

Maine Archaeology Month October 2019

A Maine Celebration of Archaeology's Rich Heritage

Exhibits and Public Talks

Throughout October, Orono

Maine Middens

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit curated by Alice Kelley

Hudson Museum

5746 Collins Center for the Arts
Orono, Maine
Free

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October 18, 2019, Trescott TWP, 6:30 PM

Midden Minders

Maine's coastal heritage spans thousands of years with the indigenous hunters/gatherers/fishers who relied on the rich resources of the region's ocean, coastline, marshes, and adjacent forests. The record of their occupation and the environment in which they lived is preserved in shell middens. However, these valuable archives are disappearing as sea-level rise and changing weather patterns impact the Maine coast. The Maine Midden Minders seek to engage local citizens individually and conservation organizations to monitor and document change at coastal shell middens, and to record shell midden information for future research.

Arthur Anderson, University of New England, Gabe Hrynicky University of New Brunswick and Alice Kelly, University of Maine, Orono

Cobscook Community Learning Center

10 Commissary Point Road
Trescott TWP, ME 04652
Free

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October 17, 2019, 7:00 PM, Kennebunk

Art as an Archaeological Essential

Susan Osgood will discuss her archaeological and epigraphic work in Egypt, and hold a book-signing after the presentation. She is here to train the Cape Porpoise Archaeological Alliance (Brick Store Museum and Kennebunkport Conservation Trust) on how to properly document the dugout canoe found in Cape Porpoise this past spring.

Susan Osgood, Senior Artist for the Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey at the University of Chicago

Brick Store Museum

117 Main Street
Kennebunk, ME
Freed, Donations accepted

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October 21, 2019; Yarmouth

Archaeology of Casco Bay and Yarmouth

The story of Native American life just before Europeans arrived was shaped by environmental, cultural, and technological changes beginning with the end of the ice age. Some changes were drastic, yet there is also evidence of continuity across broad spans of time. Examination of archaeological sites from Yarmouth and Casco Bay help provide an understanding Native American life prior to the arrival of Europeans.

Arthur Spiess, Senior Archaeologist, Maine Historic Preservation Society

Yarmouth History Center

118 East Elm Street
Yarmouth, Maine
Free for members; \$5 for nonmembers

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October, 24, 2019, 6:00 PM, Bath

The History and Process of Shipwreck Archaeology

Professor Warren Riess will explain the significance, possibilities, fieldwork, analysis, and ethics of this unique endeavor. Riess will use maritime archaeology examples mostly in Maine.

Warren Riess, University of Maine

Maine Maritime Museum

243 Washington Street
Bath, ME 04530
Members \$7.00; Nonmembers \$10.00

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October 24, 2019; 6:30 Brunswick

Digital Preservation and Analysis: Using New Technology in Archaeology

The digital documentation of archaeological sites provides a new way of preserving, educating, and analyzing cultural and natural landscapes. These geospatial models enable users to quantitatively and qualitatively assess sites for coastal erosion, provide visualization tools for public education, and serve as a form of digital preservation.

Anthony Viola, CEO and Founder, Arcudigm LLC

Brunswick High School

116 Maquoit Road
Brunswick, ME
Free

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October 27, 2019, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Augusta

Fall Annual Meeting of The Maine Archaeological Society

Arthur Spiess of MHPC will kick things off with a talk concerning the significance of Maine's varied archaeology, recording archaeological sites and the contributions of Maine avocational archaeologists. If you have an artifact collection, please bring it along to share. We will have tables set up for people to layout artifacts including collections provided by MHPC representing varied pre and postcontact sites. The lectures (technology in the archaeological field) will be followed by an indoor flint knapping demonstration. Lunch can be spent exploring the Arboretum (weather permitting) and after lunch we will gather to see, talk, and learn about the deep cultural and historical significance of the collections.

Viles Arboretum

153 Hospital Street,
Augusta, ME
Free

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October 29, 2019, 4:00 PM Orono

From the Pleistocene to the Anthropocene: Archaeology and the Future of California Island Ecosystems

Interdisciplinary archaeological research documents 13,000 years of Chumash interactions with marine and terrestrial ecosystems on California's Channel Islands. Integration of these data with historical and modern environmental records demonstrates the potential of archaeology to enhance conservation and management of a variety of ecosystems and organisms.

Dr. Torben Rick, Curator of North American Archaeology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Bodwell Area, Collins Center for the Arts

University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469
Free

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October 30, 2019, Brunswick, 6:30 PM

LiDAR Imaging: A New Tool for Archaeology

A brief historical outline provides the context for an introduction to LiDAR technology and a demonstration of how LiDAR-derived imagery is being used as an adjunct to traditional methods in the search for early European settlement sites in the Merrymeeting Bay area. Also included are examples of how LiDAR imaging and analytics can be used in gauging human impacts to the area's ecosystem that have taken place in past centuries.

Alan Bowes, Senior Researcher, Merrymeeting Bay Pioneers Project

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116 Maquoit Road

Brunswick, ME

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