



Organized by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, this program promotes Rhode Island's rich archaeological heritage through a series of free public events led by the professional community.

Events

In chronological order

The Archaeology of Children at the Rhode Island State Home and School

SATURDAY
October 7
4:00 - 10:00 PM
Providence

Rhode Island College professor Pierre Morenon will discuss the archaeology of children at the Rhode Island State Home and School, which housed dependent and neglected children from 1885-1979. His research provides nuanced and intimate glimpses of daily life in this state institution, which shaped generations of young Rhode Islanders.

Join him for an outdoor walking tour of the former State Home property and historic Chapin Mansion (4:00-6:30 PM) and/or attend his follow-up lecture and slideshow (7:00-10:00 PM). This event is sponsored by Rhode Island College.

Location: **Yellow Cottage**, Rhode Island College, Providence (Yellow Cottage is on the west side of Salisbury Drive, between the Forman Center and the Recreation Center)

Contact: emorenon@ric.edu or 401-456-9724

Digging the Past: Why Archaeology Matters

WEDNESDAY
October 11
7:00 PM
Kingston

“Archaeology” conjures up images of thrilling discoveries from ancient Egypt or Rome. Yet, is archaeology more than an esoteric pursuit of the past? University of Rhode Island professors, Kris Bovy (Anthropology) and Bridget Buxton (History), will discuss compelling examples for why archaeological investigation can be relevant to our own lives today. Case studies will be drawn from their own research and beyond, include both local and global examples, and cover a wide range of contemporary issues, including social inequality, environmental sustainability, wildlife management, forensics, and health.

Location: **Washburn Hall** Room 111, University of Rhode Island, Kingston (free parking is available across the street in the temporary Visitor Center lot on Upper Campus Rd.)

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Archaeology of College Hill Community Archaeology Day

SATURDAY
October 14
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Providence

Watch or join Brown undergraduates digging (yes, really digging!). This year, as part of ongoing work on Brown's campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods of College Hill, students will be excavating at the nearby Moses Brown School. Stop by this family-friendly event any time between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM to see what we're up to or try your hand at excavating. All are welcome! This free event is sponsored by Moses Brown School and Brown University's Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World.

Location: **Moses Brown School**, 250 Lloyd Ave., Providence (go to the corner of Hope St. and Lloyd Ave. where you'll see us digging – wave to us and we'll direct you around the fence to our site!)

Contact: joukowsky_institute@brown.edu or (401) 863-3188

Joukowsky Institute Archaeology Open House: Archaeology in Action

SATURDAY
October 14
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Providence

At the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World on Brown University's Main Green, faculty and students will show you artifacts including coins, precious metals, ceramics, and other artifacts. Tour one of the oldest buildings on campus, and talk with Brown's archaeologists about their fieldwork all over the world!

Location: **Joukowsky Institute for Arch.**, R.I. Hall (60 George St.), Brown Univ., Providence

Contact: joukowsky_institute@brown.edu or (401) 863-3188

Artifacts of Warwick

SUNDAY
October 15
2:00-3:00 PM
Warwick

For archaeologists, every artifact has a story. You're invited to join professional archaeologist Alan Leveillee to explore history through Native American and EuroAmerican material culture – from stone tools to buttons and bottles. This will be a hands-on event and we encourage you to bring an artifact or two (Antiques Roadshow style). Come check out artifacts from archaeological sites in Warwick and let's see what time travel

secrets your treasures may hold. This event is sponsored by the Warwick Public Library and the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.

Location: **Warwick Public Library**, Central Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick
Contact: aleveillee@palinc.com or 401-288-6315

Ground-Penetrating Radar Demonstration & Gravestone Iconography

SATURDAY
October 21
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
South Kingstown

Technological advances, including ground-penetrating radar, are enabling archaeologists to study important sites without disturbing the ground. Join Salve Regina's Assistant Professor Dr. Jon Marcoux at South Kingstown's Tower Hill Cemetery (SE corner of Rt.1 and Torrey Rd.) for a live demonstration. South County History Center representatives will also be on hand to discuss the cemetery's headstones and Tower Hill's history. The demonstration will take place from 1-3 PM, and attendees can visit the site any time therein. In case of inclement weather, the demonstration will be postponed until Sunday, October 22, from 1-3 PM. For event updates, visit SouthCountyHistoryCenter.org or [Facebook.com/SouthCountyHistoryCenter](https://www.facebook.com/SouthCountyHistoryCenter). This event is organized by the South County History Center in partnership with Kingston Congregational Church, with funding support from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

Location: parking available at **All Outdoors**, 4060 Tower Hill Rd., South Kingstown
Contact: erica@southcountyhistorycenter.org

What Lies Beneath: A Look Below Rhode Island's Historical Burial Grounds

TUESDAY
October 24
6:30 PM
Kingston

Joseph (Jay) N. Waller, Jr., Senior Archaeologist at The Public Archaeology Laboratory, will discuss the unseen world lying beneath the slate and marble gravestones of our historic burying places. Drawing from archaeological projects in Rhode Island, he will discuss 19th century burial practices and provide examples of common artifacts recovered from historic graves. He also will highlight a recent project in which archaeologists, with private landowner support, identified and relocated internments from a formerly 'lost' historic burial ground. This event is organized by the South County History Center in partnership with Kingston Free Library, with funding support from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

Location: **Kingston Free Library's Potter Hall**, 2605 Kingstown Road, Kingston
Contact: erica@southcountyhistorycenter.org

Shipwrecks of the Ocean State

Wednesday
October 25
7:00-8:00 PM
Providence

*Come to the Old State House in Providence for an evening of maritime misfortune! Rhode Island has more shipwrecks per square mile than any other state, and archaeologist Charlotte Taylor will share images and stories of choice disasters at sea from the last three hundred years. Her new book, *RI Shipwrecks (Images of America)* will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.*

Location: **Old State House**, 150 Benefit Street, Providence

Contact: charlotte.taylor@preservation.ri.gov

Speak to an Archaeologist: Learn More About Local Archaeology and Bring Your Questions

SATURDAY
October 28
12:00 - 3:00 PM
North Scituate

Gray & Pape professional archaeologists and Scituate Preservation Society members Nathan Scholl and Kimberly Smith invite you to learn about what archaeology is and what archaeologists do in New England. Listen to their stories, and bring your own questions and stories to share about local history. Time permitting, the archaeologists will help identify Native American and early colonial artifacts that you may happen to own (limit – 2 per person). Anyone curious about the past is welcome to this family-friendly event.

Location: **Scituate Preservation Society Grange Hall**, 706 Hartford Pike, North Scituate.

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