

# TIME CAPSULE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*September 2019*



### General Meeting: Sept 17, 2019. 7PM

**Speakers:** Louis F. Aulbach and Linda C. Gorski

**Topic:** The Great Unknown of the Rio Grande:  
Insights into the Archeology and History of the Big Bend of Texas

Louis F. Aulbach and Linda C. Gorski present the archeology and history of Big Bend based on their experiences paddling the region.

Few journeys in Texas take one through the mystique and history of the American West as vividly as a river trip down the Rio Grande in Big Bend National Park.

This presentation will feature some of the most interesting archeological and historic locations that are found along this remote section of the U. S. border from Terlingua Creek near Santa Elena Canyon to the campground at Rio Grande Village. This presentation will highlight one of the most beautiful canyons of the Rio Grande, Mariscal Canyon. Although visitors to the park can see much of this area by traveling along River Road, there is nothing quite like seeing this stretch from the river!

Louis Aulbach is the author and publisher of guidebooks to the rivers and parks of West Texas. He has authored or co-authored several best selling river guides to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, including The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande (with Joe Butler), The Upper Canyons of the Rio Grande (with Linda Gorski), and The Great Unknown of the Rio Grande.

Aulbach, a native Houstonian, is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Chicago. He has been a member of the Texas Archeological Society since 1987, and is an active member of the Houston Archeological Society. Aulbach is a member of the Texas Archeological Stewards Network and, as an avocational archeologist, participates in various archeological projects in the Houston area.

Linda Gorski is a researcher and author who has had a lifelong interest in archeology and history. She has been an avocational archeologist for over 40 years and currently serves as President of the Houston Archeological Society. She is a member of the Texas Archeological Stewards Network. In the early 1990s, Gorski also teamed up with Bob Crosser and others to form the Fort Bend Archeological Society. In 2018, she was named a lifetime member of FBAS.

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

*Everyone is welcome - the program is free and open to the public.*





## Deep Rooted: Native Texas Plants from the Pleistocene to Present with Dr. Leslie Bush

**Tuesday, October 01, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

Texas plants we enjoy today have been used for food, medicine and crafts since the Paleo-Indians. Using written accounts, Native American oral traditions, and archaeological investigations, Dr. Leslie Bush has revealed why five plants in particular have been critical to survival in Texas since 13,000 BC.

Dr. Leslie Bush is a paleoethnobotanist, an archaeologist who specializes in identifying bits of plants preserved on archaeological sites.

This event is co-sponsored by Fort Bend Archeological Society, Houston Archeological Society and The Nature Conservancy, and

Houston Museum of Natural Science. Join us as we uncover the connection of archaeology, history and nature. Early bird pricing until 9/24 at the HMNS website.

Members of the sponsoring organizations (FBAS!) receive \$5 off the regular nonmember ticket price via coupon code Lec\$5off at the museum box office or 713.639.4629. (Coupon is not available online.)

**PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK!**

## Events

### FBAS & HAS Meetings:

- September 17** FBAS General Meeting: Linda Gorski & Louis Aulbach: The Great Unknown of the Rio Grande and Big Bend National Park
- September 19** HAS General Meeting: Dub Crook: The Early Archeology and Paleoanthropology of China
- October 15** FBAS General Meeting: Gary Pinkerton: Trammel's Trace
- October 26** Texian Market Days! Volunteers NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!
- November 19** FBAS General Meeting: Joanne Ryan: Arcola Plantation and excavations of antebellum sugar houses
- December 17** FBAS Christmas Party and Election of Officers (*held at Tyree House, 600 Houston Street, Richmond*)

*HAS meets at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston*

*FBAS meets at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond*

## Field Trip:

Due to extremely limited seating, the field trip to the Sea of Mud could not be opened up to more people via the newsletter. However, it was an extremely enlightening field trip. Ask members who were able to attend, and I'm sure they'll share the most impressive details.

Here are two of my take aways. First, Elizabeth Powell's homestead near present day Kendleton. The crossing used by Mexican and Texian troops can still be seen today, and although more than 180 years have passed, you can still see evidence of the road that would have passed to East Bernard during that period. Second, the "Sea of Mud" is a relatively concentrated area. Starting near East Bernard, just a little north of Highway 90, and following the Middle Bernard River for what appears to be less than 5 miles, and you see just how incredible the circumstances were that contributed to Texas independence.



We will certainly do a spring field trip to Levi Jordan, but if members who were not able to attend feel a strong enough urge, perhaps we could bribe Dr. Dimmick for another tour in the future. If you see Dr. Dimmick, please thank him for his enthusiasm and graciousness. It was a great tour.

- Jay Roussel

## Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:55PM.

Secretary Dottie Allen was away due to a training class. Member Jessie Roussel volunteered to take minutes. Previous Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted by all present.

Board Member Bruce Grethen provided an update on current excavations. All members were encouraged to participate if they have interest.

President Jay Roussel provided an update on two upcoming events.

- October 1, FBAS is co-sponsoring Dr. Leslie Bush's lecture to the Houston Museum of Natural Science.
- October 26, FBAS will staff a booth for Texian Market Days. Volunteers will be needed.

There was no New Business

Vice-President David Rose welcomed our first time guests. 34 members and guests were present.

Vice-President David Rose introduced Ashley Jones who spoke on archeological excavations at Levi Jordan Plantation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Submitted by:

Jessie Roussel

# Treasurer's Report

September 3, 2019

**Balance as of August 5, 2019** **\$2,562.65**

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**Balance as of September 3, 2019** **\$2,557.65**

Submitted by  
Claire Rogers, Treasurer



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