

Sailing Back in Time



Massachusetts Archaeology Month

October 2015

Calendar of Events



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From the State Archaeologist

When you hear “underwater archaeology,” most people think of shipwrecks, but there are older things to look for, buried in the sea bottom: archaeological sites associated with ancient Native Americans. When the ancient Native American people first came to Massachusetts about 10,000 -12,000 years ago, there was a broad coastal plain to explore and inhabit. This post-ice age coastal plain was exposed by the retreating glaciers. Through time, the more that the glaciers melted, the coastal plain became submerged under the sea, inundating the Native American archaeological sites. Today, underwater archaeologists are making a concerted effort to discover those sites. Recently, evidence of an ancient boreal forest has been found by archaeologists in soil cores in Nantucket Sound. A wooden dugout canoe (called a “mishoon” in Algonquin language) has been found on a lake bottom in Worcester County. Fishermen and scallop trawlers have occasionally found fossils of extinct big game such as mastodons, as well as Native American stone tools. Sometimes today people may find isolated artifacts on beaches or at low tide. If you think you’ve found an artifact, please feel free to contact the archaeologists at the Massachusetts Historical Commission MHC) for their identification at 617-727-8470 or by email at mhc@sec.state.ma.us . With the continued threat of sea level rise, the MHC is eager to identify archaeological sites on the coast that might warrant protection and preservation.

If you are interested in learning about historic shipwrecks, be sure to check out the interesting article at the back of this Calendar.

Sail away on your voyages into the past by attending one or more of the Archaeology Month events. 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 an event for you or your family.

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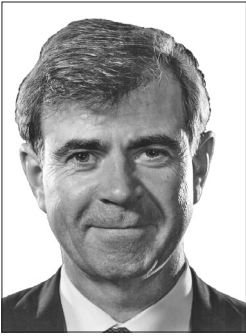
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Dear Reader:

It is my pleasure to introduce the calendar of events for this year's annual celebration of Archaeology Month. This year there are over 60 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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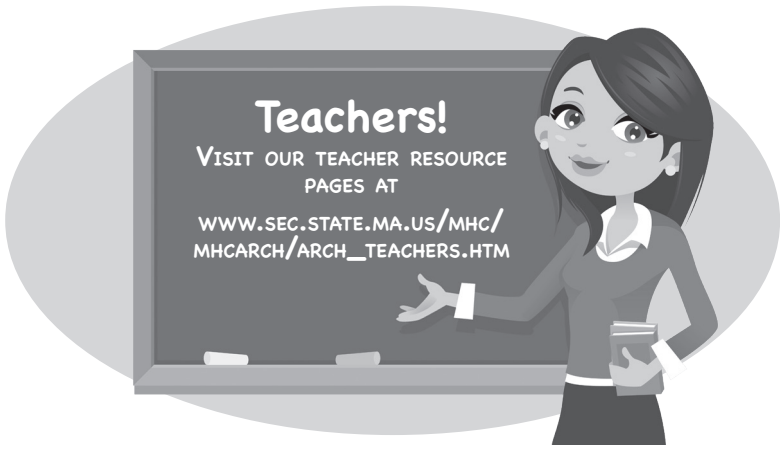
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Shipwreck at Coffin's Beach in Gloucester, Massachusetts at sunset. Photographed by David S. Robinson. For more information, flip to the back of this booklet.

Event Listings

PRE-ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENT

Boston

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SANITATION IN ROMAN ITALY: NEW RESEARCH ON ANCIENT WATER ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 30, 7pm-8:30pm

Location: Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Inc., 2450 Beacon Street

Information: www.waterworksmuseum.org, info@waterworksmuseum.org

Sponsor: Metropolitan Waterworks Museum

Admission: Free

Classical archaeologist and author Dr. Ann Olga Koloski-Ostrow will discuss her new book on the complex systems that Ancient Romans engineered for managing public health and hygiene in their cities. Through the lens of the archaeological record, including artifacts, ancient graffiti, and literature of the day, Dr. Koloski-Ostrow will examine new research that reveals the secret history of these little-known, but essential, parts of Roman life. Copies of The Archaeology of Sanitation in Roman Italy will be available for sale and signing by the author.

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS

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

DISCOVER THE NATIVE AMERICAN TOOLBOX

Date & Time: Thursday, October 1, 3-4:30pm

Location: The Discovery Museums, 177 Main Street

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

Sponsor: The Discovery Museums

Admission: Free with admission (\$11.50)

Native Americans lived along the Assabet River in Acton more than 7,000 years ago. During this drop-in event, see replicas of the artifacts and stone tool flakes uncovered by archaeologists at the Pine Hawk site. Watch archaeologist Craig Chartier demonstrate the art and science of

stone knapping as he creates tools and arrowheads. Try several hands-on activities to learn about techniques that archaeologists use to uncover and interpret important clues to the past.

FRIENDS OF PINE HAWK BOOK DISCUSSION: AMERICAN PASSAGE: THE COMMUNICATIONS FRONTIER IN EARLY NEW ENGLAND BY KATHERINE GRANDJEAN

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 13, 7:30pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Wellesley College historian Katherine Grandjean will join the group to discuss her new book, which stresses the importance of communication to colonialization and discusses how early settlers mastered lines of communication among widespread English colonies. With neither a postal service nor even many horses, one solution was to share news by hiring Indian messengers. Please confirm the event date in the library's online calendar.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HASSANAMESIT WOODS

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 20, 7pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Stephen Mrozowski, Director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research, will summarize the results of an unusual project at the historic site of a Native American household headed by four generations of Nipmuc women. Using a variety of technologies and analytical techniques, archaeologists have been able to construct an amazingly detailed picture of what life was like for the Nipmuc of Southern New England between the mid-18th and mid-19th centuries. Please confirm event date in the library's online calendar.

PALEOLANDSCAPE PERSPECTIVES: LOOKING AT THE ANCIENT PEOPLES OF NEW ENGLAND

Date & Time: Monday, October 26, 7pm

Location: Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street

Information: 978-929-6655

Sponsor: Friends of Pine Hawk

Admission: Free

Archaeologist Suanna Selby Growley will describe geoarchaeology and

how a landscape perspective can inform research. Examples from sites in New England and elsewhere will illustrate the techniques and the potential of a geoarchaeological approach. Dr. Growley has worked on sites in the US, Pakistan, Syria, Israel, and France. She is now Director of Development and Public Outreach at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Middleborough, MA. Please confirm the event date in the library's online calendar.

Andover

WITCHCRAFT, COUNTER MAGIC, AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN SALEM AND NEW ENGLAND

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 20, 7pm

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

Information: info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society NE/Gene Winter Chapter, www.massarchaeology.org

Admission: Free

*The monthly meeting of the NE/Gene Winter Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will feature guest speaker Emerson W. Baker, Salem State University. This presentation will discuss the many forms of counter magic used to protect people, as well as its discovery on archaeological sites and old homes in New England. The evidence ranges from the baking of a witch cake in Salem Village in 1692, to horseshoes found on archaeology sites, and daisy wheels carved into house walls. Baker will also discuss some of the findings of his new book, *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience*.*

ROBERT S. PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 1-4pm

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

Information: 978-749-4490, www.andover.edu

Sponsor: Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology

Admission: Free

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

Billerica

MIDDLESEX CANAL FALL MEETING AND LECTURE

Date & Time: Sunday, October 25, 1pm

Location: Middlesex Canal Museum, 71 Faulkner Street

Information: 978-670-2740, www.middlesexcanal.org

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association

Admission: Free

Middlesex Canal Association Fall meeting and lecture on subject related to the canal era. Scheduled speaker is James Baldwin who will talk about his ancestor Loammi Baldwin, builder of the canal and a Revolutionary War leader.

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

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. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA including Sandy Beach, Winchester; Kiwanis Park, Woburn; Wilmington MBTA Station; and the Middlesex Canal Museum near North Billerica MBTA Station. Please google "canal ride cue sheet" for route description and details.

Boston

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIG DIG CLASSROOM FIELD TRIP

Date & Time: Offered to school groups Monday-Friday 9am-5pm throughout October, by appointment

Location: Commonwealth Museum, 220 Morrissey Boulevard

Information: www.commonwealthmuseum.org

Sponsor: Commonwealth Museum

Admission: Free

What did archaeologists discover while working on Boston's Big Dig in the North End? As part of our school field trip program from September through June, the Commonwealth Museum offers a classroom exercise on the "Archaeology of the Big Dig." Students work in small groups to recreate the excavation of a seventeenth century site. They learn about Puritan Boston and discover a deeper appreciation for Massachusetts' underground history. Suggested for grades 5 through 8. 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

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

Admission: Students: \$4.50, Chaperones: \$5.50, 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. Informative and engaging for all learners. Please call or email to make reservations for this event. This program has a group limit of 26.

HISTORY BENEATH OUR FEET: SANDBOX ARCHAEOLOGY

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 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: \$7, Students: \$5

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?” Asking and answering these questions as well as digging in the dirt are the most important parts of this program. 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: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Sullivan Square MBTA Station

Information: Contact leaders Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

This is the starting 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. Helmet required. There is an option to join or leave at several intermediate stopping points near MBTA including Sandy Beach, Winchester; Kiwanis Park, Woburn; Wilmington MBTA Station; and the Middlesex Canal Museum near North Billerica MBTA Station. Please google "canal ride cue sheet" for route description and details.

WALKING TOUR: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BOSTON'S NORTH END

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 6, 12-1pm

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

Join Boston City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, for a walk through the diverse archaeological sites of the North End. Highlights include Katherine Nanny Naylor's 17th century outhouse and sites from the neighborhood's Irish, Italian, and Jewish immigrants. Tour is a loop and lasts one hour.

WALKING TOUR: ARCHAEOLOGY OF BOSTON COMMON

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 13, 12-1pm

Location: Meet outside of the Park Street MBTA station, look for sign

Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov

Sponsor: City of Boston Archaeology Program

Admission: Free

Join Boston's City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, for a walk through over 7,000 years of human history recovered through archaeological digs on Boston Common. Highlights include the oldest Native archaeological site in downtown Boston, and Revolutionary camps of British troops stationed on the Common. Tour is a loop, and lasts one hour.

9TH ANNUAL AIA-MOS ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR

Date & Time: Friday, October 16, 9am-2pm, and Saturday, October 17, 10am-3pm

Location: Museum of Science, Boston, 1 Science Park

Information: <https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/events>

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 18, 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.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVELATIONS FROM DORCHESTER

Date & Time: Sunday, October 18, 2-4pm

Location: 195 Boston Street, Dorchester

Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov

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

Admission: Free

Join Boston archaeologists as they present the results of recent archaeological investigations in Dorchester spanning its deep Native history to its more recent Irish and other immigrant past.

THANKS FOR THE MUTTON: THE FOOD AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BOSTON TAVERN

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 20, Time TBD

Location: The Tap, 19 Union Street

Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov

Sponsor: City of Boston Archaeology Program, Boston Landmarks Commission

Admission: TBD

This is the fall component of a series of preservation events celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Boston Landmarks Commission. Join Commission staff person and Boston City Archaeologist Joe Bagley as he explores the food and drink of the Boston tavern through the

archaeological survey of the 1635-1775 Three Cranes Tavern in Charlestown. Space is limited, pre-registration required at joseph.bagley@boston.gov.

THROUGH SNOWS, STRIKES, AND STRAIN: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MOVING BOSTON

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 21, 7pm

Location: Haley House Bakery Café, 12 Dade Street, Dudley Square, Roxbury

Information: mcshugar@gmail.com

Sponsor: Roxbury Historical Society, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Roxbury-Historical-Society/431610283604780>, and Haley House, www.haleyhouse.org/bakery_cafe

Admission: Free

Miles Shugar, on the staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, will discuss how Bostonians have tackled problems with mass transportation for the past 200 years. Explore the challenges of Boston's early mass transit systems through artifacts, maps, and photographs! The talk will highlight archaeological investigations at the Metropolitan Horse Railroad site in Roxbury Crossing. See how horses pulled sleds and steam cars pushed plows during crippling winters, and teams of men pulled cars when horses could not! Come learn how our forefathers dealt with some of the same problems that the MBTA deals with today, from crowding to crashes, from snow to strikes.

WALKING TOUR: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CHARLESTOWN

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 27, 12-1pm

Location: Meet in front of the Bunker Hill Monument

Information: joseph.bagley@boston.gov

Sponsor: City of Boston Archaeology Program

Admission: Free

Join Boston City Archaeologist Joe Bagley on a walk through Charlestown's history and archaeological sites. The tour will be one hour, beginning at the Bunker Hill monument and ending at City Square Park. Highlights include recent archaeological work on the Training field park, Native archaeological sites, and the 1635-1775 Three Cranes Tavern site.

Bourne

THE BOURNE STONE

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 21, 7pm

Location: Bourne Historical Center, 30 Keene Street

Information: 508-759-6123, skiane@verizon.net

Sponsor: Bourne Historical Society

Admission: \$5

The Bourne Stone seems to have first been used as a doorstep at the Indian Mission (or a Meeting House) situated near Herring Pond and established by Captain Thomas Tupper of Sandwich. When native people stopped using the church, the stone was moved to the dooryard of a native named Andrew Jackson who lived nearby. The place was also known as the Katherine Parker Homestead, and the stone remained there until her descendants sold the property. The stone was first given to a Miss Fisher, and later sold to Percival H. Lombard. The Bourne Stone Lecture will discuss attempts to reveal the origin of the stone's carver, meanings behind the stone's carvings, and more developing information on this piece of Bourne's history that has yet to be completely discovered.

Brewster

CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY POTTERY RECONSTRUCTION

Date & Time: Wednesdays-Sundays in October, 11:30am-2:30pm

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/
Route 6A

Information: 508-869-3867, 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)

Could you cut it as a lab archaeologist? Come join the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History for this hands-on activity for all ages! Sift through the soil to find pottery sherds and try your hand at getting them back together!

WING ISLAND GUIDED WALK

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 11am, and Saturday, October 31, 11am

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/
Route 6A

Information: 508-869-3867, 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.

TAYLOR BRAY FARM UPDATE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 17, 1pm

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/
Route 6A

Information: 508-869-3867, 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)

Come hear about the 2014 field season at Taylor Bray Farm from lead investigator, Craig Chartier. The 2014 season's focus was on the area where the original 1640 Taylor homestead stood and led to finding the sides of the house and identifying a probable addition constructed in the 18th century. More evidence of Native occupation of the site prior to the Taylors' arrival was also discovered.

CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY OPEN HOUSE AND ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 11am-3pm

Location: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Main Street/
Route 6A

Information: 508-869-3867, 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 Cape Cod Museum of Natural History 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.

Bridgewater

OPEN HOUSE AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY'S ARCHAEOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY LAB

Date & Time: Saturday, October 14, 7-9:30pm

Location: Moakley Building, Bridgewater State University

Information: 508-531-2249, c1hoffman@bridgew.edu

Sponsor: Bridgewater State University Anthropology Department,
www.bridgew.edu

Admission: Free

The Anthropology Department at Bridgewater State University welcomes

the public to visit our new lab facility, to view artifacts, and hear talks by faculty members on their research projects.

Cambridge

AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR AT HARVARD

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 12-4pm

Location: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, and Harvard Semitic Museums, Divinity Avenue

Information: 617-496-1027, hmsc@hmsc.harvard.edu

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

The third annual celebration of archaeology from Mesoamerica, South America, China, the Ancient Near East, and North America. Free parking! Highlights include NeferKITTY the cat mummy; new behind the scenes tours; 3D printing and scanning of Maya glyphs; new exhibit From the Nile to the Euphrates; use stone tools and experiment with other hands-on activities for kids of all ages; meet archaeologists and other specialists one-on-one as they share their work.

ZOOARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 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 of Archaeology & Ethnology, Harvard University

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! Free parking in the 52 Oxford Street garage.

Charlemont

TAYLOR'S FORT ARCHAEOLOGY: UNCOVERING THE MASSACHUSETTS FRONTIER DURING THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 10am-4pm

Location: Hall Tavern Farm, 1959 Route 2

Information: Taylor's Fort Archaeological Project on Facebook

Sponsor: Healy Family Trust, Charlemont Historical Commission, Charlemont's 250th Committee

Admission: Free

Commemorating Charlemont's 250th anniversary of incorporation, this event gives the public an opportunity to visit the archaeological site at Taylor's Fort (1754-1763) that was excavated in 2006. Historical archaeologist Dr. Aaron Miller will be on site to discuss findings and artifact highlights. In addition, there will be exhibits interpreting the unique history at the site and many of the artifacts recovered during the excavation.

Chelmsford

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

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Concord

PARKER'S REVENGE: NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 7pm

Location: Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street

Information: 978-318-3358, kahearn@minlib.net, www.concordlibrary.org

Sponsor: Friends of the Concord Free Public Library (www).

concordlibrary.org), Friends of the Minute Man National Historical Park (www.friendsofminuteman.org), Minuteman National Historical Park (www.nps.gov/mima)

Admission: Free

Dr. Meg Waters, PhD, the principal investigator of the Parker's Revenge project, will give an update on the archaeological investigation at the Parker's Revenge site at the Lincoln/Lexington border in Minuteman National Historical Park. The program will be an interactive session discussing the methods and tools used to uncover the facts and artifacts at this April 19, 1775 battle site.

HANDS-ON HISTORY

Date & Time: Sunday, October 11, 1-4pm

Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike

Information: 978-369-9763, www.concordmuseum.org

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 13, 2pm

Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike

Information: 978-369-9763, www.concordmuseum.org

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

Join a museum educator for a 20-30 minute look at the Concord Museum's archaeological holdings. The collection reveals important information about Native Americans who lived in the Concord area. Touch and learn about real stone tools, too.

SATURDAY GALLERY TALK

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 11am

Location: Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike

Information: 978-369-9763, www.concordmuseum.org

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

Join a museum educator for a 20-30 minute look at the Concord Museum's archaeological holdings. The collection reveals important information about Native Americans who lived in the Concord area. Touch and learn about real stone tools, too.

Duxbury

LEARN ABOUT ARCHAEOLOGY ON THE SOUTH SHORE

Date & Time: Thursday, October 29, 7-9pm

Location: Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street

Information: www.duxburyfreelibrary.org

Sponsor: Duxbury Free Library, Massasoit Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society

Admission: Free

The Massasoit Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society has partnered with the Duxbury Library to offer archaeology to the community. McKayla Hoffman, a Trustee, Marketing, and Publicity Chair for the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will be giving a presentation titled "The Past is Present: How Archaeologists, Native Americans, Museums, and the Public Own the Past." Bring your artifacts for identification by the Massasoit Chapter.

Eastham

CONTACT! CHAMPLAIN, THE NAUSETS, AND THE NAUSET ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 28, 10am

Location: Fort Hill Parking Lot (just past the Penniman House on the left), Fort Hill Road off of Governor Prencce Road

Information: bill_burke@nps.gov, 508-255-3421 x0301

Sponsor: Cape Cod National Seashore, National Park Service

Admission: Free

Over four centuries ago, French explorers led by Samuel de Champlain sailed into Nauset Harbor in present-day Eastham. Searching for a settlement site, they encountered native peoples living around the harbor and marsh. The florid account of this meeting coupled with the archaeological record make it a national landmark Contact Period site. Join historian Bill Burke of the National Park Service for a 1 mile hike to discover the challenges of preserving the Nauset Archeological District.

Hamilton

A NEW LOOK AT SAGAMORE MASCONOMET

Date & Time: Saturday, October 17, 1pm

Location: Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, 14 Union Street

Information: 978-468-5577, hwlibrary.org

Sponsor: Hamilton Historical Society & Hamilton-Wenham Public Library

Admission: Free

Recent research shows we may have many misconceptions of who Sagamore Masconomet was. Was his name really Masconomet? Was he an Agawam? Was he a tribal chief? Where did he live? Delve into the legend with local historian Jack Hauck, presented in partnership with the Hamilton Historical Society & the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library.

Harwich

PREHISTORIC CAPE COD

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 2pm

Location: Brooks Free Library, 739 Main Street

Information: 508-430-7562

Sponsor: Brooks Free Library

Admission: Free

Come join prehistoric archaeologist Mark Horvath, as he guides you through the past 15,000 years of history, using artifacts and the archaeological record to paint a picture of Cape Cod in the pre-Contact period. The talk will be followed by a flintknapping demonstration and a discussion.

Haverhill

HISTORY FAIRE: CELEBRATING HAVERHILL'S 375TH ANNIVERSARY

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 11-4pm

Location: Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street

Information: Contact the Program Coordinator at programs@haverhillhistory.org

Sponsor: Buttonwoods Museum, www.buttonwoods.org

Admission: Kids: \$10 (ages 7-17), Adults: \$15

In honor of the 375th anniversary of Haverhill's settlement, we are throwing a history faire! Join in the celebration of Haverhill's past, from pre-1640 through the present. Reenactors, artisans, and other cultural groups from greater-Haverhill will be a part of this historic

event, all throughout the museum grounds. Inside, the Luce Archaeology Collection and other exhibits will be open for touring.

Kingston

KINGSTON'S FIRST INHABITANTS

Date & Time: Thursday, October 15, 7-9pm

Location: The Frederic C. Adams Center, 33 Summer Street

Information: Contact David Burbine 781-264-8430, d.p.burbine@gmail.com

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Massasoit Chapter

Admission: Free

The Massasoit Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society has partnered with the Frederic C. Adams Center to offer Archaeology to the Community. Three Native American Archaeological sites in Kingston will be presented and discussed: The Powell-Heckman Trust Site (Bay Farm), Hall Swamp Site, and the Powers Shell Heap (Foundry Pond). Bring your artifacts for identification by the Massasoit Chapter representatives.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE HALL SWAMP SITE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 17, 10:30am

Location: Kingston Senior Center, 30 Evergreen Street

Information: elaineafiore@gmail.com

Sponsor: Kingston Board of Selectmen

Admission: Free

Archaeologists Dianna Doucette and Erin Flynn from the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) and Cultural Resource Monitors from the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe will present a summary of their Phase 2 and Phase 3 investigations of the Hall Swamp Site. The investigations were done prior to the development of athletic fields on the property. The area was intensively and repeatedly used by Middle and Late Archaic groups (ca. 8,000-3,000 B.P.) and information collected from the site is of significant contribution to the town's archaeological record, as well as that of southeastern New England.

Lakeville

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CANOE TOUR OF THE UPPER NEMASKET RIVER

Date & Time: Saturday, October 10, 10am (rain date Sunday October 11)

Location: Vaughan Street to Wareham Street

Information: 508-531-2249, c1hoffman@bridgew.edu

Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Admission: \$25 per person or \$35 per family; \$5 for lunch

Explore the archaeology of the Upper Nemasket River from the water! We will embark from a location off Vaughan Street in Middleborough and visit several sites along the way downriver. We will end the tour just above the fish ladder at Wareham Street in Middleborough, and then walk 1 ½ blocks to the Robbins Museum for a tour of the facilities. Shuttle transportation back to the put-in point will be provided. Lunches may be pre-ordered using a registration form on the Massachusetts Archaeological Society's website (www.massarchaeology.org) or the Taunton River Watershed Alliance website (www.savethetaunton.org). Canoes and kayaks may also be rented for the day.

Lexington

IN THOREAU'S FOOTSTEPS

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 13, 7-8:30pm

Location: Cary Memorial Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue

Information: maud.ayson@gmail.com

Sponsor: Archaeology Outreach, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, www.freedomsway.org.

Admission: Free

Join us as we discuss the man who found Thoreau's Cabin. Roland Robbins was an avocational archaeologist or, as he put it, "a pick and shovel historian." Robbins is the unknown element in many local historical sites, including Saugus Iron Works & the Hancock-Clark House. He may even be the father of the Living History movement. Join local archaeologist Kimberly Connors-Hughes as we examine the man who discovered the archaeological evidence of Thoreau's sojourn into the natural world.

Lowell

IDENTIFY THIS TEXTILE ARTIFACT

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

Location: American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton Street

Information: khirbour@athm.org

Sponsor: American Textile History Museum, www.athm.org

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors and Children: \$8, Children under six: free

Identify some historic textile artifacts that were used as tools. Think about how they might have been used and whether or not they are still used today.

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

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. 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.

Medford

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

Medford 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. 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.

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

Sponsor: Robbins Museum of Archaeology, www.massarchaeology.org/museum

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.

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Information: 508-531-2249, c1hoffman@bridgew.edu

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 9:30am -5pm

Location: Robbins Museum of Archaeology, 17 Jackson Street

Information: info@massarchaeology.org

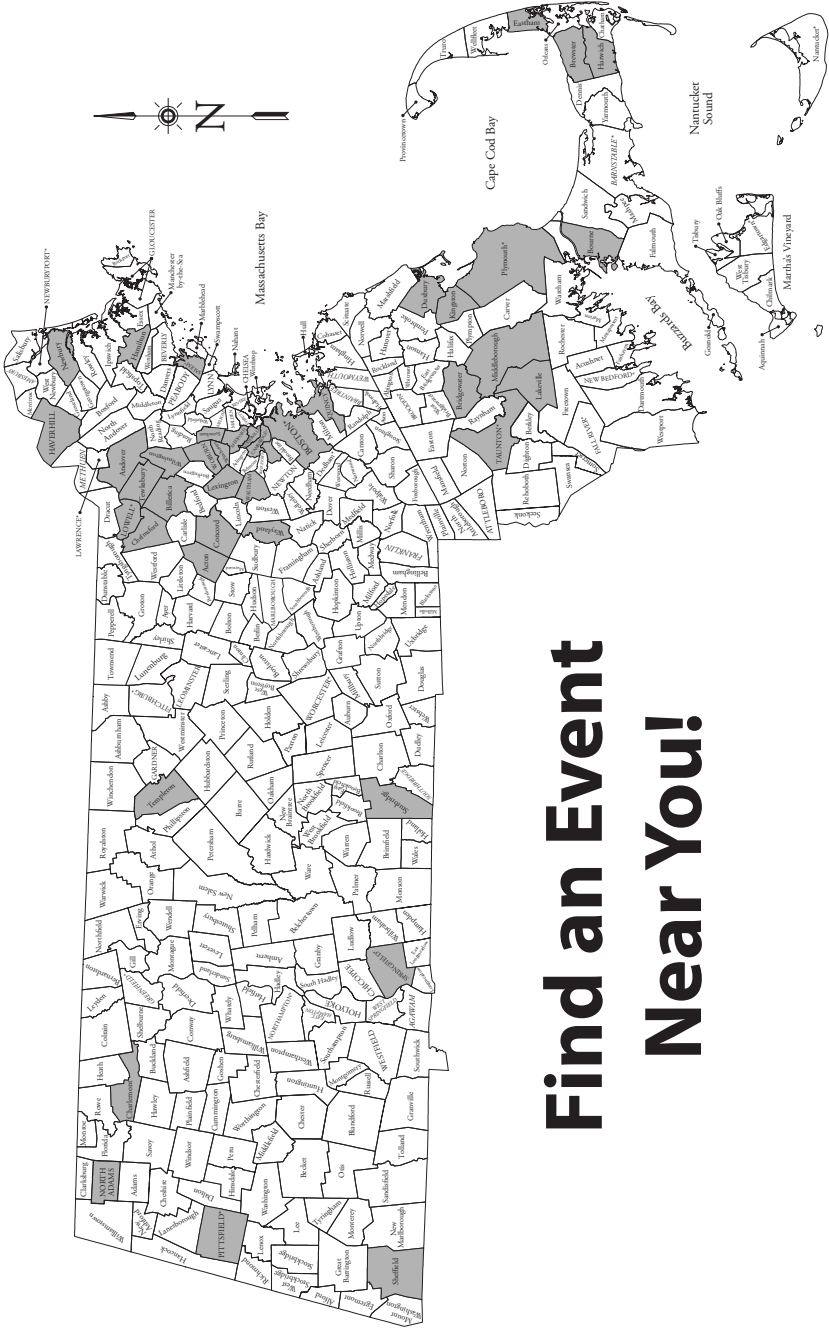
Sponsor: Massachusetts Archaeological Society,
www.massarchaeology.org

Admission: Adults: \$12, MAS Members and Students: \$10

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society (MAS) will begin with the business portion in the morning, followed by a slate of presentations and papers in the afternoon. The papers will cover a wide range of interesting archaeological topics. Visit our website at www.massarchaeology.org for a full program description.

2015 Calendar of Events At-A-Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 Boston	1 Acton, Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	2 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	3 Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Cambridge, Charlemont, Chelmsford, Concord, Haverhill, Lowell, Medford, Middleborough, North Adams, Plymouth, Quincy, Salem, Somerville, Stoneham, Taunton, Waltham, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn
4 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Pittsfield, Wayland	5 Boston, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	6 Boston, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	7 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Middleborough, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	8 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	9 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	10 Boston, Brewster, Lakeville, Lowell, Middleborough, North Adams, Plymouth, Sturbridge, Templeton, Waltham
11 Boston, Brewster, Concord, Lowell	12 Boston, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	13 Acton, Boston, Concord, Lexington, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	14 Boston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Lowell, Middleborough, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	15 Boston, Brewster, Kingston, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Springfield, Waltham	16 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	17 International Archaeology Day Boston, Brewster, Hamilton, Kingston, Lowell, Middleborough, Plymouth, Waltham
18 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Tewksbury, Wilmington	19 Boston, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	20 Acton, Andover, Boston, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	21 Boston, Bourne, Brewster, Lowell, Middleborough, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	22 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	23 Boston, Brewster, Lowell, Newbury, Plymouth, Waltham	24 Andover, Boston, Brewster, Concord, Hanwich, Lowell, Middleborough, Plymouth, Sheffield, Waltham
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Newbury

DIRT DETECTIVES

Date & Time: Weekdays throughout October, 8am-3pm

Location: Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, 5 Little's Lane

Information: www.historicnewengland.org

Sponsor: Historic New England

Admission: \$6 per person

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 artifacts found on the property, trap doors, and hidden spaces that reveal 300 years of history! Sessions are two hours in duration.

North Adams

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE ATOMIC BOMB

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 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

2015 makes the 70th anniversary of both the invention and use of the world's first atomic weapons that introduced the Atomic Age. As the beginning of the Atomic Age fades into history, archaeologists are working to document an era that was marked by uncertainty of our future as a species and the further testing and experimentation that at times seemed out of control. This illustrated lecture will reveal that time period through its unique archaeological record.

STAR CROSSED CIVILIZATIONS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 10, 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

This illustrated lecture will journey around the world to explore the

archaeological remains of ancient cultures whose structures strived to mimic the heavens above.

Pittsfield

SHAKER WATER POWER, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 4, 10:30am-12pm

Location: Meet at Hancock Shaker Village Visitor Center. Entrance is located just west of intersections of Routes 20 & 41.

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 OBSERVANCE

Date & Time: Ongoing throughout October and November (Mondays through Wednesdays, 10am-9pm; Thursdays, 10am-6pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-5:30pm)

Location: Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street

Information: 508-830-4250 www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

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 items of archaeological interest. Details about a related program will be forthcoming. Please check the Library’s website for more specific information about our observance of Archaeology Month.

WALKING TOUR OF BURIAL HILL: FINDING EARLY PLYMOUTH

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 1pm

Location: Burial Hill, Town Square

Information: www.plymouthantiquariansociety.org, 508-746-0012

Sponsor: Plymouth Antiquarian Society, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Admission: Free

Plymouth's Burial Hill is known for its ancient gravestones and scenic vista of Cape Cod Bay, 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 will discuss archaeological developments in our understanding of early Plymouth from this exceptional vantage point on a 1 hour guided walking tour. Tour begins at the top of the Hill. Sturdy walking shoes recommended to traverse steep slopes.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT ELLISVILLE HARBOR STATE PARK: "SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?"

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 10am -2pm

Location: Meet at the State Park on Route 3A

Information: 508-866-2580 x162

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Cultural Resources, Ellisville Harbor State Park

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! Bring water, lunch, and work gloves. Stay for an hour or all day. All ages welcome! Rain cancels.

BURIAL HILL: PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS

Date & Time: Saturday, October 31, 10am-12pm

Location: Burial Hill, School Street, Town Square

Information: charyle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net, 781-706-5531, friendsofburialhill.org

Sponsor: Friends of Burial Hill, Inc.

Admission: Free

The non-profit organization, the Friends of Burial Hill Inc., was founded to help preserve Burial Hill, conserve its gravestones, and raise awareness through education as to the importance of those efforts. Join us in one of our country's earliest burial grounds for tours of the conservation areas and the sites of our ground penetrating radar (GPR) explorations. We will demonstrate gravestone cleaning, documentation procedures, and fragment collection.

Quincy

LYONS TURNING MILL SITE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 10am-3pm (Rain date is Saturday, October 17, 10am-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.

Salem

A HOUSE AT PLAY: CHILDREN IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 11am-12pm

Location: Salem National Maritime Historic Site, St. Joseph's Hall, 160 Derby Street (second floor)

Information: emily_murphy@nps.gov

Sponsor: National Park Service, www.nps.gov/sama

Admission: Free

Join National Park Service staff for a presentation about children in the archaeological record, with a focus on the 1675 Narbonne House in Salem. The talk will focus on the many children who grew up in the home and their daily lives throughout the centuries of occupation. Following the presentation, visitors will be led to the Narbonne House for a brief tour and to view the "A House at Play" exhibit.

Sheffield

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SPIRIT WALK

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24, 2-4pm

Location: Center Cemetery, Berkshire School Road

Information: 413-229-2694, shs@sheffieldhistory.org

Sponsor: Sheffield Historical Society, www.sheffieldhistory.org

Admission: \$5, members and children 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: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

Somerville 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. 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

INTERREGIONAL EXCHANGE AND CEREMONIALISM TWO MILLENIA BEFORE THE FUR TRADE: INSIGHTS FROM THE CHAMPLAIN AND CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEYS

Date & Time: Thursday, October 15, 12:15pm

Location: Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street

Information: www.springfieldmuseums.org

Sponsor: Springfield Museums, Big Y

Admission: Museum Members: \$2, Non-Members: \$4

The Early Woodland Period in the Northeast (ca. 3,000-2,000 years Before Present) was a dynamic time in the region's pre-contact past. For the first time, select individuals participated in vast exchange networks and expended considerable effort in elaborate rituals, including burials. Rather than a period of abundance, however, recent archaeological and geological information suggest that the Early Woodland was a time of environmental downturn, and those populations contracted over much of the region. Vermont State Archaeologist Jess Robinson will explore the

initiation, maintenance, and the ultimate abandonment of these trade networks and rituals using sites from the Champlain and Connecticut River Valleys, including information curated at the Springfield Science Museum.

Stoneham

THE PEOPLING OF A PLACE CALLED HAYWARDVILLE

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 10am-12pm

Location: Meet at 4 Woodland Road

Information: info@preservation-collaborative.com, www.preservation-collaborative.com/haywardville

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Preservation Collaborative

Admission: Free

Join historian Ryan Hayward of the Preservation Collaborative and DCR archaeologist Ellen Berkland for a walking tour of this cultural and environmental gem owned by the Commonwealth. Walk back in time and learn about the land-use history of this area beginning thousands of years ago with the First People, and ending with the “Industrial Eden” of the mill town Haywardville. This walk will involve navigating some steep and possibly wet terrain, Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water. Rain cancels.

Sturbridge

A CLOSER LOOK: THE HERVEY BROOKS POTTERY SHOP

Date & Time: Saturday, October 10, 10am

Location: Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd

Information: www.osv.org

Sponsor: Old Sturbridge Village

Admission: Adults: \$24, Seniors: \$22, Youths: \$8, Children under 3: Free

Explore the Hervey Brooks pottery shop with an Old Sturbridge Village curator and learn about the archaeological digs at the site of Brooks’ shop in Goshen, CT. Event meets at the Hervey Brooks Pottery Shop.

Taunton

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS

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

Location: Old Colony History Museum, 66 Church Green

Information: www.oldcolonyhistoricalsociety.org

Sponsor: Old Colony History Museum

Admission: Free; reservation needed (call 508-822-1622)

Do you ever wonder how people lived hundreds or even thousands of years ago? What did they eat? What kinds of tools did they use? What did their toys look like? Come learn about life long ago at our Kid's Archaeology event. You'll see real artifacts from New England history and learn about how archaeologists work to decipher clues from our past. Kids will even get to take home their own treasures. This event is free and open to the public. Please call the Old Colony History Museum at 508-822-1622 to reserve your spot.

Templeton

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT OTTER RIVER STATE FOREST: "SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?"

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

Location: Meet at 86 Winchendon Road, Baldwinville

Information: 978-939-8962

Sponsor: Massachusetts Department of Cultural Resources, Otter River State Forest

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! Bring water, lunch, and work gloves. Stay for an hour or all day. All ages welcome! Happy 100th birthday ORSF! Rain cancels.

Tewksbury

ANNUAL CEMETERY TOUR

Date & Time: Sunday, October 18, 3pm (Rain date: Sunday, October 25, 3pm)

Location: Tewksbury Cemetery, East Street

Information: tewksburyhistoricalsociety@msn.com

Sponsor: Tewksbury Historical Society

Admission: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-members

The Tewksbury Historical Society is hosting its 6th Annual Cemetery Tour. The tour, led by past president Kim Zunino, will take participants through the Old Center Cemetery and the Tewksbury Cemetery and explore the final resting places of Tewksbury's founding citizens. Learn about gravestone symbols and burial customs of our ancestors.

Waltham

ARCHAEOLOGY BACKPACK FOR “TAKE A WALK”

Date & Time: Mondays through Fridays 10am-3pm and Saturdays 12-3pm

Location: Gore Place, 52 Gore Street

Information: events@goreplace.org, www.goreplace.org/education/take-a-walk.htm

Sponsor: Gore Place

Admission: \$5 per hour, per backpack; Members: Free

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

WAYLAND’S FIRST BURIAL GROUND: YOUR CPA MONEY AT WORK

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

Location: North Cemetery, 65 Old Sudbury Road

Information: 508-358-4646

Sponsor: Wayland Historical Commission, Wayland Historical Society

Admission: Free

The Town of Wayland hired archaeologist Barbara Donohue to prepare a Preservation Management Plan for the North Cemetery – the first burying ground for Sudbury & Wayland. The plan included three key components: documentary research, a conditions assessment, and a ground penetrating radar survey. Meet at the cemetery where Ms. Donohue will discuss the plan, its results, and how it can benefit both the town and this fragile historic property. This event will be held rain or shine.

Wilmington

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

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. 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 18, 1:30pm

Location: Beginning Wilmington Town Park, Route 38

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

Walk a rural section of the canal north to Patch's Pond, once a canal basin. See grooves worn in a boulder by tow ropes as boats wound around the Ox Bow, the remains of Maple Meadow Brook Aqueduct, and the canal "prism," or bed. Walk begins at 1:30 at Wilmington Town Park.

Winchester

MIDDLESEX CANAL BIKE TOUR

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 9am

Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

Winchester's Sandy Beach 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. 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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Location: Boston to Lowell, see below

Information: Contact leader Bill Kuttner at 617-241-9383

Sponsor: Middlesex Canal Association, www.middlesexcanal.org

Admission: Free (MBTA fare not included)

The Kiwani's 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. 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)
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 Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/buar/

Massachusetts Historical Commission
www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc
click "Massachusetts Archaeology Month" for calendar updates

click “Archaeology” to see Massachusetts Historical Commission Archaeological Exhibits online, popular archaeology booklets and other resources

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.crmi.org

Commonwealth Museum

220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston
17-727-9268 • 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 • www.williamstownhistoricalmuseum.org/

Wood Museum of Springfield History

21 Edwards St., Springfield
413-263-6800 • 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 • www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/science/

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: MYSTERY SHIPWRECK ON COFFINS BEACH, GLOUCESTER

By Victor Mastone, Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources

Shipwrecks are often tales of tragedy, mystery, drama, and treasure. The poster for this year's Massachusetts Archaeology Month features an unknown shipwreck on Coffins Beach in Gloucester. While its identity is a mystery, the shipwreck provides an important window into our maritime past.

The local, regional, and national importance of the maritime legacy of Massachusetts is readily evident. Massachusetts has long been a major center of maritime commerce and naval activity in North America. The ports of Massachusetts, such as Boston, Plymouth, Salem, Gloucester, Provincetown, New Bedford, Nantucket, and Newburyport, can be best described as the historic maritime gateway to the commerce of North America. These ports and numerous smaller ports provided the extensive maritime infrastructure for vital commercial and naval activities. More than 2,000 maritime historical sites have been identified on land (terrestrial) around Massachusetts Bay alone. It has been reliably estimated that over 3,500 shipwrecks are located in Massachusetts' waters.



Shipwreck at Coffin's Beach in Gloucester at sunset

In late spring 2014 at Coffin's Beach in Gloucester, seasonally shifting channels and sand bars began to offer up a glimpse of Massachusetts's maritime past. A small shipwreck began emerging from sands at the toe of Coffins Beach. The site which is normally immersed in the high

energy (surf) zone, lying seaward of the beach, was now partially uncovered at low tide. A curious local resident contacted the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources to see if we could identify this shipwreck.

Archival research identified upwards of 40 shipwrecks, from 1635 to 1936, in the general vicinity of this wreck. These included shallops, schooners, sloops, ketches, and various fishing boats. In the early 20th century, there was an early gillnetter lost fairly close to the wreck site. The visible marine growth on the exposed wreck and testimony of local residents suggested that this vessel had only emerged recently and had likely been buried for at least a half century. Any vessel identity seemed very speculative.

The preliminary field investigation took place over several visits in the summer and early fall during periods of extreme low tides, and before the sands of Coffins Beach reclaimed the wreck once again. A metal detector survey was conducted along the inside and outside the hull, at each futtocks and the stem. The occasional hits turned out to be fragments of broken/degraded wire lobster traps that had collected around the wreck. No metal ship fittings were observed. The visible end of the vessel was uncovered to reveal that the apparent stem/cutwater is one solid and massive piece of oak. It was rabbeted and matched the planking. Draft marks for depicting the waterline were evident on the stern. Seeing both the “VI” and “V”, meaning 6 and 5 feet respectively, we would conclude there is more vessel remaining deeply buried in the sand. We traced out the sides of the hull toward opposite end. Despite extensive probing, the stern could not be positively located. However, buried planking extended about a meter beyond visible frames. Those frames appeared to be slightly transom shaped. Due to water table and infilling sand, we could not visually inspect or reach the keelson. Small cobble ballast (of various size and wear) was found and surprisingly contained pieces of coral among the ballast (natural pieces and not cut). Coral does not naturally occur in eastern North America and its presence suggests a possible Caribbean trade connection.



Draft mark visible on the stern

Initial observations of the structural remains characterized by the lack of metal fasteners and its blunt shape, suggested pre-1820 construction and shallop-like vessel. It was certainly not the early 20th century gillnetter noted in the archival record. After test excavations uncovered portions of the bow and stern area, the shape of frames, the solid stem, and bluntness of the ends strongly suggested an early example of shallop, perhaps a Chebacco boat.



Bow area of the shipwreck

What is underwater archaeology?

Archaeology is the scientific study of the human past through investigations of the physical remains of material culture and their context. Underwater archaeology carries these studies into the submerged environment. This environment provides greater preservation of artifacts, such as wood, leather, cloth, bone and other organic materials.

Why are shallows and Chebacco boats important?

Shallops, sloops, and ketches appear to be the ubiquitous small watercraft in colonial North America, used for exploration, fishing, and the transportation of goods and people. Unfortunately, there is a lack of clear distinction or consistency among description of these vessel types, their hull form, or rig. The typically square rigged fishing shallop was replaced by a two-masted sloop rigged vessel called the Chebacco boat. The Chebacco boat is named for the Massachusetts Colony village of Chebacco, today's Essex. Its characteristics persisted into the 20th century. This vessel type was eventually replaced by what became the typical American sailing vessel, the schooner. The archaeological record of early American watercraft is scant and there are no known archaeological examples of a Chebacco boat.

Why protect shipwrecks?

Shipwrecks are important for many reasons. They are an important reminder of Massachusetts maritime past. By studying shipwrecks, we can learn about developments ship construction, design and technologies, trade and cargoes, working conditions and life aboard ships. Shipwrecks can provide information that was never recorded, that does not survive in archives, or is simply lost from memory. They are fragile time capsules of the past.

For more information about underwater archaeology, go to www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/buar



View of the shipwreck during field investigations

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