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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association

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November 2019



General Meeting: November 19, 2019. 7PM

Speakers: Joanne Ryan

Topic: All but lost – The Waters/House Sugarhouse in Sienna Plantation

The November meeting will focus on sugar production in 19th century Ft Bend County. “All but lost – The Waters/House Sugarhouse in Sienna Plantation” will be presented by Joanne Ryan - an archeologist who is very active in Louisiana where sugar is still an important crop. Joanne has excavated multiple sugarhouses and is considered an expert on the subject. Due to the fact that Fort Bend County has the last remaining antebellum sugar purgery, Joanne has partnered with avocational archeologists in Fort Bend so that the site could be better documented and understood, and at this meeting Joanne will present information on this structure as well as previous excavations at similar sites in Louisiana.

This site is a standing artifact to that period of Fort Bend’s history.



Joanne Ryan is an Archaeologist, Historian and Project Manager for Coastal Environments, Inc., where she has worked for 25 years. She received her B.A. in Classical Archaeology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1986, and an M.A. in Archaeological Studies from Yale University in 1988. Ryan has extensive experience in the large-scale excavation and interpretation of industrial archaeological sites, particularly plantation sugarhouses, municipal waterworks, and commercial brickyards. She has conducted cultural resources investigations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

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

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

Texian Market Days – Success!!!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that came out for Texian Market Days. There was a lot of interest in our society and the projects we are working on. Special thanks to Jack Farrell for interpretation of Comanche archery (pictured here).



By-Law Change

In accordance with the by-laws, this amendment to Article VIII, Section 8 was proposed by two members and will be voted on at the December meeting. The proposed change is as follows: *Should any organization or entity request an FBAS representative to serve on their board, the president will use his or her own discretion to nominate an individual for the FBAS Board approval. Any member, even if already serving as an officer, committee member, or board member, can serve as this representative as long as he or she is a member in good standing and presents no conflict of interest. This nomination and approval process of these representatives would align with the FBAS fiscal year. If unable to serve the entire year, the President and Board could appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term.*

Holiday Party

December 17 is the last meeting of the year and, as per tradition, will include our holiday party at the Tyree House. Members are encouraged to bring an item for the potluck. There will be no speaker, but we will have our election of officers and board. The Society will purchase the ham. Please feel free to invite family and friends. December 17 at 6:30pm at Tyree House: 600 Houston Street, Richmond.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 7, 2019				\$2,993.00
1946	10/8/2019	Jay Roussel	reimbursement from HMNS mtg	24.86
1947	11/1/2019	Gary Pinkerton	honorarium for speaker	75.00
1948	11/5/2019	FBHA	postage - honorarium & newsletter	5.50
Balance as of November 5, 2019				\$2,887.64

Submitted by Claire Rogers, Treasurer

Meeting Minutes from the October Meeting

FBAS Minutes

October 15, 2019

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Academy in Richmond, TX. In attendance were 17 members and 3 guests. The meeting was called to order by Jay Roussel, President, at 7:00pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting were circulated in the monthly newsletter sent by email and mail to all members. There were no additions or corrections; the minutes stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of October 8, 2019: \$2993.00. The treasurer's report was circulated in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections; the treasurer's report stands as accepted.

Old Business:

- Bruce Grethen reported on the Lamar Cistern site, looking for the footprint of Lamar's house of related structures such as pier & beam, brick or fireplace.
- Jay Roussel announced volunteers needed to work TMD on October 26; hours are from 12p-5p. Get with Jay if you want to help.
- FBAS will present at the TAS Annual Meeting

New Business:

- November meeting will announce FBAS candidates and at the December meeting will vote for 2020 Officers and on an amendment to Article VIII, Section 8 on a By-law change regarding FBAS representative appointed to the Museum Board.
- November 20: several FBAS members will tour the Varner Hogg & Levi Jordan Plantations.

Announcements:

Needville HS Choir will have their concert on October 28 at 7pm

Next Meeting November 19, 2019 our guest speaker Joanne Ryan will present: "All but lost – The Waters/House Sugarhouse in Sienna Plantation"

December 17, 2019 meeting will be our Holiday Party

David Rose introduced guest speaker Gary Pinkerton, who gave a presentation on "Trammel's Trace".

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Dottie Allen



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