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**SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH  
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**Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin** announced today that **October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month 2016**. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and the State Archaeologist, this is the **25th annual** celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 50 events across the Commonwealth that promote awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs.

"Massachusetts Archaeology Month offers something for everyone who has a curiosity about the past. I urge everyone to take part in these events to gain a deeper knowledge of Massachusetts and its archaeological past," said Secretary Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Archaeology Month offers a variety of programs for adults, children, parents, and teachers. Programs highlight local history as well as archaeology around the world. Events include lectures, tours, exhibits, mock excavations, walking tours, chances to see behind-the-scenes in laboratories, and demonstrations; and will be held in the following communities: Acton, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Barnstable, Becket, Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Cambridge, Concord, East Bridgewater, Hamilton, Haverhill, Lowell, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Medford, Middleborough, Newbury, Newton, North Adams, Oakham, Plymouth, Quincy, Somerville, Springfield, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Taunton, Tewksbury, Waltham, Wayland, Wellfleet, West Bridgewater, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

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Highlights include: tours of the Robbins Museum of Archaeology in Middleborough, an interactive tour of the Monuments of Mesopotamia from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge, and numerous talks about recent archaeological excavations in downtown Plymouth.

**The Calendar of Events and Poster for Massachusetts Archaeology Month are available for immediate download at MHC's website:**

**([http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/arch\\_month/archidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/arch_month/archidx.htm)).** Printed posters and calendars are also available, call the MHC 617-727-8470 to receive a mailed copy. In addition to the event listings, the calendar includes information about Massachusetts museums with archaeology programs and archaeological websites. Special resources for teachers including archaeology related lesson plans are available at MHC's website. The poster features an image of the archaeological field school at the Emily Dickinson Homestead in Amherst.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth.

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