

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association
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General Meeting: November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Brittany Gregory

Brittany Gregory is an Environmental Protection Specialist with the Texas Department of Transportation. Her specialization is in the interpretation of geology and its application to archaeological sites. She will be speaking about the use of clay balls in Texas and their potential uses for interpretation of sites within Texas.



All are welcome - the program is free and open to the public.

Location: Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. Fifth Street in Richmond, Texas. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for FBAS 2023 Board

As we wind down the year, it is time to nominate FBAS officers to serve the society in 2023. Nominations are now being accepted. Individuals currently serving as officers are:

<i>President</i>	<i>Paul Spana</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Rich Murphy</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Kevon Hunter</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Claire Rogers</i>
<i>Board member 1</i>	<i>Bruce Grethen</i>
<i>Board member 2</i>	<i>David Rose</i>
<i>Board member 3</i>	<i>Dottie Allen</i>

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please contact the group. All positions are open for nominations. We are in need of someone to fill one of the board member positions which will become vacant after the end of the year. Members will vote in officers for 2023 at the December meeting.

Guest Presenters for 2023

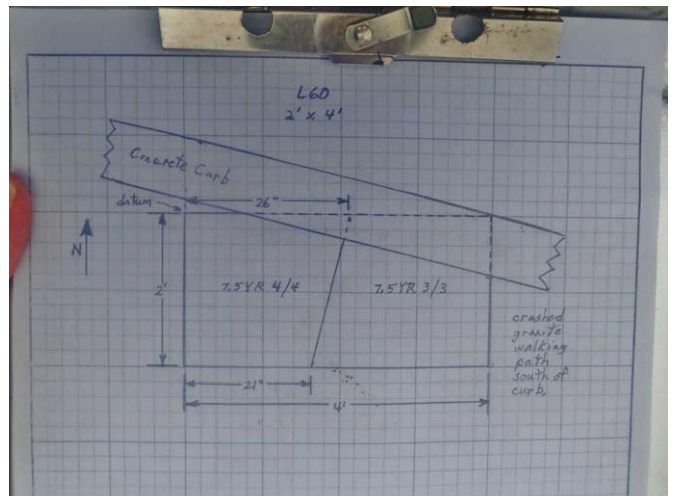
A new idea currently being discussed is to hold in person meetings with guest presenters just four times next year. The society's officers will continue to meet each month in 2023 but will do so virtually. Having just four in person meetings for all members next year will allow the society more time to find speakers.

Field Notes

FBAS volunteers investigate the homesite of a historic home near Richmond. Want a closer look? We dig every Saturday morning and welcome all new volunteers - come join us, or watch!



In the photo above left, Bruce Grethen takes a photograph of the most recent completed level. On the right, is an image of a finished level at a depth of 24". At this point, you can see a straight line between the light and dark colored soils as noted by the yellow arrows. This is the feature we were hoping to find. Its indicating that someone had dug a pit here many years ago? Could it have been part of the historic house?



On the left, you see a ceramic vessel of some type, possibly a small pitcher. It appears to be intact, but we won't know for sure until that side of the pit is dug down to the level of the pitcher. On the lower right is a drawing of the pit at the 24" level. Photographs are great for documentation, but drawings are needed as backup for clarity and as a means to add notes. The "7.5YR" notations are codes to designate the color of the soil. Photos courtesy of John Rich.



Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, TX.

In attendance were 9 members and 3 guests.

President Paul Spana, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from September 20, 2022 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of October 11, 2022 is \$5,266.01 - No objections, Treasurer's Report was accepted.

New Business:

- Spana proposed the idea of holding only four in person meetings for 2023. This will allow the society to find new guest presenters for the meetings. FBAS officers will continue to meet monthly but will do so virtually.

Old Business:

- Excavation work continues at the Lamar site. FBAS members continue to investigate possible root cellar at the Lamar home site.

Announcements:

- Spana showed the newly published report by FBAS. The Barnett Site (41FB326), Report No.10 is available. Members are able to buy a copy for \$14.00.
- Next meeting is November 15.

Presentation:

President Paul Spana introduced the speaker for the evening - archaeologist and Professor of Anthropology, Derry Webb. Ms. Webb spoke about excavations of a Roman well discovered in the backyard of her childhood home north of London, England.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Paul Spana

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 11, 2022				\$5,266.01
1986	10/17/2022	Derry Webb	speaker honorarium	- 75.00
1987	10/17/2022	Paul Spana	supplies	- 26.96
Balance as of November 4, 2022				\$5,164.05

Submitted by Claire Rogers, Treasurer