

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association

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Monthly Meeting — This month we will have a virtual meeting online. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm on October 17 and will last about 30 minutes. We will have an update on the excavation site and discuss other society news and announcements. The link to join our October 17 meeting is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74825476431?pwd=OBofznMbpG3K57ZSGNdxCZKiNB1wmu.1>

In November, we will host an in person at the Fort Bend Museum located in Richmond, Texas. Everyone is welcome to join our meetings whether they are in person or online via Zoom.

Archeology Month — The best way to experience archeology is to come out on a Saturday morning to see a real excavation right here in Fort Bend County. You are welcome to watch or get your hands dirty by joining in.

If you are looking for a unique experience, visit the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. On October 21, the historic site will be celebrating Texas Archeology month. There will be various activities to this theme all month long, but on the 21st they will be going all out. There will be a variety of archeology themed activities (sorting, cross-mending, and walking tours included), selfie opportunities, and the potential for fun prizes! Mark your calendars now, and keep your eyes peeled for more details and fun tidbits on their social media all month long!

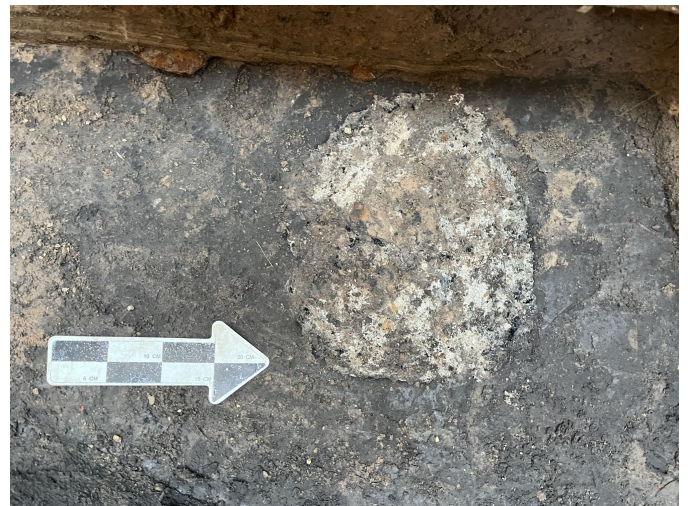


Field Notes

Excavation Site – Work is progressing at the historic homesite near Richmond where we are currently excavating. FBAS volunteers dig every Saturday morning. Want a closer look? Anyone is welcome to visit the site. You can join us or just come out to watch! Work begins at 9:00 am.



In the top left image, Bruce Grethen is getting deep in the newest pit that we've recently opened up. Soon he won't be able to reach the bottom and will have to dig while standing in the adjacent pit. He's digging to locate the southern wall of the root cellar we're investigating. On the right, is a small porceliene doll's leg found in our excavation of the root cellar



On the left, you can see a horizontal line between the light and dark colored soils just above the trowel. The line represents the floor of the root cellar. The darker soil was below the floor. In the right hand image is a 12" diameter ash pit on the floor of the root cellar. The pit actually goes below the floor about two and a half inches.



Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

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

The balance as of August 8, 2023, is \$5,962.85. David Rose moved to accept the treasurer's report and John Rich seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Excavation work continues at the Lamar homesite. FBAS members investigate a possible root cellar at the site of Mirabeau Lamar's home.

Announcements:

- There will be no in-person meeting next month. The September 19 meeting will be held online.

Program: see page 1 for speaker presentation information

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Paul Spana

September 19, 2023

The Fort Bend Archeological Society scheduled an online meeting to discuss news and share announcements. President Paul Spana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. David Rose was the only other person to join the online call. Current news about the excavation site was discussed. The meeting concluded at about 7:20 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 8, 2023	\$5,962.85
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No activity in the account since August 8

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Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer