



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

Brayton Cemetery Scavenger Hunt

SATURDAY
October 5
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Warwick

Join cemetery enthusiasts Pegee Malcolm and members of the Warwick Commission on Historical Cemeteries for a photographic scavenger hunt at historic Brayton Cemetery. Bring the kids along for this fun family outdoor event. As you stroll through this 6-acre cemetery, be on the lookout for clues—and compete for prizes. Learn about the Civil War, some local history, and see demonstrations of cleaning headstones. All are welcome. In the case of steady, heavy rain, this event will be held on Sunday, October 6.

Location: **Brayton Cemetery**, 3475 Post Road, Warwick. Parking inside the cemetery. Pull in main entrance and go to the back. Parking also available on Brand Avenue.

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"NOT THE GASPEE"-TWO SHIPWRECKS IN OCCUPESSATUXET COVE, WARWICK: A STUDY OF SITE STABILITY AND DISINTEGRATION

THURSDAY
October 10
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Warwick

The Warwick team of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project (RIMAP) will present the results of its five-year study of two shipwrecks in Occupestatuxet Cove in a public talk. Though these ships are near where HMS Gaspee was burned by Rhode Island citizens in 1772, neither can be that historic vessel, and so the project has been named: "Not the Gaspee." Though these ships have not yet been firmly identified, their study has been useful as a comparison of how sites disintegrate or remain stable, based on specific construction details and local conditions. This RIMAP team consists largely of local Warwick volunteers, organized by State Rep. Joe McNamara, trained by RIMAP, and under the direction of Principal Investigator, Dr. Kathy Abbass.

Location: **Pilgrim Senior Center**, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick

Contact: rhodeislandmap@yahoo.com

Digging Manisses: Block Island's Recent Archaeological Contributions to Understanding Rhode Island's Native American Past

SATURDAY
October 12
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Kingston

Block Island is Rhode Island's largest offshore island. Native Americans routinely visited this popular destination spot then known as Manisses for more than 6,000 years. Join professional archaeologist Jay Waller for a presentation on recent investigations at two Block Island Native American sites that were excavated during construction of the Block Island Wind Farm, the United States' first offshore wind farm. This event is hosted by the South County History Center and the Kingston Free Library.

Location: **Kingston Free Library**, 2605 Kingstown Road, Kingston

Contact: erica@southcountyhistorycenter.org or 401-783-1328

For more details, please visit <http://southcountyhistorycenter.org/>

Walking Through Time: The 3000-Year History of the URI Campus

SATURDAY
October 19
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Kingston

In 2017, the University of Rhode Island marked its 125th anniversary. The land on which the university sits, however, has a much longer and complicated history, which is invisible to most members of the campus community. Ancestors of the Narragansett, the only federally recognized tribe in this area, lived and worked here for millennia prior to the arrival of Europeans. Archaeological work performed prior to the construction of the Ryan Center in the 1990s also revealed a late 18th century burial ground associated with the Niles family, which likely contains the remains of enslaved Africans and indigenous people, part of the tumultuous history of Rhode Island. Join us on a walking tour of the URI campus to learn about the history of this land. Sponsored by the University of Rhode Island (Sociology & Anthropology, History, and the Applied History Lab) and the Tomaquag Museum.

Location: Tour starts at the **Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center** (75 Briar Lane), URI campus, Kingston

Advance registration encouraged. Contact: kbovy@uri.edu or (401) 874-4143

Archaeology of College Hill Community Archaeology Day

SATURDAY
October 19
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Providence

Come be part of an active archaeological excavation! Students will be digging on the grounds of Moses Brown School (across the street from Brown's athletic center), uncovering the foundations of a 19th-century home and processing artifacts from that household. Stop by for this family-friendly event any time between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm to see the artifacts students are discovering. You may even try your hand at digging. This 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

Uncover Archaeology: Community Archaeology Day at the Joukowsky Institute

SATURDAY
October 19
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Providence

At the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World on Brown University's Main Green, see ancient coins from Greece and Rome up close! Examine Persian and Roman ceramics, animal bones, Nabatean sculptures carved in rose-red sandstone, prehistoric tools, precious metals, and other artifacts from thousands of years ago – and learn to draw them, coached by experts. 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

Revisiting Snowtown: The Archaeology of the North Shore Site in Providence

WEDNESDAY
October 23
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Providence

Please join Heather Olson, archaeology laboratory manager at The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc., for a discussion of the Providence Cove Lands Project; a large-scale archaeological excavation undertaken in Providence during the early 1980s. Her presentation will describe the original excavations and the recent cataloging and curation efforts that preserve the approximately 150,000-artifact collection. In addition, Ms. Olson will discuss the history and archaeology of the North Shore Site, focusing on the 19th-century working class residents of Providence's Snowtown and the later Gaspee Street neighborhoods.

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

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