

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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General Meeting, March 15, 2022. 7:00 p.m.

Excavation and Reconstruction of a Native American House

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Lintz

If you are interested in how Native Americans lived their lives before the arrival of Europeans in the new world, this is an excellent place to start.

Dr. Christopher Lintz has 36 years of experience exploring and documenting ancient Native America. The subject of his presentation is the excavation and reconstruction of a 650 year old house near Borger, TX.

Dr. Christopher Lintz has a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma (1984). Since 1970, Dr Lintz has focused on Ecological Archeology in the southern High Plains. This includes land usage, settlement patterns, ceramic technology, and construction technology.



Location: Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. Fifth Street in Richmond, Texas. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome - the program is free and open to the public.

President's Message - Paul Spana

Linda Gorski, president of the Houston Archeological Society, is stepping down from her position this month. She and her husband are leaving Houston to be closer to their family out of state. Linda stated "it has been an enormous pleasure to have served as president of this amazing organization for the past 10 years."

However, Linda has ties to the Fort Bend Archeological Society (FBAS) too. In 1993, Linda Gorski was one of the founding members of FBAS, serving as a director-at-large of the first board. Later, she became the second FBAS president. A couple of years later, Linda was my first contact when I joined FBAS. Few people have as much energy and enthusiasm as Linda. She has made a tremendous impact on the archeology and history of Fort Bend County, of Houston and the State of Texas. Thank you for all you have done and good luck on your next adventure!



Field Notes – Archeology along the Brazos

The group excavated a new pit in the hopes of finding a continuation of a soil feature we've found in a couple of other pits. We didn't find what we were hoping for, but now have a new piece of the puzzle to work with. We'll come back to that pit later while we explore another a few feet away. Each time we open a new pit, we learn more about the site and the people who used to live here in the past. We dig every Saturday morning and welcome all new volunteers - come join us!



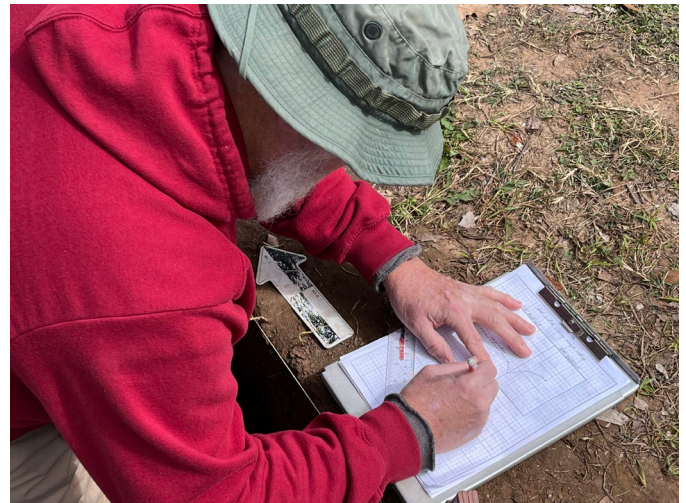
Bruce Grethen and Bob Crosser are breaking ground on a new 2'x4' pit at our excavation site.



Here's the same pit after we've completed the first 4" level. The folding rule and string with line level help insure we dig to the correct depth.



On rainy days, we work in the archeology lab rather than at the excavation site. Tubs of water, strainers and toothbrushes are used to clean artifacts from the dig site.



John Rich is seen here drawing the profile (wall) of two sides of the pit. The profile shows strata layers and any artifacts embedded in the walls of the pit.



Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

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

In attendance were 14 members and 13 guests.

President Paul Spana, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from January 18, 2022 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of February 1, 2022 is \$5,197.58 - No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

Old Business:

- Paul Spana gave an update about the excavation taking place at the Lamar site. Due to the inclement weather, the group worked inside the lab one Saturday.
- FBAS members opened a new excavation pit recently. The goal for this pit is to see if a recently found soil feature can be seen continuing into the new pit.

New Business:

- No new business.

Announcements:

- Spana announced the next meeting will be March 15.

Presentation:

- Spana introduced speaker Robert Moore. The title of his talk was "Discoveries and Treasures from Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, England"

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m. A thank you gift was presented to the speaker.

Minutes submitted by Kevon Hunter, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance as of February 7, 2022				\$5,197.58
Deposit	2/8/2022	Gary Ryman	membership dues, arch only	+20.00
1978	2/14/2022	Robert Moore	speaker honorarium	- 75.00
Deposit	2/18/2022	Legate and Prock	membership dues	+40.00
Balance as of March 8, 2021				\$5,182.58

Submitted by Claire Rogers, Treasurer