

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association
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Holiday Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, December 19, 2023
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The Fort Bend Museum
410 S. 5th Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

A baked ham will be provided. Please bring a side dish, bread, salad, dessert, or drinks. So far, members are bringing au gratin potatoes, two pecan pies, and a ginger ale punch!

Excavation Site – Work is progressing at the historic homesite near Richmond where we are currently excavating. FBAS volunteers dig every Saturday morning. Want a closer look? Anyone is welcome to visit the site. You can join us or just come out to watch! Work begins almost every Saturday at 9:00 am.



In the top left image, Bob Crosser looks on as FBAS members work on several pits. Multiple pits are open as we expose the perimeter of the root cellar. Once the cellar has been documented we'll close the pits. The photo on the top right shows a sample of some of the glass being recovered. We're excited about the root cellar but we are also finding lots of little artifacts. This includes many of the typical things we find such as glass, ceramic, ferrous metal bits, nails, shell, brick, etc. Top photos by John Rich.



Here's an image showing the stark contrast between the light color of the root cellar and the darker color of the undisturbed soil outside of the root cellar. In addition to the smaller artifacts we're finding, we're also uncovering some larger artifacts. In the top left of the pit above, there is a large piece of flat iron with a small cylindrical bottle in the corner. We wonder if the metal could be a piece of a wood burning stove. The image on the right is a closer look at the small bottle after it was removed from the excavation unit.



Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, Texas. In attendance were ten members and five guests. President Paul Spana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The balance as of August 8, 2023, is \$5,962.85. David Rose moved to accept the treasurer's report and John Rich seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Excavation work continues at the Lamar homesite. FBAS members investigate a root cellar at the site of Mirabeau Lamar's home.

Announcements:

- There will be no in-person meeting next month. The September 19 meeting of FBAS members will be online.

Program: see page 1 for speaker presentation information

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Paul Spana

October 17, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society scheduled an online meeting to discuss news and share announcements. Due to technical issues, the meeting did not take place. Board member David Rose did log in to attend the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 15, 2023			\$5,962.85	
Deposit	8/24/2023	FBHA	Jay Roussel individual & Chevron match	110.00
Deposit	10/27/2023	FBHA	donation Polly Shouse in honor of Merrick "Milo Moves"	400.00
Deposit	10/27/2023	FBHA	Jay Roussel individual & Chevron match	120.00
Balance as of December 6, 2023			\$6,592.85	

Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer