

# TIME CAPSULE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

*An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association*

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## Holiday Potluck Dinner

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **Fort Bend Museum**

410 S. Fifth Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

*You are invited to bring a covered dish and join us.  
FBAS is providing a baked ham and all paper goods.  
We will start with a short meeting and then we will  
celebrate a great year of archeology. Please join us!*



## NOMINATIONS OF FBAS OFFICERS

At the November Meeting, the following officers were nominated to serve for calendar year 2022:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
President	Paul Spana
Vice-President	Rich Murphy
Treasurer	Claire Rogers
Secretary	Kevon Hunter
Membership	
Board Member	Jay Roussel (expiring 2024)

The following board members will continue in their current role through 2022:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>
Board Member	Dottie Allen (expiring 2022)
Board Member	David Rose (expiring 2023)

Additional nominations will be accepted at the beginning of the December meeting. After all nominations are in, a final vote will take place to elect the officers for 2022.

### **Want to participate?**

We are looking for some to volunteer for the position of membership. If you have are interested in serving as an officer for the society, we encourage you to join us by filling this role.



## Field Notes – Archeology along the Brazos

FBAS members investigated a vertical interface found in Pit L55. It appears as a straight line in the soil when looking at the bottom of the pit. It occurs when you are looking at the edge of a hole that was dug in the past and later filled in. After Pit L55 was completed, it was filled back in so that the team could go back over the immediate area using the ground penetrating radar (GPR). The idea was to do a more precise scan with the GPR and compare the results to what we learned from digging. A couple of anomalies were investigated and then new pits were laid out. FBAS volunteers dig every Saturday and welcome anyone who would like to help. If you are interested in joining, please contact us. No experience necessary – we will help train you with the proper methods of excavating!



Bruce explains the results of the GPR scan after he had a chance to interpret the data. He is shown here pointing out some anomalies to Bob on the left and John on the right.



Bruce and John use several tapes to lay out the exact coordinates of the next two pits we will work on. All of the pits are recorded onto a master site map.



John and Bruce drove a wooden stake into the ground to establish the corner of one pit. Orange tape is applied to help locate it later.



In addition to precisely establishing each corner of the new pits, the ground level at each pit is measured. This is done by comparing its elevation to a known point.

# Meeting Minutes

**November 17, 2021**

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond TX.

In attendance were 12 members and 6 guests.

President Jay Roussel, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from October 19, 2021 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 12, 2021 is \$5,070.90

No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

## Projects

- Bruce Grethen gave an update about the current excavation work at the Lamar home site. He described how we have continued working in L55 investigating a vertical soil interface which may be a root cellar. Excavating of the pit is complete and it will be filled in. The next step is to go back over the surrounding area of the pit with ground penetrating radar. Preparation for this work will take place this Saturday.
- Roussel said it was time to select new officers for 2022. People nominated for offices next year are Paul Spana (president), Jay Roussel (vice-president), Kevon Hunter (secretary) and Claire Rogers (treasurer). You can nominate other individuals for these positions before we vote at the December meeting.

## New Business:

- Roussel asked attendees if they would like to meet at the museum or the Tyree House for the holiday party in December. By a show of hands, people voted 8-2 to hold the meeting in the museum. The society would provide a ham and encouraged everyone to sign up for the potluck.

## Presentation:

- Vice president, Rich Murphy introduced Bryan McAuley as the evening's guest speaker. Mr. McAuley gave a presentation titled "*From the Ashes – Reviving the Townsite of San Felipe de Austin.*"

Meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Spana

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance as of November 12, 2021** **\$5,070.90**

1976	12/16/2021	Claire Rogers	Ham for Christmas Party	-68.02
1977	12/16/2021	FBHA	Postage – December 2021	-5.30

**Balance as of December 16, 2021** **\$4997.58**

Submitted by

Claire Rogers, Treasurer