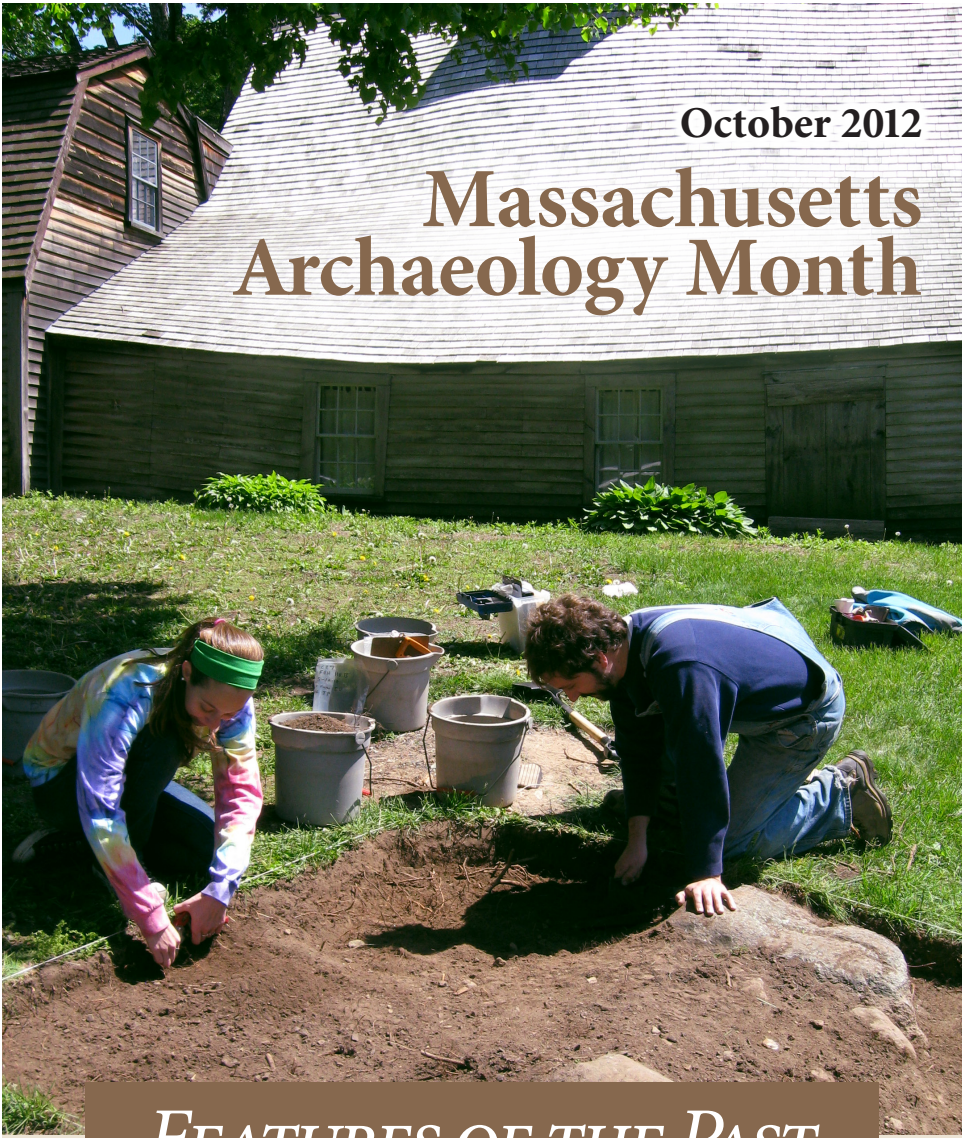




October 2012

Massachusetts Archaeology Month

FEATURES OF THE PAST

Calendar of Events



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From the State Archaeologist

Recent archaeological investigations at the Fairbanks House in Dedham are featured on the cover of this year's Calendar of Events and Archaeology Month poster. Archaeologists have always had a keen interest in the early Colonial period of the New World, and, especially in Massachusetts. The Fairbanks House was constructed in 1641 and is the oldest wood timber-frame house still standing in America. Eight generations of the Fairbanks family continuously occupied the house until the early 20th century. It is now a historic house museum and is open annually from May 1- October 31 (<http://fairbankshouse.org/>). The recent archaeological investigations at the Fairbanks House uncovered many interesting artifacts and features. To learn more about archaeological features and the feature discovered at this excavation at the Fairbanks House, be sure to turn to the last two pages of this calendar.

The events that feature the past in this year's Archaeology Month Calendar will give you many opportunities to learn more about archaeology—we hope that you enjoy them.

Brona Simon
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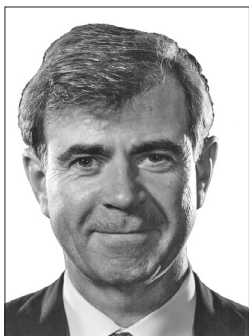
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Dear Reader:

It is my pleasure to introduce the calendar of events for this year's annual celebration of Archaeology Month. This year there are 88 events that promote awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs.

Massachusetts Archaeology Month is about archaeology in your community and the world.

It is an opportunity to learn about the people who have lived in the area over the last several thousand years. Many events highlight local Colonial, Industrial, and Native American history, while others explore the archaeological past in other countries. At many of this year's events you can experience first-hand how archaeologists unlock the mysteries of the past.

Museums, local historical societies, libraries, and professional archaeologists have planned a variety of exciting events for you and your family to enjoy. Go behind the scenes in an archaeology laboratory and experience what happens there. Talk to experts who are available to help you identify animal bones, artifacts, and pottery. Take a field trip to a site, go on a guided tour, or attend an illustrated talk. There are many events geared toward children and are enjoyable for the whole family. Teachers can also schedule special field trips for their classes. There is something for everyone who has a curiosity about the past.

Remember to keep your calendar to use as a reference throughout the year. Many of the organizations hosting events in October have programs all year. I encourage you to support archaeological research and site preservation in the Commonwealth.

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On the Cover:

Patterns in the ground, called features, help archaeologists learn about places and activities of the past.

Here, archaeologists are working at the Fairbanks House in Dedham, the oldest timber-frame house in North America, built in the early 17th Century. They have uncovered a stone foundation and cobbled floor which, based on its size, was most likely part of a barn associated with the Fairbanks House.



Event Listings

Listed alphabetically by town

We plan the calendar well in advance and some details were not available at press time. Please check the on-line calendar for last minute updates and additions. www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/arch_month/archidx.htm.

Acton

NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE AND TRADITIONS

Date & Time: Thursday, October 11, 3pm

Location: The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street

Information: 978-264-4200, www.discoverymuseums.org

Sponsor: The Discovery Museums

Admission: Adults: \$11, Seniors: \$10, Members and Teachers: Free,
Children under 1: Free

Learn about Native American life and traditions from James Stormhorse Sandborn. See and touch examples of regalia, the traditional dance club, and Native jewelry and beadwork. Hear about the significance of each piece and learn how Native American culture is respectful of the past while still adapting and flourishing into the future.

SACRED LANDSCAPES AND SACRED MEMORIES

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 16, 7pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Pam Ellis, Tribal Historian/Genealogist and Cultural Resources Officer for the Natick Nipmuc Indian Council, will discuss the Praying Villages, the 1675 exile to Deer Island, and the annual Sacred Journey which commemorates the exile. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS' WALK

Date & Time: Thursday, October 18, 2pm (Rain date Thursday, October 25)

Location: Meet at the end of Wheeler Lane in North Acton

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Budding archaeologists, historians and naturalists are invited to join this walk (approximately one mile) led by a local historical researcher through a fascinating woodland landscape. Come and investigate evidence of people who lived here hundreds or possibly thousands of years ago. We will consider how Native Americans used this land before European colonization and how the land might have changed over time. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

RECLAIMING THE WAMPANOAG LANGUAGE

Date & Time: Thursday, October 18, 7pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Using the public television documentary “We Still Live Here” to provide background, MIT Professor Norvin Richards will discuss the effort to reinvigorate the Wampanoag language. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

AUTHOR TALK: EDWARD LODI ON WOMEN IN KING PHILIP’S WAR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 21, 3pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

A number of remarkable women played major roles in King Philip’s War: making history-changing decisions, performing heroic deeds, enduring hardships, chronicling their experiences, lending support in innovative ways. Mr. Lodi also includes accounts of what daily life was like for women in the settlements and on the frontier; the “stealth and stratagems” employed by Indian women acting as spies; restrictive laws and how some Englishwomen defied them; and the terrible vengeance wreaked by the women of Marblehead on two hapless captives. A book signing will follow. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

A LOOK INTO A NATIVE AMERICAN TOOLBOX: A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 2:30pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Join Craig Chartier, archaeologist and educator, for this event. Participants will get a chance to see a demonstration by Craig and to participate in hands-on activities related to geology and stone tool making and use. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

BOOK DISCUSSION: AT THE CONCORD OF THE RIVERS, AUTHOR ANNE IPSEN

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 2:30pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

In the book, Abigail, a 21st century graduate student, finds herself thrown back in time to colonial Concord. Initially she observes life around her, but soon she becomes emotionally involved. She finds she is at odds with the accepted norm for Puritan women, worries about survival, and wonders why she has gone back in time and if she has some mission in the 17th century. Please confirm time and date at www.actonmemoriallibrary.org beforehand.

Amesbury

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ROOT CELLARS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 2pm

Location: Amesbury Public Library

Information: www.amesburylibrary.org

Sponsor: Amesbury Public Library

Admission: Free

For most people, the term “root cellar” evokes an image of a brick or stone masonry subterranean structure tunneled into a hillside. These classic root cellars are only one of a number of different types of structures used to preserve root crops, vegetables and fruits over the past 400 years. The other structures include subfloor pits, cooling pits, house cellars, barn cellars, and field root pits. This lecture explores the origins, history, and design of root cellars. This presentation by James and Mary Gage will be accompanied by photos of surviving examples of root cellars from the New England region as well as period illustrations from across the United States.

Andover

MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NORTHEAST CHAPTER

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 16, 7pm

Location: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology,
175 Main Street

Information: info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society, www.massarchaeology.org

Admission: Free

Join the MAS Northeast Chapter in the storied venue of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology in Andover for their monthly guest speaker series. Hear practicing professional and academic archaeologists discuss the latest in local and global research. Meetings are held at 7pm on the third Tuesday of every month from September to May (second Tuesday of November for the holiday). Admission is free, but guests are encouraged to become Chapter and Society Members. For more information and the annual schedule for 2012-2013, see our website and Facebook postings.

ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 1-4pm

Location: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology,
175 Main Street

Information: 978-749-4490

Sponsor: Robert S. Peabody Museum

Admission: Free

The R.S. Peabody Museum will host an archaeology open house. Exhibit galleries feature highlights from the museum's collection of over 500,000 Native American artifacts.

Arlington

CYRUS E. DALLIN AND THE NATIVE AMERICANS

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 2, 7pm

Location: Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum, Cutter Gallery,
611 Massachusetts Avenue

Information: csharpbrough@dallin.org, 617-641-0747

Sponsor: Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum, www.dallin.org

Admission: Suggested donation: \$5

Cyrus E. Dallin was not only an internationally renowned sculptor but also maintained ties to the Native American community. Come and hear about this little known aspect of his life.

Barnstable

MAKING WAVES: MARITIME VENTURES ON CAPE COD

Date & Time: Throughout October, Tuesdays through Saturdays
10am-4pm, Sundays 12-4pm

Location: Cape Cod Maritime Museum, 135 South Street, Hyannis

Information: 508-775-1723, info@capecodmaritimemuseum.org

Sponsor: Cape Cod Maritime Museum, www.capecodmaritimemuseum.org

Admission: Adults: \$5, Students and Seniors: \$4

The “Making Waves” exhibit presents an array of artifacts from nearly 400 years of Cape Cod maritime ventures, including a 17th century mariner’s chart, visions of 19th century fishing and whaling, traditional Wampanoag fish harvesting implements, early 20th century Cape resort photographs, and exquisite model ships. Featured in the exhibit are the remains of the oldest known extant shipwreck, Sparrow Hawk, which wrecked in 1626 off the Outer Cape’s Nauset Beach. Nearly 240 years later it was recovered, and has been on display at various locations ever since. “Making Waves” provides a comprehensive narrative of the Cape’s work on the water, from pre-colonial masters of the sea to contemporary coastal commerce. Additionally, Cape Cod Maritime Museum is proud to present brand new family interactive experiences within the exhibit space that are educational and accessible for all ages!

Billerica

CHARLESTOWN DRY DOCK MODEL DISPLAY

Date & Time: Saturdays and Sundays throughout October, 12-4pm

Location: Middlesex Canal Museum and Visitors Center,
71 Faulkner Street

Information: www.middlesexcanal.org

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association

Admission: Free

Display of early 19th century construction models of the Charlestown dry dock and caisson by Cyrus Baldwin on loan from the James Baldwin family.

FALL WALK

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 1:30pm

Location: Middlesex Canal Museum and Visitors Center,
71 Faulkner Street

Information: Roger Hagopian at 781-861-7868 or Robert Winters at robert@middlesexcanal.org

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free

This walk will originate from the Middlesex Canal Museum in the Faulkner Mill in North Billerica. The duration is two to three hours, rain or shine, 3 to 4 miles of generally level wooded terrain and streets. The route will follow the canal south of the Concord River. Sites to be visited include a guard lock, an anchor stone for the floating bridge which once carried canal towpath across the river, and stretches of canal. No registration required.

Boston

HISTORY BENEATH OUR FEET

Date & Time: Throughout October, Mondays through Fridays, for school groups and classrooms

Location: Shirley-Eustis House, Carriage House Learning Center, 33 Shirley Street or where your group meets

Information: 617-442-2275, governorshirley@gmail.com

Sponsor: The Shirley-Eustis House, www.shirleyeustishouse.org

Admission: Chaperones: \$4, Students: \$3, Teachers: Free

The goal of “History Beneath our Feet” is to help train and sharpen students’ historical inquiry, analysis and interpretation skills. The lesson accomplishes this goal through the conduct of an archaeological dig in miniature based on the methods and vocabulary of archaeological science. To decipher the clues one needs to ask essential questions about the size, shape, color, material, decoration of the artifact and know something about the association of those characteristics with particular centuries to answer the question. Students participate in an archaeological dig-in-miniature using sandboxes, artifacts, archaeological tools and the methods of archaeological science to help them experience and explain that history includes the study of past human culture based on available evidence from a variety of sources. Grade-specific learning for grades 3 through diploma. Informative and engaging for all learners. Please call or email to book this event. Please note: This program can be successfully presented to groups with a limit of 30. Please be sure to discuss and make the appropriate arrangements when you call to schedule. This program travels to your classroom with ease.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CASTLE ISLAND

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 11am-3pm (Rain date Sunday, October 7)

Location: Castle Island, Fort Independence

Information: 617-626-1377, ellen.berkland@state.ma.us

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Admission: Free

Enjoy an illustrated walking tour of Castle Island and learn about the multiple military campaigns since the 1600s and what archaeology has contributed to our knowledge of this place. Tours on the hour with last tour beginning at 2pm. Parking in public lot or accessible by public transportation. Appropriate for kids of all ages.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BOSTON

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 9, 6:30pm

Location: Boston Public Library, Main Branch, Johnson Building, Mezzanine Conference Room

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

Explore Boston's incredible archaeological discoveries with City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley. This lecture is an overview of over 10,000 years of human history in Boston, including a discussion of the Native American occupation of Boston Common, privies in the North End, and a West Roxbury utopia.

SPOTLIGHT TOUR: CONSERVATION OF ETRUSCAN SARCOPHAGI

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 10, 5pm, 5:30pm, and 6pm

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Gallery 117

Information: mtsu@mfa.org

Sponsor: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, www.mfa.org

Admission: Admission by voluntary contribution on Wednesdays after 4pm

Join conservator Mei-An Tsu on a behind-the-scenes tour. Hear how conservators, curators, engineers, and scientists are working together to improve the stability and appearance of two elaborately carved sarcophagi (coffins) from the 4th and 3rd centuries B.C. The sarcophagi were discovered in Vulci (Italy) in the 1840s and have been on display at the MFA since the 1880s. Each tour is limited to 10 people; tickets will be distributed in Gallery 117 starting at 4:45pm.

SANDBOX ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 1-4pm

Location: Shirley-Eustis House, Carriage House Learning Center,
33 Shirley Street

Information: 617-442-2275, governorshirley@gmail.com

Sponsor: The Shirley-Eustis House, www.shirleyeustishouse.org

Admission: Adults: \$5, Students: \$4

The goal of Sandbox Archaeology is to help train and sharpen student's historical inquiry, analysis and interpretation skills. The lesson accomplishes this goal through the conduct of an archaeological dig in miniature based on the methods and vocabulary of archaeological science. The key point is that each of the artifacts found contains clues to their manufacture and date of origin and use. To decipher the clues one needs to ask questions about the size, shape, color, material, decoration of the artifact and know something about the association of those characteristics with particular centuries to answer the question. For example: "When was this artifact made or used?" Asking and answering these questions as well as digging in the dirt are the most important parts of this program. Grade-specific learning for grades 3 through diploma. Informative and engaging for all learners. Please call or email to make reservations for this event.

WALKING TOUR: ARCHAEOLOGY OF BOSTON COMMON

Date & Time: Monday, October 15, 11am

Location: Boston Common, Meet at the frog statues on the
Frog Pond

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

Step back into time with Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist, as you walk through over 7,000 years of human history on Boston Common. Tour topics include Native American camps, Revolutionary War encampments, political rallies, executions, and cows.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CHARLESTOWN

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 16, 7-8pm

Location: The Battle of Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

Explore the archaeological heritage of Charlestown. This lecture will focus on the sites discovered during archaeological survey prior to the Big Dig. These include the Great House/Three Cranes Tavern of City Square,

Native American sites along the shore, and a woman-owned tavern from the 17th century.

6TH ANNUAL AIA-MOS ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR

Date & Time: Friday, October 19, 9am-2pm and Saturday October 20, 10am-3pm

Location: Museum of Science, Boston

Information: www.archaeological.org and www.mos.org

Sponsor: Archaeological Institute of America and the Museum of Science, Boston

Admission: Adults: \$22, Senior: \$20, Children (ages 3-11): \$19

Join the Archaeological Institute of America and the Museum of Science, Boston for a weekend of archaeological exploration! Learn about past cultures, try hands-on activities, and discover your inner Indiana Jones at this two-day archaeology fair. Free with regular admission.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Date & Time: Saturday October 20, 11am-3pm

Location: Boston University, Stone Science Building, 3rd Floor

Information: sbelkin@bu.edu, www.bu.edu/archaeology

Sponsor: Boston University Department of Archaeology

Admission: Free

The Department of Archaeology at Boston University presents Archaeology Day. This is an event to learn about the practice of archaeology from real BU archaeologists! This event features hands-on archaeological activities for all ages, such as flint-knapping, ceramic cross-mending, identifying ancient plants, and learning about human evolution. This event is in conjunction with the International Center for East Asian Archaeology and Culture History's event: Marco Polo's Journey to China.

MARCO POLO'S JOURNEY TO CHINA

Date & Time: Saturday October 20, 11am-3pm

Location: International Center for East Asian Archaeology and

Cultural History, Boston University, 650 Beacon Street, Suite 505

Information: 617-358-8000, asianarc@bu.edu

Sponsor: International Center for East Asian Archaeology and Cultural History at Boston University

Admission: Free

Come trace the journeys of the great explorers of China, Marco Polo and Zheng He, and discover China's ancient dynasties and empires along the way. As part of Boston University Archaeology Day, ICEAACH will offer short hourly talks on the half hour (11:30-2:30) and hands-on discovery sessions in its library with archaeological artifact replicas, big maps, and children's books.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF DORCHESTER

Date & Time: Sunday, October 21, 2pm

Location: Dorchester Historical Society, Clapp House,
195 Boston Street

Information: Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist at joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov, Dorchester Historical Society at 617-293-3052

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston and the Dorchester Historical Society, www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

Admission: Free

Explore the archaeological heritage of this ever-changing community. Sites include the historic Blake House, Dorchester Pottery kiln, Native American occupation, and the industrial heritage of the neighborhood.

WALKING TOUR: ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE NORTH END

Date & Time: Monday, October 22, 11am-12pm

Location: Meet at the Samuel Adams statue in front of Faneuil Hall

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

As we journey from Faneuil Hall to the Paul Revere house we will explore the ancient shoreline of Boston, the back alleys of the Blackstone Block, 17th century divorce, the history of bowling, and Paul Revere's outhouse. Tour is led by Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist.

CITY ARCHAEOLOGY LAB OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Thursday, October 25, 9am-5pm

Location: City Archaeology Lab, 201 Rivermoor Street, Second Floor

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

Tour the new City Archaeology Laboratory, recently opened in the City Archives building. Here the City Archaeologists and a team of volunteers and interns house, clean, analyze, and document over 1,000,000 artifacts from Boston representing over 7,500 years of the City's history.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROXBURY

Date & Time: Monday, October 29, 6pm

Location: Haley House Bakery Cafe, 12 Dade Street

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov, info@haleyhouse.org

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston and Haley House Bakery Café (www.haleyhouse.org)

Admission: Free

Explore the archaeology of Roxbury with City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley. Lecture covers the 7,500 year history of the place we now call Roxbury including Revolutionary War sites, Native American habitation, and the industrial sites of the neighborhood.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF JAMAICA PLAIN, ROSLINDALE, HYDE PARK, AND WEST ROXBURY

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 30, 3pm

Location: City Archaeology Lab, 201 Rivermoor Street, Second Floor

Information: joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov

Sponsor: City Archaeology Program, Boston

Admission: Free

Come view and explore the incredible archaeological heritage of this region of Boston. Lecture includes Native American and Historic archaeological sites from Brook Farm, Arnold Arboretum, and Franklin Park, among others.

Brewster

ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 11am-3pm

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street

Information: 508-896-3867, ccmnh.org

Sponsor: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Children 3-12 years old: \$5,
Children 2 and under: Free

Join archaeologist Dr. Fred Dunford for a tour of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History's Archaeology Lab. View artifacts from local excavations (including the latest from the Wing Island Archaeology Project), and learn about the archaeology of the area. Visitors can also bring artifacts from Cape Cod for identification by Dr. Dunford.

WING ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 1pm

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street

Information: 508-896-3867, ccmnh.org

Sponsor: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Children 3-12 years old: \$5,
Children 2 and under: Free

Join local archaeologist Dr. Fred Dunford for an informative talk detailing the latest news and findings from the Wing Island Archaeology Project.

WING ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT GUIDED WALK

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 11am

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street

Information: 508-896-3867, ccmnh.org

Sponsor: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Children 3-12 years old: \$5,
Children 2 and under: Free

Join archaeologist Dr. Fred Dunford for a guided walk of Wing Island, the location of the Wing Island Archaeology Project. Learn what the island was used for in the past and what new discoveries have been made.

Bridgewater

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CANOE TOUR OF THE TOWN RIVER

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 10am (Rain date Sunday, October 7)

Location: TBA

Information: trwa_staff@verizon.net, Carolyn LaMarre, Director, Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society (www.massarchaeology.org), Taunton River Watershed Alliance (www.savethetaunton.org), Nunkatusset Greenway Alliance

Admission: \$30

Dr. Curtiss Hoffman will lead the 8th annual archaeological canoe tour of the Taunton River and its tributaries. This year, in cooperation with the newly formed Nunkatusset Greenway Alliance, the trip will explore archaeological sites along the town river in Bridgewater and West Bridgewater. Check the MAS or TRWA websites for details on the trip in late summer.

Cambridge

ZOOARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Monday, October 8, 12-4:30pm

Location: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue

Information: Peter Burns at 617-495-8317, zooarch@fas.harvard.edu, www.peabody.harvard.edu/node/23

Sponsor: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, www.peabody.harvard.edu

Admission: Adults: \$9, Seniors: \$7, Children (3-18 years old): \$6

Take a behind-the-scenes visit to a museum laboratory that helps archaeologists identify the animal bones found in their excavations. Researchers who study animal remains from ancient human-occupation sites (zooarchaeologists) demonstrate how this is done using skeletons of modern animals. If you have found a bone in your backyard, bring it with you and get it identified! A favorite archaeology event for children and for home-schoolers! Appointment not required.

DID THESE BOTTLES BELONG TO GEORGE WASHINGTON?

Date & Time: Thursday, October 18, 6pm

Location: Carriage House at Longfellow House – Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site, 105 Brattle Street

Information: www.nps.gov/long

Sponsor: National Park Service

Admission: Free

Recent excavations at the site resulted in the discovery of unusual deposits of historical artifacts and well-preserved biological material held together by a mortar and sand mixture. The majority of the artifacts are wine bottle glass including several bottle necks that still retain the original corks. Join Alicia Paresi, Curator of Archaeology for the National Park Service, for a presentation on the archaeological excavations in the basement of the house. See a slideshow of artifacts and decide for yourself: Did these bottles belong to George Washington?

ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERY ROOM (DROP-IN FAMILY EVENT)

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 12-4pm

Location: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue

Information: 617-495-3216, pmae-ed@fas.harvard.edu

Sponsor: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, www.peabody.harvard.edu

Admission: Adults: \$9, Seniors: \$7, Children (3-18 years old): \$6

Do you know that faculty and students across Harvard University are involved in archaeological research around the world? Explore amazing artifacts from the Maya, Aztecs, and more. Try your hand at some of the fascinating tools of archaeologists. What can be learned from the mysteries of trash? Are you up for the challenge of the archaeology touch box? Appropriate for children ages 5-12 with an accompanying adult. This is a drop-in event.

TOYS AND GAMES OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

Date & Time: Sunday, October 28, 1pm

Location: Semitic Museum, first floor gallery, 6 Divinity Avenue

Information: semiticm@fas.harvard.edu,
miticmuseum.fas.harvard.edu

Sponsor: Semitic Museum at Harvard University

Admission: \$5

In the ancient Near East games played an important part in daily life just like they do today. Turn off your Xbox 360 and come learn about ancient games at the Semitic Museum.

Concord

DIGGING THE PAST AT FAMILY FARM DAY

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 9:30-4:30

Location: Concord Museum, Entrance at 53 Cambridge Turnpike

Information: 978-369-9763, cm1@concordmuseum.org

Sponsor: Concord Museum, www.concordmuseum.org

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors and Students: \$8, Youth (ages 6-17): \$5, Children (5 and under): Free

As part of the Museum's Family Farm Day participate in an informal, hands-on, 4000-year-old stone tool investigation at the Concord Museum. Using real Museum artifacts visitors will examine, describe and identify the stone tools, acquiring insight into the function and importance of these tools in Native American life. Also, learn more about the skills of an archaeologist as you examine the archaeological toolkit of Benjamin Lincoln Smith, who helped to found the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. All ages welcome.

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE CAPTAIN DAVID BROWN HOUSE SITE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 1pm

Location: Major John Buttrick House, Minute Man National Historical Park

Information: terrie_wallace@nps.gov

Sponsor: Minute Man National Historical Park, www.nps.gov/mima/

Admission: Free

David Brown was a captain of one of Concord's minute man companies and led his men to the North Bridge through his own fields, while his family watched. Join Alicia Paresi, Curator of Archeology for the National Park Service, for a presentation on the archeological excavations at the Captain David Brown House Site. See a slideshow of artifacts and gain insight into the Brown family as well as the use and history of this important site.

Dennis

NATIVE PEOPLES OF TRURO: MAKING SENSE OF THAT WORLD

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 11am

Location: Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Street

Information: 508-760-6219, den_mail@clamsnet.org

Sponsor: Dennis Public Library, www.dennispubliclibrary.org

Admission: Free

Recent analyses of the archaeological collections given to the Truro Historical Society indicate that while the Native peoples on the Lower Cape lived lives very similar to Native peoples on the Upper Cape and throughout coastal Massachusetts, they exploited the natural resources and environment of the narrow land mass in distinctive ways. Dr. Robin Robertson will go through the data to provide a better understanding of the original inhabitants of this part of the Cape.

Duxbury

UNEARTHING THE PAST: ALDEN ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL DISCOVERIES

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 1pm

Location: Alden House Historic Site, 105 Alden Street

Information: 781-934-9092, aldenhouse@comcast.net

Sponsor: Alden Kindred of America, Inc, www.alden.org

Admission: Free

Join us for an afternoon exploring the Archaeology of the homestead of Mayflower passengers John and Priscilla Alden as well as some discoveries unearthed in an area rich with colonial history. A lecture will be given by Matthew Vigneau of the Alden House Historic Site detailing excavations conducted by Historical Archaeologist Roland Robbins on portions of the original Alden property. Additional programs for children will also be available, so please contact us for more details.

East Brookfield

GRAVESTONE GIRLS PRESENT A VIRTUAL TOUR OF EAST BROOKFIELD CEMETERIES

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 17, 6:30pm

Location: East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive

Information: 508-867-7928, www.eastbrookfieldlibrary.org

Sponsor: East Brookfield Public Library

Admission: Free

Cemetery educators, The Gravestone Girls, whose mission is to “Keep Our Dead Alive”, will be presenting a virtual tour, called “Welcome to the Graveyard”, centered on the town’s four local cemeteries. The 90 minute presentation is built on photographs recently taken in these special and interesting burying places around East Brookfield, which was incorporated in 1920, previously part of Brookfield dating back to 1673, and charts the evolution of cemeteries and gravestones from the colonial era into the 21st century. Following the presentation, there will be a gravestone rubbing demonstration and hands on practice. This is a popular program that has been given around the New England area by The Gravestone Girls for the past ten years. The group regularly works with libraries, historical societies and genealogical groups, among others, to teach about “the art, symbolism and history of these living history museums located on everyone’s main streets and backyards” says Ms. Sullivan, one in the group of three cemetery enthusiasts. She further added “Almost everyone is interested in these peaceful and beautiful spaces, but may be hesitant to say so to others. Our presentation lets you know you’re not the only one. Come see what we do, we fill the room every time!”

Eastham

THE HIDDEN ARCHAEOLOGY OF FORT HILL

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 24, 10-11:30am

Location: Fort Hill Area, see description below

Information: bill_burke@nps.gov

Sponsor: Cape Cod National Seashore, www.nps.gov/caco

Admission: Free

Fort Hill contains sites within the Nauset Archaeological District, a National Historic Landmark. Take a leisurely walk with Seashore Archaeologist Fredericka Dimmick and Historian William Burke to learn the remarkable story of life at Fort Hill as told by the archaeological record. We will view artifacts found here and explore the isolated Mary Chase Dike area on the southern end of the hill. If time allows, we will take a quick look through the Captain Penniman House. Park in the lower parking lot nearest the Penniman House off of Governor Prentice Road/Route 6. Heavy rain cancels.

Gloucester

INTERCONNECTIONS BRAZIL-AFRICA/PORTUGAL-NEW ENGLAND: A WHITE-ELLERY HOUSE INSTALLATION

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 11am-3pm

Location: White-Ellery House, 245 Washington Street

Information: 978-283-0455 x 11, jeanettesmith@capeannmuseum.org

Sponsor: Cape Ann Museum, www.capeannmuseum.org

Admission: Free

Abbott Lowell Cummings considers the restoration of the White-Ellery House to be significant in its own right as an outstanding and early example of an archaeological approach to the restoration of the First Period architecture fabric. The house becomes the backdrop for an art installation examining four centuries of the global slave trade. Ana Alakija Waddey, born in Brazil, of Nigerian roots who lives in Gloucester, shares memorabilia reflecting generations of families from her personal collection.

Groton

EXPLORING THE GROTON SOAPSTONE QUARRY

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 2pm

Location: Common Street, about 100 yards southeast of the Nashua River Trail

Information: 978-448-2541, www.grotonhistoricalsociety.org

Sponsor: Groton Historical Society

Admission: Free, Thanks to the Groton Commissioners of Trusts

Archaeologist Marty Dudek will lead a walking tour through the site of the Groton Soapstone Quarry which was actively mined from 1828 to 1868. In those days soapstone was prized for sinks, stoves, talc, bed warmers and ink wells. The tour will include viewing various features of the quarry and former mill buildings as well as examples of some of the products made at the mill. It is a quarter mile walk through woods to the quarry. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

Haverhill

TOMBSTONES AND TROWELS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 10am-2pm

Location: Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street

Information: 978-374-4626, programs@haverhillhistory.org

Sponsor: Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum, www.haverhillhistory.org

Admission: \$7 per family

Discover archaeology at the Buttonwoods Museum during this drop-in event! Try out archaeological activities like cross mending artifacts and excavating a mock site. Then, move on to some above-ground archaeology at nearby Pentucket Burial Ground. With a scavenger hunt

as your guide, explore how tombstones give vital clues about life and death in other centuries. Finish your visit with a self-guided tour of the Frederick Alanson Luce Archaeology Collection and a snack!

Hudson

WORLD WAR II RIFLE RANGE HIKE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 22, 9am-12pm

Location: Lowes Parking Lot, Route 62

Information: http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=be41540b-e6fa-483b-9e1c-d1591e0382d4

Admission: Free

Come hike to an abandoned World War II rifle range. The hike will be on moderate terrain and will total about 1 mile, touring features of the range. Please park at the northwest corner of the Lowe's parking lot in Hudson, MA by 9am. This can be reached by taking Route 62 East from Route 495.

Kingston

SHOW AND TELL: ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION, LEARN ABOUT LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 17, 6-9pm

Location: Kingston Public Library, 6 Green Street

Information: 781-585-0517

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Massasoit Chapter

Admission: Free

Bring artifacts for identification by Massasoit Chapter Members. Have the opportunity to see and discuss artifacts that have been found locally by members. Learn about our local historic and pre-Contact archaeology.

Lowell

BUILDING THE PAST: MILL ARCHITECTURE

Date & Time: Throughout October, Wednesdays through Sundays 10am-5pm

Location: American Textile History Museum, Textile Learning Center, 491 Dutton Street

Information: 978-441-0400, www.athm.org

Sponsor: American Textile History Museum

Admission: Adults: \$8, Children and Seniors: \$6, Children under 6 years: Free

Industrial Archaeologists study the crafts and industries of the past. They bring together documents and physical evidence to discover how the places, process and conditions of production have changed. At the American Textile History Museum, visitors will experience the excitement of industrial archaeology as they use photographs, maps, and representations of physical remains to reconstruct factory buildings using Keva Planks.

Marshfield

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Date & Time: Throughout October, Mondays through Saturdays
10am-5pm

Location: Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza

Sponsor: Marshfield Historical Commission

Admission: Free

Artifacts from 19th century Marshfield will be on display at the Ventress Library throughout October, including bottles, spoons, toys, and buttons.

2002 WINSLOW HOUSE DIG: "THE FINDINGS"

Date & Time: Throughout October, Mondays through Fridays
10am-3pm

Location: Marshfield Town Hall, Webster Square, Moraine Street

Sponsor: Marshfield Historical Commission

Admission: Free

The Winslow House was excavated in 2002 by the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and with support from the curation staff at Plimoth Plantation. A wide variety of items from this excavation will be on display at the Marshfield town hall throughout the month of October.

BEDTIME BUDDIES

Date & Time: Monday, October 8, 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Clift Rodgers Free Library, 540 Pleasant Street

Information: 781-834-4597, www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org

Sponsor: Clift Rodgers Free Library

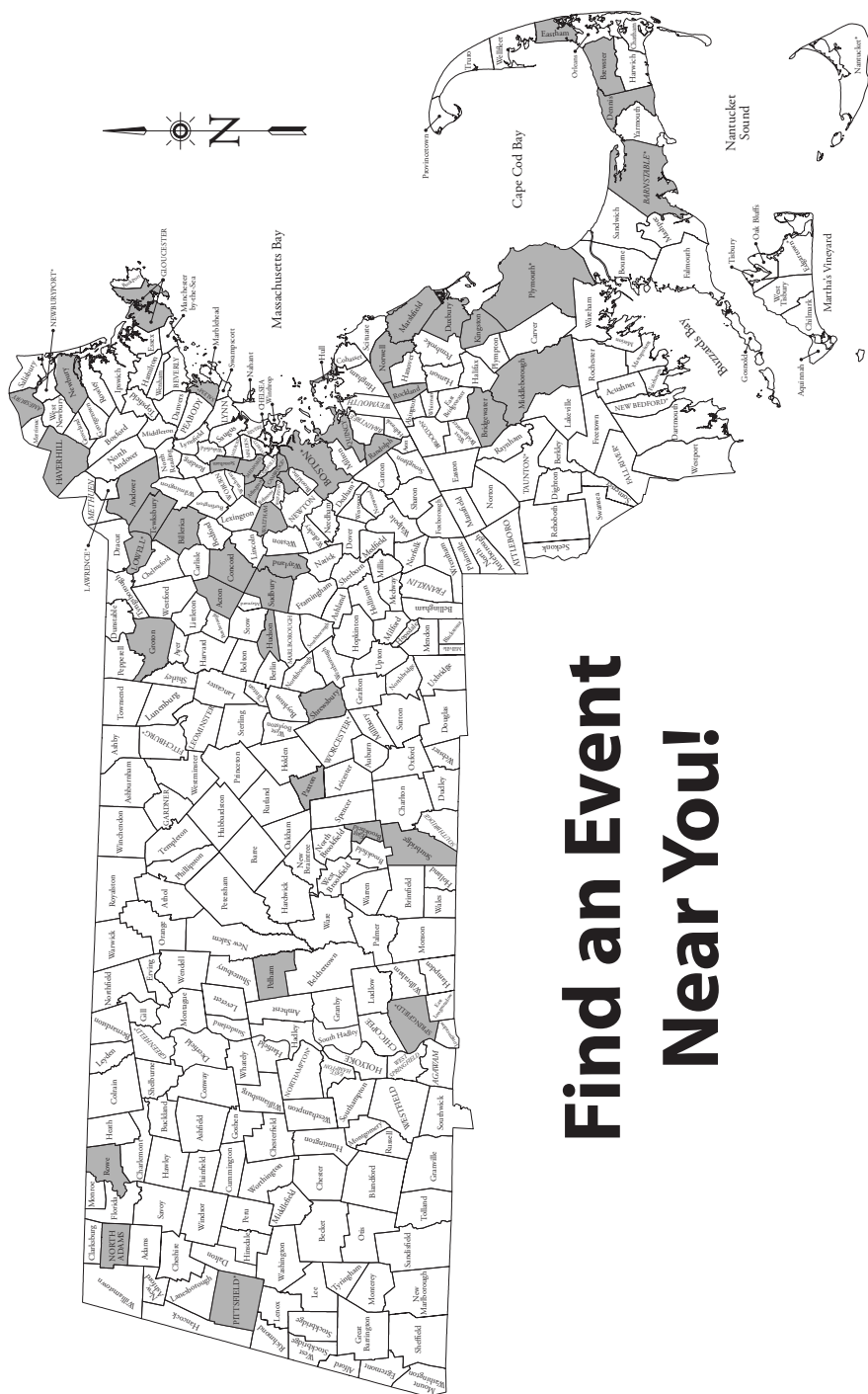
Admission: Free

Children ages 4-7 come dressed in their pajamas and bring their favorite "bedtime buddy" such as a stuffed toy, blanket, or doll and listen to stories about archaeology and ancient cultures

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7 Barnstable, Billerica, Lowell	8 Boston, Cambridge, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth	9 Barnstable, Boston, Marshfield, Plymouth	10 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth	11 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth	12 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth	13 Barnstable, Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Concord, Dennis, Lowell, Marshfield, North Adams, Plymouth, Quincy, Randolph, Salem, Stoneham, Sturbridge
14 Barnstable, Billerica, Groton, Lowell, Marshfield, Pittsfield, Rowe, Shrewsbury	15 Boston, Marshfield, Plymouth	16 Acton, Andover, Barnstable, Boston, Marshfield, Plymouth	17 Barnstable, Boston, East Brookfield, Kingston, Lowell, Marshfield, Paxton, Plymouth, Waltham	18 Acton, Barnstable, Boston, Cambridge, Lowell, Marshfield, Medford, Plymouth	19 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth, Rockland, Shrewsbury	20 Amesbury, Barnstable, Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Cambridge, Hudson, Lowell, Marshfield, Middleborough, Plymouth, Sudbury
21 Acton, Barnstable, Billerica, Boston, Lowell, Milton	22 Boston, Marshfield, Pelham, Plymouth	23 Barnstable, Boston, Marshfield, Plymouth	24 Barnstable, Boston, Eastham, Lowell, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Waltham	25 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth, Waltham	26 Barnstable, Boston, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth, Tewksbury, Waltham	27 Acton, Andover, Barnstable, Billerica, Boston, Haverhill, Lowell, Marshfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Wayland
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“WHAT WAS IT?”

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 1:30-3pm

Location: Marcia Thomas House, 65 Webster Street

Information: www.marshfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Sponsor: Marshfield Historical Society

Admission: Children: \$5, reservations required

Students 8-12 years old may participate in a hands-on “What Was It?” program. Reproduction pieces of ceramic, fragments of glass, and pieces of metal will be shown to students to figure out what was the larger item they might have belonged to. At the end of the program the items will be revealed and we will talk about the use of objects and the role or archaeology in history. Refreshments served at 1:30pm, event begins at 2pm.

Medford

COUNTDOWN TO DECEMBER 2012

Date & Time: Thursday, October 18, 7pm

Location: Medford Public Library, 111 High Street

Information: www.medfordlibrary.org

Sponsor: Friends of the Medford Public Library

Admission: Free

As the final count down to the “end of the world” and December 2012 begins we will explore how the ancient Maya viewed this date. The discussion will focus on the importance of cycles to the Maya as seen in their creation story, the Popul Vuh, and in their calendar system. We will also discuss the significance of astronomy and will see slides of some of the great works of art and architecture across Mesoamerica. Lauren Sullivan specializes in ceramic analysis and her PhD from UT Austin in 1997 in Anthropology and has been working in the Maya area since 1987. She teaches at UMass/Boston, runs a UMass/Boston field school in Belize each summer and lectures at Tufts.

Middleborough

MAS ANNUAL MEETING

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 1:30-4:30pm

Location: Middleborough Public Library, 102 North Main Street

Information: Curtiss Hoffman at 508-531-2249,

info@massarchaeology.org

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society,

www.massarchaeology.org

Admission: \$10

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society (MAS) will feature speakers on a variety of topics of interest to the general public. Visit our website at www.massarchaeology.org for a full program description.

Milton

A TRAP DOOR IN THE PARLOR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 21, 1-3pm

Location: Suffolk Resolves House, 1370 Canton Avenue

Information: programs@miltonhistoricalsociety.org,

www.miltonhistoricalsociety.org

Sponsor: Milton Historical Society

Admission: Free

Rarely open to the public and unknown to most visitors, a trap door in the parlor of the Suffolk Resolves House leads to a granite room of uncertain purpose. Can you tell its age from the quarrymen's marks, or its use from the artifacts found in the dirt floor? Fit the clues together and draw your own conclusions. Hands-on mystery solving for ages 9 and up.

Newbury

DIRT DETECTIVES – FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Please contact Historic New England for scheduling

Location: Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm

Information: 978-462-4022, newburyed@historicnewengland.org

Sponsor: Historic New England

Admission: \$9 per student, teachers and chaperones are free.

This two hour program for students in Grades 3 to 8 unites science and history in one exciting program. Students become archaeologists as they search for artifacts and excavate a mock pit with the tools and techniques used in archaeology. Students collaborate as they piece together reproduction artifacts in the field lab. Inside the museum, they explore building archaeology via trap doors revealing 300 years of history. Students also learn about the artifacts that were discovered in archaeology completed here at the farm by Boston University students in the 1980's. This is a hands-on experiential learning program.

North Adams

GOBEKLI TEPE... STONE SILENT

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 3pm

Location: Western Gateway Heritage State Park, 115 State Street,
Visitors Museum, Building 4

Information: 413-663-6312

Sponsor: Department of Conservation and Recreation,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Admission: Free

Gobekli Tepe is a hilltop sanctuary on a mountain ridge in southeastern Turkey. Here archaeologists have uncovered a vast temple complex, a structure so ancient that it may redefine antiquity. The temple was built 11,500 years ago – a staggering 7,000 years before the Great Pyramid, and more than 6,000 years before Stonehenge. The ruins predate villages, pottery, domesticated animals, and even agriculture – the first symbols of civilization.

APOCALYPSE AGAIN! ... THE MAYAN CALENDAR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 3pm

Location: Western Gateway Heritage State Park, 115 State Street,
Visitors Museum, Building 4

Information: 413-663-6312

Sponsor: Department of Conservation and Recreation,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Admission: Free

Add 2012 to the long list of “Apocalypse” scenarios. This illustrated lecture will explore both the culture and calendar of the ancient Mayan. Their silent rediscovered cities and writings have been awakened and have extended our knowledge while exciting our imaginations.

Norwell

FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Date & Time: Monday, October 8, 11am-2pm

Location: South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacob’s Lane

Information: 781-659-2559, www.ssnsc.org

Sponsor: South Shore Natural Science Center/SSYMCA

Admission: Adults: \$7, Children (ages 2-15): \$3, Seniors: \$5

Join us for a fun hands-on mock archaeological dig. Visitors will use special tools to excavate fragments of the past. Come and see what you will find! While you are here you can visit our museum’s collection of Early American artifacts and our living collection of native New England animals. Suitable for children of all ages accompanied by adults.

ADVENTURES IN AFRICA

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 24, 7pm

Location: South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacob's Lane

Information: 781-659-2559, www.ssnsc.org

Sponsor: South Shore Natural Science Center/SSYMCA

Admission: Members: \$13, Non-Members: \$15

Andy Bergsten of Bergsten Music will share his travel adventures from the Rift Valley in Ethiopia. His slide show will feature animals of the Serengeti and the excavation site where "Lucy", one the oldest human ancestors, was discovered. In addition, Andy will demonstrate African drumming circles with enough percussion instruments for all to participate. Please call ahead to pre-register for this fun and educational evening.

Paxton

AN EVER WIDENING CIRCLE: THE PEOPLE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE, BARKHAMSTED, CT

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 17, 7pm

Location: Anna Maria College, Zecco Performing Arts Center,
50 Sunset Lane

Information: baucclair@annamaria.edu, www.annamaria.edu

Sponsor: Anna Maria College

Admission: Free

An 1854 Connecticut newspaper article described the remains of a small village of destitute people in the northwestern town of Barkhamsted, CT. According to the newspaper, the village, called the "Lighthouse," was inhabited by a mixed group of Native Americans, descendants of African slaves, and poor white people. The village has been excavated in four archaeological field schools, revealing the remarkable story of this multi-cultural community. This presentation focuses on what we have learned about the Lighthouse people.

Pelham

AN ARCHAEOLOGY OF NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: 10,000 BC TO 1700 AD

Date & Time: Monday, October 1, 7pm

Location: Pelham Community Center, Ramsdell Room

Information: www.pelhamhs.org/calendar.php

Sponsor: Pelham Library and Pelham Historical Society

Admission: Free

A lecture by Professor Elizabeth S. Chilton, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Monday, October 22, 7pm

Location: Pelham Community Center, Ramsdell Room

Information: www.pelhamhs.org/calendar.php

Sponsor: Pelham Library and Pelham Historical Society

Admission: Free

An illustrated talk by Professor Eric Johnson, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Bring artifacts you have found in Pelham for identification!

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF RACE AND GENDER AT THE W. E. B. DU BOIS HOMESITE, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

Date & Time: Monday, October 29, 7pm

Location: Pelham Community Center, Ramsdell Room

Information: www.pelhamhs.org/calendar.php

Sponsor: Pelham Library and Pelham Historical Society

Admission: Free

A lecture by Professor Whitney Battle-Baptiste, UMass Amherst. After three archaeological field schools, we have recovered more than 30,000 artifacts and have developed a detailed understanding of the configuration of the homelot where Du Bois spent his formative years. These broken plates and glasses tell us about the Black Burghardt family, the dreams and desires of W. E. B. Du Bois, and provide us with the basis for a larger discussion of race in New England.

Plymouth

ARCHAEOLOGY EXHIBITS

Date & Time: Ongoing throughout October, Mondays through Saturdays

Location: Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street

Information: 508-830-4250, plreference@hotmail.com

Sponsor: Plymouth Public Library

Admission: Free

During the months of October and November, Plymouth Public Library will feature a display in the main library which will highlight local archaeological discoveries. Please check our website for more specific information about our observance of Archaeology Month. Library hours are Monday to Wednesday 10am to 9pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm, and Friday and Saturday 10am to 5:30pm.

MYLES STANDISH ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Ongoing throughout October, Saturdays 10am-4pm

Location: Pilgrim Hall Museum, 75 Court Street

Information: www.pilgrimhall.org

Sponsor: Pilgrim Hall Museum

Admission: Adults: \$8, Children: \$5

Pilgrim Hall Museum will display its Myles Standish Archaeology collection every Saturday in October from 10am to 4pm. The collection is from the 1856 excavation of the Standish Homesite in Duxbury, the nation's first professional archaeological dig. The site and collection date from ca.1630 to ca.1710. Visitors will have the opportunity to examine the collection of artifacts up close, see the original excavation diagram and ask questions.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT ON BURIAL HILL

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 1pm

Location: Meet at the main entrance of Burial Hill Cemetery in Town Square

Information: Cheryle Caputo at 781-706-5531,

cheryle.burialhillfriend@comcast.net, or

June Gillette at june.burialhillfriend@comcast.net

Sponsor: Friends of Burial Hill

Admission: Free

Join the Friends of Burial Hill and the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project for a fun self-guided scavenger hunt on Plymouth's historic Burial Hill. Learn interesting facts about Plymouth's history, and the potential for archaeological investigations on Burial Hill and the importance of the preservation of burial monuments while searching for all of the hidden scavenger hunt boxes. Director and principal archaeologist Craig Chartier from the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project will be on hand to talk about archaeology and Plymouth Colony history with anyone interested. Feel free to bring that weird rock that you found in the yard or that sherd of pottery from your garden for him to identify as well.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST... "SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?"

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 10am-3pm (Rain date Sunday, October 21)

Location: Myles Standish State Forest, Meet at the amphitheater behind the headquarters building

Information: 617-626-1377, ellen.berkland@state.ma.us

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Admission: Free

Get your hands dirty with the DCR archaeologist. A brief introduction to the science of archaeology will set the stage for a day of digging, washing, recording, mapping, cataloguing and much more! Stay for an hour or the day. Bring lunch, water and work-gloves. All ages welcome. Call MSSF Event line at 508-866-2580 x165 for cancellation information

Pittsfield

RENEWABLE ENERGY AT THE CITY OF PEACE: HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE WATER POWER AND ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 10:30am

Location: Please meet at Hancock Shaker Village Visitor Center,
34 Lebanon Mountain Road, Hancock, MA

Information: www.hancockshakervillage.org

Sponsor: Hancock Shaker Village

Admission: Free hike, if participants also wish to tour the rest of the Village on their own, regular admission fees apply (Adults: \$17, Youth (ages 13-17): \$8, Children (12 and under): Free

This "Green Tour" will focus on the Hancock Shakers' 19th-century water power technology, and other examples of renewable energy at the Village. Included will be a demonstration of the 1858 water power turbine, and an easy to moderate hike to the Village's North Family archaeological site to view remains of Shaker buildings and dams. Clothing and footwear appropriate for walking in fields and woods is required.

Quincy

LYONS TURNING MILL SITE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13 10am-2pm (Rain date Saturday, October 20)

Location: Quarry Hills Drive, off of Ricciuti Drive

Information: 617-472-1322, quincyquarrymuseum@verizon.net

Sponsor: Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum,
www.quincyquarrymuseum.org

Admission: Free

Event consists of continual guided tours of the remains of the historic Lyons Turning Mill site and the surrounding Lyons Quarry area where artifacts of Quincy's granite industry can be seen. Interpretive information explaining the artifacts will be displayed. Informational tables will be set up with historical photos of Quincy's granite history.

Also on display will be information on the proposed Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum to be built on a portion of the mill site grounds.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT THE BLUE HILLS RESERVATION... “SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?”

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 10am-3pm (Rain date Sunday, October 28)

Location: Blue Hills Reservation, Quincy Quarries

Information: 617-626-1377, ellen.berkland@state.ma.us

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Admission: Free

Get your hands dirty with the DCR archaeologist. A brief introduction to the science of archaeology will set the stage for a day of digging, washing, recording, mapping, cataloguing and much more! Stay for an hour or the day. Bring lunch, water and work-gloves. All ages welcome. Meet at the parking lot on Ricciuti Drive. Call BHR Event Line at 617-698-1802 x 3 for cancellation information.

Randolph

DIG THIS, RANDOLPH!

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13 11am

Location: Turner Free Library, 2 North Main Street

Information: 781-961-0932, ralib@ocln.org

Sponsor: Friends of the Turner Free Library, www.turnerfreelibrary.org

Admission: Free

Fun event for families to increase awareness about local archaeology!

Rockland

BURIED TREASURE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Friday, October 19 3:30-4:45pm

Location: Rockland Memorial Library Community Room,
20 Belmont Street

Information: 781-878-1236, jlwcan@aol.com

Sponsor: Friends of Rockland Memorial Library Foundation,
www.rocklandmemoriallibrary.org

Admission: Free, pre-registration recommended

Experience the world of archaeology with hands-on activities that will help you clue into the past. Examine artifacts from pre-Contact and historic periods and learn how to identify them. Learn about the science of archaeology and bring your favorite artifact for identification. Suitable for ages 8 and older. Preregistration is recommended, please call 781-878-1236. Limit to 30 families.

Rowe

A WALK TO HISTORIC FORT PELHAM

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 2pm

Location: Site of Fort Pelham and Kemp-McCarthy Museum,
282 Zoar Road

Information: 413-339-4238, www.rowehistoricalsociety.org

Sponsor: Rowe Historical Society, Inc.

Admission: \$5 donation is appreciated

A conducted walk from Ford Hill Road to the site of Fort Pelham and back, then by car to the Museum for light refreshments and a look at Fort Pelham artifacts as well as the rest of the Museum collection. Museum is fully handicapped accessible, but Fort Pelham trail is not.

Salem

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE NARBONNE HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 11:30am and 1:30pm

Location: Narbonne House, 71 Essex Street

Information: 617-242-5613 x225, Alicia_paresi@nps.gov

Sponsor: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Admission: Free

Join us for 17th-Century Saturdays at the Narbonne House. Built in 1675, it is a wonderful example of a successful businessman's home of the 17th century. The house retains a diverse set of architectural elements from its 300 years of occupancy and still sits on its original city lot. In the 1970s, the National Park Service conducted archeological fieldwork at the site in order to better understand the changes made to the structure and interior of the house over time. Thousands of artifacts were recovered during the excavations, which provide interesting insights into the history of the house and the lives of its occupants. Join Alicia Paresi, Curator of Archaeology, and Emily Murphy, Historian, of the National Park Service for a gallery talk on the architecture, history, and archaeological artifacts associated with this site. The house will be open from 11AM to 3 PM, and children's activities will also be featured. Gallery talks will be at 11:30 and 1:30.

TOURS OF THE PICKERING HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 10am-3pm

Location: The Pickering House, 18 Broad Street

Information: 978-744-1647

Sponsor: The Pickering Foundation

Admission: \$5 per person

Tour Salem's oldest house and America's oldest home. The Pickering House has been 'home' to a single family for over 350 years. Built in 1651 by settler John Pickering and his wife Elizabeth, it began as a two-room farmhouse that eventually added wings, gables, and Gothic peaks. It was home to carpenters, farmers, patriots, military leaders, deacons, diplomats, linguists, and statesmen. Come experience the richness of American history as you tour this unique American homestead.

Shrewsbury

ARCHAEOLOGICAL LECTURE ON JERUSALEM

Date & Time: Sunday, October 14, 2-4pm

Location: Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street

Information: 508-841-8531, www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

Sponsor: Shrewsbury Public Library

Admission: Free

Archaeologist Katharina Galor will speak about the archaeological data from various locations in Jerusalem that help us understand the context of the New Testament writings about Jesus. Dr. Galor is a visiting professor at Brown University.

GHOSTS OF THE TITANIC

Date & Time: Friday, October 19, Departure times 6:30pm
and 6:45 pm

Location: Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street

Information: 508-842-0081, www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

Sponsor: Shrewsbury Public Library

Admission: Free

Embark on a Titanic-themed archaeological journey through the Shrewsbury Public Library, as rows of books will be transformed into living quarters, meeting rooms will become ballrooms, and hallways will become decks on the ill-fated ship. Bringing to life some true-life details, families will learn fascinating facts from the ghosts of the Titanic.

Springfield

NATIVE AMERICAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Date & Time: Saturday, October 6, 10am-4pm

Location: Springfield Museums Quandrangle

Information: 413-263-6800 ext. 392,

esavulis@springfieldmuseums.org

Sponsor: Springfield Science Museum

Admission: Free

The Native American Harvest Festival is a family program featuring Native dancing, songs, story-telling, demonstrations, craft vendors and artifact identification. The museum's Native American hall features a life-sized diorama of a 3,000 year old stone bowl quarry. New exhibits about bead work and dolls are also featured.

Stoneham

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HAYWARDVILLE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 10am

(Rain date Sunday, October 14)

Location: Middlesex Fells Reservation

Information: 617-626-1377, ellen.berkland@state.ma.us

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Admission: Free

Enjoy an illustrated walking tour of the former mill town of Haywardville at the Middlesex Fells Reservation on the Melrose, Malden, and Stoneham line. Approximately a one and a half hour hike on very hilly terrain. Meet in the parking lot adjacent to the caretaker house at the corner of Pond Street and Woodland Road. Bring water and wear appropriate footwear.

Sturbridge

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MILL SITES

Date & Time: Saturday, October 13, 10am

Location: Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road

Information: www.osv.org

Sponsor: Old Sturbridge Village

Admission: Free with Village admission (Adults: \$24, Seniors: \$22, Children: \$8, Children 2 and under: Free)

Nature and the hand of people have altered the flow of the Quinebaug River to operate mills on this site since the late 1700s. Join an Old Sturbridge Village historian and learn how the land, water, and their use have changed over time. Meet at the Old Sturbridge Village Sawmill.

Sudbury

PUFFER POND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY FINDINGS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 1-3pm

Location: Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, 680 Hudson Road

Information: 978-562-3527, kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov

Sponsor: Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge

Admission: Free

Archeological surveys were conducted along the former Craven Lane at Puffer Pond now part of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. This site contains evidence of repeated occupation over an estimated 7,500 year span from the Middle Archaic to Late Woodland Periods. Duncan Ritchie, Public Archaeology Laboratory Senior Archaeologist will give a presentation on the findings which added to what is known about Native American settlement patterns, site formation processes, and lithic technology in the combined Sudbury River and Assabet River drainage.

Tewksbury

THIRD ANNUAL CEMETERY TOUR

Date & Time: Friday, October 26, 7pm and Sunday October 28, 3pm

Location: Olde South Burial Grounds, Corner of Main Street and Shawsheen Street

Information: tesksburyhistoricalsociety.msn.com

Sponsor: Tewksbury Historical Society,
www.tewksburyhistoricalsociety.com

Admission: Members: \$6, Non-Members: \$8

The Tewksbury Historical Society presents its Third Annual Cemetery Tour. This year's tour will be held at the Olde South Burial Grounds located at the intersection of Main Street (Rt. 38) and Shawsheen Street. Col. Jonathan Brown, leader of the Southeast Militia to the Alarm of April 19, 1775 is buried here. It will be a night to honor the people who came before us. Children under 12 should come on Sunday.

Waltham

ORANGES AND LEMONS IN PERFECTION: ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE GORE PLACE GREENHOUSE

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 17, 7:30pm

Location: Gore Place, 52 Gore Street

Information: Thom Roach at 781-894-2798

Sponsor: The Gore Place Society, www.goreplace.org

Admission: Free

On-going archaeological excavations are uncovering the 1806 greenhouse constructed for Christopher and Rebecca Gore. Archaeologists from UMass Boston will present an illustrated talk on what they have learned about this unusual and luxurious building. Excavations have uncovered fragments of marble floor tiles, hundreds of planting pot fragments, and many other elements of the structure.

VISIT THE GORE PLACE EXCAVATION!

Date & Time: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 24, 25, and 26, 9am-12pm

Location: Gore Place, 52 Gore Street

Information: fiske.center@umb.edu

Sponsor: The Gore Place Society, www.goreplace.org

Admission: Free

In partnership with the Gore Place Society, archaeologists from the Fiske Center at UMass Boston are conducting ongoing excavations at the late 18th/early 19th-century home of Massachusetts Governor and US Senator Christopher Gore and his wife Rebecca. Work this October and November will be on the site of the Gores' 1806 greenhouse. Visitors can observe the excavations and ask the archaeologists questions about how they do their work and what they are finding. Learn what can be uncovered by doing archaeology around Massachusetts' historic houses. Please note this event will not run in the event of steady rain.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRANDEIS ARCHAEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

Date & Time: Friday, October 26, 2pm

Location: Levine-Ross, Hassenfeld Conference Center

Information: Laurel Carpenter at 781-736-2210, lcarpent@brandeis.edu

Sponsor: Brandeis University, www.brandeis.edu/departments/anthro/news-events.html

Admission: Free

The fourth annual Brandeis Archaeology Symposium, organized by graduate students from the Department of Anthropology, will draw together archaeology graduate students from regional institutions. Join us to learn about current research, field work and laboratory analysis. The symposium will provide a forum for students to meet and share ideas and research with their peers. A detailed list of speakers and abstracts will be posted on our website. <http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/anthro/news-events/index.html>

Wayland

WALKING TOGETHER: DETECTION AND PROTECTION OF ANCIENT CEREMONIAL LANDSCAPES IN MODERN NEW ENGLAND

Date & Time: Saturday, October 27, 2-4pm

Location: Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Road

Information: Tonya Largy at 508-358-4646, tonya.largy@verizon.net

Sponsor: Wayland Historical Commission, [www.wayland.ma.us/
Pages/WaylandMA_BComm/Historicalcom/index/](http://www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_BComm/Historicalcom/index/)

Admission: Free

Public acknowledgement and protection of sites across New England includes Wayland. Narragansett Tribal input has provided creative solutions, saving sites while working within the challenges of today's world. This talk explores preservation challenges and solutions, including wind turbines in the Atlantic.

Archaeology Year Round Reference Guide

ARCHAEOLOGY WEB SITES

About.com's Archaeology site

Archaeology.about.com

Archaeological Institute of America

www.archaeological.org

Archaeology for the Public (Society for American Archaeology)

www.saa.org/public/home/home.html

Archaeology Fieldwork.com

www.archaeologyfieldwork.com

Archaeology Magazine

www.archaeology.org

Archaeology Parks across America

www.uark.edu/misc/aras/

Archaeology's DIG Magazine

www.digonsite.com

ArchNet-World Wide Web Virtual Library for Archaeology

archnet.asu.edu

Archaeology on the BBC

www.bbc.co.uk/history/archaeology/index.shtml

Earthwatch Institute

www.earthwatch.org

Massachusetts Archaeological Society

www.massarchaeology.org/index.htm

Massachusetts Historical Commission

www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/arch_month/archidx.htm

Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources

www.mass.gov/czm/buar/

National Park Service "Links to the Past"

www.nps.gov/history/

Passport in Time (USDA Forest Service)

www.passportintime.com

Society for American Archaeology

www.saa.org

Society for Historical Archaeology

www.sha.org

The Archaeology Channel
www.archaeologychannel.org

Time Team America
www.pbs.org/opb/timeteam

Museums

The following is a partial list of museums that often have archaeology-related exhibits. Many local historical societies and museums also can provide you with historical documentation derived from archaeology and have artifacts on display.

Please contact museums to confirm hours of operation and admission fees.

ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUMS

Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

Harvard University
11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge
617-496-1027 • www.peabody.harvard.edu

Robbins Museum of Archaeology

17 Jackson Street, Middleboro
508-947-9005 • www.robbinmuseum.org/index.htm

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology

175 Main Street, on the campus of Phillips Academy, Andover
978-749-4490 • www.andover.edu/rspeabody

Semitic Museum

Harvard University, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge
617-495-4631 • www.fas.harvard.edu/~semitic

ART MUSEUMS

Fitchburg Art Museum

185 Elm Street, Fitchburg
978-345-4207 • www.fitchburgartmuseum.org

Harvard University Art Museums

Harvard University Campus, Corner of Quincy and Broadway,
Cambridge
617-495-9400 • artmuseums.harvard.edu

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

Lower Lake Road, South Hadley
413-538-2245 • www.mtholyoke.edu/artmuseum/

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston
617-267-9300 • www.mfa.org

Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street, Worcester
508-799-4406 • www.worcesterart.org

CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

Children's Discovery Museum

177 Main Street, Acton
978-264-4200 • www.discoverymuseums.org

The Children's Museum

300 Congress Street, Boston
617-426-6500 • www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org

The Children's Museum in Easton

9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton
508-230-3789 • www.childrensmuseumineaston.org

HISTORY MUSEUMS

Alden House Museum

105 Alden Street, Duxbury
781-934-9092 • www.alden.org

American Textile History Museum

491 Dutton Street, Lowell
978-441-0400 • www.athm.org

Aptucxet Trading Post Museum

24 Aptucxet Road, Bourne
508-759-8167 • www.bournehistoricalsociety.org/aptucxettradingpost.html

The Berkshire Museum

39 South Street (Route 7), Pittsfield
413-443-7171 • www.berkshiremuseum.org

The Bidwell House Museum

100 Art School Road, Monterey
413-528-6888 • www.bidwellhousemuseum.org

Buttonwoods Museum

240 Water Street, Haverhill
978-374-4626 • www.haverhillhistory.org

The Charles River Museum of Industry

154 Moody Street, Waltham
781-893-5410 • www.crmi.org

Commonwealth Museum

220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston
617-727-9268 • www.commonwealthmuseum.org

Concord Museum

200 Lexington Street, Concord
978-369-9763 • www.concordmuseum.org

Connecticut Valley Historical Museum

Museum Quadrangle, Springfield
1-800-625-7738 • www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/ct_valley_history/

Custom House Maritime Museum

25 Water Street, Newburyport
978-462-8681 • www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org

Fruitlands Museum

102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard
978-456-3924 • www.fruitlands.org

The Golden Ball Tavern Museum

662 Boston Post Road, Weston
781-894-1751 • www.goldenballtavern.org

Heritage Plantation

Located at the intersection of Pine and Grove Streets, Sandwich
508-888-3300 • www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org

Higgins Armory Museum

100 Barber Avenue, Worcester
508-853-6015 • www.higgins.org

Historic Deerfield

79 Old Main Street, Deerfield
413-774-5581 • www.historic-deerfield.org

The House of Seven Gables

115 Derby Street, Salem
978-744-0991 • www.7gables.org

Isaac Winslow House

Corner of Webster and Careswell Streets, Marshfield
781-837-5753 • www.marshfield.net/winslow

Lowell National Historic Park

67 Kirk Street, Lowell
978-970-5000 • www.nps.gov/lowe/

Martha's Vineyard Historical Society

59 School Street, Edgartown
508-627-4441 • www.marthasvineyardhistory.org

Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum

Route 130, Mashpee
508-477-1536 • www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/museum.html

Middlesex Canal Museum

71 Faulkner Street, North Billerica
978-670-2740 • www.middlesexcanal.org/museum

Museum of African American History

46 Joy Street, Boston
617-725-0022 • www.afroammuseum.org

National Heritage Museum

33 Marrett Road, Lexington
781-861-6559 • www.monh.org

Newton History Museum

527 Washington Street, Newton
617-552-7228 • www.ci.newton.ma.us/jackson

Orchard House

399 Lexington Road, Concord
978-369-4118 • www.louisamayalcott.org

The Paul Revere House

19 North Square, Boston
617-523-2338 • www.paulreverehouse.org

Peabody Essex Museum

East India Square, Salem
866-745-1876 • www.pem.org

Pilgrim Hall Museum

75 Court Street, Plymouth
508-746-1620 • www.pilgrimhall.org

Rebecca Nurse Homestead

149 Pine Street, Danvers
978-774-8799 • www.rebeccanurse.org

Royall House and Slave Quarters

15 George Street, Medford
781-396-9032 • www.royallhouse.org

The Stone House Museum

20 Maple Street, Belchertown
413-323-6573 • www.stonehousemuseum.org

Townsend Historical Society

72 Main Street, Townsend
978-597-2106 • www.townsendhistoricalsociety.org

Truro Historical Society Museum

27 Highland Road, North Truro
508-487-3397 • www.trurohistorical.org

Waterworks Museum

2450 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill
617-277-0065 • www.waterworksmuseum.org

Williamstown House of Local History

1095 Main Street, Williamstown
413-458-2160 • www.williamstownhistory.com

LIVING HISTORY MUSEUMS

Hancock Shaker Village

Located at the junction of Routes 20 and 41, Pittsfield
413-443-0188 • www.hancockshakervillage.org

Old Greenfield Village

386 Mohawk Trail, Greenfield
413-774-7138 • mtdata.com/~mmwm33/

Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge
508-347-3362 • www.osv.org

Plimoth Plantation

Located off Route 3 South, exit 4 (137 Warren Avenue), Plymouth
508-746-1622 • www.plimoth.org

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

244 Central Street, Saugus
781-233-0050 • www.nps.gov/sair

NATURE/SCIENCE MUSEUMS

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

869 Route 6A, Brewster
508-896-3867 • www.ccmnh.org

The Ecotarium

222 Harrington Way, Worcester
508-929-2700 • www.ecotarium.org

Harvard Museum of Natural History

Harvard University, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge
617-495-3045 • www.hmnh.harvard.edu

MIT Museum

265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge
617-253-4444 • web.mit.edu/museum/

Museum of Science

Science Park, Boston
617-723-2500 • www.mos.org

Science Discovery Museum

177 Main Street, Acton

978-264-4200 • www.discoverymuseums.org/

South Shore Natural Science Center

Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, Norwell

781-659-2559 • www.ssnsc.org

Springfield Science Museum

220 State Street, Springfield

1-800-625-7738 • www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/science/

FEATURES OF THE PAST

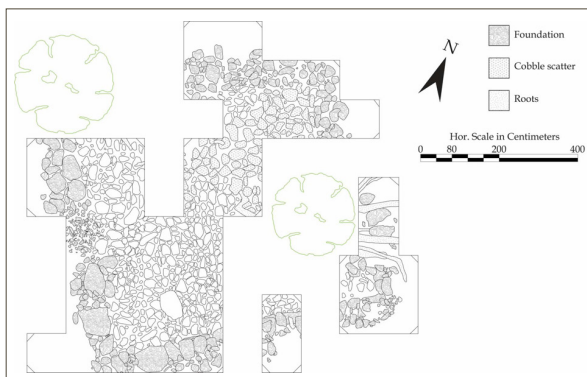
This year's Massachusetts Archaeology Month theme, "Features of the Past," examines archaeological features at the Fairbanks House in Dedham.

When archaeologists excavate sites in Massachusetts they are looking not only for artifacts, the objects people made and used in the past, but also for what we call features. Features are patterns and stains found in the ground during archaeological excavation. Sometimes these patterns are made of materials, such as bricks, stones, or decomposed wood, which are the only remaining traces of historic buildings. Some features are more subtle, and the patterns are only visible through differences in colors or textures of the dirt.

Now owned by the Fairbanks Family in America, Inc, the Fairbanks House originally belonged to

Jonathan and Grace Fairbanks and their six children. Dendrochronology (the study of tree rings) was conducted on the beams of the Fairbanks house, revealing that construction on the building was finished in 1641. This makes the structure the oldest timber-frame house still standing in North America.

Over time additions were built onto the house and outbuildings were constructed on the original 12-acre plot, including lean-tos, privies (outhouses), new wings, and a barn.



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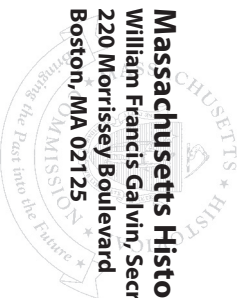
Archaeologists working at the Fairbanks House carefully uncovered the feature shown here. Composed of a dry-laid stone foundation and large cobble floor, the size of this feature (roughly 24 by 22 feet) indicates that it was probably the floor of a barn.

The barn might have been used for cows, pigs, and the storage of hay. By examining the kinds of artifacts found at the lowest and highest levels of the excavation, we know that the barn was probably built in the late 18th century and demolished in the mid-19th century. At the time of its demolition, three adult Fairbanks sisters owned the property and apparently no longer had a need for the building.

Archaeologists take careful notes and accurate measured drawings of the features they uncover. These detailed drawings and notes allow for accurate reconstructions and interpretations of archaeological features. The drawing shown at left depicts the barn foundation and cobble surface that archaeologists exposed at the Fairbanks House.

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For more information on the archaeological excavations conducted at the Fairbanks House, please visit: fairbanksarchaeology.blogspot.com



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