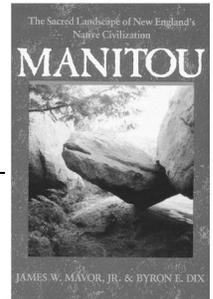


# FRIENDS OF PINE HAWK ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES

## Early October Events



### OPEN HOUSE AT JOHN MILNER ASSOCIATES

4 THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER FROM 2-4 P.M.

LOCATION: 410 GREAT RD., LITTLETON, FREE

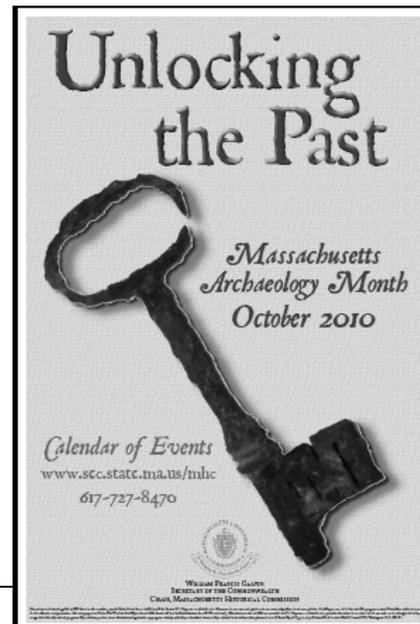
Meet archaeologists involved with investigating sites in Massachusetts, and learn how they identify artifacts. Bring odd items for identification. Groups (8+) should call in advance. 978 486-0688.

### "SWAGG OF CHAIN": THE HISTORY OF ACTON DEVELOPMENT AS TOLD BY ITS EARLIEST PROPERTY SURVEYS AND MAPS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FREE

Geographer Belle Choate will take us on a virtual tour of Acton, spanning the period from 1700 to 1950, using original proprietors' records, maps and deeds.



### BOOK DISCUSSION: MANITOU

BY BYRON DIX AND JAMES MAVOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FREE

In 1974, Byron Dix discovered the first of many areas in New England believed to be ancient Native American ritual sites. Dix and co-author James Mavor relate the fascinating story of the discovery and exploration of these many stone structures and standing stones, whose placement in the surrounding landscape suggests that they played an important role in celestial observation and shamanic ritual. Copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk in mid-Sept.

### WHEELER FARM WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10 A.M.

LOCATION: MEET AT THE END OF WHEELER LANE, FREE

(RAIN DATE: OCT. 17)

The walk will begin at the historic Wheeler Farm site where restoration, new trails, and landscaping are underway. Discussion there will include the early history of the dry cattle farm, its two mills, and its early connection to Concord. The group will walk a short distance downstream to the restored Chamber and blacksmith shop site. Bring a flashlight if you wish to go inside. Children and dogs are welcome, but the trail is not yet accessible to strollers or wheelchairs.

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## *Late October Events*

### **THE NEW ANTIQUARIAN:**

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIOUS STONE RUINS**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FREE**

Join Filmmaker Ted Timreck to view his latest work and discuss recent research on the origins of the many stone ruins found in eastern North America. His documentary film explains how a new collaboration is revealing an archeological legacy of monumental landscape architecture with deep roots in the American past. Ted is a Peabody award winning filmmaker who holds a research position in the anthropology department of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

### **WHO BUILT THESE MYSTERIOUS STONE STRUCTURES?**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10 A.M.**

**RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**LOCATION: MEET AT THE END OF WHEELER LANE, FREE**

Join Linda McElroy on this one mile hike and view the stone chamber and several other sites which are still under investigation. The initial theory is that the small stone assemblages walkers will see exemplify several types of typical Native American sacred sites. There is also an enigmatic stone foundation, unlike anything else in the area.



### **CAN YOU DIG IT?**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM FOR GRADES 2-4**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FREE**

Join local archaeologist and educator Kimberley Connors-Hughes as we discover the difference between fossils, rocks and artifacts. This hands-on program will feature actual artifacts, stone tools and fossils as young learners learn the science of excavations around the world.



### **UNCOVERING THE PAST**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 3 P.M.**

**LOCATION: SCIENCE DISCOVERY MUSEUM, FREE WITH ADMISSION**

Uncover a variety of artifacts and food remains, including historic pottery, bottles, animal bones and seeds, during a mock midden dig led by archaeologist Marty Dudek. Middens, the remains of old trash heaps, are important archeological sites. Try your hand at mending pottery, identifying vessel forms and measuring their size. Identify animal bones and recover seeds through flotation or water sifting. Find out about basic excavation and recovery methods and discover how archeologists learn about diet.