



Friends of Pine Hawk

2022 Fall Program

The Friends of Pine Hawk 2022 Fall Program is presented with support from Acton Memorial Library and Freedom's Way Nation Heritage Area, in collaboration with Sargent Memorial Library of Boxborough, and Littleton Historical Society. Programs are free but require registration at <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk-2022> Questions? Email friends.of.pinehawk@gmail.com

Monday, October 3, 7 PM

GREAT FALLS, A DOCUMENTARY Smithsonian filmmaker Ted Timreck will screen a retrospective of his film that tells a dramatic story of environmental and cultural preservation when plans to expand an airport runway in Turners Falls, Massachusetts, included removal of a ceremonial stone landscape that Native Americans identified as a ritual site. Co-sponsored with the Sargent Memorial Library of Boxborough. Sargent Memorial Library. *In-person and streamed*

Friday, October 7, 7 PM

NASHOBAH PRAYING INDIANS: A LIVING PEOPLE, A LIVING LANDSCAPE Meet Strong Bear Medicine of the Nashobah Praying Indians and local historian Daniel V. Boudillion as they discuss the 1654 Nashobah Praying Indian Village. Topics include the Nashobah People – a vibrant, living community – as well as the living landscape of Native ceremonial structures, in Littleton, Acton, and neighboring towns. Co-sponsored with Littleton Historical Society and at Littleton's Reuben Hoar Library. *In-person only*

Thursday, October 13, 7 PM

MAGUNKAQUOG PRAYING TOWN Archaeologist Holly Herbster discusses her research on one of seven original "Praying Towns" established in 1669 by missionary John Eliot. Colonial records tie specific Native people to the archaeological remains of the original meeting house and the importance of this place within Nipmuc homelands. Ongoing collaborative research with Nipmuc descendants is carrying this story forward. Acton Memorial Library. *In person and streamed*

Tuesday, October 18, 7 PM

CUTTING EDGE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES DOCUMENTATION Thomas Elmore, of the GeoNAV Group, and Eva Gibavic, of Ceremonial Landscapes Research, share their experience using 3D LiDAR scanning, photogrammetry, and mapping utilizing ArcGIS's capabilities to bring extremely accurate digital documentation to research of archaeological and ceremonial sites. *Zoom only*

Saturday, October 22, 10 AM–Noon

ADULT ARCHAEOLOGY WALK Bettina Abe of Acton's Natural Resources 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*

Monday, October 24, 7 PM

PALEOINDIAN LIFE 12,000 YEARS AGO AT THE TENANT SWAMP SITE Archaeologist Robert Goodby discusses his field work at a site, undisturbed since the end of the Ice Age, in Keene, New Hampshire, that revealed information about the economy, gender roles, and household organization of the region's first inhabitants, and evidence of social networks that extended for hundreds of miles across northern New England. Acton Memorial Library. *In-person and streamed*

Thursday, November 3, 7 PM

CEREMONIAL STONE LANDSCAPE MOVEMENT – A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE Many of the "mysterious" stone structures of New England, once thought to be by-products of colonial farming, are now understood as originating in pre-colonial ceremonial practices of Native Americans. Peter Waksman's talk focuses on the contributions to the new understanding, made by people and locations in Acton and nearby towns. Acton Memorial Library. *In-person and streamed*

Sunday, November 13, 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.*