We organize a series of public lectures, workshops, and walks about local and regional archaeology each fall during October (Massachusetts Archaeology Month) and early November (National Native American Heritage Month). We also have a year-round book discussion group and perform service projects at the Trail Through Time in North Acton. For more information, visit:

http://tinyurl.com/pinehawk

We encourage interested citizens and members of Native American groups to join the Friends of Pine Hawk free. To receive program updates and notifications, e-mail us (address below). Tax deductible contributions may be made out to Friends of Acton Libraries-Pine Hawk.

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THE STORY OF PINE HAWK

AWA R E N E S S OF LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY. During the excavation for Acton’s new sewer treatment plant, thousands of artifacts were found. At the now-named Pine Hawk site, archaeologists uncovered an ancient and significant Native American seasonal settlement site. These discoveries helped fill out the picture of Native American life in our region, revealing evidence of human habitation here for over 7,000 years.

A MUSEUM-QUALITY EXHIBIT. The Acton Memorial Library showcases artifacts from the dig and a timeline of habitation of the site. Funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act, the exhibit was developed by Friends of Pine Hawk member Doug Halley with input from the Nipmuc Tribal Council. It complies with Massachusetts Historical Commission and Native American law and legal rights. Several more photographs and site maps of the archaeological dig are available at the Acton Engineering Department.

THREE PORTABLE DISPLAYS. The Setting, The Dig, and The Artifacts highlight various aspects of Pine Hawk. These can be seen on the upper floor of the Acton Memorial Library and are available for loan to local businesses, schools, museums, and speaking venues.

FRIENDS OF PINE HAWK. A group of Acton area citizens, town officials, and educators formed in 2002 to promote public awareness of the unique archaeological and human story of Pine Hawk. We believe that a better understanding of this remarkable find enriches our community educationally and culturally. With the generous support of the organizations listed on the overside, we provide many educational resources and programs to bring the story of Pine Hawk to the community and schools. You are welcome to learn more about Pine Hawk by visiting the Acton Memorial Library, attending our various programs, and scanning our website.

For more info, see https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk.

Educational Outreach

A detailed report of the Pine Hawk archaeological excavation is available at the Acton library. Library staff also maintain bibliographies of selected Native American and Archaeology resources. These are also on the Pine Hawk community website at https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk.

The study of Pine Hawk has been integrated into the Acton-Boxborough School 4th and 8th grade curricula to enhance students’ understanding of local history. Also, at teachers’ invitations, Pine Hawk speakers periodically visit the schools.

A kit containing replicas of Pine Hawk site artifacts was created by a professional archaeologist and is kept at the Acton Historical Society. These life-size replicas can be borrowed for local classroom and museum programs. Posters and educational DVDs have also been developed and are available to local educators.