large and one small, were discovered. A deer tibia fragment was found that had been defleshed, crushed, and cut to get to the marrow. Other organics included a large clay ball amidst smaller clay balls, burnt sandstone, and faunal remains of deer and turtle. In the north unit at Level 6 (L-6), Roger, Lori, Joe, and Cameron were again met by our resident wolf spider who was still lugging an egg sack with her. A Gulf Coast toad behind the unit cover may have been hunting the spiders. The unit yielded debitage, fire-cracked rock, broken deer ulna awl fragments, mussel shell, turtle, deer, clay balls, charcoal, and a fragment of a pocket gopher mandible.



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

Don't forget that you can find HAS friend O.C. Garza not only at archeology sites but also playing in the Rusty Steins polka band! This is Fall Festival season:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic Church Festival, Yorktown Community Hall, 60 Community Hall Road, Yorktown, Texas.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church Activity Center, Appreciation Dinner, 704 Mallette Drive, Victoria.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to Noon, Victoria Czech Fest.

Saturday, Oct. 4, 1 to 3 p.m., El Campo Prairie Days Festival.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nazareth Academy Fall Festival, 206 W. Convent Street, Victoria.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Festival, Community Center, 2905 E. North Street, Victoria.

Sunday, Oct. 19, 10:45 a.m. to 12:14 p.m., Wharton Holy Family Catholic Church Festival, 2009 Briar Lane, Wharton.

Sunday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fall Festival in Blessing, Texas.



Update from David Greenwald, President, Jornada Research Institute, New Mexico

Rain continues to plague our efforts at Cree Meadows in Ruidoso, with downpours also being received at the lower elevations of Creekside Village. The Rio Tularosa remains high, limiting access to Creekside Village. Fortunately, we completed the field efforts by Texas State University staff and students prior to this monsoon season.



Regarding news about our upcoming events, we are now actively promoting our 2026 tour to Egypt (late October to early November). This tour has been specially designed to visit numerous sites that are not included on the usual trips offered by standard tour companies. If anyone is interested in more information, see [Overseas Journeys - JRI](#) and please contact me at dgreenwald@tularosa.net and I will forward the detailed itinerary and “know before you go” information that we provide for all of our Overseas Journey tours. For more information about research and events at the Institute, see [Research Activity - Jornada Research Institute](#).

David Greenwald records details about a bell-shaped pit at the Creekside Village excavation. Photo by Jornada Research Institute, source: [Ancient times in the Tularosa Basin – Alamogordo Daily News](#).



Pine Ridge Preceramic Project in Belize

Mike McBride, co-developer of the Pine Ridge Preceramic Project (PRPP) in Northern Belize, updated HAS at our August meeting. His lecture will be available on the [Houston Archeological Society YouTube](#) site. PRPP research goals include recovery, documentation, analysis, and curation of Paleoindian and Preceramic Period artifacts, which add greatly to evidence of the earliest human migrations in this region as well as throughout the Americas. Among the interesting artifacts recently catalogued are these three points. Figure 1, termed a waisted fluted biface or fishtail point, exhibits manufacturing elements associated with Clovis, mainly with Paleoindian Period (12,500 BP) points found in Central and South America. Figure 2 depicts an unfluted lanceolate biface. Several unfluted lanceolate bifaces have been recorded at PRPP, and these are probably younger than the Clovis Period artifacts. Figure 3 features a trimmed unifacial tool, very much identified with Clovis Period in North America, and another fishtail point of Clovis Period age. We look forward to following the work of the Pine Ridge Preceramic Project at this significant site.



The Alamo Plan

Frank Kozar



Source: [The Alamo](#)

The Alamo, an enduring symbol of Texas independence, is undergoing a long overdue transformation serving to better preserve the site's 300-year history and enhance the visitor experience. Located in the center of downtown San Antonio and particularly known for the 1836 Battle of the Alamo, the historic mission is half-way through a decade long project to restore its historical footprint and reimagine presentation of its multifaceted story to the estimated 2.5 million visitors annually. For the first time in thirty years, and after much discussion among knowledgeable contacts in Texas history circles, I recently visited and explored the recent and upcoming changes at this Texas landmark.

The Alamo Plan, led by the Texas General Land Office, the Alamo Trust, and the City of San Antonio, provides the blueprint for preserving the Alamo Chapel and Long Barrack, restoring more of the mission's original acreage, and creating a more in-depth visitor experience. With a target completion date of 2027, historians, archaeologists, and preservation experts have also provided their expertise to assist in achieving historical accuracy. Conservation of the Alamo Chapel and Long Barrack, the only remaining structures from the original mission compound, includes a focus on addressing pollution damage to the limestone structures.

My tour started at the Alamo Chapel, where visitors learn about its significance and see the space where many women and children sought refuge. I had never noticed before how much graffiti was carved into the walls of the complex during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Previously, the interior space was obscured and cluttered with various displays, which now have been relocated. The bare walls reveal many bullet holes, tangible reminders of the fateful battle. Recent landscaping of the surrounding plaza features the many ancient live oaks as well as native plants typical for the grounds in 1836.

A new Alamo Visitor Museum will open in 2027, serving as an initial educational center for the greater site. This facility will feature innovative exhibits and interactive displays chronicling the location's diverse history, from its origins as Mission San Antonio de Valero in 1718, to its pivotal role in the Texas Revolution. The museum will house the Phil Collins Texana Collection and other artifacts.

The Alamo Plan aims to recapture the mission's original layout, which encompassed three acres at the time of the Texas Revolution. The General Land Office has leased Alamo Plaza and surrounding areas from the City of San Antonio, and portions of Alamo and Houston Streets have been permanently closed to create pedestrian spaces. Many other city streets within the district will similarly be converted into landscaped pathways connecting to the San Antonio River Walk. Ongoing archaeological work has uncovered artifacts such as musket balls, gunflints, ceramics (including Spanish colonial and Goliad Ware), glass, and a section of the perimeter wall. I spent over thirty minutes talking with the archeology crew from CRM firm Raba Kistner about their productive work at the site. HAS members will be familiar with several of the archeologists who are members of the Texas Archeological Society and have participated at TAS field schools.

Whether you are a history enthusiast or a first-time visitor, the evolving Alamo Plan offers a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of historical figures and explore a significant chapter of American history as we look towards the bicentennial of the famous Battle of the Alamo, coming in eleven years.

Sources and more information at: [Archaeology and Conservation Updates](#) ; [As battle anniversary approaches, Alamo opens new exhibits with more to come](#); [San Antonio Missions](#); [The Alamo on X](#); [The Alamo](#); [TSHA Alamo](#); [Facebook](#); [TR 23 Cover](#); [thealamo.org/updates/alamo-archaeology](#); San Antonio Express, Texas Beyond History. The Alamo podcast features in-depth conversations about the Alamo's past, present, and future : [Alamo Podcast](#) | [The Alamo](#).



Source and website description: [Alamo Visitor Center and Museum](#). Scheduled to open in 2027, the museum will offer a transformative, world-class experience that invites guests to explore the full 300-year history of this iconic site. With nearly 160,000 square feet of space, the state-of-the-art facility will combine historical storytelling with cutting-edge immersive elements, including a 4D theater, event spaces, and galleries that bring to life the rich history of the Alamo. The museum will showcase a growing collection of over 5,000 artifacts, including more than 400 items from the renowned Phil Collins Texana Collection. These treasured pieces, such as cannons fired during the battle, archaeological discoveries from the Alamo site, and personal belongings of iconic figures like Sam Houston and Santa Anna, will enrich the visitor experience like never before.



Medieval Tips For Your Labor Day Holiday Cookout

When grilling
stand near, not inside,
the fire

Never use your bare
hands to flip items
on the grill

Trolls have voracious
appetites. Keep them off
the guest list.



Courtesy of Matthew Ponesse, PhD, Professor of History at Ohio Dominican University; [Instagram](#); [Medievalistmatt](#). Medieval cooking: [Overview of Cooking Equipment in the Medieval Kitchen](#).

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. In the [2004 September Profile.pdf](#), Tom Nuckols reported on more information he found about early Texas colonist Elizabeth Powell (Powell Site, 41FB269), herewith adapted and slightly expanded.

Elizabeth Powell, a widow, arrived from Louisiana in 1828. She stated in her application for land that she was thirty years old and a farmer. In 1831, when her headright league on the Bernard at the mouth of Turkey Creek was granted, she listed just three children, although other records show five, including a married daughter who did not emigrate to Texas and a son (Joseph) who was murdered. Major W. L. Davison, who arrived in Richmond in 1837 and practiced law there until his death in 1920, knew the family. In 1915 he attested to his recollections, listing three daughters, Elizabeth, Julia, and Ellen, and a son, Samuel. Major Davidson also described her house as being well-known in the days of the Republic as a stop halfway between Columbia and San Felipe. Madam Powell's place was the gateway through which Mexican troops passed during the Texas Revolution while traversing the Fort Bend area. The Texas State Historical Society's online handbook recounts:

On 10 April 1836, Santa Anna's column visited Mrs. Powell's farm briefly on its way to Harrisburg. General [José de Urrea](#) and his units were there on April 20 and again on April 24. At this time, he joined up with General Filisola, the other Mexican generals, several thousand soldiers, women camp followers, and wagon teamsters, all camped about Madam Powell's property. Here the generals planned the Mexican army's retreat after learning that the Texians had defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto. On April 26 as the army began moving out, the rear guard burned the house and outbuildings. Elizabeth Powell was one of the first to place a claim before the new Texas government for losses incurred during the war. Her claim was for \$4,454.12. Of this amount \$500 was for "Dwelling and out houses," "destroyed by the Mexican Army." However, there is no record that the claim was ever paid.

Amon Underwood, who journeyed from Columbia to San Felipe the following October, wrote in his diary, "Left Columbia on the 26th with Cochran, arrived at Mrs. Powell's old place where we found the whole family crowded into a small tent, cold and rainy. Got some beef cooked and ate it and lay down on our blankets in the rain. At daylight left and rode to have Nottingham's ten miles for breakfast."

Of course, HAS members including Beth Aucoin have been involved in the research and archaeology of the Powell site, discussed more in this 2007 report: [The Elizabeth Powell Site Report Number 25 Part 1 Indexed.pdf](#).

Sources: [History of Fort Bend County](#) (see pages 67 and 82), [TSHA Powell, Elizabeth](#).



HAS Reference Desk



Norman Rockwell, *Walking to School*, 1949. [American & European Works of Art Skinner Auctioneers](#)

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. With the beginning of the school year, these resources might be interesting to educators and students, including lifelong learners such as HAS members.

Back to school resources: [Online Teacher Professional Development Lectures | Humanities Texas](#); [TBH Teachers: Welcome](#); [TBH Kids](#); [Learning Resources | Texas Historical Commission](#); [Texas Archeological Society - Educator Resources](#); [Educator Resources : Texas Public Archaeology Network : Texas State University](#); [Texas History for Teachers](#); [The Portal to Texas History](#); [Archeology \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#); [Educational & Virtual Tours Resources List - Archaeological Institute of America](#); [Archaeology Lesson Plans, Games, & Activities - Archaeology for Teachers](#); [Archeology resources for educators - Kansas Historical Society](#); [K-12 Archaeology Activities & Resources](#); [For Teachers – Project Archaeology](#); [The Archaeology Channel](#); [Bullock Texas State History Museum](#); [Virtual Events–Friends of THC](#); <https://www.pastfoundation.org>; <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/education/educators/professional-development/OnDemand Programs>.

Upcoming Event Highlights

Be sure to reconfirm details before making plans to attend.

VIRTUAL:

Note that most events listed are free of charge but still require advance registration.

Archaeology Events & Activities in Houston; [Eventbrite Virtual or In Person](#) - various

Engelhardt-Moore Lecture Series

9/4 – Thursday, Dr. Gail Peterkin, President of Archaeology Now, AIA Houston Society, Master Docent, Houston Museum of Natural Science, presents Notre-Dame de Paris and the Wider World of Medieval France. Archaeology Now focused their 2024-2025 annual program on the restoration work at Notre-Dame de Paris, including the archaeological excavations made possible by the devastating fire of 2019. In addition to focusing on the cathedral itself, the season included an exploration of medieval France and its surprisingly far-flung international connections. An unprecedented collaboration with the French government, Rebâtir Notre-Dame, and many other local and international agencies and organizations facilitated the presentation of this ground-breaking research to the public in Houston and around the world. Free, more information at the E-MLS website: <https://engelhardtmoore.wixsite.com/lecture-series>.

Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

9/4 – Thursday, 6 p.m. THC Historian Alici Costello explains the Texas Historical Markers untold history initiative, reviewing the application process just in time for the next round of candidates starting in October. Free, [Friends of the Texas Historical Commission](#).

Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan

9/12 – Friday, noon. This virtual Flash Talk highlights Professor Natalie Abell's latest field season on the Cycladic island of Kea, Greece, investigating metalworking traditions at Kephala, an important Final Neolithic site, and Ayia Irini, a settlement featuring a multi-phase shrine active from the Bronze Age until at least the Classical period. Her team is analyzing metal artifacts, metallurgical debris, and associated pottery to shed light on nearly two millennia of copper, silver, and lead working in domestic contexts and as connected to wider developments across the ancient Aegean. Free, register at [Metallurgy on the Island of Kea Kelsey Museum](#).

Kent Archaeological Society

9/18 – Thursday, 7 p.m. GMT/1 p.m. Central. Dan Hicks, PhD, Professor of Contemporary Archaeology in the School of Archaeology at the University of Oxford and Curator of World Archaeology at the Pitt Rivers Museum, outlines the importance of Kent to the work and thinking of British ethnologist and archaeologist Augustus Pitt-Rivers (1827–1900), including his time as Instructor in Musketry at Hythe and his excavations at Castle Hill (Caesar's Camp) in Folkstone. Free, see [Pitt-Rivers - Kent Archaeological Society](#).

North Texas Archeological Society

9/11 – Thursday, 7 p.m. Monthly meeting featuring Ken Lawrence discussing recent data recovery excavations conducted at 41SR462 (Merdivaya Site), a stratified site on the Arroyo Los Olmos drainage in Starr County, Texas. Among the discoveries at the site, some temporal gaps, roughly between 2.5–1.5k BP, observed had also been noted at other Starr County archaeological sites (41SR242 and 41SR459) during previous data recovery excavations. This presentation will discuss the results of this heuristic effort and the attempt to contextualize the cultural chronometric data of 41SR462 and generally determine how prevalent recognized cultural activities were through time along the Rio Grande of southern Texas. Guests are welcome to join all NTAS monthly meetings in-person or via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link for our programs, please email info@ntxas.org and see [Monthly Meetings; NTAS](#) for more information.

Shumla Archaeological Research & Education

9/17 – Wednesday noon. Lunch and Learn; Rock Art Graphic Database: An Integral Rock Art Recording Method; Diana Rolon discusses the processes used by Shumla to create digital tracing of rock art in order to reproduce, preserve, analyze, and study the Pecos River style pictographs; [Click to Register](#).

Smithsonian Institution

A current calendar of Smithsonian virtual lectures presented for modest fees may be found at [Online Events | Smithsonian Institution](#).

ON-SITE:

Check these websites for upcoming events at

[State Parks - Texas Parks & Wildlife Department](#) and

[State Historic Sites - Texas Historical Commission](#).

Brazos Valley Museum, Bryan

Through 10/25 – Rocks: Earth's Building Blocks. Other displays include Texas and local history, ranching, stone tools from the Albert Dalton Doerge Collection of stone tools, and the cypress skiff *Mary*. More information at [Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History](#).

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Lake Jackson

9/13 and 9/20 – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – Noon. Annual event during the peak of Ruby-throated Hummingbird migration. See these amazing birds up close, watch live bandings, and enjoy educational booths, family activities, a plant sale, and the nature store. Tickets are \$5 for adults, children 12 and under free. 299 Hwy 332 West, Lake Jackson; gcbo.org/connect/xtreme-hummingbird-xtravaganza.

Houston Civil War Roundtable

9/18 – Thursday, 6 p.m. optional dinner, 7 p.m. lecture. Dr. Jeremi Suri presents How Slaves Became Union Soldiers and Veterans. [Facebook](#); [HCWRT](#).

Houston Heritage Society

Through December. Coastal Cowboys, a traveling exhibition from The Bryan Museum shedding light on a network of Texas coastal ranches that flourished long before Texas found its place on the map, revealing how these cowboys forged a distinct way of life amid sand, salt, and sea. Cattle ranching has been the backbone of Texas's economy since the early 18th century. Few realize that a parallel ranching world existed along the Gulf Coast, where geography and climate demanded inventive adaptations. Some of the state's first innovations in fencing, cattle branding, and herd veterinary care emerged from these frontier enterprises. Artifacts were acquired from the White Ranch in Stowell, near Winnie; the Boyt Ranch in Chambers County; the Chambers County Museum at Wallisville; and many other ranches and coastal cowboys. Tickets \$5, available online and at the door; members receive free admission. Museum hours are Tuesdays- Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free parking at 212 Dallas Street. [Museum Admission](#) | [The Heritage Society](#).



Houston Maritime Center and Museum

9/8 – Monday, 6 p.m. Bruce Race, PhD, discusses Legacy Maritime Districts at the new museum space, 2940 Riverby Road, Suite 200; [Registration](#).

Lake Jackson Historical Association

9/6 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. [Abner Jackson Plantation](#), FM Road 2004 near State Highway 332, open the first Saturday of each month, free admission. Visit the historic archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s.

McFaddin-Ward House Museum, Beaumont

9/18 – Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Howard Hughes and the Creation of Modern Hollywood, free public lecture presented by Jeffrey Richardson, Visitor Center Lecture Hall, 1906 Calder Avenue. Howard Hughes was an aviator, industrialist, and eccentric, but he was also the most important movie producer during the golden age of Hollywood, using his enormous wealth to revolutionize the industry, onscreen and off; from starlets to scandals, a story of sex, violence, movies, and money told through one of the most colorful characters in American history. The full lecture will be available for viewing on the museum YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@mcfaddinwardhouse), Facebook (facebook.com/McFaddinWardHouse) and website (mcfaddin-ward.org/about/videos) after the event.

National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg

9/16 – Tuesday, 2 p.m. Preserving the Greatest Generation: World War II Genealogy. Courtney Carr, WWII Veterans Legacy Programs Manager, explains the [Society of Sons and Daughter of WWII Veterans](#), a genealogy-focused program providing descendants an opportunity to connect to other families while also documenting their loved one's experiences for future generations; [Register Here](#).

Preservation Houston

9/14 – Sunday 6 p.m. Walking tour of historic Broadacres, one of several residential neighborhoods developed near Rice University in the early 20th century. Its oak allées and formal landscaping were designed by William Ward Watkin, supervising architect of the Rice campus. Many of Houston's leading architects, including Watkin, John Staub and Birdsall Briscoe, created homes on North and South Boulevards. [Advance ticket purchase required](#), Broadacres.

9/27 – Saturday, 10 a.m. [Advance ticket purchase required](#), [Glenwood Cemetery walking tour](#), exploring some of the twentieth century graves, including businessmen George and Herman Brown; cotton magnate and statesman Will Clayton; Edgar Odell Lovett, Rice University's first president; Astrodome builder Judge Roy Hofheinz; and longtime television anchor Ron Stone.

Victoria Czech Heritage Festival

9/28 – Sunday. [Czech Heritage Festival](#), Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St., live Czech dancing and music featuring the Rusty Steins, Czech food and drink, arts and crafts, games, and a country store; victoriaczechs.org.



Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Program Schedule

Please note that meetings vary between in-person, hybrid, or virtual (via Zoom). The meeting format may change; be sure to doublecheck the HAS website and your emails prior to each meeting for updates. If you do not receive an email, please check your spam folder.

September 18 – Featuring Chris Lintz discussing the Antelope Creek Middle Ceramic Period, Part II. Virtual only via Zoom.

October 16 – Featuring Greg Dimmick.

November 20 - Featuring Tori Pagano.

December 12 – Come enjoy the HAS Christmas party, holiday treats, and a year-end recap.

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](#).

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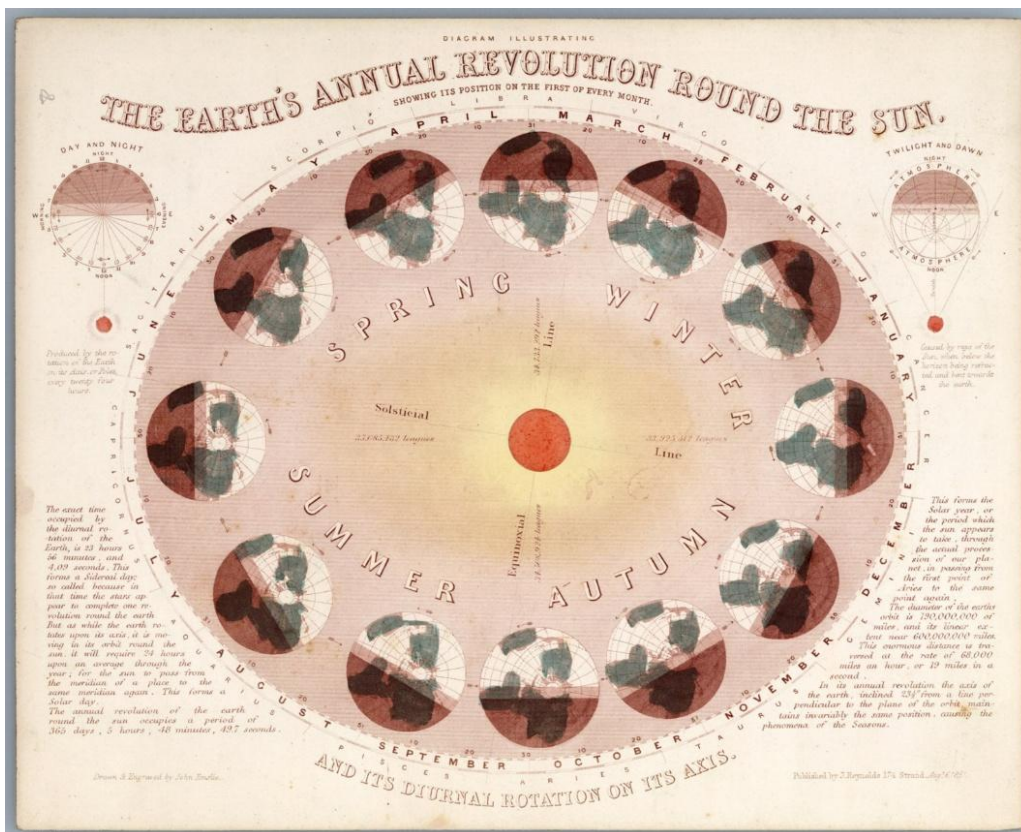
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