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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 2013**. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and the State Archaeologist, this is the **22nd annual** celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 95 events across the Commonwealth that promote awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs. This year's theme is "Foundations of the Past."

"During Archaeology Month, there is 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, walks, and demonstrations; and will be held in the following communities: Acton, Amesbury, Andover, Barnstable, Berkley, Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Chester, Concord, Danvers, Deerfield, Dennis, East Brookfield, Easton, Grafton, Harvard, Haverhill, Hull, Ipswich, Lawrence, Lowell, Medford, Middleborough, Milton, Newbury, North Adams, Peabody, Pepperell, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Rockland, Rowe, Salem, Somerville, South Hadley, Springfield, Sturbridge, Truro, Waltham, Wayland, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn, and Worcester.

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State House, Room 337, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Highlights include: a discussion on reclaiming the Wampanoag language in Acton, a laboratory open house and artifact identification at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster, updates from this summer's excavations in Plymouth, and a bike tour of the Middlesex Canal.

The Calendar of Events and Poster for Massachusetts Archaeology Month are available for immediate download at MHC's website (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc). Printed posters and calendars are also available; call the MHC 617-727-8470 or email jennifer.poulsen@sec.state.ma.us 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 a team of archaeologists working to unearth a house foundation at the Sarah Boston Farmstead Site in Grafton. Excavations at this site give insight into the life of a 19th-century Nipmuc woman in Central Massachusetts.

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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