

TIME CAPSULE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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December 2020



December 15, 2020. 7PM

Speakers: Ross Arlen Tieken

Topic: Tobacco in Texas: and the problem of Ephemera



Pictured is Ross Arlen Tieken

This talk will feature an overview of the agriculture, manufacture, and consumption of tobacco products in Texas. We will discuss some common misconceptions about tobacco-related artifacts, using this to highlight archaeological problems in regards to disposable and biodegradable material culture.

Bio: *Ross Arlen Tieken* is a writer & tobacconist from Shiner, Texas, currently living in Houston. After receiving a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Rice University, he turned back to his roots: the living, embodied culture of Texans. He currently works at the Briar Shoppe, the oldest tobacconist in Texas, and is in the process of writing his first full-length book.

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

Masks Are Required

In lieu of the annual party, we'll wish 2020 adieu

For obvious reasons, we will not be able to host our annual party. However, we will celebrate. This has been a remarkable year for the Society. We missed a few meetings, and had to change some of our activities, but still managed to keep the wheels on the bus. I was speaking with different presidents from different societies and I believe we are one of the few that has continued face to face meetings. This was possible due to the large meeting facilities that the county makes available to us and the adherence to safeguards that allows members to feel as safe as can be expected during a pandemic. What a year! Vaccines are coming (I have a friend who was part of a phase 3 trial), and while the first quarter of 2021 will still require safeguards, likely a real "normal" is not too far away. So while we will not have our annual party, there will be gift bags for members as a sign of appreciation for all that you have done to continue our work and mission.

Nominations of officers

At the November Meeting, the following officers were nominated to serve for calendar year 2021:

Position	Nominee
President	Jay Roussel
Vice-President	Rich Murphy
Treasurer	Claire Rogers
Secretary	Paul Spana
Membership	Kevon Hunter
Board Member (expiring 2023)	David Rose

The following board members will continue in their current role through 2021:

Position	Member
Board Member (expiring 2021)	Bruce Grethen
Board Member (expiring 2022)	Dottie Allen

At the December meeting, immediately prior to introducing our guest speaker, this slate of officers and board members will be voted upon.

Projects Report

Quite a bit is going on and most of it is better suited for the report out at our December meeting. We continue our longer term project of the Lamar site. We await the next steps on curation of artifacts which will be donated to the museum. And additional efforts are underway regarding anomaly detections using remote sensing techniques (including GPR) at a site to be shared at our January or February meeting. In addition, the Houston Archeological Society (Linda Gorski) has some projects in 2021 that might allow some members to get involved. And finally, the Texas Archeological Society has virtual academies this year that will allow members to grow capabilities. Put simply, if you want to get involved, reach out to Bruce Grethen to get on his volunteers list and look at the TAS website related to the academies. During the pandemic, we have limited these invitations in the newsletters, but hope to be back in full swing soon.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 15, 2020 **\$4,828.16**

1958	11/17/2020	HGMS	Honorarium for Archeology Section	- 25.00
Deposit	12/10/2020	M. Cullen Gibbs	membership dues	+ 20.00

Balance as of December 11, 2020 **\$4,823.16**

Submitted by
Claire Rogers
Treasurer

Meeting Minutes from the November Meeting

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes from November 17, 2020

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond TX. In attendance were nine members and two guests. Jay Roussel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from October 20, 2020

No objections, minutes stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of October 15, 2020 is \$4,828.16

No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

Old Business:

- Paul Spana reported there is no update on plans for FBAS to help archeologist Reign Clark to do conservation work on metal artifacts found at the Bullhead Creek Cemetery. Spana will check on the status.
- Roussel said Dr. Juan Fernandez Diaz (University of Houston) offered to work with the society on LIDAR projects of Fort Bend County. There have been a couple of meetings with him, but there are no new updates.
- Spana gave an update on the current work at the Lamar site. The society continues to investigate the Lamar home site.

New Business:

- Jessie Roussel and Kaitlyn Shedd provided a report proposing a slate of officers for 2021. The candidates are Jay Roussel - President, Rich Murphy - Vice-President, Paul Spana - Secretary, Claire Rogers - Treasurer, David Rose - Board Member and Kevon Hunter - Membership Chair. Bruce Grethen and Dottie Allen stay on as Board Members through December 2021 and December 2022 respectfully.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held on December 17 at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. The society will not hold the traditional holiday party due to the pandemic. However, a short meeting will be held to sign in the new officers for 2021. There is no plan for a speaker at this time.

Presentation:

Roussel introduced Bob Moore and Nancy Englehardt-Moore as the guest presenters for the meeting. The husband and wife team gave a presentation titled Hidden Archeological Treasures of Rome & Naples. Their talk discussed some of the obscure, but extremely fascinating, archeological sites. Their presentation included personal photos from rarely visited locations of Rome and Naples.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Spana