

## ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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### OCTOBER 2008 ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

The **Friends of Pine Hawk** are offering activities for all ages during **October**, which is State Archaeology Month in Massachusetts.

On **Thursdays October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**, from **2-4 p.m.**, there will be an Open House at John Milner Associates Archaeological Laboratory. This is an opportunity to meet archaeologists involved with investigating Massachusetts sites and learn how they identify artifacts. Bring odd items for identification. Groups (8+) should call in advance. The **lab is located at 410 Great Rd., Littleton**. The Open House is free; call 978 486-0688 for further information.

The free talk 'Native Americans after the Ice Age: On the Trail of the Local Paleo-Indian Past' will be presented **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Acton Memorial Library**. Local knowledge of Paleo-Indians in this area is developing mainly because of the re-examination of old artifact collections. Dr. Shirley Blancke talks of discovering some signposts, and the challenges of following the trail.

'Paddle Dolls' will be offered on **Thursday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Children's Discovery Museum**. Ancient Egyptian paddle dolls are considered one of oldest examples of toys designed for children. They were fashioned out of thin flat boards and shaped with a head, arms, torso, and rounded end. Come design a wooden paddle doll--what will it look like? Program free with admission.

A program for children, 'A Look into a Native American Toolbox' will be held **Saturday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m.** at the **Acton Memorial Library**. Join Craig Chartier, archaeologist and educator from the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project, for this event. It will introduce children to the technology of flint knapping (stone tool production) as represented at Acton's own Pine Hawk site. Participants will get the chance to see a demonstration by Craig and to participate in hands-on activities related to geology and stone tool making and use. Free.

Acton Health Director Doug Halley will discuss the latest on Acton's Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey during 'Are There Arrowheads in My Backyard?' on **Wednesday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.**, at **Acton Memorial Library**. This is a great opportunity to learn about Acton's archaeological landscape and what it means for property owners and development. Free.

'A Walk Through Time' will be held **Saturday, October 25, at 10 a.m.** Join Trail Through Time Coalition leader Linda McElroy for this one-mile walk from the Wheeler Farm site to the restored Nashoba Brook Stone Chamber. Learn about enhancements at the Chamber site and work planned or in progress at the Wheeler Farm site, the currently active restoration site on the Trail Through Time. Children and dogs are welcome; the trail is not stroller- or wheelchair- friendly yet. Park and **meet at the end of Wheeler Lane off Main St./Rte. 27. Rain date: October 26**. Free; call Acton Memorial Library (978 264-9641) for further information.

'Secrets of Archaeology' will be presented **on Wednesday, October 29, at 4 p.m. at the Science Discovery Museum**. In one hundred years, an archaeologist will know if you didn't wash your dishes! Join archaeologist Kimberley Connors-Hughes to explore the role of chemistry in studying the past. Predict which artifacts might survive burial in different kinds of soil, or check out 'dirty dishes' and learn how various foods leave chemical traces behind. Sponsored by the Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation; free with admission.

The 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. 978 264-9641

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

The Friends of Pine Hawk is an ad-hoc group of Acton citizens, town officials, and educators who are interested in understanding and publicizing the archeological and human story behind the great trove of Native American artifacts discovered at the "Pine Hawk" site in South Acton. To do this, the group endeavors to raise awareness of and interest in archaeological issues and discoveries.

For more information about Pine Hawk, visit [www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk), [www.ab.mec.edu./pinehawk](http://www.ab.mec.edu./pinehawk) and the Pine Hawk exhibit at Acton Town Hall.