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## **SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH OCTOBER 2014**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin** announced today that **October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month 2014**. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and the State Archaeologist, this is the **23rd annual** celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 90 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, walks, and demonstrations; and will be held in the following communities: Acton, Amherst, Andover, Billerica, Boston, Bourne, Brewster, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Concord, Dennis, Duxbury, East Brookfield, Eastham, Essex, Framingham, Gloucester, Grafton, Harvard, Haverhill, Lowell, Marshfield, Medfield, Medford, Middleborough, Newbury, North Adams, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Quincy, Rockland, Salem, Scituate, Sheffield, Somerville, Springfield, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Townsend, Upton, Waltham, Wayland, Westwood, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

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Highlights include: tours of the Robbins Museum of Archaeology in Middleborough, archaeological walking tours in Boston, hands-on maritime archaeology activities at the Scituate Town Library, lectures and demonstrations on Eastern Woodland Native American past at the Fruitlands Indian Museum, and the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture's "Amazing Archaeology at Harvard Festival" in Cambridge.

**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 or email [jennifer.poulsen@sec.state.ma.us](mailto: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 artifacts found during the archaeological investigation of the Three Cranes Tavern Site in Charlestown, Mass.

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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