Massachusetts Archaeology Month
EXPLORING THE PAST

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Calendar of Events

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Do you have an interest in exploring the past? If so, then Massachusetts Archaeology Month is just for you!

The cover of this year’s Archaeology Month calendar shows four artifacts that were used to serve the customers at a Colonial period tavern in Charlestown that was called the Three Cranes Tavern. When the British burned Charlestown during the Revolutionary War, the tavern fell victim to the flames. The residents of Charlestown later cleared away the rubble, covered the site with sand and created an open market space that was later named City Square and used as a park. I remember my first visit to the archaeological excavation at the tavern site and how excited I was to see all of the “below ground” surviving remnants of the tavern and its privies (outhouses) that had survived under the park. The preservation of such an important site was remarkable in an urban setting. I’d never seen anything like it in Boston before. The tavern’s wine cellar and privies contained thousands of artifacts that, after laboratory analysis by archaeologists, provided a wealth of information about Colonial life before and leading up to the American Revolution. Today, visitors to City Square, near the Freedom Trail in Charlestown, can see a new city park that commemorates the history of the site, including a reconstructed outline in stone of the location of the tavern site. Interpretive panels at City Square summarize its history. Its new fountain boasts a crane at the top, a further reminder of the Three Cranes Tavern. Be sure to read the summary of the Three Cranes Tavern at the end of this calendar and visit our website for more information about this fascinating site and the stories it told.

This year’s Archaeology Month activities offer many unique, interesting, and fun ways for you to explore the past. Whether you’re interested in Ancient Native American, Colonial, Early American, or Industrial periods, or going behind-the-scenes at archaeology and faunal (zooarchaeology) labs, attending site visits, gallery talks, illustrated lectures, walking and biking tours, exploring exhibits, participating in hands-on events, or learning about archaeology in other parts of the world, there’s at least one or more events this October to help you in your explorations.

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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 93 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 Native American, Colonial, and Industrial 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, avocational archaeologists, universities, local historical commissions, professional archaeologists, and other organizations have planned a variety of exciting events for you and your family to enjoy. Learn about recent archaeological investigations in your town, meet an archaeologist, or take a bike tour. Teachers can schedule special field trips for their classes, or even schedule a virtual field trip. There are many events geared toward children and are enjoyable for the whole family. 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:
These artifacts were found during the archaeological investigation of the Three Cranes Tavern Site in Charlestown, MA. For more information, flip to the back of this booklet.
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.

Throughout Massachusetts

ARCHAEOLOGIST IN THE CLASSROOM

Date & Time: Weekdays throughout October, by appointment
Location: Virtually, in your own classroom
Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov
Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeology Education Consortium, www.maeconlearning.org, and the Boston City Archaeology Program
Admission: Free

Schedule a virtual visit from a real archaeologist for your school classroom. Joe Bagley, Boston’s City Archaeologist, will be available for a question and answer session for classrooms (suggested Grades 3 through 6). Students can learn about the difference between an archaeologist and a paleontologist, what tools archaeologists use, and what kind of work archaeologists do in Boston and throughout the State of Massachusetts. Please contact to schedule a virtual visit and make arrangements for web-conferencing via Skype.

Acton

ARCHAEOLOGY AT A NATIVE AMERICAN CAMPSITE BY THE MERRIMACK RIVER

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 7, 7pm
Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street
Information: mrich@acton-ma.gov
Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk
Admission: Free

Archaeologist Marty Dudek will discuss recent excavations at a campsite along the Merrimack River. The discoveries revealed a deep history of Native American lifeways spanning thousands of years.

JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS WALK

Date & Time: Thursday, October 9, 2pm
(Rain date: Thursday, October 16)
Location: Meet at the end of Wheeler Lane off Route 27/Main Street
Information: 978-929-6655  
Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/local-history/pine-hawk/  
Admission: Free

Site preservation specialist, Linda McElroy, will lead the walk. Good walking shoes are necessary. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Collaborating on Native American History in Southern New England

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 15, 7pm  
Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street  
Information: mrich@acton-ma.gov  
Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/local-history/pine-hawk/  
Admission: Free

Archaeologist Stephen Silliman discusses his long-term collaborative project between UMass Boston and the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation to help answer such questions as how to measure culture change and continuity, implications of these concepts and interpretations for political and heritage issues today, and the role of community-based archaeology with descendants.

Archaeologists Walk

Date & Time: Saturday, October 18, 10am  
(Rain date: Saturday, October 25)  
Location: Meet at the end of Wheeler Lane off Route 27/Main Street  
Information: 978-929-6655  
Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/local-history/pine-hawk/  
Admission: Free

Site preservation specialist, Linda McElroy, will lead the walk. Mostly easy walking, half a mile each way.

Meet an Archaeologist!

Date & Time: Thursday, October 23, 2pm  
Location: The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street  
Information: 978-264-4200 x20, discoverymuseums.org  
Sponsor: The Discovery Museums  
Admission: Free with admission ($11.50)

Suanna Crowley, PhD, of AnthroScience Advisors will lead future archaeologists on a tour of the science of archaeology. Learn how archaeologists uncover the mysteries of ancient sites and peoples by
looking at artifacts and the landscape.

BOOK DISCUSSION: BEHIND THE FRONTIER: INDIANS IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Date & Time: Monday, October 27, 7:30pm  
Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street  
Information: mrich@acton-ma.gov  
Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk, www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/resources-research/local-history/pine-hawk/  
Admission: Free

The book, by historian Daniel R. Mandell, is a detailed yet readable account of the development of Native American communities in our region, many of which survive into the present. It examines the interaction between Indians and colonists in the period between King Philip’s War and the battle of Bunker Hill, and the patterns of adaptation and resistance adopted by the Indians. Copies will be available for check-out at the library circulation desk in early October.

Amherst

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT THE EMILY DICKINSON MUSEUM

Date & Time: Saturday, October 4, 1pm  
Location: Dickinson Homestead, 280 Main Street  
Information: info@emilydickinsonmuseum.org, www.EmilyDickinsonMuseum.org  
Sponsor: Emily Dickinson Museum  
Admission: Free

An archaeologist from University of Massachusetts Archaeological Services will give a presentation about excavations at the Dickinson Homestead and The Evergreens carried out in spring and summer 2014 in preparation for the installation of a drainage system and reconstruction of Emily Dickinson’s conservatory. Dickinson called the conservatory her “little garden within.” Significant components of the original structure, built in 1855, were saved when the conservatory was dismantled 100 years ago, and will be used in the reconstruction.

Andover

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NORTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 21, 7pm  
Location: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, 180 Main Street  
Information: info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org
Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society,  
www.massarchaeology.org  
Admission: Free

Join the MAS Northeast Chapter for its monthly free lectures by experts in archaeology and history. We meet at the historic R.S. Peabody Museum on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover on the third Tuesday of the month from September to May. Lectures are free and open to the public. Find us on Facebook or see www.massarchaeology.org for more information.

ROBERT S. PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 25, 10am-2pm  
Location: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, 180 Main Street  
Information: www.andover.edu/museums/museumofarchaeology/  
Sponsor: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology  
Admission: Free

The Robert S. Peabody Museum will host an archaeology open house where visitors can tour our two small exhibit galleries featuring highlights from the Museum’s collection of over 500,000 Native American artifacts.

Billerica

MIDDLESEX CANAL MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Date & Time: Saturdays and Sundays throughout October, 12-4pm  
Location: Middlesex Canal Museum, 71 Faulkner Street  
Information: www.middlesexcanal.org  
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association  
Admission: Free

Come see our exhibits on Massachusetts’ industrial past! Continuing exhibits include a shovel used in 1793 to turn the first shovelful of earth at the beginning of canal construction; a towing mast, oar, and pole used on canal boats; and Charlestown dry dock construction models on loan from the Baldwin family. Try a scavenger hunt for the young at heart. Explore our outdoor exhibits including iron rings that were used 200 years ago to anchor floating towpath across a mill pond; and an iron bolt marker used to regulate water level.

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 5, 9am  
Location: Boston to Lowell, see below  
Information: Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org
Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

The Middlesex Canal Museum is a way point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.

MIDDLESEX CANAL/AMC FALL WALK

Date & Time: Sunday, October 19, 1:30pm
Location: Beginning at the Middlesex Canal Museum, 71 Faulkner Street
Information: Contact walk leaders Roger Hagopian at 781-861-7868, or Robert Winters at robert@middlesexcanal.org
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association and the Appalachian Mountain Club
Admission: Free

Please join us for this activity co-sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club. This program includes a level, five mile walk along a section of the historic Middlesex Canal to Chelmsford and return. Walk begins at 1:30pm from the Middlesex Canal Museum. No registration is required.

MIDDLESEX CANAL FALL MEETING AND LECTURE

Date & Time: Sunday, October 26, 1pm
Location: Middlesex Canal Museum, 71 Faulkner Street
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association
Admission: Free

Fall meeting and lecture on subject related to the canal era. Guest speaker and topic to be determined. Details will be posted at www.middlesexcanal.org when they are available.

Boston

DIGGING UP THE PAST: UTILIZING ARTIFACTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

Date & Time: Ongoing by reservation or request
Location: Bunker Hill Monument Grounds and Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square
Information: 617-242-5689, bost_rsvp@nps.gov
Third through fifth graders discover and recover battle site artifacts to understand the Battle of Bunker Hill. Students first use a cyclorama to visualize the historic battle and the differences between an historic site and a modern day dig site. Students then work in stations reflective of specific areas of the battle, and “dig” for artifacts using proper techniques and tools. They record and present their findings within the historic framework of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIG DIG CLASSROOM FIELD TRIP

Date & Time: Weekdays throughout October, by appointment
Location: The Commonwealth Museum, 220 Morrissey Boulevard
Information: www.commonwealthmuseum.org
Sponsor: The Commonwealth Museum
Admission: Free

What did archaeologists discover while working on Boston’s Big Dig in the North End? In 1992, archaeologists found Katherine Nanny Naylor’s privy at the Cross Street Back Lot site. In this program, students will work in small groups to explore the privy, practice archaeological skills, learn about Puritan Boston, and discover a deeper appreciation for Massachusetts’s underground history. Suggested for grades 5 through 8. Field trips are free of charge and include a tour of the Commonwealth’s Museum’s exhibit, “Our Common Wealth: The Massachusetts Experiment in Democracy 1620 – Today.” Trip duration is 3 hours, capacity is 60 students. Please call 617-727-9268 to schedule.

HISTORY BENEATH OUR FEET: SANDBOX ARCHAEOLOGY FOR CLASSROOMS

Date & Time: Weekdays through October by appointment
Location: Shirley-Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Carriage House Learning Center
Information: 617-442-2275, governorshirley@gmail.com
Admission: Students: $4, Chaperones: $5, Teachers: Free

Everyone loves to dig in the dirt – but what if this digging helps to give us a better sense of the past? The goal of this program 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. Each artifact found contains clues of its manufacture, date, origin and use. To decipher the clues, one needs
to ask questions like “when was this made or used?” Grade-specific learning for grades 3 through diploma. Please call or email to make reservations for this event. This program has a group limit of 26. Please be sure to discuss and make the appropriate arrangements when you call to schedule.

Museum Exhibit: Highlights of Charlestown Archaeology from the Big Dig

**Date & Time:** Wednesdays and Fridays throughout October, 9-5, by appointment only

**Location:** Boston City Archaeology Lab, 201 Rivermoor Street, West Roxbury

**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov

**Sponsor:** City of Boston Archaeology Program

**Admission:** Free

*See in person the highlights of the archaeological dig at the 18th-century Three Cranes Tavern, Parker-Harris Pottery, and other archaeological sites featured in the Archaeology of the Big Dig.*

City Archaeology Lab Open House

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 1, 9am-5pm

**Location:** Boston City Archaeology Lab, 201 Rivermoor Street, West Roxbury

**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov

**Sponsor:** City of Boston Archaeology Program

**Admission:** Free

*Come view the City’s Archaeology Lab, a 3,000 square foot facility on the edge of town that holds over 1,000,000 artifacts from dozens of archaeological surveys conducted in the city of Boston. City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, will provide personal tours throughout the day. Visitors of all ages and group size are welcome. RSVPs are greatly appreciated, especially for larger groups.*

History beneath Our Feet: Sandbox Archaeology

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

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

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

**Sponsor:** The Shirely-Eustis House, www.shirelyeustishouse.org

**Admission:** Adult: $5, Students: $4

*Everyone loves to dig in the dirt – but what if this digging helps to give us a better sense of the past? The goal of this program 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. Each artifact found contains clues of its manufacture, date, origin and use. To decipher the clues, one needs to ask questions like “when was this made or used?” After participants learn these basic skills, we will use them in a real archaeological dig at the Shirley-Eustis House. Held rain or shine. Grade-specific learning for grades 3 through diploma. Please call or email to make reservations for this event.

**Middlesex Canal Bike Tour**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 9am  
**Location:** Sullivan Square MBTA Station  
**Information:** Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293  
**Sponsor:** Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org  
**Admission:** Free (MBTA fare not included)

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**Katherine, Grace, and Mary: Archaeological Revelations from 17th- and 18th- Century Women Uncovered in Boston’s Big Dig**

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 6, 6pm  
**Location:** Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston Street  
**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov, education@masshist.org  
**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Historical Society and City of Boston Archaeology Program  
**Admission:** Free, Reservations required. Please call 617-646-0560 or email education@masshist.org

Katherine Nanny Naylor, Grace Parker, and Mary Long were powerful women in Colonial Boston whose stories echo through time. Join City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, as he explores the story of these three remarkable women, their impacts on history, and how archaeological investigations prior to the Big Dig revealed their incredible story.

**Lunch-Time Walking Tour of Charlestown Archaeology**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 7, 12-1pm, Rain or shine  
**Location:** Walk begins at City Square fountain, off of New Rutherford
Avenue and Chelsea Street in Charlestown

**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov
**Sponsor:** City of Boston Archaeology Program
**Admission:** Free

Join Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist on a walk through time in the City’s oldest neighborhood beginning with the archaeology of Boston’s Big Dig and finishing at the base of the Bunker Hill Monument. Highlights include women-owned businesses in the 18th century, native archaeological sites lost to rising seas, slave sites, and the true shape of fortifications on Breeds Hill.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF CHARLESTOWN’S EVOLVING SHORELINE

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 7, 7pm
**Location:** Battle of Bunker Hill Museum education room, 43 Monument Square
**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov
**Sponsor:** Charlestown Historical Society and City of Boston Archaeology Program
**Admission:** Free

Environmental reconstruction, historic records, and archaeological surveys have produced a wealth of knowledge on the shoreline of Charlestown. City Archaeologist Joe Bagley will discuss the Native and later Colonial uses of the coast from campsites to the piers of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

ARCHAEOLOGY READ ALOUD STORY TIME AND ACTIVITY

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 9, 3:30pm
**Location:** Boston Public Library, Youth Services, 700 Boylston Street
**Information:** info@maeconlearning.org
**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Archaeology Education Consortium (MAECON), www.maeconlearning.org, and Boston Public Library, www.bpl.org
**Admission:** Free


LUNCH-TIME WALKING TOUR OF NORTH END ARCHAEOLOGY

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 14, 12-1pm, Rain or shine
**Location:** Walk begins at the Samuel Adams Statue in front of Faneuil Hall
**Information:** joseph.bagley@boston.gov  
**Sponsor:** City of Boston Archaeology Program  
**Admission:** Free

*Improved and Expanded!* This tour is presented by Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist, and begins and ends at the Samuel Adams Statue in front of Faneuil Hall. Tour covers the former coastline of Boston’s North End, scandalous brothel sites, 17th century houses, the Mill Pond, outhouses, divorce, intestinal diseases, and much more.

### Gallery Talk: Conservation of Ancient Greek Vases and Sculpture

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 15, 6-7pm and Saturday, October 18, 12-1pm  
**Location:** Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Avenue, meet at Sharf Visitor Center  
**Information:** www.mfa.org  
**Sponsor:** Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
**Admission:** Free with museum admission (Wednesday, October 15 the museum admission is a voluntary donation, Saturday, October 18 the museum admission is Adults: $25, Seniors: $23, Students (18 and over): $23, Children: Free)

Join art conservators for a gallery talk in the newly renovated ancient Greek galleries. While viewing the artworks, hear how museum staff including curators, conservators, mount-makers, art-riggers, and scientists worked together to study, improve the stability and appearance, and install these ancient Greek artworks. Learn about select objects’ histories, how they were made in ancient times, and how and why their appearances may have changed over time.

### 8th Annual AIA-MOS Archaeology Fair

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 17, 9am-2pm, and Saturday, October 18, 10am-3pm  
**Location:** Museum of Science, Boston, 1 Science Park  
**Information:** www.archaeological.org/events/15430  
**Sponsor:** Archaeological Institute of American and the Museum of Science, Boston  
**Admission:** Free with admission (Adults: $23, Seniors: $21, and Children: $20)

Join the Archaeological Institute of America and the Museum of Science, Boston for two days of archaeological discovery! Learn about the life of a Roman soldier, underwater shipwrecks, Native American technology, and much more through hands on activities and live demonstrations.
Boston University Archaeology Day

Date & Time: Sunday, October 19, 12-4pm
Location: Boston University Stone Science Building, Room 253, 675 Commonwealth Avenue
Information: www.bu.edu/archaeology
Sponsor: Boston University, Department of Archaeology
Admission: Free

Come learn about archaeology from real BU archaeologists! This annual event includes hands-on archaeological activities like flintknapping, cross-mending ceramics, identification of ancient plants and animals, and more! Fun for all ages, this event includes activities for the littlest archaeologists as well as those who have long been interested.

Boston’s Past as Present: What the Archaeology of the Big Dig Teaches us About Climate Change, War, Women’s Rights, and Other Contemporary Issues

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 21, 6-8pm
Location: Old State House, 206 Washington Street
Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov, alexa@bostonhistory.org
Sponsor: The Bostonian Society and City of Boston Archaeology Program
Admission: Free, registration required at http://archaeologyosh.eventbrite.com/

Will we ever learn from the mistakes of the past? City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, will discuss what scientific research on the archaeology of the Big Dig project could, and probably should, teach us about political and social issues we face today.

Roxbury’s Southwest Corridor: Archaeology of Industry and Transportation

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 22, 7pm
Location: Haley House Bakery Café, 12 Dade Street, Dudley Square, Roxbury
Information: mcshugar@gmail.com, 617-721-3993
Admission: Free, registration required at http://archaeologyosh.eventbrite.com/

Join us to learn about the archaeology of Roxbury’s Southwest Corridor! Archaeologists Beth Bower and Miles Shugar will present their work on these fascinating archaeological sites that were excavated in the 1970s before the construction of the Orange Line subway. Beth’s work
uncovered a variety of interesting sites, including breweries, factories, foundries, and housing from the 18th-19th centuries. Miles will then discuss one of these sites, the Metropolitan Railroad Company Site, in more detail. Horse-cars and an electric street railway hub operated from 1850 to 1920 at the present-day Roxbury Crossing MBTA station. The archaeology of horse-car street railways and technological change will be illustrated through artifacts, documents, and photographs of Boston's early mass transit systems.

**Burial Practices in Historic New England**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 28, 6:30pm  
**Location:** Old North Church, 193 Salem Street  
**Information:** 617-523-6676, education@oldnorth.com  
**Sponsor:** Old North Foundation, www.oldnorth.com  
**Admission:** $3 suggested donation

Jane Lyden Rousseau, Senior Curational Technician in the Department of Osteology at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology of Harvard University, will speak about her research of the Old North Church crypt and how it ties into colonial burial practices in New England. Attendees will also have the opportunity to walk through the crypt after the talk. Old North Church is the oldest standing church building in Boston, built in 1723. Its crypt was in use from 1732-1860 and over 1,100 people were interred there.

**Bourne**

**Second Wednesday Lecture with Tom Keyes**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 8, 7pm  
**Location:** Bourne Historical Center, 30 Keene Street  
**Information:** 508-759-6123, skiane@verizon.net  
**Sponsor:** Bourne Historical Society  
**Admission:** $5

Born from a 2011 discovery of an extremely rare, intact, early 17th-century home site located on the Keyes' property during the rehab of their home on Water Street in Sandwich, the North Atlantic Archaeological Collaborative is launching an open-air museum and education center with an archaeological lab.

**Brewster**

**Invasion, Migration, or Trade: How Work at the Taylor Bray Farm is Helping us Investigate a 3,500 Year Old Archaeological Mystery**
Underwater Archaeology in National Marine Sanctuaries

Date & Time: Sunday, October 5, 1pm
Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/Route 6A
Information: 508-869-3867 x133, www.ccmnh.org
Sponsor: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
Admission: Free with admission (Adults: $10, Seniors: $7, Children ages 3-12: $5, Children under 3: Free)

Step into the past and dive beneath the waves to learn about maritime heritage and the historic shipwrecks of our National Marine Sanctuaries through hands-on activities for the entire family. Become an underwater detective for the day and explore the ocean floor and uncover the secrets of sunken ships located around the United States. Map a shipwreck, try on SCUBA diving gear, learn about using sound to locate shipwrecks and solve maritime mysteries.

Wing Island Guided Walk

Date & Time: Sunday, October 12, 10am
Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/Route 6A
Information: 508-869-3867 x133, www.ccmnh.org
Sponsor: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
Admission: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Members: $3, Non-Members: $5

Join archaeologist Dan Zoto 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.
CCMNH Archaeology Laboratory Open House and Artifact Identification

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 25, 11am-3pm  
**Location:** Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/Route 6A  
**Information:** 508-869-3867 x133, www.ccmnh.org  
**Sponsor:** Cape Cod Museum of Natural History  
**Admission:** Free with admission (Adults: $10, Seniors: $7, Children ages 3-12: $5, Children under 3: Free)

Join archaeologist Dan Zoto and the rest of the CCMNH archaeology team 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 for identification.

Cambridge

Amazing Archaeology at Harvard Festival

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 12-5pm  
**Location:** Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, and Harvard Semitic Museums, Divinity Avenue  
**Information:** 617-496-1027, hmsc@hmsc.harvard.edu, hmsc.harvard.edu/programs  
**Sponsor:** Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, and the Harvard Semitic Museum  
**Admission:** Free with Museum admission (Adults: $12, Seniors and Students with ID: $10, Children ages 3-18: $8). Massachusetts Teachers: Free

An epic day of archaeological events! Activities take place among the world-famous collections of North American, Maya, and Ancient Near Eastern archaeology. Immerse yourself in a 3D view of the Giza Pyramids with virtual reality headsets. Move mountains with an augmented reality sandbox. Explore an active archaeological excavation in Harvard Yard. Peer behind hidden museum spaces. Participate in pottery building demonstrations from the Harvard ceramics program. Listen to tales from field archaeologists who excavated in Turkey, China, Honduras, Peru, Israel, and more! There will be a food truck on site for those who work up an appetite from all the hands-on activities.

Zooarchaeology Laboratory Open House

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 13, 12:30-4:30pm  
**Location:** Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard
University, 11 Divinity Avenue

Information: 617-495-8317, www.peabody.harvard.edu
Sponsor: Peabody Museum, part of the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, hmsc.harvard.edu
Admission: Free with Museum admission (Adults: $12, Seniors and Students with ID: $10, Children ages 3-18: $8)

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 the 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 is not required.

Chelmsford

Middlesex Canal Bike Tour

Date & Time: Sunday, October 5, 9am
Location: Boston to Lowell, see below
Information: Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org
Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

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Concord

Highlights from the Archaeology Collection at Minute Man National Historical Park

Date & Time: Saturday, October 4, 1pm
Location: Major John Buttrick House, Minute Man National Historical Park, 231 Liberty Street
Information: Alicia_Paresi@nps.gov
Sponsor: Minute Man National Historical Park, www.nps.gov/mima
Admission: Free

Over a quarter million artifacts have been recovered from archaeological excavations at Minute Man National Historical Park. The collection
includes objects from the late 17th through the early 20th centuries, as well as earlier Native American artifacts. Through historical records, artifacts from many sites can be related to specific families and to homes that are no longer standing. A range of objects will be presented including everyday household items such as spoons and forks, children’s toys, hand tools, ceramic tankards, and plates and objects of personal adornment such as buckles and wig curlers. Join Alicia Paresi, Curator of Archaeology for the National Park Service, for a presentation on highlights from the park’s archaeological collections.

HANDS-ON HISTORY

Date & Time: Sunday, October 12, 1-4pm
Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike
Sponsor: Concord Museum
Admission: Adults: $10, Seniors (62 and over): $8, Students (18 and over with valid ID): $8, Children: $5, Children 5 and under: Free, Active Military (with valid ID): Free, Members: Free

Bring your family and get hands-on with history in this program focusing on Native American artifacts and crafts. Touch and learn about real stone tools with museum educators.

TUESDAY GALLERY TALK

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 14, 2pm
Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike
Sponsor: Concord Museum
Admission: Adults: $10, Seniors (62 and over): $8, Students (18 and over with valid ID): $8, Children: $5, Children 5 and under: Free, Active Military (with valid ID): Free, Members: Free

Learn about the Concord Museum’s collection of Native American artifacts during this 20 minute gallery talk.

SATURDAY GALLERY TALK

Date & Time: Saturday, October 25, 11am
Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike
Sponsor: Concord Museum
Admission: Adults: $10, Seniors (62 and over): $8, Students (18 and over with valid ID): $8, Children: $5, Children 5 and under: Free, Active Military (with valid ID): Free, Members: Free

Learn about the Concord Museum’s collection of Native American artifacts during this 20 minute gallery talk.
Dennis

TAYLOR-BRAY FARM ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Saturday, October 18, 12pm
Location: Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Street
Information: 508-760-6219, den_mail@clamsnet.org
Sponsor: Dennis Public Library, www.dennispubliclibrary.org
Admission: Free

Craig Chartier, director and principal archaeologist at Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project, presents past accomplishments and ongoing efforts to understand the ancient and early historical life lived at the Taylor Bray Farm property in Yarmouth Port, MA. The location, seasonally occupied by Native Americans 3,000 years ago and by Europeans beginning around 1640, is a rare survivor of the agriculture that once took place on Cape Cod’s north shore.

Duxbury

ARROWHEAD IDENTIFICATION

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 29, 7-9pm
Location: Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street
Information: www.duxburyfreelibrary.org
Sponsor: Duxbury Free Library
Admission: Free

Bring your arrowheads, spear points, hoes, etc. and experts will be at the Duxbury Free Library to identify your stone tools made by the original settlers of this area. Native Americans lived here for over 10,000 years before the Pilgrims landed. In celebration of National Archaeology Month the Duxbury Free Library is presenting this program where you can learn about your arrowheads and the original inhabitants of the area.

East Brookfield

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY’S PAPER TREASURES

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 15, 6:30pm
Location: East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive
Information: wpayette@cwmars.org, eastbrookfieldlibrary.org
Sponsor: East Brookfield Public Library
Admission: Free

Do you have family photos, postcards, or letters sitting in boxes? This is the program for you! Learn with the use of handouts, visual aids, and a question and answer session. This program will explain how to preserve
and organize your items, and help you find archival materials and choose how and where to use them. Presented by Frank Morrill, member of the Charlton Historical Commission, owner of the “Prints of the Past” framing studio, and contributor to many local “Images of America” series books.

**Eastham**

**Walkover of Mary Chase Road Area, Fort Hill, and Penniman House Area**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 8, 10am-12pm (Rain date: Thursday October 9, 10am-12pm)

**Location:** Take a right off of Route 6 to Governor Prence Road, go past Penniman House to parking lot on left, or continue up hill to parking on Fort Hill summit.

**Information:** 508-255-3421 x22

**Sponsor:** National Park Service, Cape Cod National Seashore

**Admission:** Free

We will look for archaeological happenings in areas included in the walkover for both historical and ancient features, and stop on Fort Hill summit to understand why many people chose to live here. We will discuss faunal findings of archaeologist Dr. Francis McManamon’s original work here, recently published. If time permits we may have opportunity to view Penniman house. Walking will be moderately difficult up and down hills and through brush and grasses. Please dress with long sleeves and pants and be aware of ticks.

**Essex**

**Archaeology Walk at the Cox Reservation**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 26, 1-3pm

**Location:** Cox Reservation, 82 Eastern Avenue

**Information:** www.ecga.org/explore_and_engage/view_event/121-cox_reservation_archaeology_walk_1-3pm, ecga@ecga.or, 978-768-7241 x10

**Sponsor:** Essex County Greenbelt, www.ecga.org

**Admission:** Free

Celebrate Archaeology Month by joining noted Greenbelt and Cape Ann archaeologist, Mary Ellen Lepionka, as we uncover the human history and material culture of our headquarters site. The Cox Reservation has a distinctive past as home to Native Americans, and with a rich history as a salt-water farm and orchard. Ms. Lepionka will share her
perspective and expertise as we enjoy a stroll and examination of the property’s archaeological treasures.

Framingham

RECORDING ROCK ART IN THE SOUTHWEST: OLD IMAGERY, NEW TECHNOLOGY

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 21, 6-7:30pm
Location: Framingham State University
Information: 508-740-2385, balberti@framingham.edu
Sponsor: Framingham State University, www.framingham.edu
Admission: Free

How do archaeologists record rock art without touching surfaces? Join Dr. Benjamin Alberti and Framingham State Honors students as they provide an overview of the archaic rock art from northern New Mexico studied by the Gorge Archaeological Project (Barnard College/Framingham State). Exciting new computational photographic imaging technologies that reveal further secrets behind the images will be demonstrated.

Gloucester

Artisans of Cape Ann in Ancient Native American Times

Date & Time: Saturday, October 25, 3pm
Location: Cape Ann Museum Auditorium, 27 Pleasant Street
Information: 978-283-0455, info@capeannmuseum.org
Admission: Free with regular Museum admission ($10)

Archaeological and documentary evidence show that different groups of Native Americans lived on Cape Ann from at least the Early Archaic Period, beginning around 8,000 years ago. Independent researcher Mary Ellen Lepionka uses a slide lecture to illustrate how Native Americans living on Cape Ann acquired, processed, and used Cape Anne’s raw materials in the past to create tools, make art, express beliefs, and furnish their way of life.

Grafton

DOWN UNDER

Date & Time: Sunday, October 19, 1-4pm
Location: Willard House and Clock Museum, 11 Willard Street
Information: 508-839-3500, Meredith@willardhouse.org
Sponsor: Willard House and Clock Museum
Admission: Adults: $10, Seniors, Students or AAA: $9, Children: $6
This unique tour looks at what lies below historic structures. The farmhouse, initially constructed as a half cape circa 1745, was expanded in the 1760s. Visitors will tour the older parts of the house as well as the original basement to see the expansion and other interesting features like the chimney footing and the root cellar. Last tour is at 3pm.

Harvard

**CONNECTING TO OUR EASTERN WOODLAND NATIVE AMERICAN PAST**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 4, 12-4pm  
**Location:** Fruitlands Indian Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road  
**Information:** nenaipetsan@aol.com, facebook.com/nenaiorg, nenai.org  
**Sponsor:** New England Native American Institute, Inc, and Fruitlands Museum  
**Admission:** Free with membership or museum admission (Adults: $12, Seniors/Students: $10, Children ages 5-13: $5)

Come and learn about Native American history and the culture of the Eastern Woodland people. Presenters include: Dr. Michael Volmar (Native Material Culture of Fruitlands); Dr. Robert Goodby (Native Fish Weirs Still Exist); Nipmuc Cheryl Stedler (Mishoon-Raising: Canoes from Lake Quinsigamond); and Nipmuc Jennifer Lee (Demonstration: Making a Native Bark Basket).

Haverhill

**TOMBSTONES AND TROWELS**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 4, 12-4pm  
**Location:** Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street  
**Information:** Contact the Program Coordinator at programs@haverhillhistory.org  
**Sponsor:** Buttonwoods Museum, www.buttonwoods.org  
**Admission:** $5 per person

Drop in between 12pm and 4pm to discover archaeology at the Buttonwoods Museum! Try your hand at traditional archaeological skills, like cross mending and cleaning artifacts. A spooky craft will prepare you for an exploration of above ground archaeology at the nearby Pentucket Burial Ground. With a scavenger hunt as your guide, explore how tombstones give vital clues about life and death long ago. Self-guided tours of the Luce Archaeology Collection will also be available.
Lowell

**Building the Past: Mill Architecture**

**Date & Time:** Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays throughout October, 10am-5pm  
**Location:** American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton Street  
**Information:** Contact the Education Coordinator at 978-441-0400 x250  
**Sponsor:** American Textile History Museum, www.athm.org  
**Admission:** Adults: $8, Seniors and Children: $6

Explore New England’s industrial architecture by building a mill village based on old maps with the Museum’s industry block set. Learn about the invention of Lowell, MA in a series of videos about the city’s architectural history.

**Middlesex Canal Bike Tour**

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**Location:** Boston to Lowell, see below  
**Information:** Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293  
**Sponsor:** Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org  
**Admission:** Free (MBTA fare not included)

The Lowell MBTA Station is the end point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.

Marshfield

**Ancient Native American and Early 17th-Century Life in Marshfield**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 1pm  
**Location:** Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium, 500 Furnace Street (off of Route 139)  
**Information:** 781-834-0100, www.marshfieldhistoricalsociety.org  
**Sponsor:** Marshfield Historical Society  
**Admission:** Members of the Marshfield Historical Society: $5, Non-Members: $10

In 2013, archaeologists from Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. (AHS) conducted excavations in Marshfield. Two sites date between
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1,000 and 7,000 years old and demonstrate extensive exploitation of maritime, riverine and marshland resources by Native Americans. AHS archaeologists also excavated a complete buried 17th-century earthfast house site. The house was built without any stone or brick, and burned down before 1650, as evidenced by recovered artifacts and carbonized food remains. By putting the ceramic pieces back together, archaeologists now know that there were at least 20 ceramic vessels on the site. There is enough data to be able to virtually set the table of this family, and put the food on it, because so many plant and animal remains have been uncovered. This house is the only intact 17th-century house site in Plymouth Colony to be fully excavated by professional archaeologists, and provides a new window into early colonial lifeways.

**SHOW AND TELL NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION: LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:30pm  
**Location:** Marshfield Public Library, 15 Library Plaza  
**Information:** Contact Judy Macioci at 781-834-3403 or Dennis Martin at 781-585-9748  
**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Massasoit Chapter  
**Admission:** Free  

*Bring artifacts for identification by the Massasoit Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. Have the opportunity to see and touch artifacts from the South Shore area. Learn about local historical and ancient period archaeology.*

**Medfield**

**CHISELED IN STONE DOESN’T MEAN FOREVER: A REVIEW OF GRAVESTONES AS TO THEIR PERMANENCY OR LACK THEREOF**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 18, 10-11:30am  
**Location:** Vine Lake Cemetery, 625 Main Street  
**Information:** vinelakepreservationtrust@verizon.net  
**Sponsor:** Vine Lake Preservation Trust, www.vinelakepreservationtrust.org  
**Admission:** Free  

*Join us on a walking tour of the historic Vine Lake Cemetery and learn to identify and interpret gravestone, their composition, and permanence.*

**Medford**

**MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR**

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Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org
Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

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Middleborough

Robbins Museum of Archaeology Open House

Date & Time: Wednesdays, 10am-4pm, and Saturdays, 10am-2pm, throughout October
Location: Robbins Museum of Archaeology, 17 Jackson Street
Information: info@massarchaeology.org
Admission: Adults: $5 donation, Children: $2, MAS Members: Free

Come visit over 10,000 years of local archaeology! The museum displays thousands of artifacts including a handcrafted mishoon (dugout canoe), the Doyle collection of Native American dolls, and a diorama of Native American New England life. We accept bookings for groups and offer special tours of our collection at a group admission rate.

Massachusetts Archaeological Society Annual Meeting and 75th Anniversary Reception

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 1-5pm followed by reception
Location: Robbins Museum of Archaeology, 17 Jackson Street
Information: info@massarchaeology.org
Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society, www.massarchaeology.org
Admission: Adults: $12, MAS Members and Students: $10

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society (MAS) will feature speakers on a variety of topics of interest to the general public. The meeting will be followed by a reception in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. Visit our website at www.massarchaeology.org for a full program description.
Newbury

**DIRT DETECTIVES**

**Date & Time:** Weekdays throughout October, 9am-3pm  
**Location:** Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, 5 Little’s Lane  
**Information:** www.historicnewengland.org  
**Sponsor:** Historic New England  
**Admission:** $6 per person

*Science and History unite in this exciting archaeology 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 a field laboratory. Inside the museum, students explore archaeology via trap doors that reveal 300 years of history! Sessions are two hours in duration.*

North Adams

**THE (MESOAMERICAN) WORLD SERIES**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 4, 3pm  
**Location:** Western Gateway Heritage State Park, Visitors Museum, Building 4, 115 State Street  
**Information:** 413-663-6312  
**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, MassParks  
**Admission:** Free

*It is the time of year again for our national Pastime’s Fall Classic. There was a time and place where a ballgame had far more at stake than a World Series ring and money. The ancient Mesoamerican ballgame was no ordinary sport. This illustrated lecture will take you “out to the ballgame” played by the Olmecs, the Maya, and the Aztecs. We will witness its themes of good and evil, of life and death. A game where the penalty for losing could be quite severe – sacrificing one’s life!*

**ARCHAEOLOGY: THE WORLD TOUR**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 18, 3pm  
**Location:** Western Gateway Heritage State Park, Visitors Museum, Building 4, 115 State Street  
**Information:** 413-663-6312  
**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, MassParks  
**Admission:** Free

*October 18th is International Archaeology Day, a worldwide celebration*
of archaeology. This illustrated lecture will travel around the world to explore some of the most important, beautiful, and mysterious archaeological finds and sites. A world tour of discovery and inspiration that allows us to see both the past and the future with a historical consciousness.

**Pittsfield**

**Shaker Water Power, Renewable Energy, and Archaeology Tour**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 10:30am-12pm  
**Location:** Meet at Hancock Shaker Village Visitor Center, 34 Lebanon Mountain Road, Hancock  
**Information:** 413-443-0188, www.hancockshakervillage.org  
**Sponsor:** Hancock Shaker Village  
**Admission:** Free (Regular admission will apply to participants wishing to visit the rest of the village)

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

**Plymouth**

**Archaeology Exhibits**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing throughout October (Mondays through Wednesdays, 10am-9pm; Thursdays, 10am-6pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-5:30pm; and Sundays, 12:30-5pm)  
**Location:** Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street  
**Information:** 508-830-4250, plref@ocln.org  
**Sponsor:** Plymouth Public Library, www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org  
**Admission:** Free

During the months of October and November, Plymouth Public Library will feature a display in the main library which will highlight items of archaeological interest. Details about a related program will be forthcoming. Please check our website for more specific information about our observance of Archaeology Month.

**Demonstration: Stone Tool Making**

**Date & Time:** Saturdays throughout October, 3-4pm
Location: Wampanoag Homesite, Plimoth Plantation, 137 Warren Avenue
Information: www.plimoth.org, 508-746-1622
Sponsor: Plimoth Plantation
Admission: Free with admission to Plimoth Plantation (Adults: $25.95, Children ages 5-12: $15, Members: Free)

The Wampanoag people traditionally made woodworking tools, projectile points, and other implements using the ancient technology of stone tool making. Visit the recreated Wampanoag Homesite and meet Native staff, who will talk about the different ways stone can be worked, and demonstrate how grinding and pecking is used to make tools like fishing weights, axes, and adzes.

Walking Tour of Burial Hill

Date & Time: Saturday, October 4, 1pm
Location: Burial Hill, Town Square
Sponsor: Plymouth Antiquarian Society, Plimoth Plantation, and University of Massachusetts, Boston
Admission: Free

Many visitors appreciate the historic vistas observed from Burial Hill’s steep slopes, but considerable information about Plymouth’s past can be found underground. Dr. David Landon from the University of Massachusetts, Boston’s Fiske Center for Archaeological Research and Dr. Karin Goldstein of Plimoth Plantation discuss archaeological developments in our understanding of early Plymouth from this exceptional vantage point. Tour begins at the top of the Hill.

Architecture from Archaeology

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 11am-4pm, and Sunday, October 12, 11am-4pm
Location: Pilgrim Hall Museum, 75 Court Street
Information: www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org
Sponsor: Pilgrim Hall Museum

Archaeology has helped us understand the architecture of the 17th-century Plymouth Colony. Archaeological artifacts recovered from 17th-century sites in the greater Plymouth area from Pilgrim Hall Museum’s and other collections will be on display along with other objects, documents, and photographs. See how archaeology has contributed to, and raised questions about, Plymouth Colony’s architectural history.
Walking Tour: “The Industrial Archaeology of Town Brook”

Date & Time: Sunday, October 12, 2pm
Location: Plimoth Grist Mill (operated by Plimoth Plantation), 6 Spring Lane
Information: www.plimoth.org/mill, 508-746-1622
Sponsor: Plimoth Plantation
Admission: Free with admission to mill (Adults: $6, Children ages 5-12: $4.50, Members: Free)

Plymouth’s Town Brook has a rich industrial history that dates back to the 1630s, when Plymouth Colony authorized the construction of a mill to process corn. Over the centuries many mills lined the banks, all utilizing water power generated by the brook. Gradually the mills closed and dams have been removed. Start your walking tour with a visit to the reproduction Plymouth Grist Mill, where you can learn how a water-powered mill works. Continue along the banks of Town Brook with a Plimoth Plantation guide, who will talk about the many centuries of industry along the brook.

Lecture: Shedding New Light on Plymouth’s Archaeology

Date & Time: Thursday, October 23, 7:30pm
Location: Visitor Center Auditorium, Plimoth Plantation, 137 Warren Avenue
Information: www.plimoth.org, 508-746-1622
Sponsor: Plimoth Plantation and University of Massachusetts, Boston
Admission: Free

The year 2020 will mark the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims’ landing in Plymouth. Plimoth Plantation and the Fiske Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston are collaborating on a multi-year project to re-examine Plymouth’s historic sites using modern technology like ground-penetrating radar. Dr. David Landon, Associate Director of the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research, will discuss the results of the 2014 field season near Plymouth’s Burial Hill.

What Lies Beneath?

Date & Time: Saturday, October 25, 1pm
Location: Burial Hill Burying Ground, Meet at the top of the main staircase to Burial Hill on School Street
Information: 781-706-5531, cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net, june.burialhillfriend@hotmail.com
Admission: Free

What lies beneath? An important question as interest in Burial Hill
continues to rise and efforts to preserve the Hill push forward. Can we learn anything new? What archaeological techniques are available for use in a burial ground? Can we discover evidence of Plymouth’s earliest structures? These are but a few of the topics Craig Chartier, Director and Principal Archaeologist of Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project, will discuss on site.

Quincy

**LYONS TURNING MILL SITE TOUR**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 4, 11am-3pm  
**Location:** Quarry Hills Drive off Ricciuti Drive  
**Information:** 617-472-1322, quincyquarrymuseum@verizon.net  
**Sponsor:** Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum, www.quincyquarrymuseum.org  
**Admission:** Free

This 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.

**KIDS DIG IT!**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 18, 10am-4pm  
**Location:** Adams National Historical Park “Peace Field”  
**Information:** 617-770-1175, www.nps.gov/adam  
**Sponsor:** Adams National Historical Park  
**Admission:** Free

This program is a hands-on archaeological exploration of material culture at the Old House, home of the Adams family. Children and families explore the art and science of digging into the past through a mock dig which spans from the early Native inhabitants through four generations of the Adams family who lived on the property. This engaging, interactive educational experience encourages participants to “get their hands dirty” as they sift through the debris of the past to discover connections between their lives and the lives of the occupants of the Old House.

Rockland

**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN**
Date & Time: Wednesday, October 15, 3-5pm
Location: Rockland Memorial Library, 20 Belmont Street
Information: www.rocklandmemoriallibrary.org
Sponsor: Friends of Rockland Memorial Library
Admission: Free

Through story telling, games, and hands-on activities, experience how Native American children spent a typical day more than 3,000 years ago. Presented by Dave Burbine, local historian, and Judy Macioci, teacher/naturalist.

Salem

Geophysical Remote Sensing at the Pickering House in Salem

Date & Time: Sunday, October 5, 10am-3pm
Location: Pickering House, 18 Broad Street
Information: pickeringhouse1@gmail.com, www.pickeringhouse.org
Sponsor: The Pickering Foundation
Admission: $5

Drs. Emerson (Tad) Baker and Peter Sablock of Salem State University will speak about their 2014 Geophysical Remote Sensing findings and assess the evidence for the location of an older house on the property. This structure, built by the first John Pickering, is to have been built just a short distance from where the barn currently stands. Drs. Baker and Sablock will discuss their findings and the viability of a demonstration dig for October 2015.

Archaeological Discoveries at the North River Railroad Roundhouse Site

Date & Time: Saturday, October 18, 2-4pm
Location: Peabody Essex Museum, 161 Essex Street
Information: 401-288-6323, scherau@palinc.com
Sponsor: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and the Public Archaeology Laboratory, www.palinc.com
Admission: Free

Archaeologists and industrial historians from the Public Archaeology Laboratory will discuss the archaeological discoveries found at the site of the 19th-century Boston and Maine Railroad roundhouse along the North River in Salem. The site was investigated in 2012 and 2013 prior to the start of construction on the new commuter rail station at the Bridge Street parking lot. The foundation remains of the 1888 12-stall “round” engine house and associated masonry turntable pit were excavated and recorded during the archaeological investigations. The large volume
of data collected at the site were used to provide details about the 1888 roundhouse and turntable construction, and later modifications during the Boston and Maine Railroad’s transition from steam to diesel locomotive power. The presentation will consist of a Powerpoint slide show, artifact show and tell, and question and answers from the audience.

Scituate

A CHILD’S SANCTUARY: DISCOVERING OUR MARITIME HERITAGE

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 4, 2-4pm  
**Location:** Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch Street  
**Information:** anne-marie.runfola@noaa.gov, alattinville@ocln.org  
**Sponsor:** Scituate Town Library and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, www.scituatetownlibrary.org, stellwagen.noaa.gov  
**Admission:** Free

Step into the past and dive beneath the waves to learn about the historic ship wrecks of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Explore the ocean floor and uncover the maritime secrets just off our shores. Map a shipwreck, try on SCUBA diving gear, and learn about the fish and marine life that inhabit the Sanctuary. Become a maritime archaeologist for a day through hands-on activities! All ages; families welcome.

Sheffield

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S SPIRIT WALK

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 25, 2-4pm  
**Location:** Center Cemetery, Berkshire School Road  
**Information:** 413-229-2694, shs@sheffieldhistory.org  
**Sponsor:** Sheffield Historical Society, www.sheffieldhistory.org  
**Admission:** Free

Come meet the friendly apparitions of 19th century Sheffield residents. Sheffield Historical Society selects several graver markers in this local cemetery and conducts research on the lives of those buried there. Actors learn about those former Sheffield townspeople and take on their personae for the Spirit Walk. Families are invited to stroll around the cemetery, listen to their stories, and ask them questions about their lives.

Somerville

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 9am
Location: Boston to Lowell, see below
Information: Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293
Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org
Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

This is a way point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.

Springfield

THE POWER AND THE GLORY: ANCIENT EGYPT

Date & Time: Thursday, October 9, 12:15pm
Location: Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street, Davis Auditorium
Information: www.springfieldmuseums.org
Sponsor: Springfield Museums
Admission: Museum Members: $2, Non-Members: $4

Explore the tombs, monuments, and artifacts that reveal the preoccupations and secrets of this great ancient civilization. Understand art forms and symbolism. Learn about Egyptian gods, pharaohs, kings and queens, as well as commonplace objects used by ordinary people in their daily work and worship. A power point presentation will be followed by a 20 minute slide show of photography taken by the speaker will be set to Egyptian music. Tickets can be purchased in the Welcome Center. Visitors are invited to bring lunch (cookies and coffee are provided).

Stoneham

ALONG THE RAVINE: A WALKING TOUR OF HAYWARDVILLE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 11, 10am (Rain date: Saturday October 18, 10am)
Location: Meet at Virginia Woods Parking Area on Pond Street, Stoneham
Information: 781-241-7253, info@preservation-collaborative.com, www.preservation-collaborative.com
Sponsor: Medford, Malden, Melrose, and Stoneham, Cultural Councils, Tufts University, and Massachusetts DCR
Admission: Free

Join us to explore Haywardville on Spot Pond Brook. Historian Ryan D.
Hayward will lead a 90 minute excursion through the remains of this vanished village. Guests will be in for a treat, enjoying a leisurely, in-depth tour of the remnants. In addition, it offers a rare opportunity to learn about the story less heard: of the people who once called this place home, and how the Middlesex Fells came into being. All welcome!

Sturbridge

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BIXBY HOUSE

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 11, 10am  
**Location:** Old Sturbridge Village, 29 Stallion Hill Road  
**Information:** www.osv.org  
**Sponsor:** Old Sturbridge Village  
**Admission:** Adults: $24, Seniors: $22, Youths: $8, Children under 3: Free

Blacksmith Emerson Bixby, his wife Laura, and their three daughters lived in a modest home in Barre, MA from the 1820’s into the 1870’s. That home was moved to Old Sturbridge Village in the mid 1980’s. Learn about the extensive historical and archaeological research done of the Bixby House, and the insights discovered about the family that lived in it.

Sudbury

SUDBURY PLANTATION UNCOVERED: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 2pm  
**Location:** Sudbury Town Hall, 322 Concord Road  
**Information:** 978-443-3747, sudburyhist01776@verizon.net  
**Sponsor:** Sudbury Historical Society  
**Admission:** Free

Learn about the archaeological evidence of the first colonists in what is now Wayland. Presented by Tanya Largy, a Wayland resident and a consultant specializing in the analysis of plant and animal remains from archaeological sites.

Townsend

A VILLAGE HOOPED IN STEEL: A WALKING TOUR OF FESSENDEN HILL
Date & Time: Sunday, October 12, 1pm (Rain date: Sunday, October 19, 1pm)
Location: Fessenden Hill Road (GPS directions are 40 West Hill Road in Brookline, NH), Park on the cul-de-sac, meet at the Fessenden Hill Road gate
Information: 781-241-7253, info@preservation-collaborative.com
Sponsor: Townsend Historical Society
Admission: $12 per person, Free to Townsend Historical Society Members

Join us to explore Townsend’s forgotten neighborhoods. Historian Ryan D. Hayward will lead an hour long excursion through the northern section of Fessenden Hill Road. Guests will be in for a treat, enjoying a leisurely in-depth tour of the remnants along the road. In addition, it offers a rare opportunity to learn about the story less heard: of people who once called this place home and how Townsend State Forest came into being. All welcome!

Upton

THE UPTON CHAMBER UPDATE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 25, 9am-12pm
Location: Nipmuc High School, 90 Pleasant Street, Second floor Professional Development Room
Information: www.upton.ma.us/pages/uptonma_bcomm/historical/index
Sponsor: Upton Historical Commission
Admission: Free

In the fall of 2011 the Upton Historical Commission completed an archaeological survey and reconstructed the collapsing entrance way to the Upton Stone Chamber. Five presenters will come together to talk about this important Place including John Meagher (historical information), David Stewart Smith (restoration of the entranceway), Marty Dudeck (archaeological survey results), David Gutbrod (ground penetrating radar results), and Doug Harris (Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office: FCC nomination for eligibility for National Register).

Waltham

ARCHAEOLOGY BACKPACK FOR “TAKE A WALK”

Date & Time: Mondays through Fridays 10am-3pm and Saturdays 12-3pm
Location: Gore Place, 52 Gore Street
In honor of Archaeology Month, Gore Place is offering an archaeology themed backpack as part of the year-round “Take a Walk” activity. With it, children and their accompanying adults can explore the open spaces and hidden places on this 50 acre estate. Each backpack contains binoculars, a magnifying glass, and archaeology related activities appropriate for children ages 3-8.

**Wayland**

**ARCHAEOLOGY SQUARES: ADVENTURES IN MAPPING**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 18, 2pm  
**Location:** Wayland Town Building, 41 Cohituate Road, Large Hearing Room  
**Information:** 508-358-4646, tonya.largy@verizon.net  
**Sponsor:** Wayland Historical Commission, www.wayland.ma.us/pages/waylandma_bcomm/historicalcom/index  
**Admission:** Free  

Alf Berry is a third generation land surveyor and University of Maine graduate with a wide variety of experience and interests. His archaeological heritage goes back to 1910 when his grandfather was the first surveyor in Mesa Verde National Park, mapping various structures of the Anasazi Indians. He will talk about his own work in Belize and Wyoming as a team surveyor and mapper of Mayan and Shoshone Indian sites.

**Westwood**

**CHARCOAL BEFORE THE BRIQUET: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHARCOAL INDUSTRY**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 25, 1-2pm  
**Location:** Hale Reservation, 80 Carby Street, Cat Rock Pavilion  
**Information:** 781-326-1770 x13, goconnell@halereservation.org  
**Sponsor:** Hale Reservation, www.halereservation.org  
**Admission:** Free  

Charcoal has been used for thousands of years. Native Americans were making charcoal at the time of European contact. With the discovery of iron ore and gabbro on the Massachusetts coast, charcoal became an important commodity for smelting iron. We will explore the history of
charcoal, the process of wood distillation, the influence on ecology and industry, and the uses of charcoal. A short walk to a historic charcoal hearth will follow this illustrated presentation.

Wilmington

**Middlesex Canal Bike Tour**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 9am  
**Location:** Boston to Lowell, see below  
**Information:** Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293  
**Sponsor:** Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org  
**Admission:** Free (MBTA fare not included)

The Wilmington MBTA Station is a way point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.

Winchester

**Middlesex Canal Bike Tour**

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**Information:** Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293  
**Sponsor:** Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org  
**Admission:** Free (MBTA fare not included)

The Sandy Beach/Wedgemere MBTA is a way point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.
Woburn

**Middlesex Canal Bike Tour**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 5, 9am  
**Location:** Boston to Lowell, see below  
**Information:** Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383, or Dick Bauer at 857-540-6293  
**Sponsor:** Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org  
**Admission:** Free (MBTA fare not included)

*The Kiwanis Park is a way point for the bike tour of the historic Middlesex Canal route. Departs at 9am from Charlestown’s Sullivan T Station and travels to Lowell MBTA train station for a total of 38 miles. Return via commuter rail on the 5pm train. Fare is your responsibility. Steady rain cancels. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA. Please google “canal ride cue sheet” for route description and details.*
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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)
http://www.saa.org/publicftp/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

Massachusetts Historical Commission
www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc
click “Massachusetts Archaeology Month” for calendar updates
Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/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.robbinsmuseum.org

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.semiticmuseum.fas.harvard.edu

ART MUSEUMS

D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts
21 Edwards Street, Springfield
413-263-6800 • www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/fine_arts/

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

George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum
21 Edwards Street, Springfield
413-263-6800 • www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/gwv_smith_art/

Harvard University Art Museums
Harvard University Campus, Corner of Quincy and Broadway,
Cambridge
617-495-9400 • www.harvardartmuseums.org

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.bournehistoricalociety.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.crimi.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

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

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

Museum of Our Industrial Heritage  
2 Mead Street, Greenfield  
413-336-8275 • www.industrialhistory.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.historicnewton.org

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 • http://www.williamstownhistoricalmuseum.org/

Wood Museum of Springfield History  
21 Edwards St., Springfield  
413-263-6800 • http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/springfield_history/
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
21 Edwards Street, Springfield
413-263-6800 • http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums
science/
The poster for this year’s Massachusetts Archaeology Month celebration features artifacts from the Three Cranes Tavern in Charlestown, MA. Parts of Charlestown were extensively excavated in the 1980s – 1990s when Interstate 93 ramps to the Tobin Bridge were re-routed. Initially, archaeologists were looking for evidence of Governor John Winthrop’s first home in Massachusetts, the Great House, but what they found was 17th- and 18th-century artifact and site histories to tell.

When Governor Winthrop led 700 English colonists to Charlestown in 1630, the Great House was constructed and used as temporary housing. Winthrop and other leaders stayed here during their first summer while their homes were being constructed. The first building created for the Massachusetts Bay Company, the Great House was a sturdy wooden structure. But by the end of the summer of 1630, Winthrop and the colonists moved to the Shawmut Peninsula in search of water, founding the new town of Boston.

The Great House was used as a meeting house until 1635 when it was purchased by Robert Long for use as a tavern. He named it Long’s Ordinary and later the Three Cranes Tavern after a pub that was popular in London at the time. The tavern stayed in the Long family for 140 years. In 1663, John and Mary Long added a separate brewery, a wine cellar, and a new house to the property.

When John died in 1683, his wife Mary inherited the tavern. Widows were allowed to renew their late husband’s tavern license as long as they never remarried. Despite Puritan beliefs that taverns were not appropriate places for women, Mary prospered at the helm of the Three Cranes Tavern.

On June 16, 1775, the Three Cranes Tavern ended its long run when most of downtown Charlestown was burned to the ground in the Battle of Bunker Hill.
Archaeologists found very limited evidence of the original Great House, finding only posts that may have held up the original wooden structure. What they did find, was the later stone foundations of the Three Cranes Taverns, the additions that John and Mary Long made in the 1660’s, the wine cellar with its brick floor, and quite a few privies!

Privies are historical outhouses. The contents of these holes, sometimes politely called “night soil,” are probably gross to most people, but to archaeologists they are research gold. The moist environment of these privies helped artifacts survive better than they would in normal soil. People routinely used privy holes to throw away their garbage, so there are a lot of artifacts in a privy. Finally, if someone accidentally dropped something in a privy, they would be less likely to go looking for it! The privies from Three Cranes Tavern are interesting, too, because they were used across a wide span of the tavern’s operation. Some of them are very early, and some much later.

Artifacts recovered from the Three Cranes Tavern include mugs, tankards, wine glasses, cordial glasses, and other drinking vessels, as well as wine and liquor bottles. Archaeologists also found serving platters and bowls, plates, trenchers, and silverware that would have been used for the many meals served at the tavern over its long history. Some coins, pipes, and gaming pieces belonged to the tavern’s owner and family members. The historic burning of Charlestown is even seen through a charcoal layer and artifacts such as gun flints and lead musket balls which may have been used by both the British and the colonists.

To learn more about the Three Cranes Tavern (and see more photos of its artifacts), as well as other excavations in Charlestown, please visit: www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mharchexhibitsonline/threecranes.htm