

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association

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Monthly Meeting – Every quarter, the society meets in person at the Fort Bend Museum located in Richmond, Texas. On all other months, when we do not meet in person, we have a short business meeting online. Everyone is welcome to join the online Zoom meetings. You don't have to subscribe to the Zoom app in order to join the meeting. The link to join our September 19 meeting is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79362153186?pwd=na3DQGrP5VEmdahQl0raiaDalaLtKD.1> The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and lasts about 30-45 minutes.

Last month, Dr. August “Gus” Costa, an independent consulting archaeologist, presented information about a recent project he has been working on. His presentation was titled "The Nighthawk Bison Jump." A bison jump is a cliff formation which Indigenous peoples of North America historically used to hunt and kill plains bison in mass quantities. The Nighthawk Bison Jump site is located in west Texas and is only the second jump site known in the state.

If you know of a speaker you would like to see present at one of our meetings or have a particular subject you are interested in, please contact us.



Field Notes

Excavation Site – Work is progressing at the historic homesite near Richmond where we are currently excavating. FBAS volunteers dig every Saturday morning. Want a closer look? Anyone is welcome to come out to the site. You can join us or just come out to watch! Work begins at 9:00 am.



In our ongoing research, we have located all four corners of what appears to be a root cellar. Having determined the perimeter, size and shape of the cellar, we are now investigating its interior. In the top left image, Bruce Grethen works on the floor of the cellar near its southeast corner. One of the recent finds is a small brass button with an eight pointed star decorating the front. The artifact appears to be just the cover of a button without its backing.



Near the northeast corner, we located a tall glass jar resting on the floor of the cellar. The jar is cracked, but is complete. It's not as old as we would like to see - it is what is considered a modern jar. It could be from the late 1800s to about the 1920s.



Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, Texas. In attendance were 10 members and 5 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 possible root cellar at the site of Mirabeau Lamar's home.

Announcements:

- There will be no in-person meeting next month. The September 19 meeting will be held online.

Program: see page 1 for speaker presentation information

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

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 8, 2023	\$5,962.85
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No activity in the account during this period

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Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer