Thursday, October 18th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
“Happy Hollow: Emergency Salvage Archeology at a 19th Century Brothel Site in downtown Houston”
With Linda Gorski

Houston Archeological Society president Linda Gorski will be the speaker at the Thursday, October 18 meeting of the HAS. Her topic will be The Happy Hollow: An Emergency Salvage Archeology Project in Houston’s Historic 19th Century Red Light District. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center located at 1414 Wirt Road in West Houston. The program is free and open to the public.

For three short days at the end of January 2016 Texas Historical Commission Archeological Stewards from Harris County and members of the Houston Archeological Society participated in an emergency salvage archeology shovel testing project at a unique site in downtown Houston, Texas. Owners of the historic Lancaster Hotel were forced to demolish two equally historic adjoining buildings to provide parking spaces for the hotel. The owners of the hotel graciously allowed the Texas Historical Commission to examine the site before it was paved over.

These historic buildings in the 500 block of Louisiana Avenue were built in 1907 and replaced earlier structures on the lots that were originally “female boarding houses” - aka brothels - home to the “soiled doves” of Houston. The shovel testing revealed early cisterns, brick and concrete piers that supported the pier and beam building, an historic gulley and a privy. Approximately 1100 artifacts were recovered including many complete bottles that originally contained female medications and tonics, providing clues as to what was going on at the site in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and lending credence to the site’s original name - “Happy Hollow”! Gorski’s presentation will highlight the history of an early red light district in Houston through artifacts recovered at the site.

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 or along the residential street adjoining the Community Center. For more information about this program or about the HAS, please contact Linda Gorski, at lindagorski@cs.com.
President’s Message – Linda Gorski

It was a banner Annual General Meeting for the Houston Archeological Society on Thursday, September 20th. First of all, the new Board was elected including Linda Gorski, President; Larry Golden, Vice President; Bob Sewell, Treasurer; Beth Kennedy, secretary; and professional archeologist Ashley Jones as a Director at Large. Dub Crook and Dr. Liz Coon-Nguyen still have 1 year and 2 years to go on the Directors at Large positions. Please give each of these folks a high five when you see them at future events and thanks for your confidence in electing us! If you’d like to see photos of your new board members and contact information, check the HAS website at http://www.txhas.org/contact-us.html.

Four HAS members received awards for service above and beyond the call of duty in 2018. Frank Kozar, a fairly new member of HAS, received the Merit Award for his unwavering support of society activities, both in the field, in the lab, and at outreach projects.

Larry Golden and Louis Aulbach received the Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award for their incredible work in support of the Frost Town Archeological Project in downtown Houston. Doug Boyd, with Prewitt and Associates, the professional archeologist in charge of the Frost Town project, wrote glowing citations for both Larry and Louis, commending them for their work. “Larry Golden was the main person who would identify artifacts being found during the HAS screening work at Frost Town. If it was unique or had any portion of a makers mark, Larry would identify it and then email me with the correct ID and reference citation,” said Boyd. Larry still works full time but has his phone on him at all times and we all have his number on speed dial. Even if he wasn’t at the site while we were working, we sent him photos of artifacts to identify and he never let us down!

Louis Aulbach, outgoing HAS Vice President and well-regarded Houston historian, provided valuable research to the project much of it based on his book on Houston history - Buffalo Bayou: an Echo of Houston’s Wilderness Beginnings. “Louis has always been our go-to guy for anything related to Frost Town history, going all the way back to the Frost Town surveys in 2004 and in 2014-2015. I have relied upon Louis as my first line of information for all types of history questions and he has always come through,” said Boyd.

Yours truly was surprised and delighted to receive the Lifetime Membership Award from HAS Treasurer Bob Sewell. The photos show how delighted he was to surprise me with the award and how delighted I was to receive it. Thanks y’all for a wonderful five years as president and I look forward to serving you again. And thanks to Beth Kennedy for the great photos of the meeting and awards ceremony.
Welcome New Members and Guests to our new meeting location at Trini Mendenhall Community Center (Linda Gorski, President).

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): Our membership currently stands at 218 members for 2018.

New Business:
Nominating Committee: Geoff Mills introduced Board nominees and called for a vote on new Board members: Linda Gorski, President; Larry Golden, Vice President; Bob Sewell, Treasurer; Beth Kennedy, Secretary; and Ashley Jones, Director at Large. Dub Crook and Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen have one and two years left to go on their Director slots.

Motion to accept Board nominees as named: Charlie Aulbach and Frank Kozar. Motion seconded by Tom Williams. Ayes – All; Opposed – None; Board Members elected as named above. Linda Gorski thanked everyone in the audience for their confidence in the HAS Board. Louis Aulbach is now off the Board but will still serve as publications director.

Awards (Linda Gorski): Linda presented annual awards to the following people:

- **Merit Award**: Presented to Frank Kozar for his outstanding service as a new member in HAS.
- **Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award**: Presented to both Louis Aulbach, for his outstanding contribution to the history of Frost Town; and to Larry Golden, for his outstanding work on identifying artifacts from the Frost Town site.
- **Lifetime Membership Award**: Bob Sewell presented this award to Linda Gorski, President, for her major contributions to HAS through acting as President, serving as PR Director, hosting labs at her house, enhancing our Outreach Programs, and the many other things she does!
- **Recognition of HAS for work on Andy Kyle Collection**: Alana Inman, Manager, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, presented this award on behalf of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to HAS for its almost two years of work done on this collection, as well as its discovery of unique artifacts found in the collection.
- **Special Award to Dub Crook**: Alana also presented an award to HAS member Dub Crook, for his work on the Andy Kyle Collection, on behalf of the Governor of Texas through the State Library System and via the Atascosito Historical Society in Liberty County.
- **Publications**: Louis Aulbach will distribute recent Journals and Reports next month. Dub Crook will report on future publications at that time also.

Monthly Show and Tell: Larry Golden will be in charge of each month’s show and tell. Last month he displayed a collection of glass flasks dating from 1830-1920. This month we have a display of prehistoric artifacts from the collections of Larry Golden, Marshall Black, and Mike Marshall. If you have a collection you’d like to display at our meeting, please let Larry know.

CTA Award (Linda Gorski): HAS received $700 from the Council of Texas Archeologists to use for Texas Archeology Month events. Thanks to Cyndy Cuffey for facilitating this award!
Projects:

**International Archeology Day:** HAS will participate in this event on October 20 at HMNS. Four to eight volunteers will be needed.

**San Felipe de Austin:** A public event will be held here on October 21st. The museum will need volunteers. More information to follow.

**Kleb Woods Public Archeology Project (Ashley Jones):** This project has been put on hold during the summer due to heat and mosquitoes! “Digging Old Stuff Day” will be held on November 3.

**October Program:** Due to military training commitments, Joshua Farrar will not be able to present his program on Civil War artifacts from Houston. Linda Gorski will present a program on Emergency Salvage Archeology at a 19th century brothel site in Houston.

**September Program:** Tonight Dub Crook presented an update on the Andy Kyle Collection Project in Liberty County and the extreme importance to Southeast Texas archeology that the project has revealed. Dub encouraged everyone to visit the Sam Houston Library and Research Center in Liberty to learn about our rich Southeast Texas history.

Beth Kennedy, Secretary

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**Linda Gorski Receives Lifetime Membership from FBAS**

This time of the year is awards time, not just for the Houston Archeological Society, but also for the Fort Bend Archeological Society (FBAS). Recently, HAS President and FBAS member, Linda Gorski, received a well-deserved Lifetime Membership Award from FBAS. Linda is one of the founding members of FBAS, helping to establish FBAS when she was living in the Richmond area during the early 1990’s. Well done, Linda!

*Linda Gorski receiving her Lifetime Membership Award from FBAS President Paul Spana*
Houston Archeological Society receives Statewide Award at Annual General Meeting
By Linda Gorski

The Houston Archeological Society received an incredibly special award at the September 20th Annual General Meeting from Alana Inman, Manager, the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas. Inman presented the award on behalf of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and it was signed by Michael C. Waters, Chairman of the commission, and members of his committee.

The citation recognizes HAS for spending nearly two years analyzing the Center’s Andy Kyle Archeological Collection, reviewing an estimated 30,000 artifacts and subsequently cleaning and lab testing many, so that the collection and its rich history could be shared in the Center’s new exhibit “Atascosito: The History of Southeast Texas”. It also commends members of HAS for several unprecedented discoveries while examining the collection, including one of the largest Marksville stamped bowls ever recorded and the first recorded Clovis points in Liberty County.

Inman also presented a special award to HAS member Wilson W. “Dub” Crook, the lead on the project, on behalf of the Governor of Texas through the State Library System and via the Atascosito Historical Society in Liberty County. The award is a bronze bust of General Sam Houston on a base made of Town Mountain Granite which comes from Llano and Burnet County, which is also the building material used in the Texas State Capitol Building.

Thanks so much to Alana for recognizing the efforts of the Houston Archeological Society! HAS plans to continue researching and analyzing the artifacts in the Andy Kyle collection to develop more of the prehistory of Liberty County and the nine surrounding counties in east Texas, all of which are represented in the collection.
Notes on Munitions and Alligators by Tom Nuckols

On Friday, September the 21st, I met Stephanie Orisini and Dr. Gus Costa of Moore Archeological Consulting Inc., at an alligator farm in Anahuac, Texas. Hunters bring their alligators to the facility to have the meat and hides processed. Gus wanted to test Lawrence Aten’s +30 year-old theory that Houston area Indians often sourced stone for tool making from alligator stomachs. Alligators, like other reptiles and birds are known to swallow stones or “gastroliths” as an apparent aid to digestion.

The alligator processor gave us the internal organs from seven alligators. The three of us took turns dissecting the stomachs. All stomach contents were given a cursory examination, placed in a plastic bag and transferred to an ice filled cooler. Altogether, the stomachs yielded the following: a few marble-sized stones, a fish vertebra, numerous partially digested small blue crabs, a small furry animal, three unfired plastic hulled shot gun shells and the brass case from a 9mm pistol cartridge.

Due to the conditions at the time, I was unable to read the headstamps on the shotgun shells or pistol cartridge case. However, two of the shotgun shells had red plastic hulls which I am assuming were manufactured by Winchester Ammunition Inc. The other shotgun shell had a green plastic hull which probably indicates manufacture by Remington Arms Co. The shotgun shells were in fairly good condition, and the brass pistol cartridge case was still bright and shiny, so I am assuming that they had not been in the alligator stomachs for very long. All but one of the alligator stomachs examined came from coastal marshlands from near the Sabine Pass and Sea Rim State Park area. These anecdotal findings may have significance for understanding the potential for post-depositional disturbance and transport of historic munitions or other items of archeological interest by alligators.

Gus will be presenting a paper detailing this research on “Alligator Gut Gravels and Prehistoric Lithic Economy in Southeast Texas” at the Texas Archaeological Society annual meeting in San Antonio this month.

Dr. Gus Costa, is Vice President of Moore Archeological Consulting Inc. Stephanie Orisini, M.A. is a project archeologist and zooarcheologist at Moore Archeological Consulting Inc.
The Houston Archeological Society (HAS) ‘gambled’ recently by applying for 1 of 5 grants offered by The Council of Texas Archeologists (CTA) Outreach Program specifically to support Texas Archeology Month (TAM) events in October. It is with great pleasure we announce CTA’s generous grant of $700 to HAS! This grant will cover printing costs and other expenditures associated with our participation in the highly successful International Archeology Day (IAD) at the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) as well as other programs planned in October.

Each October, TAM celebrates this spirit of discovery. It's an opportunity for Texans to understand the depth and richness of our heritage, from the former dwelling sites of prehistoric hunters and gatherers to historic shipwrecks and military sites, the historical significance of the state's archeological sites, the importance of proper archeological practices and contributions made by professional and avocational archeologists to our understanding of Texas’ ancient and recent past.

The HAS will celebrate TAM with several events including:

- Presentation to 75 seventh grade Emery Weiner School students studying First Texans
- Oct. 18th HAS meeting highlights a downtown Houston emergency shovel test survey
- Oct. 20th participation in IAD at the HMNS
- Oct. 21st assisting San Felipe de Austin Historic Site's hands-on archeology program
- Oct. 25-28th HAS members to attend the Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting
- Nov. 3rd participating in hands-on Digging Old Stuff Day at Kleb Woods Nature Center

As you can see, the $700 grant from CTA to HAS will greatly assist us in supporting these public outreach projects.

Spread the word about our important archeological events that celebrate Texas Archeology Month! Show your pride in HAS by volunteering to help at the Oct. 20th event at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. More information about this event is in this newsletter. Contact Linda Gorski at lindagorski@cs.com to obtain specifics on tasks where we can benefit from your talents! See you there!
Join HAS at International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science
By Linda Gorski

Members of the Houston Archeological Society will participate in the Saturday, October 20\textsuperscript{th} International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. This will be the fourth year that we have taken part in this international event. Please read the announcement below from Dirk Van Tuerenhout, Curator of Anthropology at the HMNS who is organizing the event. We have reserved at least five tables for our HAS displays and hands on activities. Now we are looking for volunteers to man the tables and share the excitement of archeology with HMNS visitors. Please email me at lindagorski@cs.com if you can help us between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. - even for an hour or two.

Celebrate International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, October 20, 2018

Archaeologists and related professionals are invited to participate in the Fourth Annual International Archaeology Day festivities at the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Once again, the event will feature displays outdoors and in the Grand Hall (accessible to the public free of charge) and in Glassell Hall, the Hall of Human Evolution, the Hall of Ancient Egypt, and the Hall of the Americas (accessible with museum admission; only museum-based displays will be placed inside the ticketed area).

Tables are available for CRM firms, academic departments, and all professional and avocational archaeological organizations that wish to set up booths, displays, or demonstrations. IAD is great opportunity to showcase archaeology and your research - and to engage, inform, and educate the general public about archaeology and related disciplines. The event was well attended over the past years, and visitors left excited about the many facets of archaeology - both local and farther afield. A few popular activities in the past years included artifact identification, mapping, flint-knapping, drone demonstrations, underwater archaeology, forensic anthropology, artifact displays, and museum touch carts and hall tours. The sky’s the limit - literally!

The museum will supply tables, table coverings, and chairs. They will be set up and ready to go early Saturday morning. Please let us know about how many tables and chairs you will need, and if you require access to an outlet for audiovisual equipment. We will make sure tables and booths are placed accordingly. In addition, the Volunteer Guild of the Houston Museum of Natural Science will provide a hospitality room downstairs in the Volunteer Library, equipped with coffee, water, and light snacks. Look forward to seeing you there!
HAS Members! We need your help! On Saturday, November 3rd, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. we will participate in the Diggin’ Old Stuff Day Heritage Festival at Kleb Woods Nature Center. HAS will open two or three units and teach kids proper excavation techniques. We’ll also screen the dirt that comes out of the units and recover any artifacts. We may even run a field lab to clean and process the artifacts if we get enough volunteers. This is one of our most exciting and fun public outreach projects of the year so we hope you’ll join us. See complete information on the flyer below. Please email me at lindagorski@cs.com if you’d like to volunteer.
The Riches of Richmond!
by Cyndy Cuffey

My husband, Bruce Gilmore, and I recently moved to Texas and enjoy discovering the greater Houston area. We visited Kleb Woods in February and picked up a Nov/2017 copy of the Houston Archeological Society’s (HAS) newsletter which outlined the public archeology project’s call for volunteers. After one inspiring/dynamic conversation with Linda Gorski (need I go on?), we joined HAS and the Texas Archeological Society (TAS); which led us to the TAS Archeology 101 Academy at San Felipe de Austin. Since then, we’ve participated in HAS meetings, Frost Town activities and are learning a lot from very knowledgeable HAS and TAS members. Thanks to all for a warm welcome!

Recently Linda mentioned an August 21st presentation to the Fort Bend Archeological Society (FBAS). She coyly giggled and described the topic: Happy Hollow - HAS’s Jan/2016 emergency salvage project in downtown Houston. Linda, with her beguiling ways, lured us to the FBAS meeting for an eye opening ‘red light district’ discussion!

The FBAS meetings are held in historic Richmond, Texas, so, we made a day-trip to the area. If you’ve never ventured to Richmond, go soon and delve into the many riches of Richmond!

Richmond factoids:
- In 1822 members of Austin’s Old 300 built a fort at a bend in the Brazos River; 1836 residents evacuated due to the Runaway Scrape; 1837 incorporated by the Republic of Texas and became the seat of Fort Bend County
- Other interesting claim-to-fame topics:
  - In the 1880’s, before becoming a prohibitionist, Carrie Nation ran a hotel in town
  - 1888 political feud called the Jaybird-Woodpecker War
  - Holds record for longest consecutive serving U.S. mayor, Hilmar Moore, 63 years & 73 days. In 2nd place: 61 years & 111 days for a Florida mayor.

Sightseeing:
- Fort Bend Museum – excellent; many artifacts/stories and 2 home tours!
  - 1855 Long-Smith Cottage - once located on Jane Long’s (Mother of Texas) property. Thomas Jefferson Smith (gunsmith/blacksmith/captured soldier at Goliad battle/escaped at San Jacinto battle) settled in this cottage. The relocated cottage is over an old church cemetery. If you love a good mystery, our docent said FBAS wants to dig under the cottage to try to locate the grave of Erastus "Deaf" Smith. The docent also said FBAS won’t be allowed to dig anytime soon! Fact or fiction…not sure…I forgot to ask FBAS members at the meeting.
  - 1883 Moore Mansion - An eclectic mix of Gothic Victorian style and a 1905 remodel to Colonial Revival! Built by Congressman John M. Moore, Sr. and his wife Lottie, the house remained in their family until donated to the museum. We always learn something new with each historic home we tour. When commenting on the excellent posture of all the girls in an old school photo, the docent said that...
if a girl ‘failed’ to have good posture she spent some time-out with her hair hung from a wall hook and only her toes touching the floor! You probably know the pineapple is a sign of welcome. Did you also know it was a sign of wealth for show-only in the dining room; guests did not get to eat any of the tasty fruit?!

- **Morton Cemetery** - Founded in 1825 by William Morton (apparently the 1st actual settler) on part of his land grant. We easily located the graves of many historic people such as Mirabeau B. Lamar who served in the cavalry at the San Jacinto battle, was 1st Vice President and 2nd President of the Republic of Texas.

- **Fort Bend County Courthouse** - We walked in to this beautiful 1908 building to look at the inside architecture of the dome. We were greeted by a knowledgeable, and soon-to-retire, Sheriff’s Deputy who pointed out antique appliances on display as well as showed us a now-little-used but original court room!

- **Fort Bend County Jail** - This impressive 1838 building boasts a ‘Richardsonian Romanesque’ style. It’s far too beautiful to be the combination jail, gallows, sheriff’s office and living quarters; with the living quarters separated by an iron door. The Richmond Police Department offices are now located in the building but some of the original cells, gallows, and museum are open to the public. We did not go in but understand one can schedule a tour of the jail by calling ahead to the Master Sergeant.

- **George Memorial Library** - We were very surprised when we saw this huge library since we expected an old fashioned library. For all you book lovers, they have a good ongoing book sale in the front lobby!

- **Sandy McGee’s** - After several tantalizing restaurant recommendations we opted for this one; located in the old Post Office/Drug Store building. Great wait-staff; large portions of good food left no room to try the equally large and delectable looking desserts!

We headed over to the **FBAS** meeting to get some ‘mental’ dessert! We were graciously greeted by Bob Crosser, an original founding member and current officer celebrating the FBAS’s 25th anniversary! We met a few of the other officers and members; all having unique and interesting stories on how they got started with FBAS and/or how they contribute today. One member, Anice Divin, loves to sew. Hurricane Harvey flooded her home but she borrowed a sewing machine to continue making **Topsy Turvey Dolls** for the San Felipe de Austin museum shop. Paul Spana mentioned the November 18th **Pecan Harvest Festival**, where FBAS will reopen a pit near the old train station to let the public experience archeology and town history first-hand. He asked Linda for names of experienced flint nappers who might be interested in doing demonstrations that day. We were also invited to participate in the Lamar Project where the FBAS has been doing **EM38 Conductivity/Magnetic Susceptibility** testing and discovered, among other things, a cistern to explore. Years ago while working in the corporate world, I heard a guest speaker called a ‘Futurist’ state that as a parent it is more important/valuable to introduce your children to your network of contacts than it is to provide them with an inheritance. The focus being on how invaluable it is to have people helping one another to progress in the world. Watching the Texas archeological network in action is proving the Futurist’s words to be true (although HAS wouldn’t mind an inheritance too)!
Houston Archeological Society
Monthly Meeting Programs for 2018/2019
7:00pm Third Thursday of every month (except June)
Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road

November 15, 2018 – Merle Hudgins – “Treasures Found and Unfound Along the Texas Gulf Coast” taken from text found in her latest book *War Between the States Changed Texas Forever / pre-Civil War, Civil War, post-Civil War*

December 13, 2018 - Linda Gorski - Annual Wrap up of 2018 HAS Activities

January 17, 2019 - Dub Crook - The Conquest of Canaan: Who Were Those Guys at Jericho?

February 21, 2019 - Dr. Tom Williams - Update on pre-Clovis artifacts recovered at the Gault Site.

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](http://www.txhas.org) or email lindagorski@cs.com. You can also join our Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/](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 October 25th for the November 2018 issue.

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