

# TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

*An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association*

600 Houston Street / Richmond, TX 77469, 281-342-6478 ext. 1301

September 2022, Volume 30, Number 9



## General Meeting, September 20, 2022. 7:00 p.m.

Guest speakers Bob Moore and Nancy Engelhardt-Moore will present the “**Golden Age of the Knights of Saint John**” based on their visit to Malta in 2017. Founded in 1099 AD, the “Knights of Malta” are now known as the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The order has been known by other names. They have been a semi-independent military force for over 900 years. Throughout their existence, they have been in the middle of changing European history. Unlike their more famous fellow knights, the Order of the Knights Templar, they survive today. You will learn about their amazing history, see beautiful photos taken by Nancy and be surprised to learn the location of their US Southwest command seat. Mark your calendar for this fascinating talk!

**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.



Nancy and Bob with Maltese Falcon



The Palace Armoury, Valletta, Malta

Bob Moore is an avocational archaeologist who loves travel, history and paleontology. He graduated from Michigan Technological Institute with degrees in geology and computer science. After earning his CFP through the University of Houston, he started his own financial business, “Moore Money Management.” Nancy L. Engelhardt-Moore is a geologist/paleontologist who, like Bob, has a fascination for travel, history, and archaeology. In addition, she loves photography. Nancy graduated from the University of Wisconsin: Whitewater with a BA in Fine Arts and from Northern Illinois University with a MS in Geology/Micropaleontology. After working 36 years in the Oil & Gas industry, she retired in September 2016. Now she participates in a variety of volunteer activities with Bob. In addition, Nancy co-authors scientific papers and has been in National Geographic documentaries.

## Field Notes

**Excavation Site** - FBAS volunteers are investigating an historic homesite near Richmond. Want a closer look? We dig every Saturday morning and welcome all new volunteers - come join us!



**Museum Crawl and History Fair** – On September 10, The Fort Bend County Historical Commission celebrated 200 years since the early settlers constructed the fort in the bend of the Brazos River. The public was invited to a fair held at the Mirabeau Lamar Homestead Park for historic demonstrations, displays and activities. People were also invited to chose from three different guided bus tours. Tour stops included the DeWalt Heritage Center, Bull Head Convict Labor Camp Cemtery, Rosenberg Railroad Museum, Fort Bend Museum and many other stops. Thanks to Bruce Grethen, Bob Crosser, John Rich and Rich Murphy for sharing information about our current excavtion site during this event.



*All photos by John Rich*



## Meeting Minutes

### August 16, 2022

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

In attendance were 7 members and 2 guests.

President Paul Spana, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from July 19, 2022 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 8, 2022 is \$5,312.67 - No objections, Treasurer's Report is accepted.

### Old Business:

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

### Announcements:

- Spana showed the newly published report by FBAS. The Barnett Site (41FB326), Report No.10 is available. Members are able to buy a copy for \$14.00.
- Next meeting is September 20.

### Presentation:

Vice president Rich Murphy introduced speaker Dr. Jon C. Lohse who gave a presentation about a book he worked on called The Calf Creek Horizon.

Meeting adjourned around 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kevon Hunter

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning balance as of August 8, 2022</b>				<b>\$5,312.67</b>
1984	8/15/2022	Jon Lohse	speaker honorarium	- 75.00
Deposit	8/26/2022	FBHA/Chevron	match for Jay Roussel	+ 80.00
<b>Balance as of September 15, 2022</b>				<b>\$5,317.67</b>

Submitted by  
Claire Rogers, Treasurer