

TIME CAPSULE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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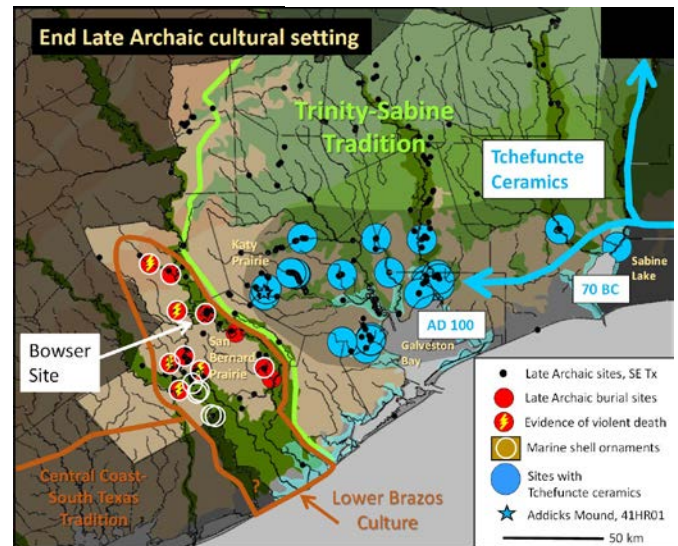


May 18, 2021. 7PM

Speakers: Dan Worrall

Topic: Late Archaic prehistory of the Lower Brazos River Valley and Surrounding Prairies

Noted area researcher and author will cover elements of the Late Archaic prehistory of the Lower Brazos River valley and surrounding prairies in his talk to the Fort Bend Archeological Society on May 18. The Lower Brazos River valley includes an ancient cultural boundary between the Karankawan Coco people who lived in the Lower Brazos and Colorado River valleys and their coastal deltas, and Attakapan Akokisa people who lived farther to the east, during the early Historic Period. A similar cultural boundary existed in the Late Archaic when those rivers, with their coastal delta, comprised the home of a unique Lower Brazos Culture. Excavated burial sites of this culture reveal a people who traded widely, and appear to be one source of marine shell ornaments found as far inland as the Ohio River valley and the Great Lakes. In the nearby Katy and San Bernard prairies that surround the Brazos River valley, hunters from Central Texas and from the Trinity and San Jacinto River basins competed with people of the Lower Brazos Culture and their apparent descendants in the communal hunting of bison.



These and other topics are discussed in Worrall's new book, *A Prehistory of Houston and Southeast Texas: Landscape and Culture*. Copies will be on hand for those interested.

Speaker Bio:

Dr. Dan Worrall of Fulshear is a retired exploration geologist and current member of the Fort Bend Archeological Society. Worrall's last book, "Pleasant Bend," focused on the "nearly forgotten" rural areas where pioneers settled and lived a century and a half prior to the sprawling westward growth of Houston. Dr. Worrall has collaborated on several historical and archeological projects in the region.

Location: **Gus George Law Enforcement Academy** - 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas. Please remember: It is a requirement in all county buildings that everyone wear a mask when entering.

Meeting Minutes from the April Meeting

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond TX. In attendance were 10 members and 10 guests. Jay Roussel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from March 16, 2021: No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 10, 2021 is \$4,973.59. No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

Old Business:

- Paul Spana gave an update on the status of the Lamar site excavations.
- Spana reported the Fort Bend Museum was anticipating a donation of artifacts from the Bullhead Cemetery. The artifacts were found before the site was known to be a cemetery. FBAS members will work with the museum curator to catalog all of the artifacts in May. FBAS will also conserve and preserve the artifacts for the museum.
- Dan Worrall spoke about conducting an inventory of Bowser Site artifacts at his home. FBAS members assisted with the inventory and cataloging of artifacts.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Announcements: Roussel announced the May speaker will be author Dan Worrall.

Presentation:

Vice-President, Rich Murphy introduced speaker Dr. Dirk Van Tuerenhout, Curator of Anthropology at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The video projector did not work, but Dr. Van Tuerenhout gave an awesome presentation anyway about the buried city of Pompeii. His presentation highlighted the ways in which we have learned from Pompeii through murals, graffiti, inscriptions, and architecture. He discussed how many of these examples could be seen at the Pompeii exhibit currently on display at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Spana

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 9, 2021				\$4,973.59
1965	4/21/2021	Dirk Van Tuerenhout	honorarium for speaker	- 25.00
1966	5/10/2021	FBHA	postage - Jan-April 2021	- 15.20
1967	5/10/2021	FBHA	postage - May 2021	- 5.10
Balance as of May 10, 2021				\$4,928.29

Submitted by:
Claire Rogers, Treasurer