



CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
JUNE NEWSLETTER

June Meeting, Sat. June 3, 2017, Zion Lutheran Church, 41 Whitmarsh Avenue, Worcester MA
Remember to enter the Whitmarsh Street side of the church

AGENDA

7:30 PM Business Meeting: Janet Bessette

7:45 Refreshments: Bring your favorite dessert and share

8:00 **From Hills to Islands: Ancient Adaptations
by Native Americans in Boston Harbor
By Martin Dudek**

Some six thousand years ago Boston was well inland from the ocean, but as rising sea levels poured in tidal waters around the hills east of Boston, ancient Native Americans lost no time adapting to and enjoying the change. Spectacle Island preserved a wonderful record of several thousand years of clam bakes, fishing and other activities, excavated as part of the Big Dig project. The lecture focuses on how archaeologists are able to reconstruct ancient activities and diet from an unusually well preserved ancient site.

Martin Dudek is Principal Archaeologist for Commonwealth Heritage Group, with over thirty years of experience in the archeology of North America. His early work included archaeological projects in Mexico and Central America, California and Alaska. Over the past twenty five years Martin has worked primarily in Massachusetts and New Hampshire on Native American and historic sites spanning every period from the Paleoindian era to twentieth century industrial sites. In the 1990s Martin was data manager and laboratory supervisor for the Big Dig archaeology project in Boston.

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DIRECTIONS TO MEETING (at Zion Lutheran Church, 41 Whitmarsh Ave.

Worcester) From I-290, merge onto I-190 North via exit #19 towards Rt.12/Holden/Fitchburg. Take Rt.12/Gold Star Blvd. Exit #1 towards W. Boylston St. and bear right onto Gold Star Blvd. (Rt. 12) Follow Route 12 and travel 0.7 miles up a hill, over a bridge. Follow Route 12 which curves to the left and continue through two stoplights. Take the right onto Whitmarsh Ave., right after Greendale Pizza and go up the hill for 1 block. The Zion Lutheran Church will be on your left at the end of the block. The parking lot is on the right.

Archaeology Exhibits

LOCATION: Robbins Museum, 17 Jackson St. Middleboro, MA 02346

DATE & TIME: Every Wednesday, 9:00am-4:00pm; Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm; and by contacting, education@massarchaeology.org; our Education Department Staff offers a flexible schedule for tours that meet your organizational and classroom needs!

INFORMATION: Curt Hoffman, 508-947-9005, info@massarchaeology.org

SPONSOR: Massachusetts Archaeological Society

ADMISSION: \$2.00 per child and \$5.00 per adult

The Robbins Museum is handicapped accessible. Come visit one the oldest archaeological societies in the country. Enjoy our exhibits on the Massachusetts past. Learn about archaeology from our dedicated staff, volunteers, and archaeologists. Fun for the whole family. The Robbins Museum and the Massachusetts Archaeological Society offer education programs for all ages. Lectures for adults and hands-on programs for schools, scouts, and libraries. Have a real archaeologist visit your group and teach you about the fascinating history of New England as discovered through the science of archaeology.

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