



Things you should know about Massachusetts Archaeology Month

- Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and the State Archaeologist are the official sponsors of Massachusetts Archaeology Month.
- Archaeology Month is the Commonwealth's annual celebration of our archaeological past. Archaeologists, museums, historical societies, libraries, and others hold exciting and educational events for the public that shed light on the archaeological past.
- The most successful events are "hands-on" ones for the general public or school age children. Archaeological trail walks, boat trips, storytelling, craft activities, and demonstrations are perennial favorites.
- While topics concerning Massachusetts's archaeology, Native American traditions, and site preservation are ideal, we are happy to publicize events that highlight archaeology throughout the world.
- Events planned for Saturday, October 20, 2018 will also participate in International Archaeology Day, a worldwide celebration of archaeology.
- The MHC provides event matching. If you have an idea for an event but no venue, or would like to host an event please call us. We can't guarantee a match, but we will do our best.
- MHC publishes and distributes calendars, posters, and postcards free of charge each year. We also post an updateable version of the calendar on the web.
- MHC sends press releases to media outlets throughout the state to help publicize Massachusetts Archaeology Month. You are encouraged, however, to do your own publicity as well. We also hope that you will display posters and calendars at your event to help promote all of the programs.
- We hope Massachusetts Archaeology Month will bring a new audience to your venue. If you haven't participated in the past, please feel free to call the MHC to review your ideas with MHC staff archaeologists.