

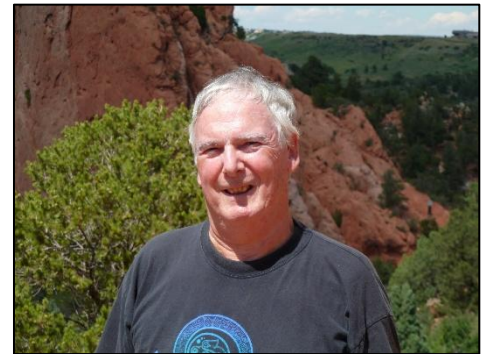


**Houston Archeological Society Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Featuring Geoff Mills, discussing the 'cache' of Angostura Lanceolate spear points excavated by HAS
members at the Lone Oak site (41CD168) in Frelsburg, TX**

Hello again, HAS members,

The October meeting of the Houston Archeological Society will be held on Thursday, October 15th at 6 pm at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center in the Spring Branch area of Houston. We will also broadcast the meeting on Zoom for those unable to join us in person. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to members a week before the meeting.

Our speaker at the October meeting is HAS member Geoffrey Mills. Geoff was born in Chester, UK, and grew up in a small village in North Wales. He was always interested in archeology while growing up and cycled down to the nearby beach at Dinas Dinlle to swim. The large hill he climbed there turned out to be the site of an Iron Age hillfort, which was excavated in 2022.



Geoff completed his studies in 1966, graduating with a BSc in Physics and Mathematics from Liverpool University. He then joined an international Seismic company, and shortly thereafter was sent to Libya to do seismic processing and interpretation. In Libya, he visited several archeological sites, including Sabratha, Leptis Magna, and Apollonia. While working there, he applied to Stanford University in the United States, graduating with an MSc in Geophysics, after which he rejoined the seismic company in Dallas and then Houston.

Geoff has volunteered on the Tall Ship Elissa and was involved with sail training and ship maintenance for 22 years. In 2016, Geoff joined HAS, as he had always been interested in archeology. While a member of HAS, he has attended nearly every field school from 2017 (Cotton Field) to the present (Rockdale). He has been on other digs, including Cotton Field, Frost Town, Lone Oak, Goloby, Walnut Tree Hill, Crying Women Ranch in Kerrville, and McNeill Ranch in Victoria. He has attended several TAS academies in lithics, ceramics, zooarcheology, and geoarchaeology.

Geoff will be discussing the 'cache' of Angostura-type lanceolate spear points excavated by HAS members at the Lone Oak site in Frelsburg, TX. This is not a cache in that we found them all at once, just in a narrow area at a depth of roughly 30 to 60 centimeters that we have been excavating over the past two years.

Angostura points are slender, lanceolate (leaf-shaped) stone artifacts dating from the Transitional Paleoindian to Early Archaic periods, from about 8500 BP +/- 500 years ago. They feature oblique flaking, concave or straight bases, and are frequently recovered throughout Texas and are also found in the Northern Great Plains into Canada, and from California to the Great Lakes.

I hope to see you at the meeting or at one of our digs this fall.

Frank Kozar, HAS Vice-President

President's Message – Bob Sewell,

HAS Members and Friends –

As you know, the September Monthly Meeting included the results of the email voting for the 2026/2027 HAS Directors election. I am pleased to report that the following people were elected as directors.

Bob Sewell – President
Frank Kozar – Vice President
John Gorczyk – Secretary
John Swann – Treasurer
Geoff Mills – Director-at-Large
Gail Peterkin – Director-at-Large
Louis Hebert - Director-at-Large



Congratulations to all candidates and many thanks to the HAS membership for voting.

Outreach at Jesse Jones Nature Park, Humble

On Saturday 12th September, 2026, several HAS members, including Ofelia Reyes, Tom (TR) Williams, Jacob Cantu, John Meredith, Garry Hartmann, Don Keyes, and Bob Sewell participated in the Native American Heritage Festival in Humble. This festival took place at the Jesse Jones Nature Park and included various exhibitors including HAS, the Texas Historical Commission, Caddo Mounds Historical Society, Spring Historical Museum, and a display of Native American dancing. Apparently over 250 people visited. Free coffee was provided by Starbucks.

Photo right; (l-r) Jacob Cantu, Garry Hartmann, and John Meredith



Upcoming Outreach Activities

Please monitor your emails as we request assistance with these activities:

- Genealogy Day at Montgomery County Memorial Library, Conroe has unfortunately been cancelled
- **Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: International Archeology Day, Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive**
- Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Nature and Outdoor Exposition, Magnolia Event Center, 11659 FM 1488, Magnolia

If anyone can assist with any of the above HAS Outreach activities, please let me know at president@txhas.org. We have the materials ready, and we can train you. It's not difficult; it just takes a bit of your time and can be very rewarding.

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Note: The regular editor of *The Profile*, Betsy Wittenmyer, will be taking a period of Family Leave. In the interim, issues will be abbreviated. Please continue to send your news, contributions, and photographs to newsletter@txhas.org. All content is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Bob Sewell, President

Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes ~ September 17, 2026

HAS Monthly/Annual Meeting

In person at Trini Mendenhall CC as well as virtual via Zoom. Attendance: Approx 10 people at Trini, 13 remote.

1. Membership
 - a. about 169 members, including 16 professionals.
2. Treasury funds
 - a. still good, even this late in the year.
 - b. Better when membership dues come in again.
3. Announcement: Charles Edward Aulbach II, longtime HAS member passed away on September 8.
 - a. Bob spoke about his time in the HAS, and how many HAS members recall working with him.
4. Annual Meeting: Results of election for the new board of directors 2026/2027 are available.
 - a. Nominating committee drew up a proposed slate of officers.
 - b. Mostly the same with some shuffling of director at large
 - c. The proposed slate was endorsed via email.
5. Project activities- on hiatus mostly due to the extreme heat. Too hot to be out there too often. At Lone Oak some people were visibly overheated.
 - a. Walnut tree Hill- still hunting season until November.
 - b. Goloby-no update
 - c. Lone Oak—No access issues, will focus on this site next.
 - d. Watch out for messages from fielddirector@has.com for information.
6. Outreach
 - a. September 12- Jesse Jones Park, Native American Heritage Day- around 250 visitors
 - b. Other requests received:
 - i. Montgomery Co. Library system genealogy department show and tell 3rd October (cancelled)
 - ii. HMNS International Archaeology Day October 17th
 - iii. Magnolia Exposition-Magnolia Event Center October 24
 - iv. Family archaeology day-Houston Arboretum February 27, 2027.
7. TAS Annual meeting—October 2/3 in Denton

Next meeting- Geoff Mills will give an update on excavations at the Lone Oak Site.

This evening Gus Costa presented “Seven Kills in 3,000 years at the Nighthawk Bison Jump (Caprock Canyon State Park)”.

John Gorczyk, HAS Secretary

Charles Edward Aulbach II (June 7, 1946 – September 8, 2026)

Long-time HAS member and friend Charles (Charlie) Aulbach II (Pearland, Texas), born on June 7, 1946, sadly passed away on September 8, 2026.

As many of you know, he was the brother of the late HAS member, Louis Aulbach, and I am sure that many of you recall working in the field with him. He was a devoted husband, loving brother, caring son, proud father, and cherished friend, as well as a life-long member of HAS.

He met the love of his life, Carol Aulbach while they were both students at the University of St. Thomas. They graduated and married in 1968. Together, they raised a loving family for fifty-eight years. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his four children, Lauren Salazar (Joe Salazar), Jessica Lorti (David), Liessa Speck - LA Speck - (Christopher Speck), and Charles E. Aulbach III; and his ten grandchildren, Rowan Salazar and Brynn Salazar, Elizabeth Lorti and Everett Lorti, Tabytha Donnelly and Charlotte Donnelly, Alistair and Frances Speck, and Heidi and Elisabeth Aulbach. He is also survived by his sisters, Laurretta Wallace and Nancy M. Aulbach

After studying at the University of St. Thomas, Charles joined the United States Air Force, beginning a career in which he served his country for more than 30 years. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. One of the highlights of his military career was escorting the Thunderbirds throughout South America as a serviceman and translator in 1972.

Charles had many and varied interests in addition to archeology: he was a lifelong learner, a technology enthusiast, a gardener, and a creative home chef who enjoyed sharing time, stories, and the Natural History Museum with his children and grandchildren. He earned a PhD in Land Use Planning, Design and Management, writing a dissertation titled 'Detecting, Evaluating and Monitoring Land Use Change on the Southern High Plains of Texas'. He also earned a master's in counseling and a Bachelor's in Spanish.

His unwavering commitment to his faith was matched only by his dedication to his family.

Register for the Texas Archeological Society 97th Annual Meeting, October 2 – 4, 2026



workshops, networking opportunities, and the chance to celebrate the rich archeological heritage of Texas. See you in October!

The 97th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society, is October 2–4, 2026, in Denton. There is still time to register.

Register Today: Registration information, conference details, lodging, speakers, and the latest meeting updates can all be found on the Annual Meeting webpage <https://www.txarch.org/Annual-Meeting>.

We look forward to welcoming you to Denton this October for an outstanding meeting featuring exciting presentations, special events,

*Alexandra Younger, North Texas Archeological Society President
TAS Annual Meeting Committee*

THE WIGGINS SITE, 41 HR 276

Brent W. Smith

Introduction and Acknowledgements

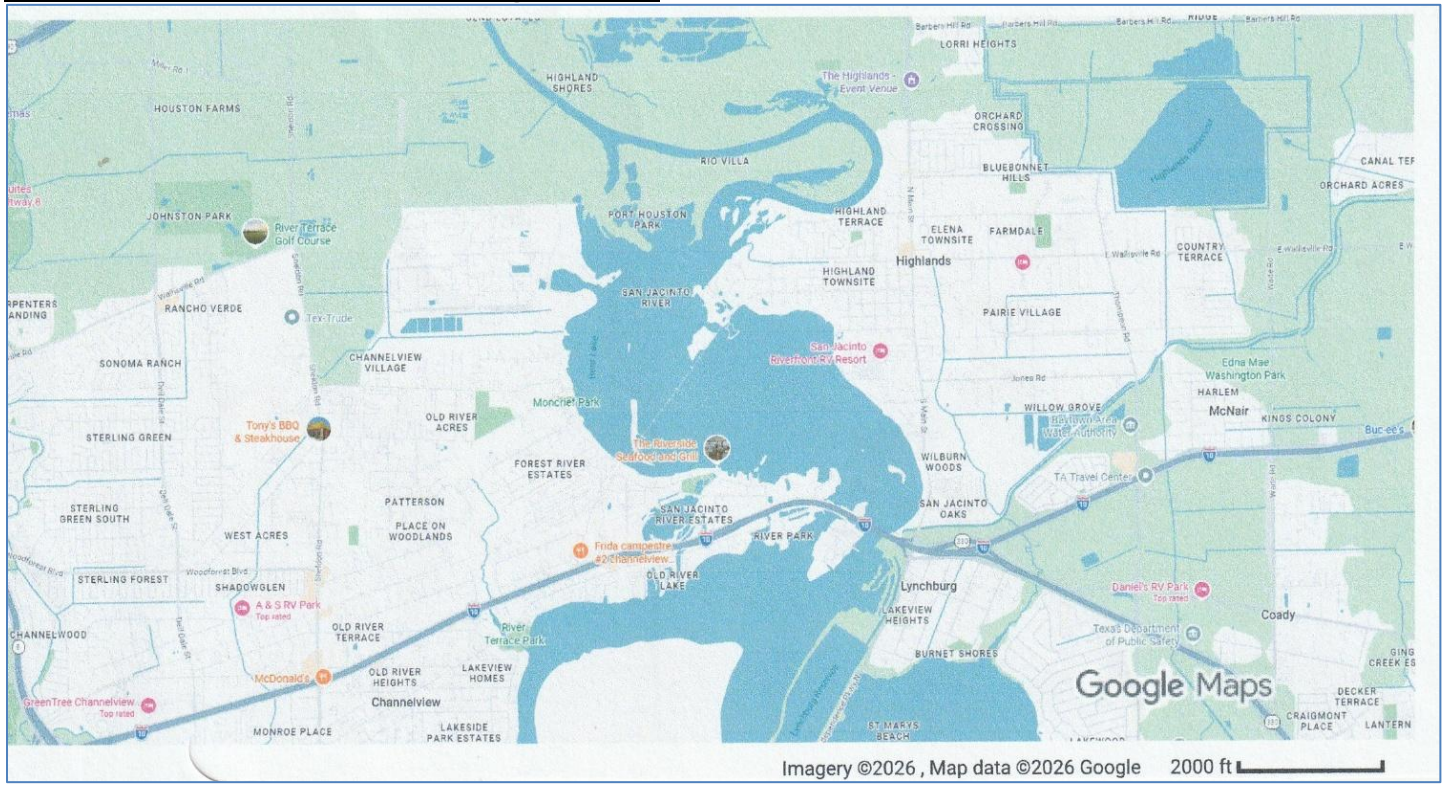


Figure 1. General Location, Highlands TX.

In early 1975 I was contacted by Gary Wiggins of Highlands TX about initiating testing of the Wiggins Site, 41 HR 276, which was in danger of being destroyed by development. The site was located on a hill overlooking the San Jacinto River (White Lake) in Highlands, TX (Figure 1). At the time I was an Environmental Planner for the Texas Highway Department and an Adjunct Instructor of Anthropology at the Houston Community College. Assistance for the test excavations was provided by my HCC students, by Sterling High School faculty and students and other locals (Figure 2). Gary Wiggins and myself are on the left front in Figure 2.

I would like to thank Sterling High School history teacher W.C. Smith and his then students Will Webber and Kirk Spencer, Roy Logan, Vickie Atkins and Houston Community College students Doyle Jennings, Bob Curtis and Billy Vincent, and Gary Wiggins, the discoverer of the Wiggins Site.

My work on the site ended in the spring 1975 as did my work for the HCC and Texas Highway Department when I accepted the position of Louisville District Archaeologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. My last work as an archaeologist was in 1978.



Figure 2. HCC and Other Volunteers.

Testing and Results

The site is a *Rangia cuneata* midden. Three one meter square were excavated, one level at a time. Included in the midden was clam shell, deer, gar, fish, snail, small mammal and turtle bone, Late Prehistoric grog tempered plain and incised pottery, projectile points and arrow points. Test excavations are on display in Figure 3. Screening is illustrated on Figure 4. No features were discovered.



Figure 3. Test Excavations.



Figure 4. Screening.

Figure 5 displays representative artifacts from the Wiggins site. The site is a multicultural site, possibly occupied as early as Middle Archaic times around 2500 B.C. and as late as Late Prehistoric times about 1500 A.D.

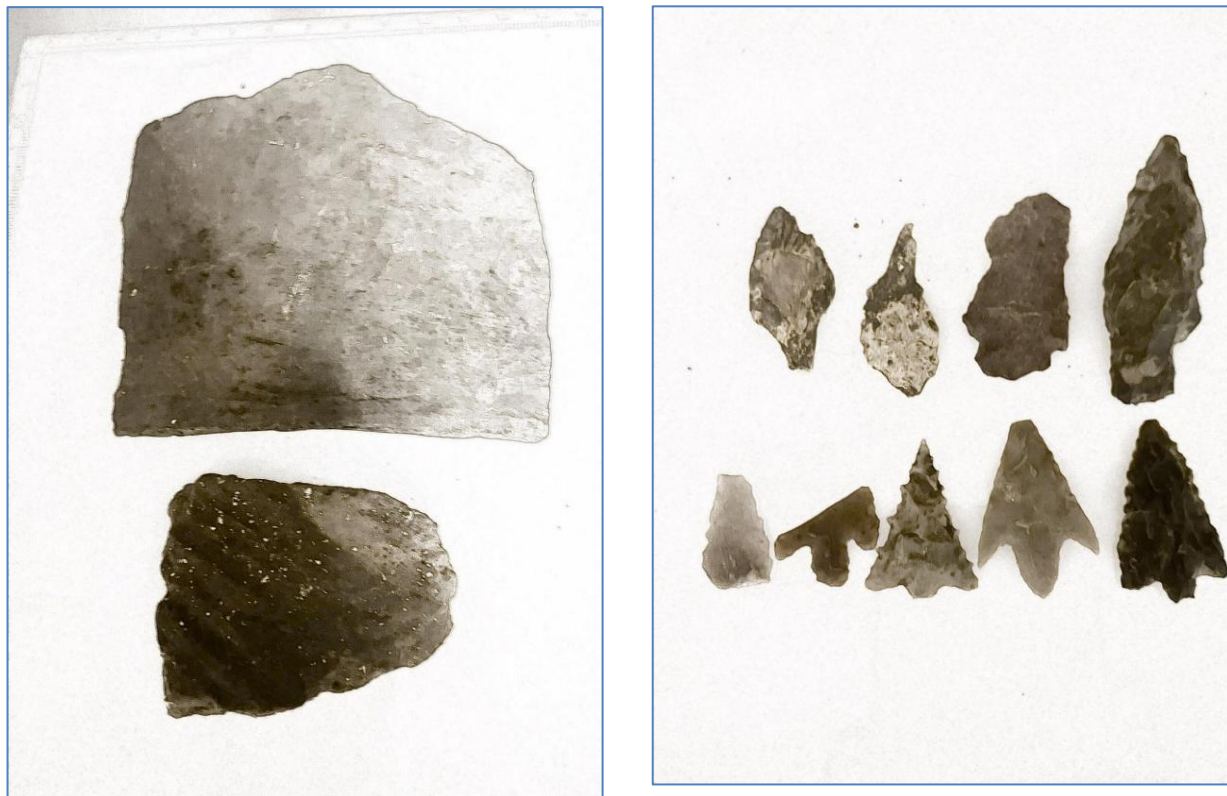


Figure 5. Goose Creek Plain on the left. Gary Projectile Points or Preforms and Perdiz Arrow Points on right.

Artifact Type	Culture	Approximate Age
Gary Projectile Point	Middle to Transitional Archaic	2500 B.C. to AD 700-800
Goose Creek Pottery	Late Prehistoric	A.D. 500 to 1500
Perdiz Arrow Point	Late Prehistoric	A.D. 1200 to 1500

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HAS friend and author has published several books since “Trammel’s Trace. You can find more information on this by clicking the link shown below.

Paying History Forward

I coined that phrase “Paying History Forward” about 8 years ago as a way to talk about how to connect people to history in a way that gets their emotions involved by making it personal. That’s how it started for me when I discovered Trammel’s Trace ran across our family land in Rusk County. I had no idea what would result from that unexpected discovery. Here is what is happening lately.

All Around Texas, and Louisiana

Fall is always a busy time for meetings and conferences, and my schedule of events reflects that this year. I’m especially pleased to be invited to speak about my book PAPER DIVER at the [shipwreck conference](#) in New Iberia, along with some real treasure hunters. To see the details, go to: garypinkerton.com/events



History at Night: San Felipe de A...
Sep 28, 2026, 6:45 - 7:45 PM



Lunch & Learn - Heritage Societ...
Oct 15, 2026, 12:00 - 1:00 PM



Alton C. Allen Historical Confere...
Oct 17, 2026, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Center for History & Culture, La...
Oct 22, 2026, 4:30 - 6:00 PM



Shipwrecks, Survivals, & Lost His...
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Texas GLO Save Texas History Sy...
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Do You Know Some Good Archaeology Jokes?

The Profile solicits your archaeology or history jokes, cartoons, witty poems, or even humorous stories from the field. Please submit them to newsletter@txhas.org!



Submitted by Tom (TR) Williams

Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Program Schedule

Please note that meetings will vary between in-person, hybrid, or virtual (via Zoom). The meeting format may change; be sure to double-check the HAS website and your emails for updates prior to each meeting.

October 2 - TAS Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom and in person, Denton. See TAS website for information.

October 12 – HAS Board Meeting

October 15 – 6:00 p.m. Monthly meeting featuring HAS member Geoff Mills discussing Angostura points uncovered at the Lone Oak site. [Trini Mendenhall Community Center](#), 1414 Wirt Road, with a Zoom link available to members.

November 19 – 6:00 p.m. Monthly meeting featuring Amanda Castaneda from [Shumla](#), via Zoom only.



December 17 – 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy the annual HAS Christmas party, holiday treats, and year-end recap. Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, with a Zoom link available to members.

Houston Archeological Society monthly meetings are ordinarily free and open to the public. Many previous HAS presentations are archived on our YouTube Site, where they are available for public viewing. For more information about HAS, visit www.txhas.org, email us at president@txhas.org, or join our Facebook Page.

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