

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APRIL NEWSLETTER

April Meeting, Sat. April 6, 2019, Zion Lutheran Church, 41 Whitmarsh Avenue, Worcester MA
Remember to enter the Whitmarsh Street side of the church

AGENDA

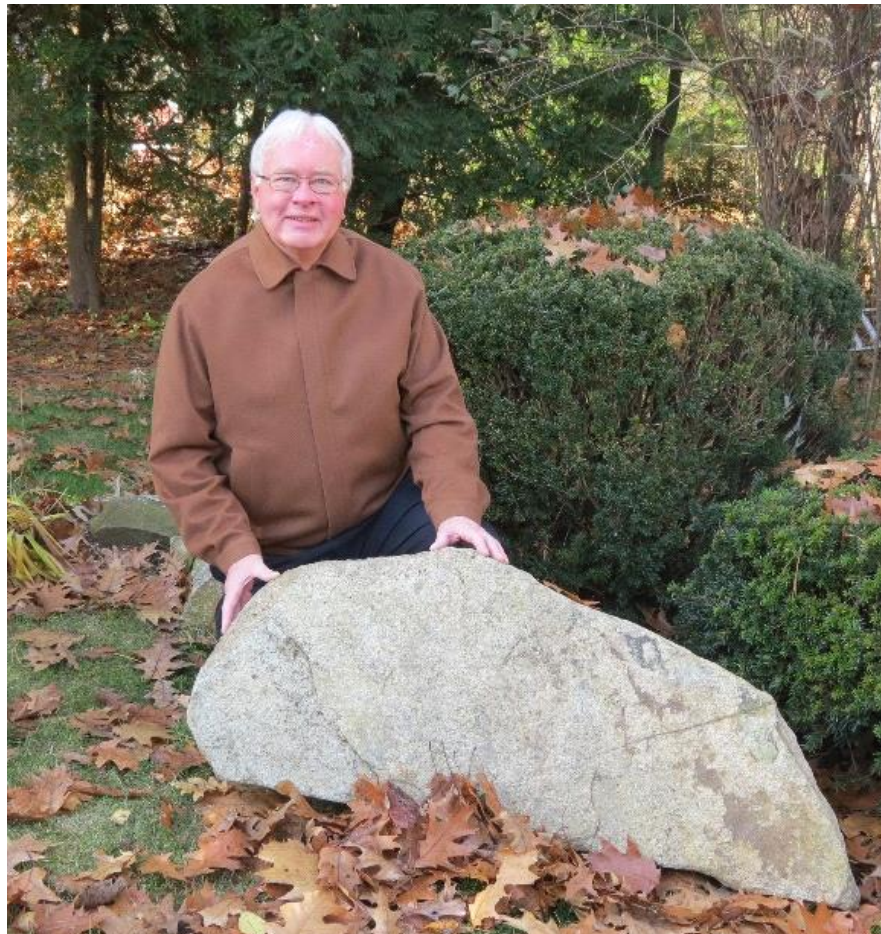
7:30 PM Business Meeting

7:45 Refreshments: Alan Smith and Curtiss Hoffman

8:00 **Spending Time in a Pilgrim's Home**
By David Russo

In 1627 Pilgrim Isaac Allerton was granted land on the outskirts of the fledgling Plymouth Colony and created a farm where he and subsequently his daughter settled. In 1972, this site was discovered during the construction of a new home and excavated by James Deetz. This excavation revolutionized previous assumptions on early colonial home construction. Forty three years later David Russo while visiting the homestead found the yard plowed-up for construction of a new home and discovered sherds of pottery. This presentation will include an introduction to this very early colonial homestead, a summary of the 1972 site discovery, and a presentation of the colonial and Native American artifacts discovered by David. Artifacts will be present for examination.

David is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist who practices in Holden, MA and is the former executive director of the Pastoral Counseling Centers of Massachusetts. For the past twenty five years his passion in his genealogy research has overlapped with his interest in history. Having discovered that his ancestry included Mayflower passenger Isaac Allerton lead to his present research. David has presented his findings at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants meeting and Pilgrim Hall Museum. Articles regarding his collection have appeared in the *Mayflower Journal*, the *Pilgrim Allerton Society Newsletters*, and local newspapers.



David with the recovered Allerton hearthstone

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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!

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

The Robbins Museum is handicapped accessible. Come visit one of 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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