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

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

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

Linda Gorski, President
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Ceramics Display
Glass Display
Buttons
Ceramics and glass
Various ceramics including transferware and a Texian campanelle wear sherd
A display of pipes and stems
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Glass bottles

A display of marbles

Miscellaneous ivory, pewter, and porcelain

Metal items

Partially reconstructed plates

Beth Aucoin with a reconstructed chamber pot