

# TIME CAPSULE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association

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April 2021



## April 20, 2021. 7PM

**Speakers:** Dirk Van Tuerenhout

**Topic:** Special Lecture on the new HMNS exhibit on Pompeii

When people hear “Pompeii,” they immediately think of the disaster that befell the city in 79 AD. While this was indeed a tragedy for the good citizens of the city, it also presented a unique source for those among us who want to learn more about life in a Roman city in the first century AD. This presentation will look past the volcanic eruption and showcase the ways in which we have learned from Pompeii through murals, graffiti, inscriptions, and architecture.

Pompeii: The Exhibition is on display at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

More information at: <https://www.hmns.org/exhibits/special-exhibitions/pompeii-the-exhibition/>



*Pictured is one of the artifacts currently on display in the HMNS.*

### Speaker Bio:

Dirk Van Tuerenhout, Ph.D., Curator of Anthropology at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Dr. Van Tuerenhout has taken part in excavations of Late Roman ruins in his native Belgium, and Maya ruins in Belize and Guatemala. Dr. Van Tuerenhout has a Master's degree in Ancient History and Archaeology, from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, as well as a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Tulane University.

**Location:** Gus George Law Enforcement Academy - 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas.

**Masks are required to enter the Academy building.**

## Meeting Minutes from the November Meeting

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond TX. In attendance were nine members.

Jay Roussel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes from January 19, 2021

No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 10, 2021 is \$4,973.59.

No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

### Old Business:

- Paul Spana reported on the status of the Lamar site excavations and gave an update on a site excavated in by HAS/FBAS in 1996-97.

### Announcements:

- Roussel announced the April speaker may be Dr. Van Tuerenhout, Curator of Anthropology at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The May speaker may be author Dan Worrall.

### Presentation:

Vice-President, Rich Murphy introduced speaker Dr. Collin Garbarino from Houston Baptist University. His presentation discussed the birth of democracy.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Spana

## Treasurer's Report

April 9, 2021

<b>Balance as of March 10, 2021</b>	<b>\$4,973.59</b>
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No deposit or debits during this time.

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Submitted by  
Claire Rogers, Treasurer