

TIME CAPSULE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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October 2019



General Meeting: October 15, 2019. 7PM

Speakers: Gary Pinkerton

Topic: Trammel's Trace - The First Road to Texas from the North

Gary Pinkerton, historian, researcher, and author will present "Trammel's Trace". Trammel's Trace was an important trail into Spanish and Mexican Texas used by smugglers and immigrants alike. The Trace led travelers from the Arkansas Territory down to Nacogdoches and the San Antonio Road, serving as the entry path for many in the western United States and her territories.

Recognition for "Trammel's Trace" has been broad. A reviewer for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, said that Gary "brings considerable historical and geoarchaeological skills to bear in his in-depth analysis of an often-overlooked early route to Texas." As a result of his research and his efforts to educate others about the old road, the Stone Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas erected a five-foot granite marker for Trammel's Trace in Nacogdoches in 2018 (see picture).

Gary has a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Houston and a bachelor's degree in social work and psychology from Texas A&M University - Commerce. He is a member of the Editorial Board for the East Texas Historical Association. His work also appears in the online Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture, the online Handbook of Texas, Portal to Texas History, and the Journal of Diving History.



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 – Call for Volunteers

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – 8:30 - 4:30 PM

Volunteers are needed to staff the FBAS booth at Texian Market Days. Anyone of nearly every age is qualified. All volunteers need to do is staff an activity and provide archeology coloring sheets to young participants.



URGENT: if you are available, email jay.roussel@1791.com by October 14.

Special Meeting (and tour)

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 7PM

Our 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 who is an expert on the topic. Joanne is an archeologist who is very active in Louisiana where sugar is still an important crop, and has excavated multiple sugarhouses and purgeries. Due to the fact that Fort Bend County has the last remaining antebellum sugar purgery, Joanne has partnered with avocational archeologists here in Fort Bend so that the site could be better documented and understood.

On the Wednesday after the meeting, FBAS members will be invited to participate in a special tour of a couple

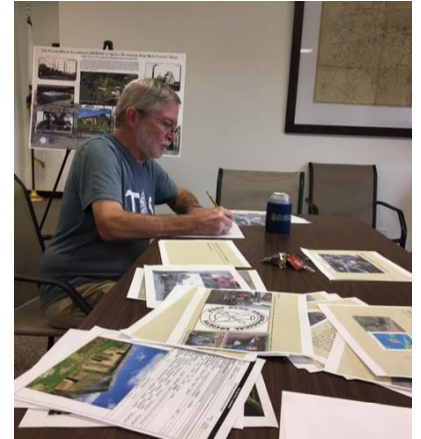


of sugar-related sites. It's too early to release details, but if you're interested in that tour, reach out to jay.roussel@1791.com

Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting

Several members of FBAS collaborated on a presentation and poster that will be presented at the Texas Archeological Society’s Annual Meeting. A version of this program was also presented to the Rosenberg Rotary Club. The Society expressed gratitude to all those who assisted in the research and development of these presentations.

Pictured is Bruce Grethen who was one of the co-authors of the presentation as well as the poster.



Dr. Leslie Bush’s Lecture was a HUGE success!

FBAS co-sponsred paleo-ethnobotanist Leslie Bush’s lecture at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. According to the director of adult education, more than 100 tickets were purchased. After the lecture, several participants came to the FBAS table and expressed their appreciation for bringing such a scientifically rigourous, yet extremely interesting, lecture to the museum.

Pictured are the other presidents or directors of co-sponsoring organizations along with Dr. Bush.

Treasurer’s Report – Claire Rogers

Balance as of September 3, 2019				\$2,557.65
Deposit	9/20/2019	Cash and	Cash from trip donation and	11.00
		check/Chevron	matching donation / Jay Roussel	780.00
1944	9/20/2019	FBHA	A/C for Tyree	400.00
1945	9/20/2019	Jay Roussel	reimbursement - poster	37.89
VOID	10/4/2019	Uncashed charge	no fee for checks ordered in 2018	32.24
Deposit	10/8/2019	FBHA	Donation (E C-N) & trip + donation	50.00
Balance as of October 8, 2019				\$2,993.00

Meeting Minutes from the September Meeting

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

Minutes from the August meeting, as well as the Treasurer's Report, 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: no additions or corrections.

Old Business:

- Jay Roussel reported on the Lamar Cistern site: we have reached historic level finding artifacts. Volunteers are needed to assist at the site on Saturdays.

New Business:

- October 1: Dr. Leslie Bush will be speaking at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The topic "Deep Rooted: Native Texas Plants from the Pleistocene to Present". There are 5 free tickets to the first 5 that sign up.
- October TAS meeting FBAS will present the poster and topic on the Waters/Sugarhouse on Arcola Plantation.
- Volunteers needed for the Archeology site at the George Ranch for TMD on October 26, 2019
- October meeting: need to choose a Nominating Committee for the 2020 Board Members, November meeting announce candidates and December meeting will vote. December meeting will vote on a By-law change regarding FBAS representative appointed to the Museum Board.

Announcements:

Next Meeting October 15, 2019 at the Gus George Academy, guest speaker Gary Pinkerton present: "Trammel's Trace".

David Rose introduced Louis Aulbach & Linda Gorski who gave a wonderful presentation on "The Great Unknown of the Rio Grande: Insights into the Archeology & History of the Big Bend of Texas"

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Dottie Allen.



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