Thursday, November 16th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

“Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century”
– Dan Worrall

Texas historian and author, Dan Worrall, will present a program at the Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. meeting of the Houston Archeological Society highlighting his new book, Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century. The meeting will be held in Doherty 009, an auditorium in the basement of Doherty Library on the University of St. Thomas campus.

Worrall’s book tells the story of the forgotten pioneers who settled rural western Harris County – not the early movers and shakers of the city of Houston, but the everyday men and women who lived on the frontier that lay to its west, in what much later became River Oaks, Post Oak/Uptown, Tanglewood, West University Place, the Memorial Villages and Spring Branch, Briar Forest, Barker and Addicks Reservoirs, and eastern Katy. They were farmers and planters, slaves and freedmen, soldiers and innkeepers, sawyers and cowboys. Urban Houston’s explosive expansion during the twentieth century buried their story, until now.

“Settlement began here in 1824, a dozen years before the city of Houston was founded,” said Worrall. “Ox wagons full of cotton traveled from the Brazos River east to Harrisburg along the San Felipe Trail, built in 1830. Along this same road, Texian families fled eastward during the Runaway Scrape of 1836, immigrant Germans trekked westward to new farms in the 1840s, and newly freed African American families walked eastward toward Houston after Emancipation. Along a part of this old road, Reconstruction-era cowboys assembled herds of longhorns and headed north along a southeastern branch of the Chisholm Trail.”

Dan Worrall was born in Poteet, Texas, but has been a resident of the Greater Houston area for most of his life. Dan is one of a fifth generation of his family to live in the Houston area, and some of his ancestors lived at Pleasant Bend, Piney Point, and Wheaton’s Ford along the San Felipe Trail. He is a member of the Harris County Historical Commission and a director of the historic Morse-Bragg Cemetery Association. A retired geologist for Shell Oil, Dan is a graduate of Rice University, Northwestern University, and received his PhD in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin.

HAS will be meeting in Doherty Library for the rest of the year while MD Anderson Hall, our regular venue, is under renovation. Attendees will be required to check in at the front desk of the library and to show one ID (driver’s license is fine) to gain access to the Doherty Library. Doherty 009 is a theater style auditorium in the basement of the building and can be accessed by stairs or an elevator. We urge everyone to get there early to go through the check in process so we can start the meeting promptly at 7:00.

For a campus map of the University of St. Thomas, go to www.stthom.edu and look for the Interactive Map, Building 22, Doherty Library. Street parking is available as well as paid parking in Moran Center Garage at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark. For more information about this program or about the Houston Archeological Society, please contact Linda Gorski, at lindagorski@cs.com.
President’s Message – Linda Gorski

One of the main goals of the Houston Archeological Society is public outreach – sharing our passion for archeology with the community. We do a lot of public outreach every year but especially during October which is Texas Archeology Month -- and this year was no exception.

In the last month, we held several Public Outreach programs including an archeology class for the Texas Master Naturalists, a program for a Rotary Club in Channelview, Digging Old Stuff Day at Kleb Woods Nature Preserve in Tomball, and International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. We also presented programs on archeology to school groups including the second graders at Awty International School in Houston. We’ve presented our program annually for about the last four years at this school - and each year we enjoy it more! The teachers are wonderful, the kids are so bright and ask so many terrific questions and everyone at the school is enthusiastic about archeology. Best of all, the kids send thank you notes and drawings after each program. We love to see how the kids interpret what we have told them and what they observed and touched in our extensive display of hands-on artifacts!

We have started to schedule our school programs for 2018 so if you would like our education team to come to your school, please email me at lindagorski@cs.com so we can get you on our calendar. We love showing kids how we dig up Texas history – one trowel full at a time!
Minutes
Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting
October 19th, 2017

Welcome New Members and Guests (Linda Gorski): Welcome to everyone who attended tonight. Several of our professional archeologists are already up in Grapevine for the annual TAS Conference!

Treasurer’s Report (Bob Sewell): Bob reported amounts in the HAS checking and savings accounts. If any member is interested in more information about HAS finances, please see Bob.

Membership (Bob Sewell): So far, our membership for 2017 is 207! MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is now underway! If you joined HAS after September 1 of this year, your membership is good through 2018.

New Business
New Meeting Location (Linda Gorski): MD Anderson Hall will be under renovation for this entire school year beginning immediately, so we will be meeting here in DOHERTY 009 for the time being.

Publications (Louis Aulbach): The Kellum-Noble Report is being handed out tonight. Louis also has extra copies of the Andy Kyle Archeological Collection (Report #29) for those who haven’t received one. Your $25.00 membership to HAS entitles you to receive publications worth $15.00 - $20.00 each!

Lab Report (Linda Gorski): Labs at Rice have been curtailed for the time being due to an increase in parking fees to $12. Watch emails for updates on Labs at Linda’s!

The passing of Leland Patterson (Linda Gorski): Linda announced the passing of long-time HAS member Leland Patterson. Leland served as HAS President, and was involved in research and publishing for many years.

Projects
Outreach projects:
Frost Town (Linda Gorski): The Elysian Viaduct has not been demolished yet. The next phase of this project may not begin until early 2018.

Kleb Woods Public Archeology Project (Linda Gorski for Ashley Jones): We will participate in Diggin’ Old Stuff Day at Kleb Woods on October 21. We need more volunteers! Several HAS participants are traveling to the TAS conference in Grapevine for the weekend; however, Tom Williams will be there, along with Larry Golden. This will be the last time we will work in test units. After October 21, we will be conducting real archeology!

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

INTERNATIONAL ARCHEOLOGY DAY (Linda Gorski): The Houston Museum of Natural Science is hosting International Archeology Day on October 28, and HAS will participate. This is a good event for volunteering, especially as volunteers receive a sticker that allows entrance to the entire museum!

Archeology Academies (Linda Gorski): March Archeology 101 will be here in Houston! Check the TAS website for registration forms and other information. As usual, a total of three academies will occur in early 2018!

Program for November: Historian and Author Dan Worrall will present a program on his new book Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century. This book is very interesting and well-researched.

Program for tonight: Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski presented a program on their research on archeological sites in the Campus Martius area of Rome, which is the subject of their newest book. Linda and Louis have traveled to Italy 4 times and have published two previous books on Roman archeology!

Beth Kennedy, Secretary
Leland W. Patterson, Jr. (May 10, 1929 – October 5, 2017)

Leland W. Patterson, Jr., 88, avocational archeologist and lifetime member of the Houston Archeological Society, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Bryan, Texas. Lee, as he was known to his friends, was born on May 10, 1929, in Warren, Ohio. He was raised in Ohio, the only son of Leland W. Patterson, Sr. and Myrtle Patterson. Lee graduated from Ohio State University in 1952 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He married Mary Lou Davidson in 1952. Mary Lou passed away in Bryan, TX October 2, 2011. Lee was also preceded in death by his son, Michael, and is survived by his daughter-in-law Jan Patterson, son Brian Patterson and his wife Jude, and granddaughter Kaitlyn.

According to all sources, Leland Patterson was a true legend in Texas archeology. The legacy he leaves behind is impressive. Patterson authored or co-authored 467 publications in local, state, regional and national journals. Surveys conducted by him resulted in recording over 150 prehistoric sites in Texas, Louisiana and Ohio.

He had many areas of interest including general lithic technology, the archeology of south central and southeastern Texas, patterns of cultural change and the early people of the New World.

Patterson served as President and Vice President of Houston Archeological Society, as Vice President of the Fort Bend Archeological Society and was a member of the Texas Archeological Society, the Southern Texas Archaeological Association and the Society for American Archaeology. In recognition of his contributions to these organizations, he received the Golden Pen Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Archeological Society; the Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award and the Merit Award from the Houston Archeological Society and the Crabtree Award from the Society of American Archeology, presented annually to an outstanding avocational archeologist who has made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional or national archeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collection preservation, collaborations with the professional community and public outreach.

“Leland Patterson has, without a doubt, given more professional credibility to the Houston Archeological Society than any other member,” said HAS President Linda Gorski. “Among his 467 publications, he has contributed many of those to HAS periodicals including articles in 186 HAS Journals, 19 HAS Reports and 13 HAS Special publications.”

In presenting the Texas Historical Commission’s Award of Merit to Leland at an HAS meeting in April of 2014, Pat Mercado-Allinger, Archeology Division Director for the Texas Historical Commission, said “I can’t think of another avocational archeologist in the State of Texas who deserves this more.”

When news of his passing reached the Texas archeological community, many of his colleagues remembered him with kind words including his friend Dr. Tom Hester, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Texas in Austin, who said, “I had great admiration, fondness and respect for Lee. He was such a hard worker and strong supporter of the HAS. He would send me his latest list of publications every year. Certainly the knowledge of the archeology of southeast Texas was greatly enhanced by his research and publications. He was a very frequent contributor to La Tierra as well. He did so much work, and wrote up almost all of it. He was a great model for Texas avocational and professional archaeologists. Leland W. Patterson was a "doer" and he will be missed!”

Leland Patterson was a retired chemical engineer whose last professional position was Manager of Environmental Affairs, Engineering, for Tenneco, Inc. After his retirement he did consulting work for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation for administration of cultural resource (archeological site) clearances on construction projects. Patterson moved to Bryan College Station from Houston several years ago to be closer to family members.
International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science

International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science on October 28 gave the Houston Archeological Society a chance to shine yet again. Kudos to all our HAS members who volunteered to make the day such a special event for kids and adults alike!

Catherine, Julian and Liz Coon-Nguyen and Tom Williams handed out these terrific posters!

Ashley Jones who is a professional archeologist with Raba Kistner, had kids drawing these terrific soil profiles!

New HAS member Dave Ewell supervises the hands on boxes of prehistoric and historic artifacts

HAS member Nathan Palmer explains an artifact to one of our visitors

TxDOT archeologist and HAS member Dr. Jason Barrett was on hand again this year with a terrific display of artifacts from our Frost Town project.

HAS member Jack Farrell admires the collection of WWI artifacts that Michael Bailey, curator at the Brazoria County Museum brought to display. 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into WWI.
Kellum-Noble House Report Published

If you are an HAS member and were at the September 2017 meeting of the Houston Archeological Society, you received your hot-off-the-press copy of the report entitled The Kellum-Noble House, 41HR425, Harris County, Texas. Thanks to editor and HAS member, Beth Aucoin, this report provides an overview of one of the most remarkable emergency salvage archeology projects that HAS has been involved in to date. If you have not received your complimentary member copy of this report, you will want to get yours at an upcoming HAS meeting. It is absolutely chockablock with information about many of the 10,283 historic artifacts dating from the early 1800s and recovered during the project including Bottles, Buttons, Ceramics, Children’s artifacts, Early American Pattern and other Flint Glass, Marbles, Metal artifacts, Munitions, Personal and Ivory Artifacts Pipes, and Miscellaneous Artifacts. We even recovered a Prehistoric Biface during the project!

This report is available to non-members for $20 at our meetings or on Amazon.com at https://www.amazon.com/Kellum-Noble-41HR425-Houston-Archeological-Society/dp/154807246X

Here are just a few of the many many artifacts that are highlighted in this report. Get your copy today.
TAS Academies 2018

The Texas Archaeological Society Academies for 2018 have been published. They include “Spanish Colonial”, “Archeology 101”, and “Archeobotany”. The “101 Academy” will be held in our neighborhood at The San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site from March 9 – 11, 2018. For registration information go to the TAS website at https://txarch.org/events
Frost Town Article in SHA Fall 2017 Newsletter

The Fall 2017 issue of the Society for Historical Archaeology Newsletter contains a great article about the Frost Town Project that HAS has been participating in recently. The article, authored by Douglas Boyd (Prewitt & Assoc.) and Dr. Jason Barrett (TxDOT), describes the background to the project, a history of the Frost Town area, and the excavation activities that have been carried out. And, of course, HAS gets a mention!!

The SHA Newsletter can be viewed at http://onlinedigeditions.com/publication/?i=445151

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Houston Archeological Society
Monthly Meeting Programs for 2017/2018
7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June)
Doherty Library, St. Thomas University

Programs for 2017/18

December 14, 2017 – Wrap up of HAS Activities in 2017


February 15, 2018 – Brad Jones, “Social Life of Arrows”

March 15, 2018 – Dan Warren “Underwater Archeology in the Gulf from the Perspective of Damaged and Looted Sites”

April 19 2018 – To be announced

May 17, 2018 – Dr. Gus Costa - Bannerstones of Texas

All Houston Archeological Society meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about HAS then visited our website at www.txhas.org or email lindagorski@cs.com. You can also join our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/
Please submit articles for publication to *The Profile* Editor Bob Sewell at newsletter@txhas.org. Submit articles no later than November 25th for the December 2017 issue.

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