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On the Cover

Maya vessel; Ceramic; Belize; c. AD 800

This ceramic bowl depicts a feathered serpent, known as Kukulcan in the Maya region and Quetzalcoatl to the Aztec. The motif on the vessel was created using a wooden or ceramic stamp that was pressed into the moist clay before firing.

See more collection highlights in the Peabody's Online Collection Catalog [here!](#)



With over 500,000 objects, the Peabody Institute's collection contains a multitude of knowledge. This month we use it to discuss the disputed cultural origin of some pieces, the importance of proper environmental housing, and representations of love and fertility. We hope you learn something new!

No Vikings at the Peabody

Contributed by [Ryan Wheeler](#)

Are there viking artifacts at the Peabody? Could Vikings have been in Massachusetts and neighboring states? Read on to learn more about the Merrimacport dagger and its cultural origins.

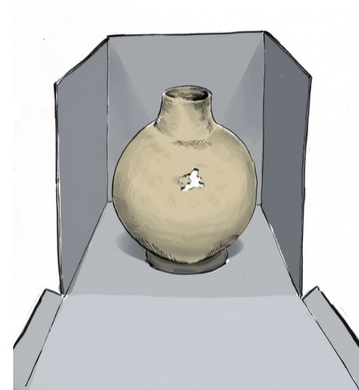


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Rehousing a Vessel with Salt Damage

Contributed by [John Bergman-McCool](#)

Peabody Inventory Specialist, John Bergman-McCool, monitors and rehouses a vessel with salt damage. Read on for more about salt efflorescence and John's rehousing experience.



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From the Peabody With Love

Contributed by [Emma Lavoie](#)

To celebrate Valentine's Day this month, the Peabody would like to highlight some love-related objects from our collection. Explore these featured artifacts here!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Diggin' In: Peabody and MAS Digital Lecture Series

SEASON 2

[Upcoming Episode Dates:](#)

Season 2, Episode 4 - March 10, 2021

Season 2, Episode 5 - March 24, 2021



This series showcases live presentations with archaeologists from across the United States who will take questions directly from you! Different topics will be covered during each 30-minute episode, which start live at 1:30 pm (EST) every other Wednesday and then will be posted to YouTube afterwards.

View Season 1 of the Diggin' In Digital Lecture Series [here!](#)

Sign up through rspeabody@andover.edu or info@massarchaeology.org to get on the ZOOM invitation list for Season 2.

EVENT INFO

Massachusetts Archaeological Society Monthly Meeting via ZOOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

7:00 PM

ONLINE via ZOOM



Monthly meeting of the NE/Gene Winter Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society via ZOOM. Registration will be required to obtain a link to the meeting. An email with speaker details and registration instructions will be sent approximately one week before the meeting. This meeting is open and free to the public.

Please request a link to attend the ZOOM meeting at: info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org

EVENT INFO

TRENDING NOW

- Check out Season 1 of our Diggin' In Digital Lecture Series [here!](#)
- Alumni, staff, and faculty made this short video to highlight the importance of the Peabody in classroom teaching and our repatriation work with Native American tribes. View it [here!](#)

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