

**New England Antiquities Research Association  
2009 NEARA FALL MEETING  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
The Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods Hotel  
242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 02840  
Hotel Front Desk: 1-978-263-8701, Hotel Fax: 1-978-263-0518**



**SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

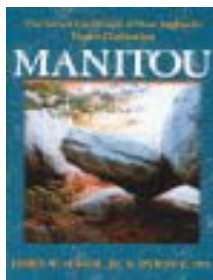
- 12:00 - 5:00 pm** Field Trips (see details on following page)
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm** Registration and Book Sales
- 7:00 - 7:15 pm** Sue Carlson, NEARA President: Welcome
- 7:15 - 8:35 pm** Ted Timreck: "Turner Falls Documentary Film"
- 8:35 - 9:00 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 9:00 -10:30 pm** Panel Discussion of Turner Falls

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 - 9:00 am** Registration and Book Sales
- 9:00 -10:30 am** State Coordinators Reports
- 10:30 -11:00 am** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 11:00 -12:00 pm** Tom Paul: "Westford Knight"
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm** Lunch on your own, Book Sales & Exhibits
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm** Peter Anick: "Lithic Features of the Golden State"
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm** Dan Boudillion: "The Tophet Swamp Mystery: Devils & Indians in Colonial Massachusetts"
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm** Barbara Threecrow: "Native Perspectives"
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm** Break, Book Sales, Exhibits
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm** Cocktail & Networking Hour
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm** Banquet
- 8:00 -10:00 pm** Ted Timreck and John Goff: "The Legacy of Mavor and Dix"

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 - 1:00pm** Field Trips (see details on following page)



## 2009 NEARA FALL FIELD TRIPS

Field Trips sponsored by Peter Anick, Massachusetts State Coordinator

**\*\*\*Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

### Field trip #1 led by George Krusen "Boxboro Solstice Site"

**12:00pm:** Depart from hotel and drive to solstice site in Boxboro, first identified by Byron Dix. Hike to walls with niches, "seats" and attached stone platforms. Visit remains of possible Native American granary and grinding stone. Returning to the solstice site, George will discuss the alignments at the site.

**3:00pm:** Paul Fowler of Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc. will demonstrate the use of ground penetrating radar at the solstice site.

**5:00pm:** Depart for hotel

### Field trip #2 led by David Brody "Prince Henry Sinclair Sites"

**12:00pm:** Depart from hotel

**12:30pm:** JV Fletcher Library, Westford: Short walk to Westford Knight carving site

**1:15pm:** Fletcher Library: Boat Stone carving

**2:00pm:** Tyngsboro: Tyngsboro Map Stone carving

**2:45pm:** Druid Hill, Lowell: a mysterious stone circle

**3:15pm:** Depart for hotel

**\*\*\*Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

**Note:** There will be a single field trip in the morning, dividing into two trips in the afternoon; one heading north to Littleton and one heading south to Holliston.

### Morning (9-12) field trip

#### "Acton Chamber & Cairn Site"

**9:00am:** Depart from hotel

**9:30am:** Acton Chamber site; **led by Nan Towle Millett and Linda McElroy** (who headed up the reconstruction of Acton Chamber project)

**10:30am:** Spring Hill Trail to, a cairn site, **led by Peter Waksman**

**11:30am:** Pit stop to pick up sandwiches

### Afternoon (12-5) North and South field trips

#### Field trip 'North' led by Dan Boudillion

##### "Sara Doublet Forest Area"

**12:00pm:** Littleton's Sara Doublet Forest: small stone chamber, perched boulder, neo-pagan circles, turtle effigies, corn planting mounds, odd stone row stone-work and tooled stone.

**2:30pm:** Harvard's Shaker Village: 1 ton rocking stone and standing stone

**3:30pm:** Boxboro esker: prayer seats, 3 earthen rings & ditch

#### Field trip 'South' led by Joanne Hulbert (Holliston town historian)

##### "Holliston Town Forest Area"

**12:00pm:** Holliston town forest near Mavor and Dix's "source of waters": a large expanse of undisturbed "ritual landscape" including a multitude of cairn fields, perched boulders, stone mounds, serpentine walls, split boulders, a drum stone and the huge perched boulder George Washington is reputed to have tried tipping over and failed.

*Acton Chamber Site*



## ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FALL 2009 MEETING

### **Ted Timreck: “Turner Falls Documentary Film”**

For the first time, the National Register of Historic Places is using a video production as oral history when considering a site to be recognized. The town of Turners Falls, Massachusetts is attempting to expand the runway to its airport. The plan calls for the removal of a low hill that contains what Native American tribal representatives identify as a ritual site - a ceremonial stone landscape. The surprising discovery and the ongoing effort to understand and protect what may be an extraordinary historical asset, is a dramatic story of environmental and cultural preservation. The Hidden Landscapes Project represents the joined efforts of hundreds of professional, Native and antiquarian researchers who have generously volunteered to combine their expertise into a chronicle of exploration - a series of video stories that investigate the archeological history and the modern legacy of Eastern Native civilization. The combined vision of so many researchers working together also represents a new approach to the long standing and often, very heated controversy that surrounds the mysterious stone ruins of Eastern North America.

*Ted Timreck of Timreck Productions/Spofford Films Inc. Since the mid 70s Timreck has specialized in films and video about art and science. Beginning in 1980, he has worked extensively with Smithsonian scientists documenting field research, producing video and electronic media for The National Museum of Natural History and programming for public and cable television. He is the producer of the Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center and Paleo Indian Program Web Sites. Television works include "Franz Boas" for the PBS Odyssey series along with The Lost Red Paint People and Vikings in America for PBS (Nova). His television portraits of artist (PBS national specials and series) include, Charles Ives, Thomas Eakins, Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Fredrick Law Olmsted. His website: <http://www.hiddenlandscape.com/>*

### **Panel Discussion of Turners Falls Sacred Ceremonial Hill Site: “The Significance of the National Register’s Determination of Eligibility”**

The Panel Co-moderators will be Doug Harris and Ted Timreck. Panel members will include representatives of the Wampanoag, Mashpee and Creek Tribes as well as State and private archaeologists, active field researchers and ethno astronomy researchers.

*Co-Moderators: Doug Harris - Preservationist For Ceremonial Landscapes, Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office*

*Ted Timreck - Producer/Director, “Hidden Landscapes” Series - Research Associate, the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, Washington, DC*

*Panelists: Bettina Washington - Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)  
Chuckie Green - Tribal Historic Preservation Authority Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
Robert Thrower - Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Poarch Band of Creek Indians/Alabama – Chairman - United South & Eastern Tribes: Culture & Heritage Committee  
Eva Gibavic - Field Researcher – Indian Structures /Pocumtuck Region  
Tim Fohl - Field Researcher – Indian Structures /New England, Trustee, Mass Archaeological Society - NEARA Member - PhD. in Geophysics  
Norman Muller - Field Researcher - Indian Structures /Eastern U.S., - Art Conservator-Princeton University Art Museum - NEARA Member  
Paul Robinson - Rhode Island State Archaeologist  
Alan Leveillee - Senior Archaeologist, Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.  
Ken Leonard - Ethno-Astronomy Researcher/South Eastern MA  
William Sullivan - Ethno-Astronomy Researcher /New England - Author: The Secret of the Incas*

*Turner Falls Documentary Film*



## ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FALL 2009 MEETING cont...

### **Tom Paul: “Westford Knight, Investigate current theories about Henry Sinclair’s travels”**

The Westford Knight refers to a rock ledge carving by the road side on the edge of Westford, MA center. The knight carving is believed by some to represent Sir James Gunn from Scotland. The story of the Westford Knight covers more than James Gunn but of a journey made by a group from Scotland headed by Henry Sinclair in the years of 1398 and 1399. The carving had been noticed during colonial times and recorded in history account in the late 1880's. Serious investigation started around 1950. Two ship captains Venice become involved with Prince Henry Sinclair. How did we know about this Henry Sinclair? Where did this information come from? Who were the people who have done this investigation? What organization follows this story? What is the boat stone? What have been my findings? What research and investigation is ongoing.

*Tom Paul is a retired research engineer who has always had an interest in history. He joined NEAEA in 1997 after finding a series of stone structures around his home in Madison, CT, and has been the NEARA Treasurer for the past 12 years. He is a member of land use boards for the past 26 years which brings him in the woods. He has given a number of talks on the Hammonasset Line to NEARA and ESAF, over the last 10 year, and continues researching this solstice line. He has studied the Westford Knight for more than 30 years and been a member of the Westford Knight Committee for about 20 years. Other research has included trips to various locations such as Nova Scotia, England, Scotland and Venice.*

### **Peter Anick: “Lithic Features of the Golden State”**

Mavor and Dix argued that “we see in New England in remarkable detail the same ritual paraphernalia and surroundings that are reported in the literature of the western parts of America.” In this presentation, we'll compare lithic features found in various regions of California with those found in New England. Some California features associated with shamanism, sweats, hunting, fertility rites and daily life may offer insights for the interpretation of New England sites. Others remain as enigmatic and controversial as their east coast counterparts.

*Peter Anick, our Massachusetts state coordinator, is a computer scientist who has worked on applications of natural language processing and web search engines. Telecommuting to California for a number of years, he naturally developed an interest in the Native American sites and rock art of the Bay area and beyond.*

### **Dan Boudillion: “The Tophet Swamp Mystery: Devils & Indians in Colonial Massachusetts”**

There was something very strange going on in Colonial Massachusetts. For some reason the Puritans had a habit of naming their swamps ‘Tophet’, which is an Old Testament name for ‘fiery Hell’. What was so horribly fiery and hellish about these Tophet Swamp? What was going on there that made the Colonials shudder so?

To get to the bottom of this we will ferret out the historical relationship between Swamps and Indians, and between Indians and Devils in the Colonial mind. Also, we will have a look at how extensively Devil-named the Colonial landscape was, taking examples from over 120 Devil related place-names in Massachusetts. And lastly we will have a look at a possible King Philips War era underground railroad.

*Daniel V. Boudillion has an avid interest in both historical research and the unusual and forgotten tales of Massachusetts. He has a popular website ([www.boudillion.com](http://www.boudillion.com)) devoted to his excursions in Massachusetts, and is the NEARA Webmaster. His articles and photography have been published in a number of magazines, and contributed extensively to the book *Weird Massachusetts*. He works as a sales engineer in the power generating industry.*

### **Ted Timreck and John Goff: “The Legacy of Mavor and Dix”**

The book, “Manitou: The Sacred Landscape of New England’s Native Civilization” and the authors, James Mavor and Byron Dix and the Legacy.

*Ted Timreck's bio above.*

*John Goff is the president of Salem Preservation, Inc., a nonprofit organization. He is also the principal of Historic Preservation & Design, a consulting business.*

## ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FALL 2009 MEETING cont...

### Barbara Threecrow: “Native Perspectives”

"I believe that to create peace and harmony and to heal generations of disregard and harm to the Earth Mother, her creatures, waters and the air we breathe we must return to the sacred ways of ritual and ceremony of our Ancestors. Their knowledge, sensitivity and awareness of Humans impact upon the earth and as loving care takers of the Earth Mother had realized the importance of respect for all things in preparation for the next coming generations. It is my hope that what I have been guided to teach and share with you will bring us together in kindness and respect to take part in mending the sacred hoop. My teachings are a guide to begin to bring respect and honoring of the feminine back into the hearts and minds of humanity, to heal the hearts of women and men so that all may live in harmony."

*Barbara Threecrow, Tunka Hota Wiyan (Gray Stone Woman) is a mother, grandmother, author of 'Mending the Hoop, Four Sacred Shields Twelve Sacred Paths', an award winning artist, healer and ceremonial leader in the Lakota tradition. She has created Core Methodology a unique method of healing that guides clients into a deeper understanding of the dramatic effects of trauma during childhood. Barbara's heritage is Irish, her Native American heritage is Nanticoke/Delaware. She was a long time student of the late Lakota medicine man Wallace Black Elk. She is a facilitator of the Medicine Circle Way- and exploration of the Grandmothers Earth Ways. Barbara created the 'Star/Indigo Children Workshops' presented at the Teachers Development Conference and leads spiritual journeys to Easter Island and Bogota, Colombia. Formal Presentations: Kripalu, Omega Institute, Miriam,s Well, Star Seed Healing Center, Maribai Books, Esoterica, Ski Lake Lodge, Spiritus and as guest speaker in the Native American Studies Program and for Child Development and Psychology, SUNY New Paltz, and guest speaker for Child Sight a branch of the HelenAn. Barbara's website: [www.barbarathreecrow.com](http://www.barbarathreecrow.com)*

*Barbarathree Crow at the ancient stone figures in Columbia*



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**HOTEL INFORMATION and ROOM RESERVATIONS**

The Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods Hotel sets on 35 acres of wooded countryside in Boxborough, MA. Fully renovated in 2006, the hotel is 100% non smoking. Located just off the Hotel Lobby is the Minuteman Bar and Grille that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a casual pub style atmosphere. Other amenities are swimming pool, fitness center, hot tub, tennis, broadband access and pets allowed.



The Inn is approximately six miles from historic Lexington/Concord, only 40 miles from Boston Logan Airport and offers quick and easy access off Interstate 495 and is just minutes from Marlborough, Westford, Littleton, Worcester and Nashua, NH.

**Directions:**

- From Boston Airport, MA:  
Take I 90 West to I 495 North to Exit #28. Turn left at light onto Massachusetts Ave. The hotel is located on the right hand side.
- From Manchester Airport, NH:  
Take 293 south/NH 101 east. Merge on route 93 south, merge onto route 495 south, take exit 28 merge onto route 111 towards Boxborough, hotel driveway will be after the first light on the right.
- From Providence, RI:  
Start out going NW to US-1 ramp toward Post Road, turn right onto Post Road, merge onto RI-37 west toward Route 95, merge onto Route 95 via exit 48, merge onto Route 495 via exit 6B, take exit 28 to Route 111 and turn left: hotel drive will be on your right.

Additional points of interest in the area include:

Devens Recreational Fields; Fruitlands Museum; Minuteman National Park; Walden Pond

NEARA has secured a rate of \$99.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for single or double occupancy, \$109.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for triple, and \$119.00 per night for quad occupancy. When you call to make your reservations, mention that you are a NEARA member and verify that you are receiving the special rate.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The cut-off date for NEARA special rates is October 23<sup>rd</sup> so call to reserve your room now! After the cut-off date, all rooms being held for NEARA will be released back into general inventory and any requests made after October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be subject to room availability.**

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**MEETING REGISTRATION**

Name(s) *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Registration</b>	\$25.00 per person, member	Number _____	\$ _____
	\$30.00 per person, non-member	Number _____	\$ _____

**Saturday Evening Banquet** \$35.00 per person, tax/gratuinity incld. Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full buffet menu including appetizer, choice of entrée, dessert and coffee.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday evening meal and Saturday lunch are on your own** – many choices in the immediate area.

All lodging for this meeting is at the **Hotel Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA**. NEARA has secured a rate of \$99.00 per night, plus applicable sales taxes for single &/or double occupancy, triple is \$109.00 per night, and quad is \$119.00 per night. When making your reservations, mention that you are a NEARA member and verify that you are receiving these special rates.

**CALL TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY – AT THESE RATES, THE BLOCK OF ROOMS THAT THEY ARE HOLDING FOR US IS SURE TO GO FAST.**

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel Holiday **Hotel Front Desk: 1-978-263-8701**

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Field Trips are available on both Friday and Sunday – no need to pre-register to participate in these events.

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**Please send your “meeting registration” early and mail to:**

**Don Winkley, NEARA Registrar** *(Please make checks payable to NEARA)*  
 33 Flax Hill Road  
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**“PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY OCTOBER 23rd”**



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*SAVE THE DATES FOR THE NEARA  
"Spring" Meeting  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Holiday Inn  
Kingston, New York*

## MEETING NOTICE



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