



'ROUND ROBBINS

Newsletter of the Friends of the Robbins Museum /MAS

Summer 2005

Museum Coordinator's Report

Eugene Winter

Museum Exhibits

The museum cases for the Walk Through Time have been restored! Now we must complete the design work for each cultural period, select the artifacts, write the text and make the labels. Since we have an extensive library, research shouldn't be much of a problem. The professional archaeologists of our Society are on call to provide answers to questions we might have about cultural traits, environments, sequences, site information and identification of botanical specimens. The exhibit is meant to tell the story of Native Americans in Massachusetts from the early times to the present day.

New Museum Administrator – Jeff Stevens

Heidi Savery has done an outstanding job for M.A.S. as the Administrator for the Society and the Museum for the past several years. Now, Heidi is moving on to what will most assuredly be a sterling career at the State University of New York at Binghamton, where she will begin graduate studies in Anthropology. Heidi, our very best wishes go along with you!

As we bid adieu to Heidi, we welcome Jeff Stevens who came aboard as the new Administrator. Jeff can be found in the office on Wednesdays from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Jeff also serves as a Trustee and Archivist of the Society. He is a past Society member from the days of Maurice Robbins and the Bronson Museum. After a grant writing project at the Simmons Archives Management Program he later started in on the Society's archives, completing stage one of a draft container list of all archive boxes, file drawers, photo and preservation needs. In addition he began separately storing membership records and artifact dig cards. Previously he worked in university archives at the Burns Library at Boston College on faculty papers, the MIT Institute Archives and Special Collections on the Provost and President administrative files, and records at the Countway Medical Library of the Harvard Medical School. Of note was an internship done for the Newton History Museum at the Jackson Homestead on the Fewkes family papers that included papers from the early ethnoarchaeologist Jesse Walter Fewkes.

His areas of interests include: institutional memory, industrial archaeology, public promotion of New England archaeology, and paleontology, ancient landscapes, and otherwise sailing, touring and camping throughout New England.



If anybody can identify the petroglyph on Jeff's T-shirt picked up at a Head of the Charles Regatta, please send in your suggestions!

MAS Board Launches Funding Campaign

Curtiss Hoffman, Membership Secretary

In April, the Board of Trustees approved a special fund drive for the Robbins Museum, in order to offset an estimated \$8,000 budget shortfall for FY 2006 and to move forward with funding our Museum projects. So far we have raised over \$10,000 in the last 12 months from the generous donations of Friends and local business associates. However, we still need to raise more funds to expand the hours we are able to be open to the public, to undertake interior and exterior renovations, and to create new exhibits. Our funding campaign offers the following special benefits:

Clovis Contributors (\$1000 and up): sponsor a major display case.

Eden Enablers (\$750): sponsor a medium-sized case or display.

Bifurcate Backers (\$500): have a professional archaeologist evaluate your artifact collection, or schedule a special group tour of the Museum.

Brewerton Benefactors (\$250): receive a large print of a Native American legend or one of Jack Szelka's photographs of Native people.

Vosburg Volunteers (\$100): sponsor a guest speaker at the Robbins Museum.

Squibnocket Supporters (\$75): have a commemorative brick placed on our front walk.

Larger donations may be targeted to specific projects, such as library renovation and expansion, collections storage, building maintenance, etc. Contact the Society office at 508-947-9005 or mas@massarchaeology.org for further details.

ATTENTION !!! VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Robbins Museum urgently needs your help with docent staffing of the Museum on all Saturdays throughout the Fall! We are looking for MAS members who enjoy communicating with the public about archaeology, the goals of the MAS, and the wonderful collection of material on display in the Museum. If you feel you can give at least one Saturday from 10:00-4:00 and help the Museum to spread the word about New England archaeology, please contact:

Rick Lynch at hstrclrsch@aol.com or by telephone at 401-954-3829



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