



CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December Meeting, Sat. Dec. 1, 2018, Zion Lutheran Church, 41 Whitmarsh Avenue, Worcester MA
Remember to enter the Whitmarsh Street side of the church

AGENDA

7:30 PM Business Meeting
7:45 Refreshments: Tonya Largy

**Continuity: The Importance of Record Keeping
By Scott Delaney**

In the Spring of 2018, I spent time cataloguing a collection of projectile points given to Bridgewater State University by the Old Colony History Museum. This project had been started by another student prior to myself, and some of the process of recording and cataloguing individual pieces had been completed. There were minimal records given to the school with the collection, and the notes from the previous project lacked an identification system that definitively linked individual artifacts to the records in the project notes. In my report, I will detail my findings from the cataloguing process, the obstacle presented by the lack of contextual records and identifying information in previous notes, and my process for overcoming these obstacles and devising my own recording system.

Scott Delaney is a medic for the US Army, working in both field and clinical environments in roles ranging from point-of-injury care to assisting in surgical procedures. In 2014, he deployed to Malaysia, Indonesia, and Japan, to train infantry and medical personnel on battlefield injury care while working alongside military anthropologists, and discovered an affinity for anthropology. After leaving active duty and entering reserve status, he returned to college on the GI Bill and began pursuing a degree in Medical Anthropology, eventually turning his attention toward Public Archaeology. He intends to pursue a career within the field of Historic Archaeology, as his experiences have given him a particular interest in the archaeological and anthropological study of government waste.



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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

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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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