

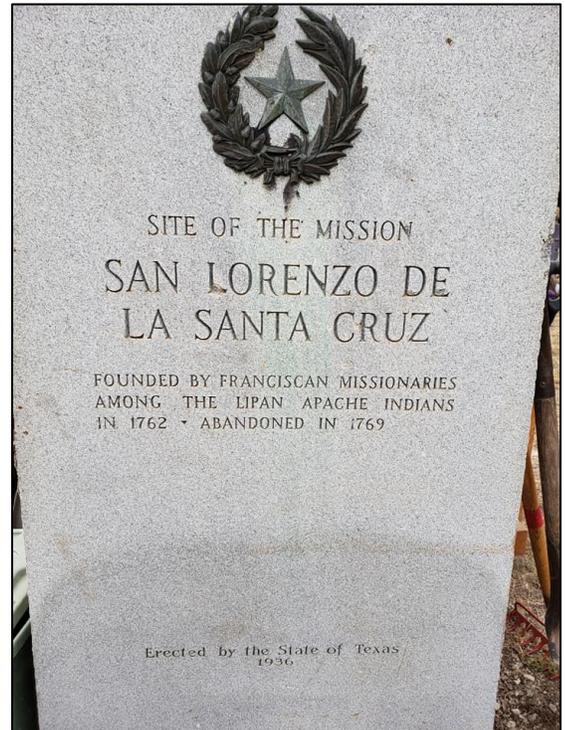


Thursday, July 19th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

“Texas Archeological Field School at Mission San Lorenzo de la Cruz”

A group of Houston Archeological Society members will present the monthly program for the Houston Archeological Society on Thursday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION – The Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055. The program will highlight archeological excavations undertaken during the 2018 TAS Field School held June 9 - 16 at Camp Wood near Uvalde.

This year’s field school was again held at Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz, a Mission established for the Lipan Apache. Mission San Lorenzo was established in 1762 and abandoned by 1771. The purpose of the Field School, led by Principal Investigator Dr. Tamra Walter from Texas Tech, was to expand upon archaeological excavations on the mission done by Curtis Tunnell in the 1960s and to lay the ground work for the community of Camp Wood to reconstruct the mission as a future exhibit and museum in the town. Other activities at field school involved survey of private property near Camp Wood, a metal detecting workshop, and a lab to process collected artifacts. Ever popular afternoon events included archeo-olympics, the “Wally” party, and Spam-o-Rama, won this year by HAS member Dr. Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen with her Vietnamese (Spam) spring rolls.



Over 300 avocational and professional archeologists from across the State of Texas and beyond including over 25 HAS members attended field school this year. Approximately 50 youth from ages 7-14 who worked with professional archeologist Doug Boyd in excavation of the West Wall of the Mission had the “find of the week”—a bronze and glass official seal. Other artifacts recovered included Spanish colonial era ceramics, glass, and metal. Several rock and adobe walls were also uncovered.

We will no longer be meeting at the University of St. Thomas due to administrative changes. Our new meeting location is in the Spring Branch area, near the corner of Westview and Wirt Road (1414 Wirt). Parking at the Trini Mendenhall Center is free of charge. Overflow parking is in the grocery store parking lot across Wirt Road from the Community Center.

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

HAS MOVES MONTHLY MEETINGS TO NEW FACILITY IN JULY

HAS Members and Friends –

After many many years of holding our monthly meetings at the University of St. Thomas I am sad to say that due to administrative changes at the university, the Houston Archeological Society has been asked to move our meetings elsewhere. So, after our wonderful relationship with the University of St. Thomas and many years of meeting there, we were forced to find another place to meet.

We put together a committee to look at alternative meeting spaces around the Houston area and visited several. We also asked for input from our members. We learned that many places charge exorbitant room fees and require groups to take out a \$1 million dollar liability insurance policy to hold meetings – which we were, in fact, forced to do to meet at the University of St. Thomas to the tune of over \$1000 per year!! We also encountered lack of parking – free or otherwise, and locations that are totally unsuitable due to rush hour traffic. Finally, the committee came up with an alternative that we hope will be suitable and acceptable to our members.

Our new meeting space is in the Trini Mendenhall Community Center which is centrally located for most of our members at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, 77055. This is in the Spring Branch neighborhood, at the corner of Westview and Wirt Road. The room we have reserved can hold up to 100 people – and if we think we will have more attendees there is an even larger room we can reserve! The room includes a sink with running water and a very large counter top that runs almost the whole length of the room for goodies so we will be able to visit, chat and eat before and after the meeting right in the room. There is a kitchen down the hall that we can use to heat up food or make coffee. The restrooms adjoin our meeting room. There is free parking at the community center with overflow parking across Wirt Road in the grocery store parking lot. You will not have to show an ID to get into the building, as we had to do in Doherty Library, and the entire building is handicap accessible. You can have a look at our new meeting space online at <http://www.pct3.com/Community-Centers/Mendenhall-Community-Center>. Note that the center offers many other activities that you might want to get involved in.

If you have any questions about our new meeting facility, please email me at Linda Gorski@cs.com or call me at 713-557-1496. We look forward to seeing you at the July 19th meeting.

MINUTES
Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting
May 17, 2018

Welcome New Members and Guests: Louis Aulbach stood in for Linda Gorski, who is out of town.

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): Bob reports 201 members so far in 2018. All 2017 members who have not renewed have been moved to the inactive list.

New Business:

Publications (Dub Crook): If you have not received them so far, see Louis after the meeting to receive our third publication of this year: HAS Special Report #31 ("Mossy Grove Culture Ceramics from Montgomery, Walker, Polk and San Jacinto Counties," by Tim Perttula) and Dub's South African report (Journal #138 on Etruscan and Roman Archeology). Our next publication will be out some time in the fall. Also, Dub announced the upcoming grand opening of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (containing the Andy Kyle Collection), to be held June 9 at the center in Liberty.

Lab report – We have been running labs at the Frost Town site about twice to three times a week to keep up with the large number of artifacts we've recovered. Thanks especially to Beth Kennedy who has taken on the Frost Town labs!

Projects

Frost Town (Dr. Jason Barrett and Bob Sewell): Work continues at Frost Town and we've had a good turnout on most recent Fridays and Saturdays. Jason reports we have 4 to 5 weeks left in the main excavation area. Bob reports that artifacts from this site include marbles from the 1930's and 40's, buttons, dolls, depression glass and lots of bottles.

Kleb Woods Public Archeology Project (Ashley Jones): Ashley is not present tonight. Members will receive an email concerning the next schedule date for work on this project.

TAS Field School 2018 is located at Camp Woods on the Nueces River, June 9 - 16. Many HAS members are going.

Heritage Society Exhibit: The exhibit opened May 16 and features artifacts from the Milam Street Dredge Project that HAS members processed, and Joshua Farrar, HAS member and A & M grad student, conserved for his doctoral thesis. Larry Golden has also donated artifacts as has Doug Boyd and TxDOT from the Frost Town archeological site. Bob and Louis represented HAS at the opening. Watch for an article in May newsletter about this exciting exhibit.

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site: The Grand Opening of the new museum was on April 27th! HAS has participated in many archeological excavations there and is looking forward to some of the artifacts we recovered being on display. Plan a visit soon. This is a fabulous museum!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE MEETING VENUE – We have been informed that we can no longer meet at the University of St. Thomas. Therefore, we had to make a quick decision about where to meet for the rest of 2018. We visited the Trini Mendenhall Community Center at Wirt Road and Westview and contracted to meet there for the remainder of the year. Therefore, we will start meeting there with our July 19th meeting. We have been offered a great room that will hold over 100 people, complete with a sink and running water and an area to serve food. There is even a kitchen facility where we can make coffee and heat up food. There are large restrooms right next to the room, free parking, no requirement for a \$1 million dollar insurance policy that we had at St. Thomas, and no monthly charge to meet. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

July Program – Recap of the TAS Annual Field School by HAS members who attended.

May Program: Dr. August Costa – Borderland Bannerstones: Old Finds and New Data from 41HR184: In this presentation, Dr. Costa described new specimens of bannerstones and placed them within a broader context of Archaic bannerstone finds from Texas.

Beth Kennedy, Secretary

Notes on Munitions
A .38 Long Colt Center-fire Cartridge from Frost Town (41HR982)

by Tom Nuckols

Recently, while conducting excavations at the historic site of Frost Town (41HR982) near downtown Houston, archaeologists with Prewitt and Associates, Inc., uncovered a brick cistern (Feature #33) in Block “C”. One of the numerous artifacts found inside the cistern was a center-fire, brass-cased cartridge containing a lead bullet. The cartridge was so degraded that shortly after recovery, the bullet separated from the case, taking part of the case mouth with it. After cleaning, only a partial headstamp was discernable on the base of the case: “8 LO”. This stands for “.38 Long Colt.”



The .38 caliber Long Colt (38 Long) center-fire was introduced in 1875 as one of several cartridges used in the Colt’s Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, New Line, New Police and New House revolvers. The 38 Long was also the official United States Army and Navy revolver cartridge from 1892 to 1911 along with the gun that fired it, the Colt Model 1892, double action 6-shot revolver¹. During the Spanish-American War and the Philippine insurrection, the Army found that the 38 Long had insufficient stopping power for combat use (Suydam 1979, 160). Both the cartridge and revolver were replaced in 1911 by the .45 ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol) caliber cartridge and the Colt Model 1911 semi-automatic pistol (Barnes 2006: 298, Flayderman 1998: 99). The 38 Long became obsolete circa 1899 with the introduction of the .38 caliber Smith & Wesson Special center-fire cartridge (Suydam 1979: 160). The Black Hills Ammunition Company of Rapid City, South Dakota, currently manufactures the 38 Long for Cowboy Action Shooters or CAS (Black Hills Ammunition 2014). CAS is a type of contest that uses a combination of handgun(s), rifle, and/or shotgun in a variety of "Old West-themed" courses of fire for time and accuracy. CAS participants must dress in appropriate Old West costumes as well as use gear and accessories as mandated by the CAS sanctioning group rules.

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¹ Preceding these, the United States Army used the .45 Colt center-fire revolver cartridge and the Colt’s Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company six shot Single Action Army revolver, officially adapting both in 1875. The Single Action Revolver, aka “Peacemaker”, “Model P” and “Colt 45” was used by just about every character yielding a revolver in TV westerns and Hollywood western movies. Another center-fire cartridge and revolver officially used at the time as the Colt, was the .45 caliber Smith & Wesson Schofield and the Smith & Wesson Schofield revolver. Some authorities believe that General George Custer used a Schofield revolver at the Battle of the Little Bighorn (Barnes 2006: 310-311).

Screening Project at Frost Town to wind down at the end of July

Houston Archeological Society members have spent the last two years working with TxDOT and Doug Boyd and his team from Prewitt and Associates at the Frost Town site in downtown Houston. This site, known as the earliest "suburb" of Houston was founded in the late 1830s by German immigrants. It was occupied continuously until the 1950s when the neighborhood was razed for the construction of US Highway 59 and the Elysian Viaduct. The HAS team has recovered, cleaned, processed and bagged thousands of important artifacts from the site which have added enormously to the history of Houston. We have one more pile of dirt to screen and we have until the end of July to do it before the project shuts down. Members: Watch for an email soon with our July work schedule for the Frost Town site.



Love Field Pottery Sherd, recovered at Frost Town. Love Field pottery was located in Dallas and dates from the early 1900s.



Crew working at Frost Town in June.



Ceramic backstamps like this one "Made in Germany" will help us date artifacts from Frost Town



Mystery Object. Note the Oriental symbols on this piece. Can anyone identify it or read the symbols? You will receive kudos if you can identify this piece!



Just one of the hundreds and hundreds of bottles recovered at Frost Town.

FROST TOWN - DEPRESSION GLASS

As we continue to screen and rake our way through the cistern contents of Frost Town, it's quite evident that there is nothing sacred around the house when it comes to filling a cistern. Household contents include cast iron stove parts, enamelware, marbles, jugs, whiskey flask, dolls, etc. So a few shards of depression glass would be nothing out the ordinary.

Depression glass describes a line of inexpensive decorative glassware made by many different United States glass companies from the 1920's into the early 1940's. It was sold or given away as premiums in household products. Depression glass was made in many different patterns, colors and a wide variety of serving pieces.

Shown below are 4 examples of the shards found at Frost Town (pictured left) with the original pieces (pictured right).



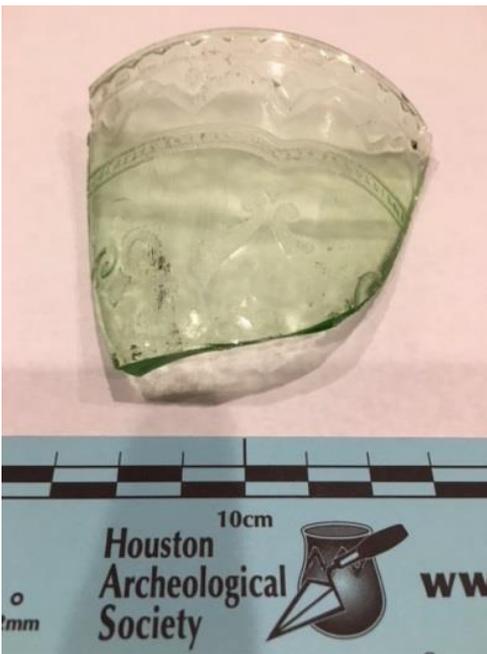
Shard 1 - Consists of two large pink bowl rim shards. Made in the Adam pattern by the Jeanette Glass Company from 1932 – 1934. Adam was produced in colors of green, crystal, pink and yellow. The pattern consists of over two dozen different serving pieces.



Shard 2 - Consists of a crystal (clear) lid rim shard from either a butter dish lid or a covered serving bowl. Made in the Iris, "Iris and Herringbone" pattern by the Jeanette Glass Company from 1928 – 1932. Iris was produced in colors of crystal, iridescent and pink. It was also produced in over two dozen serving pieces.



Shard 3 – Consists of two pink panel shards from a cookie jar. Made in the Mayfair “Open Rose” pattern by the Hocking Glass Company 1931-1937. Mayfair was produced in colors of pink, green, yellow, ice blue and crystal. It was also produced in over two dozen serving pieces.



Shard 4 – Consists of a green rim shard from a cup or sherbert. Made in the Patrician “Spoke” pattern by the Federal Glass Company 1933 – 1937. Spoke was produced in colors of pink, green, yellow and amber. It was also produced in over two dozen serving pieces.

One might wonder whether the cistern was the hiding place for Mom’s broken depression glass.

First Aid Corner: Heat-related Illnesses By Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen, MD

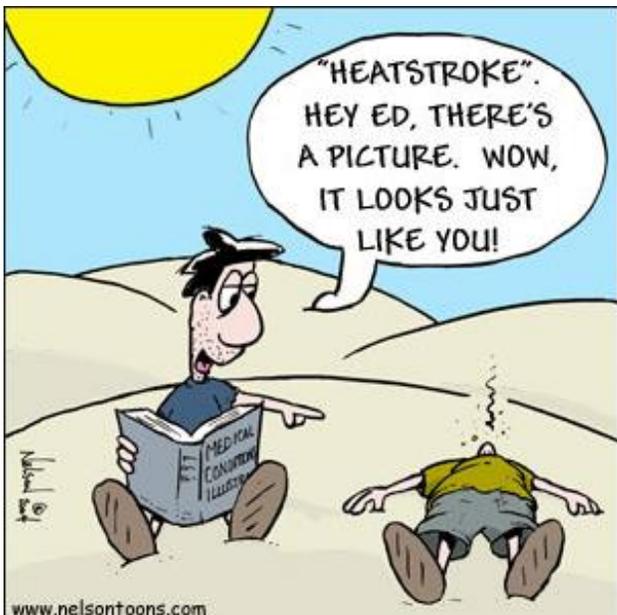
In honor of the recent TAS Field school and the possibility of upcoming volunteer opportunities in the Houston area this summer, here is a brief primer on heat related illnesses! These illnesses vary in degree of severity and mechanism of injury and are reviewed starting with the less severe.

Sunburn: wear hats, long sleeves and sunscreen. Utilize shade as much as possible!

Heat rash: these are small red bumps that will appear distributed through the less ventilated areas of the body. Loose fitting breathable clothing will help reduce risk. Cool dry conditions will help the rash to dissipate.

Heat cramps: usually these are associated with heavy sweating during exercise. If you notice any muscle cramping while in the field, please take a break, get out of the heat, and drink water or a sports drink. If cramps persist longer than an hour, seek medical attention.

Heat exhaustion: symptoms can include heavy sweating, dizziness and possible fainting, headache, nausea and possible vomiting, clamminess, rapid or weak/thready pulse, and weakness. This member of your crew needs to cool off ASAP, sip some water and loosen clothing. Apply cool compresses or get in a cold bath. If any vomiting at all or if symptoms do not improve within 1 hour, seek medical attention.



Heat stroke: this is the most serious heat related illness and 600 deaths per year in the US occur due to it. Symptoms include hot red dry or moist skin, rapid pulse, nausea, headache, dizziness and possible loss of consciousness. A heat stroke is defined as an internal or core body temperature of more than 103 degrees F. This member of your crew needs immediate help, call 911, move them to a cooler place and loosen clothing. Do not give oral fluids at this point!

Heat illnesses are linked to both actual temperature and the heat index, which is worsened due to high humidity. Please take every precaution to reduce your risk in the field. Hydrate before during and after! Wear hats, sleeves and sunscreen! Stay in the shade as much as possible and avoid midday exposure! Always monitor crew members, especially those who are older than age 65, taking any prescription medications or are new to field work, for appropriate preventative measures and any early signs or symptoms of illness.

Sources:

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School's out for Summer, but HAS Continues Education Programs

The School year ended for most students in late May but the Houston Archeological Society continues to provide educational opportunities for kids through the summer months at history camps offered at local camps and nature centers.

On Monday, May 18, Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski presented a program to campers at the Houston Arboretum who are studying Native American culture and archeology. The kids enjoyed a program targeted at elementary school students and a large variety of touch boxes with both prehistoric and historic artifacts.



On Tuesday, June 26, Don Keyes, Sharon Menegaz, Professional Archeologist Ashley Jones and Linda Gorski took part in the annual Kleb Woods History Camp held at Kleb Woods Nature Center in Tomball. Twenty kids participated, opening two archeological units, screening dirt from those units, and studying the artifacts that were recovered from the units. Sharon Menegaz also offered other hands on activities including ceramics reconstruction. If you would like the HAS Education Team to present a program for your group, please contact the HAS education coordinator, Sharon Menegaz at smenegaz@rcseaglesonline.org



THE PANTHEON

AND OTHER SECRETS OF ROME'S CAMPUS MARTIUS

Presented by Louis F. Aulbach and Linda C. Gorski of the Houston Archeological Society

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018 | 7:00 PM
Doors open at 6:45 pm

The Pantheon of Rome is one of the best-preserved buildings of ancient Rome. Join us as we reveal the ruins of those other structures of the Campus Martius, and as we address some of the mysteries of the Pantheon itself, not the least of which is the answer to the question: Who built the Pantheon?

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Houston Archeological Society
Monthly Meeting Programs for 2018
7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June)
Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road

Programs for 2018

August 16, 2018 - Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski - “Archeological Sites in Ostia Antica”

September 20, 2018 - Wilson “Dub” Crook - “Update on the Andy Kyle Program” / HAS Annual Meeting

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. Please submit articles no later than July 22nd for the August 2018 issue.

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