

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
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Discover Texas History in July

Battleground Tours

San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site
July 17, 2023 – 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., and 2:45 p.m.

Do you know where General Santa Anna set up his camp during the Battle of San Jacinto or where General Houston was shot? How about where the Surrender Tree was located? Discover the San Jacinto Battleground like you've never seen it before on a staff-led van tour of the battlefield. Tours start shortly after the showing of Texas Forever!!

Tours leave from the San Jacinto Monument. Ask at the front desk if you are interested.

Open to all ages. The cost is free with purchase of a ticket to the San Jacinto Museum.

Note: Their van can accommodate 14 passengers and is open to all on a first-come basis. The van is not handicap accessible. The program will be cancelled if there are no participants 15 minutes after the start time.

For more information, email san-jacinto-battleground@thc.texas.gov or call 281-479-2431.



Scrumptious Saturdays: Foodway Demonstrations in the Villa de Austin

July 29, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site
220 2nd Street
San Felipe, TX 77473

Join us on Saturday, July 29th for a demonstration on preparing historic recipes over a kitchen hearth! Multiple foods to be prepared and made as well as consumed by our team of historic interpreters. Learn what kinds of foods were available in the town of San Felipe de Austin as well as how they may have been prepared by the people that lived here.



FBAS Field Notes

Fieldwork - Historic Homesite near Richmond



It's a great feeling when you get down to the historic level. FBAS volunteers play close attention to any changes in the soil color and keep a sharp lookout for artifacts. Some artifacts, like several brass eyelets found recently, can be less than a quarter of an inch in diameter. Several shell buttons have also been found this month like the one seen above left. John Rich, above right, double checks his progress as he completes a level.



Bruce Grethen looks on after taking a turn digging a level. The digging and screening goes slowly with the hard dry soil. John Rich is pictured above right from the bottom of an adjacent pit. The concrete wheel-stop lining the walking path is a challenge to work around!

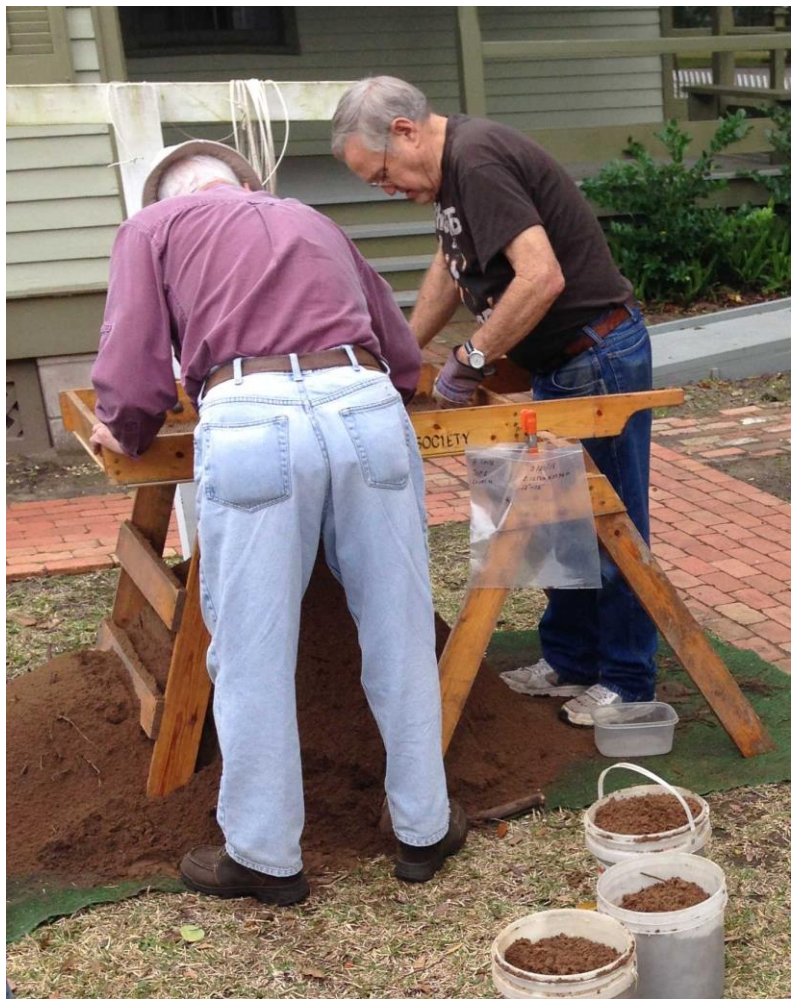
FBAS Volunteers

Jerry Hardin - FBAS volunteer

It is with great sadness that we say good bye to our friend Jerry Hardin who passed away June 23, 2023 at his home in Rosenberg, Texas. Jerry was a member of FBAS for many years and frequently came out on Saturdays to dig.

He served in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne Special Forces, as a Green Beret, in Vietnam and Thailand. He was discharged in 1972 holding the rank of Captain. Jerry worked as a registered nurse at several hospitals and MHMR Facilities throughout his career. Even when he was volunteering with FBAS he told us about how he was still working as a nurse.

We appreciate the time Jerry devoted to the society as well as his friendship. He will be missed.



In both of these photos, Jerry Hardin on the right, is seen working alongside Bob Crosser on the left.



Meeting This Month

Our July meeting will be a virtual one. Everyone is invited to join the Zoom meeting online to discuss current business of the society. Login information for the 7:00 p.m. meeting on July 18 is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77246353137?pwd=ToWLOfiTwZ2br7CuIKQcBx4G0DzHjc.1>

Next month, in August we will have an in-person meeting.

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, Texas. In attendance were 14 members and 2 guests. President Paul Spana, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The balance as of May 7, 2023 is \$6,209.85. Rich Murphy moved to accept the treasurer's report and David Rose seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report. There were no minutes from the online April meeting to approve.

Old Business:

- Excavation work continues at the Lamar site. FBAS members continue to investigate a possible root cellar at the Lamar home site.

New Business:

- The fourth corner of the root cellar has been found. Members are now investigating the east wall of the root cellar. The previous pits which have remained open will now be filled in.

Announcements:

- There will be no meeting in June. The July 18 meeting will be held online.
- The August 15 meeting will be held in person.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Minutes submitted by Paul Spana

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 1, 2023	\$6,095.85
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No financial activity in June

Balance as of July 12, 2023	\$6,095.85
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Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer