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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Frederica Dimmick



On a wintry afternoon in early February, I am reflecting on diverse group of visitors we have welcomed to the Robbins Museum over the last few months. Starting in warmer fall, a good friend of mine stopped by on her first visit ever to the Middleborough area, was toured through the Museum and, unsolicited, said that the Robbins is a "true gem", where she wanted to bring her Lexington Historical Society friends for a Day tour. Having also walked to the Nemasket River herring run close to us, and learning of the magnificent spawning show that would occur this spring, she then determined to bring her twin grandsons (age 14) to view this rare display seen and utilized by Native peoples from time immemorial.

Inside the Museum during the fall, several father and son groups came on Saturday afternoons, carrying heavy boxes of their own personal collections to be identified by Society members who were on duty; then went to view maps, the diorama and the pollen core in the Wapanucket Gallery; or to take a self-guided tour through "The Walk through Time." They had learned through the web site when they might have their items identified. Also on Saturdays, several young families from Middleborough with small youngsters also appeared. They enjoyed browsing through the gift area and bookstore and looking at exhibits of the Ethnographic Collections Room; they had never been in the Museum. One woman stopped by, entering and saying she had lived in Middleborough all her life, but had never come into the Museum until then. Recently this past January, students on College break graced the Museum, happy to find a new venue, even happy to pay an entrance fee, and to spend a great deal of time at the Ethnographic Collections and the Wapanucket displays. A very knowledgeable

couple, from the midwest perhaps, were so pleased with what they saw and the warmth of reception that they took pictures of volunteers. A few weeks ago, personnel and staff of the Truro, MA, Historical Society visited the Museum and Robbins volunteers on a Wednesday, and the Millis, MA, Historical Society spent most of a Saturday.

Our Museum is on the radar screen thanks to web site and word of mouth! And two more major visitors have come to visit and to assess our possible value to other educational organizations. We were thrilled to have Senator Marc Pacheco meet with the Development Committee once and to return a second time with Bridgewater State College President, Dr. Dana Mohler-Farria (see Committee report below). I believe both enjoyed their visits as much as our visitors mentioned above. We have something for everyone and our resources may be in new demand.

A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tim Fohl

You may notice that there are some changes in this issue from the previous issues of the Newsletter. One of these which I hope is not too noticeable to the reader is that we are assembling the publication using Adobe InDesign software rather than Microsoft Word. Word is not really publishing software, whereas InDesign is one of the industry standards. Hopefully, by avoiding too ambitious moves we won't make too many goofs, but it is a challenge. Another change is in the type fonts used in the text. We have switched from Times New Roman to Calibri. Like it? Hate it? Let us know.

Another change is to try to present more content about archaeologically interesting subjects, as such, rather than concentrating on the operational details of the Society. A notable example of this direction is the

review in this issue of current archaeological activity by archaeology professionals in Massachusetts, compiled by Eric Metzger and John Rempelakis. We hope to continue this review in future issues and to add similar subjects, such as profiles of archaeological firms and organizations in our area. Comments, article submissions or ideas for articles are encouraged.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWS

RECENT AND CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Compiled by John Rempelakis and Eric Metzger

In response to historic preservation and environmental laws and regulations, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, sponsors archaeological investigations for federally funded bridge and roadway projects across the state. Updates on two such MassDOT projects are provided below.

Southeastern Massachusetts

The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) completed an intensive (locational) and site examination survey within a MassDOT roadway relocation project in southeastern Massachusetts. The general area is characterized by freshwater streams, ponds, and interior wetlands. Regional drainage is afforded by the Nemasket River located in the general vicinity of the project corridor. Noted concentrations of Native American occupations are known in the vicinity of the project area. Documented archaeological sites tend to cluster along important waterways such as the Nemasket River and interior lakes, ponds, and wetlands. Larger Native American settlements tend to be located within areas of broad sandy outwash adjacent to the Nemasket and to Assawompsett Pond, while smaller campsites and resource extraction/processing locales are known farther from these water sources. The density of Native American archaeological deposits up and down the Nemasket River and along its interior fringes has led some to suggest the Nemasket River may have been one of the more densely occupied areas in southern New England.

The intensive archaeological survey documented seven discrete loci of pre-contact Native American activity. The Leonard 2 Site and another site designated as a find spot were characterized as tight clusters of isolated or low-density quartz or rhyolite stone flakes. The Quelle 1 Site produced a concentration of chert, rhyolite, and quartzite chipping debris underlying nineteenth- to twentieth-century fill deposits. Redesign of the project has resulted in avoidance of this site. The Quelle 2 Site is a non-complex Native American activity area containing a low-density of chipping debris. No pre-Contact Native American cultural features or temporally diagnostic artifacts were associated with the Quelle 2 Site. The Ridge 1 Site was a moderately small, temporary encampment dating to the Early Woodland Period. Cultural materials recovered from the site included the base to a discarded projectile point and an argillite base (?) to a discarded projectile point and an argillite knife blade, in association with a dense deposit of chert and rhyolite chipping debris. The Ridge 2 Site appears to have been the result of multiple, overlapping occupations focused along the margins of an unnamed wetland. However, extensive nineteenth- through twentieth-century agricultural activity has severely disturbed the integrity of the archaeological deposits. The Leonard 1 Site is a significant archaeological resource that dates to the Late/Transitional Archaic Period. Cultural material recovered from the site includes primarily rhyolite debitage recovered in association with a food processing station/cookfire. The core of the site appears to be situated outside the proposed impact area of the newly proposed roadway corridor along the south bank of an unnamed vernal pool to the north. MassDOT has taken measures to protect and avoid this area during construction. Cultural materials from the part of this site contained within the project corridor, however, were primarily recovered from plow zone stratigraphic contexts in low densities, suggesting that many of these materials had been moved from their original discard locales.

Joseph N. Waller and A. Peter Mair (PAL);
John Rempelakis (MassDOT)

Central Massachusetts

John Milner Associates, Inc. (JMA) was contracted to provide historical, archeological, and interpretive services in the preparation of a draft and final EIR/

EA for sections of the Blackstone River Bikeway, a 28-mile long bikeway proposed through portions of Blackstone, Millville, Uxbridge, Northbridge, Grafton, Sutton, Millbury, and Worcester. The Bikeway project, a cooperative venture between MassDOT and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), is seen as a transportation corridor that will link the mill villages and neighborhoods with the many recreational, environmental, and historic features of the Blackstone Valley.

In 2009, JMA conducted field survey, research, analysis, and documentation in order to comply with the appropriate federal and/or state legislation and regulations concerning the protection of historic and/or archeological resources. Under the Section 106 review process, JMA was required to inventory resources along the Blackstone River corridor, which is rich with both natural and cultural history. Through their background research, JMA identified a number of documented archaeological and historic resources in the vicinity of the project corridor, including reputed village sites home to the Nipmuck Nation in Grafton and Uxbridge; pre-Contact Native American sites along waterways and the margins of wetlands and within upland areas in Sutton; former industrial complexes such as fulling, saw and grist mills, trip hammers, scythe, hoe and axe shops, a paper mill, an oil mill and potash works dating to the 18th century in Sutton and Northbridge; and features and structural remnants associated with the construction and operation of the Blackstone Canal during the 19th century.

Sub-surface testing with more than 470 shovel test units by JMA along the Blackstone River Bikeway corridor revealed both pre-Contact Native American and post-Contact Euro-American archaeological sites. Eight pre-Contact Native American sites or find spots were identified, including one site dating from the Late Archaic period. Historic sites identified include a former Unitarian church and a mill/sluceway site, as well as evidence of historic quarrying. Analysis is ongoing regarding these sites. After completing their analysis of these sites, JMA will provide their findings and recommendations to MassDOT and the MHC to determine whether additional archaeological work will be necessary.

Martin Dudek, Barbara Donohue, and Eric Metzger (JMA); John Rempelakis (MassDOT)

News on CRM Work Elsewhere in Massachusetts

In response to the same historic preservation and environmental laws and regulations, a significant number of non-transportation CRM projects take place across the state every year. Updates on two such projects are described below.

Eastern Massachusetts

The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) conducted a site examination at the Fuller Street Site in Eastern Massachusetts to collect sufficient information on site characteristics to evaluate the eligibility of the site for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Fuller Street Site occupies the higher elevations of an east-west trending ridge north of the East Branch of the Neponset River. The site is approximately 5,650 square meters in size, as defined by natural features and/or sterile test pits. The categories of Native American cultural material include projectile points (Rossville and Small Stemmed), bifacial tool blades, pottery sherds, and concentrations of burnt and fire-cracked rock indicating that activities such as hunting and constructing hearth/fire pit features for cooking, heat or other purposes were undertaken by the site's occupants. The distribution of cultural material and features suggest three loci of activity at the site, including lithic workshops of specific raw materials from local (rhyolite and hornfels) and more distant (jasper) source areas. Hearth features dating to the Late/Transitional Archaic Period, diagnostic artifacts (Rossville projectile points) and a pit feature dating to the Middle/Late Woodland Period indicate that the Fuller Street Site is the result of multiple occupations.

The site examination demonstrated that the Fuller Street Site is a significant archaeological resource that has the potential to provide important new information about pre-Contact Native American activities in the Neponset River drainage area. The Fuller Street Site appears to have been the result of multiple, overlapping occupations focused on the East Branch of the Neponset River and associated wetlands. The cultural material shows definite concentrations of specific raw material types, many which may be attributed to specific time periods. Groundstone tools of Braintree slate are found on sites dating from the Middle Archaic to the Early Woodland. Denser concentrations of hornfels and Pennsylvania

jasper often indicate Middle Woodland occupations. Based on the evidence gathered to date, the Late/ Transitional Archaic Period occupation may be characterized as a number of short-term occupations focused on the production and maintenance of lithic tools. The presence of several hearths suggests stays of more than one day. The Middle/Late Woodland occupation of the site may have been for a longer period, based on the presence of a pit feature suggesting use for storage or trash, and pottery sherds suggesting storage and/or cooking. A number of lithic tools, primarily scrapers, suggest that support activities were also taking place at the site. The Fuller Street Site is considered a significant archaeological resource that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and D. The results of the investigation and recommendations regarding the site's National Register eligibility represent preliminary findings that are subject to review by the MHC.

A. Peter Mair (PAL); John Rempelakis (MassDOT)

North-Central Massachusetts

John Milner Associates, Inc. (JMA) is conducting site evaluations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Birch Hill Dam area, comprising a total of 4,648 acres in several towns in northern Worcester County. Birch Hill Dam was constructed in 1940-1942 as part of a national program to develop and improve natural water resources in the interest of flood control, water conservation, and recreational development. The site evaluations are being conducted for the Corps as part of their Section 110 obligation to locate and establish the National Register eligibility of previously identified pre-Contact and historic period archeological resources. A total of eight pre-Contact and 18 historic archeological sites are included as part of the investigation.

Martin Dudek (JMA); John Rempelakis (MassDOT)

INDIAN CEREMONIAL AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Two areas in Massachusetts have been designated as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places on the basis of claims by several federally recognized tribes that the sites are of traditional ceremonial importance. The National Park Service

determined that a region centered on the airport in Turner's Falls was eligible in December of 2008. In January of 2010 the Park Service announced that Nantucket Sound was also eligible. The Wampanoag and Narragansett Tribes were the principal advocates for the claims.

These determinations are significant for several reasons. They are the first instances in New England that eligibility for the National Register has been determined because of the ceremonial significance to the Native American community. They are important to the archaeological community because they indicate a heightened interest in Native ceremonial sites and features at the federal and state levels.

The details of the Nantucket Sound determination can be read online at

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/guidance/NantucketSoundDOE.pdf>

CALL FOR DOCENTS

There is a need for docents at the Robbins Museum. It is interesting work and a training movie is available. Contact Mary Concannon for details at archdigs@yahoo.com by email or at (508)759-0887 by phone. She also can be contacted through the Museum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tonya Largy and Suanna Selby Crowley

There have been several new developments for the Development Committee. First, we must acknowledge the wonderful work of outgoing Chair, Tonya Largy. Tonya has led this merry band through thick and thin and we hope to carry on her good work (with her ongoing guidance!). Suanna is stepping into Tonya's shoes with help from new Committee member David DeMello. Together, the team plans several applications to new funding sources, including federal grantmakers, while continuing to support Mary Concannon and funding efforts through the Education Department. The Mayflower Bank in Middleborough continues to support MAS. A grant of \$300 was awarded to fund

materials and labor to improve lighting for the Walk Through Time exhibit cases. The exhibit consists of twelve tall exhibit cases that illustrate changes in Native American lifeways during the past 12,000 years through the display of artifacts, photographs, models and graphic panels. Great thanks again to the Mayflower Bank!

Among the most exciting developments for our Committee is a renewed connection to Senator Marc R. Pacheco of First Plymouth and Bristol Districts. Jane Lopes kindly facilitated a meeting with Senator Pacheco and Development Committee representatives in December. Senator Pacheco stayed for more than 2 hours, touring the collections and discussing opportunities for us in southeastern Massachusetts. Although he confirmed the unavailability of state funds at this time, he suggested alternate sources of support, particularly through regional higher education networks that are experiencing new growth. First on this list was our neighbor, Bridgewater State College, (BSC) whose administration Senator Pacheco generously contacted on our behalf. In a follow-up meeting held in January, Senator Pacheco introduced the Committee to BSC President Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, who toured the Robbins and chatted about possible points of synergy between the two organizations. Dr. Curtiss Hoffman, who as a BSC faculty member has facilitated numerous projects between the College and MAS and encouraged his students to become involved at the Robbins, was there to greet Dr. Mohler-Faria and introduce him to our collections and programs. We are hopeful that these meetings are the beginning of good things to come.

It looks as if 2010 is shaping up as a busy year. If you have any questions, would like to make suggestions, or would like to be a part of this very necessary work, we invite you to contact the Development Committee at info@massarchaeology.org.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Curtiss Hoffman

Since the call went out in early November 2009, the Society's Annual Appeal has succeeded in raising \$4,555. An additional \$265 in contributions from last year's drive were omitted from the report in the Spring

MAS Newsletter. Thanks to our generous donors, whose names are listed below, we will be able to implement many of our planned 2010 programs. We welcome additional contributions to the Appeal!

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In addition, the following members have joined or renewed their MAS membership at higher levels of contribution:

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EDUCATION REPORT

Mary Concannon

Over the past few months, Education staff and docents have been kept busy with a full tour, workshop, and public programming schedule. Fortunately, the number of folks participating in our programs is growing, and it appears that word about how great our Museum is has been not only expanded, but is also reaching a wider audience. Here is a quick synopsis of what we've been doing.

Out & About

Late last summer, the staff at Bristol Community College invited the MAS Education Coordinator to attend their Teaching American History Summer Institute. Not only was this a great opportunity to spread the word about our expanding curriculum, it also brought teachers and students from the southeastern region into the Museum for the premier of our newly-operational program, Living on the Landscape. This lesson, funded in part through the A. D. Makepeace Neighborhood Fund's support of the Clues In Context program, offers students an opportunity to connect the artifacts and displays that they view on tours with historic maps and documents. Students analyze how towns and communities have changed over the past 12,000 years, changes that range from land use to landscape resources. Other program components use images, photographs, and written descriptions as the foundation for assessing daily life, cultural traditions, and the rich heritage of Native peoples in our communities. In all, some 300 plus students have participated in this program, and we are receiving consistently good reviews on it.

Local schools also benefited from a number of on-site and in-class presentations of the Artifact and Archaeology program. This program can be offered as a tour, or can be combined with a youth-focused Power Point presentation, complete with both interactive activities and an artifact share component.

In-house, our attention has continued to be focused on the "We, the Peoples" professional development workshop. Educators are wrapping up their final projects, and Blue Heron Educational Consulting Services (fondly known as Deb & Carolyn!) have administered the final evaluation; we are awaiting the tabulated re-

sults, but preliminary responses have been very positive. Although a more comprehensive summary of this wonderful program will come with the next issue, of the Newsletter, the Education Coordinator would like to thank all of those folks who participated, both staff and educators; the docents who contributed time and financial support; and the Board members who assisted with the project in so many ways.

Other in-house offerings include an increased number of tours, educator workshops, and programs. Our staff is working diligently on creating a year-long calendar for 2010 with enhanced programming, vacation activities, and connections to the monthly themes often the focus of classroom learning. Moreover, we are working with the rest of the Development Committee to identify new funding streams and resources. So keep your eyes on this column and on the web for new information! There are a lot of plans afoot!

SITE CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alan F. Smith

In November 2008 the Governor appointed a seventeen member Ocean Advisory Commission to assist and advise the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in writing a plan that would implement the Massachusetts Oceans Act that was voted into law on May 28, 2008. In July 2009, Secretary Bowles of the EEA released the nation's first ocean management draft plan. The plan sets guidelines for managing, reviewing, and permitting proposed uses in state ocean waters. Public hearings were held in September 2009 and the final version was released at the end of 2009. A cultural resource committee worked to incorporate measures that protect cultural interests near and under the ocean.

In January 2009, the Governor signed a land conservation bill into law that provides tax incentives for land preservation in Massachusetts. This will provide protection for many cultural sites.

On March 3rd, 2009, President Obama rescinded the changes made to the federal Endangered Species Act by the previous administration. Federal agencies are required once again to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisher-

ies Service on project planning. In Massachusetts, the Endangered Species Act did not fare as well, as it is under attack to dramatically reduce protection for endangered state species, and the state Natural Heritage Program was cut from the fiscal year 2010 budget.

In late March 2009, Congress approved the Wild and Scenic designation for the Taunton River and sent it to the President, who signed it into law a few days later. This was followed by the Massachusetts Fish and Game Department purchasing 230 acres of land along the Taunton River in conjunction with a conservation restriction. This doubles the size of the Taunton River Wildlife Management Area and provides good protection for its cultural resources.

On December 15, 2009, a hearing was held on "An Act Protecting the Natural and Historic Resources of the Commonwealth" known as The Public Lands Preservation Act. This bill was reported out favorably from the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture and has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means with a new bill number, H.4422. The bill would protect against the loss of public lands taken or acquired for natural resource purposes.

In early January 2010, the National Park Service declared that Nantucket Sound is eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its cultural significance. In November the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer had also stated that the Sound was eligible to be listed on the National Register. Many of the oldest sites, along with other cultural resources, may be under the ocean.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is now in effect in 142 municipalities throughout the state, with the recent adoption by the towns of Seekonk and Rehoboth. Many of the municipalities reduced their surcharges for the CPA because of the economic climate this past year.

LIBRARY EXPANSION UPDATE

Fred Robinson

Hello All!

We are now in the final phase of the library expansion.

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The walls are up; we now have some bookshelves and new lockable filing cabinets in place, donated by Bruce McAleer.

The lighting is finished with new energy-efficient fixtures. We decided to go with putting in new light fixtures rather than using the old fixtures we had on hand because of the energy savings and the unavailability of ballasts for the old fixtures. The electrician wired the lighting so that we can light just the reading area or the bookshelves, or both. Also, we have ample wall sockets within the library and on the outer wall facing Jean-Jacques' studio.

The next step is the taping and skim-coating of the walls, which I expect to be completed soon. I am presently in negotiations with a contractor who will do this at a reasonable cost.

We will need volunteers to paint the walls. If you can help, call the Museum to let us know. I will be compiling a list of volunteers, and will get back to you when the painting will begin.

Thank you again to my hard working Committee and Wednesday Crew.

LIBRARY REPORT

Kathy Fairbanks

Fred Robinson introduced MAS to a friend, Michael Cavanagh, who is a history buff from Rhode Island. Mike has been doing for RI what Doc Robbins did for MA -- tracing the Native pathways of his state. We found a few more references for him, and Michael was given special access to Doc Robbins' original maps. Native paths of course existed before state borders, and RI paths were contiguous with MA paths.

Though Mr. Cavanagh considers this project a work-in-progress, he has presented us with a framed, poster-size copy of the map work to-date, and some extra copies to make available in our Museum shop.

A Stonehill College senior, Katelyn Cummings, contacted us and came to research Native diet changes after Contact. We lined up some useful references for her. In a chat with Gene Winter, he told us her college is named for the Stone Hill, a Native stone structure

on a campus hill top! Further, that there was an archaeological investigation there some decades ago, from which we have seen no records. Katelyn writes now that she will have the opportunity to volunteer to work in Stonehill's archives and will try to locate those dig records.

CHAPTER DOINGS

NORTHEAST CHAPTER UPDATE, SPRING 2010 Suanna Selby Crowley

The last few months have been very busy for the Northeast Chapter. We have sustained our increased attendance with meetings regularly receiving 30 or more guests at the Robert S. Peabody Museum in Andover. Thanks go out to our gracious hosts, Malinda Blustain, Peabody Director, and her staff at the Museum, for accommodating our members and guests. We are actively pursuing new members through a growing list of e-mail contacts and through expanded advertizing for our meetings.

In October, several Northeast Chapter members assisted Museum Educator Mary Concannon at the Boston Museum of Science/Archaeological Institute of America Archaeology Fair. Jules Gordon, Andy Gordon, Dave McKenna, Stephen Hulbert, and I were on hand over the weekend celebration of archaeology to help with interpretation and demonstration of the wonderful items Mary brought up to Boston. Several hundred children, families, and educators stopped by the MAS tables to learn and enjoy.

For our regular meetings this fall, recent speakers have included: Dr. Dianna Doucette of the Public Archaeology Lab; Dr. Ann Marie Mires of Anna Maria College; Charlie Cockburn, a student at Phillips Academy; Malinda Blustain of the Robert S. Peabody Museum; and Eric Metzger of John Milner Associates. The breadth of topics has been very engaging as we have surveyed topics from the science of forensic archaeology to the peopling of North America, with a discussion of the archaeology of Iran included in for good measure. All meetings are held at 7 pm at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, 175 Main Street (Route 28), Andover, MA. The remainder of our schedule is below, and we invite you to join the fun. For more information, we can be reached at the new e-mail address: info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org.

Dr. Robert Paynter, Department of Anthropology,
UMASS Amherst
Recent Archaeological Investigations from around
Deerfield, Massachusetts
March 16, 2010

Dr. Javier Urcid, Department of Anthropology,
Brandeis University
Splendidly Crafted Dart Throwers from Mesoamerica
April 20, 2010

Dr. Robert Goodby, Associate Professor of Anthropology,
Franklin Pierce University
Archaeology of the Monadnock Area
May 18, 2010

MASSASOIT CHAPTER REVIEW Judy Macioci

The Massasoit Chapter continues to meet every third Thursday of the month at a member's home. Our members have given several interesting presentations so far this season. Some topics included Marine Archaeology and Patuxet Relationships with the Pilgrims. We attended a field trip to Plimoth Plantation last fall where we had a tour of the Native American Home Site and then toured the archaeological collection on display from the area. We have several field trips planned for the Spring.

We now have a monthly newsletter which keeps members informed about activities. We continue to meet during the Summer for informal cookouts.

We welcome new members and fresh ideas. For more information, please call (781) 834-3403.

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New Hampshire Archeological Society
&
Massachusetts Archaeological Society
Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 10th, 2010



Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The lunch buffet will include a selection of Albuquerque chicken sandwich, grilled vegetables on baguette, grilled portobello on focaccia, roast beef on a baguette, Italian panini, or turkey and cheddar wrap. Plus a side salad, potato chips, cookies or brownies, and bottled water or soda.

Unfortunately, we cannot take orders for specific varieties of sandwiches other than vegetarian.

Meeting and lunch pre-registration fee: \$20 per person

(If you plan to attend the meeting but not have the lunch buffet, then the fee is \$10 per person. You do not need to pre-register in this case. You may do so if it's more convenient for you, but you are welcome to pay at the door.)

Number of Pre-registrations: _____ Vegetarian: Y N

Total Payment: \$_____

Please return form with registration fee (checks payable to NHAS)

Mail to: New Hampshire Archeological Society (NHAS)
PO Box 406
Concord, NH 03302-0406

Please return this form ASAP (to reach us by Monday, April 5th, 2010) to confirm your attendance and choice of lunch.



New Hampshire Archeological Society
&
Massachusetts Archaeological Society
Spring Meeting Saturday, April 10th, 2010



**Located at the DeMoulas Room in the Education Center at Rivier College
Nashua, NH 03060**

- 9:00 – 10:00am: Registration and morning refreshments: assorted pastries and juices, coffee, tea
- 10:00 – 10:10am: Welcome by NHAS President Sheila Charles and MAS President Freddie Dimmick
- 10:10 – 10:40am: Edna Feighner, NH Division of Historic Resources; “Commonality or Diversity: How Can the Material Culture Inform Us? Preliminary Analysis of the Ceramic Assemblage Recovered from Malaga Island, a Late 19th Century, Ethnically Diverse Fishing Village Located off the Coast of Maine in Casco Bay”
- 10:40 – 11:10am: Martin Dudek, John Milner Associates, Inc.; “From Plow to Trowel: Concord’s Dugans Brook Knoll Site Revealed”
- 11:10 – 11:25am: Morning Break: need another coffee or tea? A chance to get up and mingle!
- 11:25am – 12:00pm: Suanna Selby Crowley, PhD, RPA; “Partnerships that Work: Avocational and Professional Archaeologists of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society”
- 12:00 – 1:20pm: Lunch. Pre-register for a sandwich buffet served in the meeting room (see the pre-registration form for details), or go out for lunch on your own
- 1:20 – 1:50pm: Rich Moberg, NH SCRAP; “Distributional Analysis of a Paleo-Indian Household at the Potter Site, Randolph, NH”
- 1:50 – 2:20pm: David Starbuck, PhD., Plymouth State University; “The Archeology of the French and Indian War in Northern New York State”
- 2:20 – 2:30pm: Afternoon break; chance to stretch your legs and check out the bulletins for sale!
- 2:30 – 3:00pm: Edwin C. Ballard, MAS; “To Find the Nail, You Gotta Look Up!”

Meeting registration (no lunch): \$10 per person (no pre-registration required)

Meeting pre-registration with lunch: \$20 per person

For more information: www.nhas.org or www.massarchaeology.org

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2. Follow E. Dunstable Road to Main St.
3. Turn right on to Main St. and proceed to a small roundabout.
5. Take second street out of the roundabout, i.e., South Main St.
6. Proceed along South Main St. and turn left on to Clement St.
7. Education Center is up the hill on the right side.

