

La Belle: The Ship that Changed History **from the Bullock Texas State History Museum**

Additional Resources

***La Belle* Microsite-** includes images of artifacts, videos and educational resources about *La Belle*.

Homepage: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit>

Historical Overview: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/how-la-belle-changed-history>

Excavation and Conservation: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/excavation-and-preservation>

Artifacts Overview: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Educator Resources (including classroom poster and lesson plans)
<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/educational-resources/for-educators>

Odyssey Museums <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/la-salle-odyssey>

Distance Learning in the Classroom, interactive student classes

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/education/distance-learning>

Recording of *Live from La Belle* from 2014 with Dr. Bruseth

<https://ensemble.tetnplus.net/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/Qk59Hxy8/view>

Who was the 17th Century French explorer La Salle? How did the sinking of his ship, *La Belle*, change the history of Texas? What technological innovations were used to excavate and conserve this 300-year-old ship and its artifacts? Find out this and more as a Bullock Museum Educator is joined by special guest Dr. Jim Bruseth. Dr. Bruseth was the State Archaeologist when *La Belle* was excavated, and was the Guest Curator of the exhibit *La Belle: The Ship that Changed History*. See a close-up view of some of the artifacts found with the ship, and be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to watch the ship being put back together right in front of your eyes.

Other Videos



Brief Overview video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1EgyWK1kL4>

Shipwrecked Multisensory film in Museum

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/calendar/shipwrecked>

See the Story Unfold Overview video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVd0-OOWSt0>

Building *La Belle* Time-lapse Video

<https://www.facebook.com/108529246095/videos/2066545916699006>

Moving *La Belle* in the Museum video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIPUJfK_IzY

Artifacts, in Artifact Gallery

The Ship

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/la-belle-spotlight-052215>

Sun King Medallion

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/sun-king-medallion>

can purchase replica pin: <https://store.bullockmuseum.org/400326/la-belle-artifact-replica-sun-king-symbol-bronze-pin.html>

Rat Skeleton

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/labelle-rat-spotlight-103114>

Glass Trade Beads

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/glass-trade-beads>

Game Piece

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/game-piece>

Sand Glass Clock

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/sand-glass>

Swivel Gun

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/swivel-gun>

Pewter Porringer

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/pewter-porringer>

Bronze Cannon

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/bronze-four-pound-cannon>



Brass Candlestick

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/brass-candlestick>

Ruler

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/ruler-in-french-inches>

Cask with Lead Shot

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/cask-with-lead-shot>

Nocturnal

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/nocturnal>

Fica

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/glass-fica>

Colander

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Mirror

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Musket Cartridge

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Rigging and Blocks

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Straight Pins

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Quern Stone

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Brass Powder Flask

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Ladle

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Knives

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Gunflint

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>

Cooper's Drawknife

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts>



Resources by Other Organizations

The La Salle Odyssey: Texas Historical Commission

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/public/upload/publications/Odyssey.pdf>

The La Salle Odyssey is a series of exhibits in seven museums in the areas of Corpus Christi and Matagorda Bay.

Texas Beyond History: Online La Belle Exhibit

<http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/belle/>

This online exhibit about the La Belle shipwreck gives detailed information about the discovery and excavation of the ship, along with interactive options to explore the shipwreck and investigate the human remains found on board.

Logbook <https://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/belle/images/log.html>

Texas Beyond History: Online Fort St. Louis Exhibit

<https://texasbeyondhistory.net/stlouis/index.html>

This online exhibit about the La Salle's expedition gives information about the journey and Fort St. Louis.

NOVA Online - Voyage of Doom

<http://www.pbs.org/nova/lasalle/>

This website has several interactive and exploratory options, such as "Stories in the Timber," "Explore the Ship," and "Buoyancy Brainteasers."

Texas A&M University, Nautical Archeology

<http://nautarch.tamu.edu/CRL/projects/#lasalleshipwreckproject>

The La Salle Shipwreck Project describes the conservation methods used for various artifacts found aboard *La Belle*.

Texas Almanac

<http://www.texasalmanac.com/history/highlights/labelle/>

Provides detailed descriptions of *La Belle* and Fort St. Louis.

The Handbook of Texas Online

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/upl01>

Provides detailed descriptions of La Salle's expedition.

Chapa Poem

<https://texasbeyondhistory.net/stlouis/images/life-chapa-readmore.html>

General Searchable Texas History Encyclopedia--search for each person by name

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online>

MathHappens field trips to the Bullock Museum

<https://www.mathhappens.org/math-field-trip-texas-state-history-museum-la-belle/>



"Children Learning From Children of the Past: A Study of Fifth Graders' Development of Empathy With Historical Characters", Loomis Geneser, Pamela Vivien. Academic study article that experimented with having students study the story of the Talon children as a way to connect to empathy.
https://www.academia.edu/1803360/Children_Learning_From_Children_of_the_Past_A_Study_of_Fifth_Graders_Development_of_Empathy_With_Historical_Channels

Books/DVDs

The La Salle Expedition to Texas: The Journal of Henri Joutel, 1684-1687
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/900582/the-lasalle-expedition-to-texas-the-journal-of-henri-joutel-1684-1687.html>

<https://americanjourneys.org/aj-121/summary/index.asp>

Voyage to the Mississippi through the Gulf of Mexico, 1687, Pierre and Jean Baptiste Talon
<https://ir.uiowa.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3237&context=iowareview>

<https://americanjourneys.org/aj-114/summary/index.asp>

From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle, Dr. James Bruseth and Toni Turner
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/grid78/from-a-watery-grave-the-discovery-and-excavation-of-la-salles-shipwreck-la-belle.html>

La Belle: The Ship that Changed History, Dr. James Bruseth.
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/930256/la-belle-the-ship-that-changed-history.html>

La Salle in Texas: A Teacher's Guide for the Age of Discovery and Exploration, Pam Wheat-Stranahan
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/950019/la-salle-in-texas-a-teachers-guide-for-the-age-of-discovery-and-exploration.html>

The Wreck of the Belle, the Ruin of La Salle, Robert Weddle
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/900664/the-wreck-of-the-belle-the-ruin-of-la-salle.html>

Shipwreck of La Belle DVD
<https://store.bullockmuseum.org/930293/dvd-shipwreck-of-la-belle.html>

Books:



Raising La Belle by Mark G. Mitchell

This book is for upper primary and middle school students. Mitchell's unique format presents the discovery of *La Belle* along with the history of La Salle's expedition. The book beckons young people to unravel the complete account as it answers leading questions. Sketches of maps and artifacts, along with photographs, accompany the narrative. Mitchell's book was recipient of the annual Western Writers of America SPUR award for juvenile literature in 2002.

From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle by James E Bruseth and Toni Turner

This 2005 publication presents the La Salle and *La Belle* stories in a single volume. Jim Bruseth is the director of the Archaeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission who oversaw the excavation of *La Belle*. With his wife, Toni Turner, Dr. Bruseth presents the incredible 17th Century story of French exploration in Texas. This historical account is coupled with the 20th Century extraordinary discovery, excavation, and conservation of the ship more than 300 years later. The photography and art are excellent. This book is the 2006 recipient of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) book award for an Outstanding Contribution to the Public Understanding of Archaeology.

The La Salle Expedition to Texas: The Journal of Henri Joutel, 1684-1687. By Henri Joutel, edited and with an introduction by William C. Foster, translated by Johanna S. Warren.

Henri Joutel was a childhood friend, companion, and confidant to La Salle on his final expedition to North America. His extraordinary account of the expedition, along with personal notes of explanation, provides excellent primary source documentation. Joutel not only recorded the adventure with exciting detail, he lived to return to France with the journal. It is the principal source of information on the expedition.

The Wreck of the Belle, the Ruin of La Salle by Robert S. Weddle

This scholarly work by a well-known historian provides a thorough look at the social, political, and economic conditions in the 17th Century. It chronicles La Salle and his expedition to cement French control of Louisiana. The details of the ill-fated Texas landfall, loss of two ships and their cargo, and La Salle's demise are countered with the incredible discovery and excavation of *La Belle*.

Articles:

- LaRoe, Lisa Moore "La Salle's Last Voyage," National Geographic Magazine, May 1997.
- Roberts, David "Sieur de La Salle's Fateful Landfall," Smithsonian Magazine, April 1997.
- Wheat, Pam "A Beautiful Historic Discovery," Cobblestone, October 1999.

