

TIME CAPSULE

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General Meeting, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Projectile Point Characteristics Across the Lower Landscape in the Lower Tombigbee River Basin, Alabama

Speaker: Ken Gergely

A few years ago, Ken Gergely joined FBAS volunteers for a few weekends to learn more about the work being done. Looking to start a new career, Ken was interested in the field of archeology. After spending a few weekends with FBAS, he found a job in cultural resource management and started working professionally in archeology. At the same time, he began studying the field to earn his degree. This past summer, on July 25, Ken Gergely successfully defended his thesis before a thesis committee to earn his Masters of Professional Studies in Cultural and Heritage Resource Management (CHRM). Ken's thesis was titled "A Synthesis of Projectile Point Characteristics and Distribution Across the Lower Landscape in the Lower Tombigbee River Basin, Alabama." Join us next week to hear about Ken's journey of earning his degree.



Cultural resource management is the vocation and practice of managing heritage assets, and other cultural resources. Cultural heritage includes artifacts, monuments, groups of buildings and sites. It also includes museums that have a diversity of values including symbolic, historic, artistic, aesthetic, ethnological or anthropological, scientific, and social significance. Management of cultural resources in the heritage context is concerned with the investigation of sites with archeological potential, the preservation and interpretation of historic sites and artifacts, and the culture of Indigenous people. A considerable proportion of the archeological investigation is conducted on sites under threat of development. Such archeological investigations are done by private companies on a consulting basis.

Meeting location: Fort Bend Museum, 410 South Fifth Street in Richmond, TX. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome - the program is free and open to the public.

Field Notes

Excavation Site – Fall is finally here after a long brutal scorching summer. The drop of a few degrees makes working outside much more bearable. FBAS members continue to work at the excavation site along the Brazos River. They are investigating what appears to be an old root cellar.



In the top left image, Bruce and John are working on Pit L65. When they are deep enough, they expect to find the southern wall of the root cellar. In the photo they are at a depth of about 30". The top right image shows a sample of some of the artifacts being uncovered. We typically find bits of metal, brick, glass and bone. This photo shows several nails, brick fragments and a small piece of bone.



The level of Pit L65, seen on the left, is 32". Below the white north arrow you can just start to make out a diagonal line. The soil is slightly darker in the lower left corner of the pit. On the right, the line (cellar wall) is much more defined. The object above the white arrow is a metal plate about a half an inch thick.

FBAS volunteers dig every Saturday morning. Want a closer look? All are welcome to visit the site. You can join us or just come out to watch! Work begins at 9:00 am.



Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

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

The balance as of August 8, 2023, is \$5,962.85. David Rose moved to accept the treasurer's report and John Rich seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Excavation work continues at the Lamar homesite. FBAS members investigate a root cellar at the site of Mirabeau Lamar's home.

Announcements:

- There will be no in-person meeting next month. The September 19 meeting of FBAS members will be online.

Program: see page 1 for speaker presentation information

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Paul Spana

October 17, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society scheduled an online meeting to discuss news and share announcements. Due to technical issues, the meeting did not take place. Board member David Rose did log in to attend the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 8, 2023				\$5,962.85
Deposit	8/24/2023	FBHA	Jay Roussel individual & Chevron match	110.00
Deposit	10/27/2023	FBHA	Donation by Polly Shouse in honor of Merrick "Milo Moves"	400.00
Deposit	10/27/2023	FBHA	Jay Roussel individual & Chevron match	120.00
Balance as of November 7, 2023				\$6,592.85

Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer