

# TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

*An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association*

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## **General Meeting: October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Guest Speaker: Derry Webb**

Join us for the society's next monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 18. The guest speaker for the evening will be archaeologist, Derry Webb. While the focus for her master's degree was on Southern Plantations and specifically the experience of enslaved children before and after emancipation, the reason she became an archaeologist was to explore her fascination with the Roman Empire. As a child, she was fortunate enough to live in a small ancient village in Hertfordshire, England and to have an archaeological dig in her own back garden. This talk is about that experience and how her little village played a part in the Roman expansion. While most items her family discovered were donated to museums or left with the village, they did bring a few things with them when her family emigrated to the United States. She will bring some of those items with her for you to experience at the presentation.



Webb graduated from University of Houston in 2014 with a Masters in Anthropology with focus on the archaeology of enslaved children in Louisiana and Texas. She's been a registered professional archeologist (RPA) since 2014. She's currently an adjunct professor at Houston Community College and LoneStar College since 2015. She has been the principal investigator (PI) overseeing all work done by FBAS at the current investigation site.

Mark your calendar for this fascinating talk! 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.

## Field Notes

**Excavation Site** - FBAS volunteers are investigating a historic homesite 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, Bruce Grethen is excavating the floor of our current pit. The blue scoop was created by Bruce using a 3-D printer. The scoop is just the right size for working in close corners. The image on the top right is of a small metal snap used on clothing. When screening dirt, one needs to keep a watchful eye for small items like the snap. Recently, we found a brass eyelet that looked like it was from a child's shoe.

On the bottom left, you see a small shell button. They are very delicate and require extra care when handling, otherwise they may turn to powder between your fingers. Its best to wait until one is in the lab to clean it completely. The bottom right shows the floor of our current pit. The straight line between light and dark soil is the wall of an old, man-made pit.





## Meeting Minutes

**August 16, 2022** (there was no meeting in September)

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, TX.  
In attendance were 7 members and 2 guests.  
President Paul Spana, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from July 19, 2022 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 8, 2022 is \$5,312.67 - No objections, Treasurer's Report is accepted.

### 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 September 20.

### Presentation:

Vice president Rich Murphy introduced speaker Dr. Jon C. Lohse who gave a presentation about a book he worked on called "The Calf Creek Horizon".

Meeting adjourned around 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kevon Hunter

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance as of September 15, 2022</b>	<b>\$5,317.67</b>
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<b>Balance as of October 11, 2022</b>	<b>\$5,266.01</b>

Submitted by  
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