

TIME CAPSULE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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January 2019



General Meeting: January 15, 2018. 7PM

Speakers: Bob Moore & Nancy Engelhardt-Moore

Topic: The Real Mulan: Yinxu and the Royal Tomb of Lady Fu Hao

Yinxu, which translates to the “Ruins of Yin” is one of the ancient capitals of China. It was the last capital of the Shang Dynasty that existed for 255 years. The city was rediscovered in 1899 and it is one China’s largest archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the source of the oracle bones that contain the earliest known Chinese writing as well as the earliest samples of Chinese animal-driven chariots. The site also has the best preserved Shang Dynasty royal tomb of Lady Fu Hao. She was a high priestess, wife and military leader of King Wu Ding. This amazing women was the most powerful Shang general of her time. Her intact tomb contained the skeletal remains of 6 dogs and 16 slaves, and 1,928 artifacts including her large battle ax.



Bio: Bob Moore is a Certified Financial Planner who also loves travel, history and archaeology. He graduated from Michigan Technological Institute with degrees in geology and computer science. He earned his CFP through the University of Houston. Bob is the Chair of the HGMS Archaeology Section and regularly speaks on a variety of archaeological topics.

Bio: Nancy L. Engelhardt-Moore is a geologist/paleontologist who has a fascination for travel, photography, history and archaeology. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin: Whitewater with a BA in Fine Art and from Northern Illinois University with a MS in Geology/Micropaleontology. Bob and Nancy are both Mentor Docents, and participate in both paleontological and archaeological digs around the world for the HMNS and Burpee Museum of Natural History. In addition, Nancy has co-authored numerous scientific papers and has been in National Geographic documentaries.

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

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

Membership

FBAS members are encouraged to renew their 2019 memberships. Information can be found at the following link: https://www.fbhistory.org/uploads/5/4/5/1/54516791/032118_fbastrochure.pdf

FIELD NOTES

Lamar Homesite

FBAS has been conducting remote sensing surveys on the Lamar homesite. Based on that work, several anomalies have been detected and warrant test pits. Test pits are being staked in January and excavation will likely commence shortly. Fort Bend Archeological Society members can participate if they provide their names to Bob Crosser. Members should be in good standing. Further updates will be provided at our monthly meeting as well as future meetings.

FBAS Minutes

December 18, 2019

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Tyree House for our annual Christmas party and election of 2019 officers. The meeting was called to order by Paul Spana, President.

2019 Officers are:

Jay Roussel	President
David Rose	Vice-President
Dottie Allen	Secretary
Claire Rogers	Treasurer
Bruce Grethen	Board Member Term through 2021
Velia Stroud	Board Member Term through 2020
Blanche Pater	Board Member Term through 2019



Pictured above from left: Dottie Allen, David Rose, Claire Rogers, Bob Crosser, Jay Roussel, and Bruce Grethen

Field Work Committee Chair will continue to be Robert Crosser. This is not an elected position, but an appointed position.

FBAS Treasurer's Report

Balance as of November 13, 2018				\$4,360.10
1922	12/19/2018	Paul Spana	reimbursement for Dec mtg.	- 93.43
1923	12/19/2018	FBHA	postage for December	- 4.23
1924	1/4/2019	FBHA	postage for January	- 4.23
Balance as of January 5, 2019				\$4,258.21

Submitted by Claire Rogers, Treasurer

Events:

Fort Bend Archeological Society & Houston Archeological Society Meetings

January 15: FBAS General Meeting: Bob Moore & Nancy Engelhardt-Moore - The Real Mulan.

January 17: HAS General Meeting: Dub Crook - The Conquest of Canaan.

February 19: FBAS General Meeting: David Furlow - Did Dairy Work Save Plymouth Colony?

The Archaeology of the Allerton/Cushman Pilgrim Farm 1627-1697

February 21: HAS General Meeting: Dr. Tom Williams - Update on pre-Clovis artifacts recovered at the Gault Site.

March 19: FBAS General Meeting: Dirk Van Tuerenhout - Mayan discoveries in Belize and Guatemala

March 21: HAS General Meeting: Elton Prewitt, Painted Pebbles of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands

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.

Information from the Houston Archeological Society

HAS Friends,

Happy New Year! Here's the link to the first Houston Archeological Society newsletter of 2019.

<http://www.txhas.org/PDF/newsletters/2019/2019%20January%20Profile.pdf>

We hope you'll read it to see what's happening in HAS this month and that you will join us for our first program of the year on Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road in the Spring Branch area of Houston. Wilson W. "Dub" Crook will be our speaker and will present a program entitled "The Conquest of Canaan: Who were those guys at Jericho". If you're at all interested in Biblical Archeology, this is the program for you! Dub will discuss recent and past archeological excavations in ancient Jericho including his personal research at the sites and artifacts recently recovered.

I look forward to sharing the new year with you as we dig up Texas history - one trowel full at a time! Many of our actual archeological excavation projects are limited to members only so if you'd like to join us in the field, I've attached a membership application form for your convenience. Please email me at lindagorski@cs.com if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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