

# TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

*An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association*

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## General Meeting, July 19, 2022. 7:00 p.m.

Guest speakers, Bob Moore and Nancy Engelhardt-Moore will present “Megalithic Structures in Neolithic Europe”. When people think of the Neolithic or Stone Age, they often think of The Flintstones, Cavemen, or the iconic Stonehenge. The Moores’ talk will focus on many of the oldest manmade Neolithic structures in the world dating between 9,000 to 3,000 years old including: Avebury and Stonehenge, England; Monkodonja, Croatia; Chirokoitia, Cyprus; the spectacular temples in Malta and the mysterious Gobekli Tepe, Turkey. You will learn fascinating facts about these amazing Neolithic sites and see many astounding photos taken by Nancy during their personal visits. We hope you can join us for this talk!

**Location:** Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. Fifth Street in Richmond, Texas. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome - the program is free and open to the public.



Ta Hagraat Temple, Malta



Stonehenge, England

Bob Moore is an avocational archaeologist who loves travel, history and paleontology. He graduated from Michigan Technological Institute with degrees in geology and computer science. After earning his CFP through the University of Houston, he started his own financial business “Moore Money Management”. Nancy L. Engelhardt-Moore is a geologist/paleontologist who, like Bob, has a fascination for travel, history, and archaeology. In addition, she loves photography. Nancy graduated from the University of Wisconsin: Whitewater with a BA in Fine Art and from Northern Illinois University with an MS in Geology/Micropaleontology. After working 36 years in the Oil & Gas industry, she retired in September 2016. Now, she participates in a variety of volunteer activities with Bob. In addition, Nancy co-authors scientific papers and has been in National Geographic documentaries.

## Field Notes

FBAS volunteers continue to investigate a local historic homesite. A line in the bottom of the pit is known as a vertical interface. It may suggest it was part of the house that originally stood there. Want a closer look? We dig every Saturday morning and welcome all new volunteers - come join us!



The cemetery association for the Wallis Cemetery in Austin County was looking for help with their site. The association has done a beautiful job with recent improvements of the cemetery by trimming trees and placing gravel on its roads. The association was looking for help to identify where some possible unmarked graves may be. A site plan identifies a small area where some graves may be. Stories handed down confirm they may exist. FBAS members, who are also with the Fort Bend County Historical Commission Cemetery Committee, used their ground penetrating radar to search for any evidence of the possible graves. Research is ongoing before any final determination about the site can be made.





## Meeting Minutes

### May 17, 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 April 14, 2022 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of May 11, 2022 is \$5,027.58 - No objections, Treasurer's Report is accepted.

### Old Business:

- Spana gave an update about the excavation taking place at the Lamar site. Still investigating a vertical interface which may be a root cellar. Showed slides of some artifacts found recently.

### Announcements:

- Spana announced there will be no meeting in June due to the Field School. The next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Presentation:

Vice president Rich Murphy introduced speaker Dr. John Stark who presented about a book he's working on. The book is about earth ovens and burned rock middens.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Kevon Hunter, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

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| <b>Beginning balance as of May 11, 2022</b> | <b>\$5,027.58</b> |
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| 1981 | 5/16/2022 | Richard Stark | speaker honorarium | 75.00 |
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| <b>Balance as of July 11, 2022</b> | <b>\$4,952.58</b> |
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Submitted by  
Claire Rogers, Treasurer