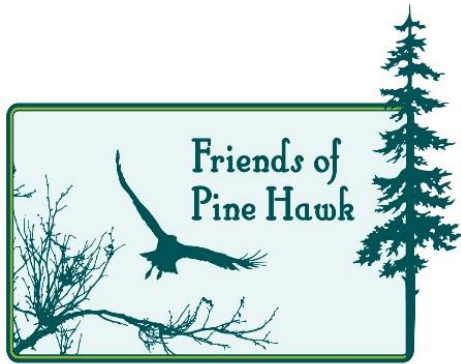


2023 Fall Programs



The Friends of Pine Hawk 2023 Fall Program is presented with support from Acton Memorial Library and Freedom's Way National Heritage Area and the Littleton Historical Society.



Most programs are free but all require registration at <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk-2023>
Questions? Email friends.of.pinehawk@gmail.com

Thursday, October 5, 7 PM

FROM PINE HAWK TO TRAIL THROUGH TIME Former Acton Health Director, Doug Halley, describes the discovery of the Pine Hawk archaeological site and its significance. He relates how the project activated an increased interest in historical preservation, leading to the restoration of the Acton Stone Chamber and to continuing work on Acton's Trail Through Time, which brings the interface of two different cultures to light. At Acton Memorial Library and Zoom.

Tuesday, October 10, 11 AM – 1 PM

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF CONCORD WALK For over 10,000 years the indigenous people of the land knew this area as Musketaquid, the land between the grassy rivers. This tour explores the history of the first people and how they lived in a land of abundance seeking to keep and foster balance with the natural world, their mother, who sustained them always. What happened when cultures collided after European fur traders came and then English settlers in the 17th century will be discussed as we examine how those events shape the world of the indigenous people of Massachusetts today. In Concord, guided by Amy Cole. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration limited to 20. Directions will be emailed to registrants.

Wednesday, October 11, 7 PM

CONNECTICUT'S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES: AN INTRODUCTION by Lucianne Lavin, director of research emeritus at the Institute of American Indian Studies. Over thousands of years, Native Americans in Eastern North America became experts of their natural environments, managing the plant, animal, and human communities for the benefit and survival of all. Indigenous folklore and sacred stories promoted this ecological balance and spiritual obligation. Remote via Zoom. A link will be sent a few days in advance.

Saturday, October 14, 2 - 5 PM

ROBBINS MUSEUM FIELD TRIP This after-public-hours visit to the Robbins Museum in Middleboro, MA will include a viewing of a number of the museum's special Indigenous artifacts and conversations with museum educators. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration limited to 15. Car pools leaving from the Acton Memorial Library will be arranged a few days before the visit.

Monday, October 16, 7 PM

HISTORY OF THE NASHOBAH PRAYING INDIANS BOOK DISCUSSION Join a book group discussion of the *History of the Nashobah Praying Indians*, published earlier this year by Littleton historian Dan Boudillion, who will be on hand to sign copies before the discussion. Books will be available for purchase that day. In person only at Acton Memorial Library.

Saturday, October 21, 10 AM–Noon

ADULT ARCHAEOLOGY WALK Bettina Abe, a long-time Acton trail volunteer and just retired member of Acton's Conservation Division, will lead a brisk hike along the Nashoba Brook trail, with stops at the stone chamber and Native American ceremonial sites. Trail conditions can be rocky, uneven, and often wet, and thus participation is limited. Registrants will receive a detailed email several days before the walk. Limited to 20, ages 17 and up.

Thursday, October 26, 7 PM

THE SAND HILL SITE IN WAYLAND Duncan Ritchie, Senior Archaeologist at The Public Archaeology Laboratory will talk about Sand Hill, a large multicomponent Middle Archaic to Late Woodland Period site on the Sudbury River in Wayland, MA. The large assemblage of chipped, ground and rough stone tools, ceramic sherds and radiocarbon dated features document pre-contact Native American activities over a 7,000-year span. The Wayland Archaeology Group (WARG) carried out the excavation. At Acton Memorial Library and Zoom.

Wednesday, November 1, 7 PM

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: CONTEXTUALIZING NEW ENGLAND'S INDIGENOUS ROCK ART New England's rock art, imagery carved or painted on stone, provides a tantalizing, if often opaque, window into the region's deep indigenous history. Drawing primarily from examples in Maine, Peter Anick, vice president of ARARA (American Rock Art Research Association), reviews various attempts to date, contextualize, and interpret figures using geology, ethnography, and comparisons with other sites. He relates how his experience researching difficult-to-see abstract art in Arizona contributed to the recent discovery of an unusual style of art here in New England. At Acton Memorial Library and Zoom.

Sunday, November 12, 1 - 3 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY This annual effort takes place on the Nashoba Brook Conservation Land in the Trail Through Time, a multicultural heritage trail in North Acton. The focus will be on trail and site maintenance. There will be an optional brunch beforehand at 11:30 AM. Details will be emailed to registrants a few days in advance. *Limited to 25, ages 13 and up.*