

Thursday, October 1, drop-in 3 – 4:30 pm

DISCOVER THE NATIVE AMERICAN TOOLBOX Native Americans have lived along the Assabet River in Acton for more than 7,000 years. See replicas of the artifacts and stone tool flakes uncovered by archaeologists at the seasonal Pine Hawk campsite. Watch archaeologist Craig Chartier demonstrate the art and science of stone knapping as he creates tools and arrowheads. Try several hands-on activities to learn about techniques that archaeologists use to uncover and interpret important clues to the past. The Discovery Museums; free with admission.

Tuesday, October 6, 7 pm

COLONIAL MEDICINE, THE DAVIS FAMILY, AND INDIAN TECHNOLOGY There were very few medical doctors in colonial New England. In what is now Carlisle, Simon Davis, Jr., and later his son John are believed to have practiced medicine based in part on knowledge learned from Indians. The evidence will be described, and a visit to the sites can be scheduled. Physicist Dr. Timothy Fohl is the presenter. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 pm

BOOK DISCUSSION: AMERICAN PASSAGE: THE COMMUNICATIONS FRONTIER IN EARLY NEW ENGLAND Wellesley College historian Katherine Grandjean will join the discussion of her new book, which stresses the importance of communication to colonization and discusses how early settlers mastered lines of communication among the widespread English colonies. With neither a postal service nor many horses, one solution was to share news by hiring Native American messengers. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Wednesday, October 14, 7 pm

WHEN NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES DON'T FIT THE OLD MODELS Peabody Award-winning filmmaker Ted Timreck returns to show his latest work, which illustrates new discoveries that are changing the understanding of the ancient Algonquin Atlantic. He is also a Research Associate in the Anthropology Department at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Saturday, October 17, 10 am

ADULT ARCHAEOLOGY WALK Site preservation specialist Linda McElroy will lead the walk along a portion of the Trail Through Time where a series of stone pile clusters exemplify different types of ceremonial stone architecture associated with northeastern Native American spiritual belief systems. Park and meet at the end of Wheeler Lane off Main St./Rte. 27. In case of rain or poor trail conditions on the 17th, the walk will be held Saturday, October 24, at 10 am. Call Acton Memorial Library (978-929-6655) for information or weather update. Free.

Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HASSANAMESIT WOODS Stephen Mrozowski, Director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research at UMass/Boston, summarizes the results of an unusual project at the site of a Native American household headed by four generations of Nipmuc women. Using a variety of technologies and analytical techniques, archaeologists were able to construct an amazingly detailed picture of life for the Nipmuc of Southern New England between the mid-18th and mid-19th centuries. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Sunday, October 25, 3 pm

POW WOW TIME: A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 1ST GRADE AND UP Learn about modern Native American life and traditions from James Stormhorse Sandborn. James will wear his ceremonial dance clothing and give descriptions and explanations about each item. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Monday, October 26, 7 pm

PALEOLANDSCAPE PERSPECTIVES: LOOKING AT THE ANCIENT PEOPLES OF NEW ENGLAND The talk will describe geoarchaeology and how a landscape perspective can inform research. Examples from sites in New England and elsewhere will illustrate the techniques and potential of this approach. The speaker, Dr. Suanna Crowley, has worked on archaeological sites in the US, Pakistan, Syria, Israel, and France. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Sunday, November 1, 2:30 pm

AUTHOR TALK: EDWARD LODI ON WHO WHEN WHERE IN KING

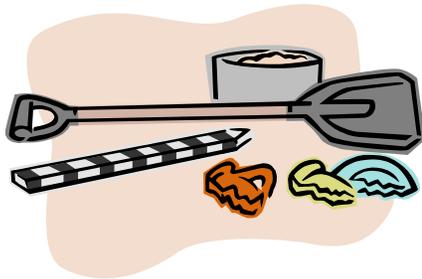
PHILIP'S WAR Mr. Lodi will speak about his latest book, giving a brief overview of the war, including its causes, its beginnings in Plymouth Colony, its rapid spread throughout New England, and its long-lasting effects on both the English and the Indians. He will focus on various individuals—men, women, and children, on both sides—who fought in the war, who were its victims, or who otherwise played significant or memorable roles. A book signing will follow the talk. Acton Memorial Library; free.

Sunday, November 8, 12-3 pm

Friends of Pine Hawk Community Service. This annual effort will again take place on the Trail Through Time, a multicultural heritage trail in the conservation lands of North Acton. The focus will be on improvement of the stone dust trails and perennial gardens at the historic Wheeler Farmstead and Mills site. To volunteer and for details, please contact Bob Ferrara at rferrara@mit.edu, or 978 263 8642.

Acton Memorial Library is located at 486 Main St. (Rte. 27) next to Town Hall. The parking lot and entrance are accessed from Woodbury Lane. 978-929-6655

The Discovery Museums are located at 177 Main St. (Rte. 27), Acton. 978-264-4200



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FALL 2015 ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMS



Enjoy these activities presented by
the Friends of Pine Hawk,
Acton's local archaeological
organization

These programs are dedicated to retiring Town Health Director Doug Halley, who was there when the Pine Hawk site was found, and who has worked diligently to further interest in, and knowledge of, archaeology in Acton.