SAA Announces New Peabody Award

Contributed by Ryan Wheeler

The Peabody was one of two new educational awards announced this month by the Society of American Archaeology. Read on to learn more about this new award!

New Day Culture

Contributed by Emma Lavoie

The Peabody has shared many virtual resources in past newsletters along with other museums’ online activities. Check out our most recent find here!

Back to Work!

Contributed by Emily Hurley

It has been about two months now that our Inventory Specialists have been alternating work at the Peabody. Read on for more on their inventory and remote work!

Reclaiming the Ancestors: Indigenous and Black Perspectives on Repatriation, Human Rights, and Justice

September 2, 2020 at 4:00 PM EDT

Register below for this online event

Today, more than 100,000 Native American ancestral remains are still held in U.S. public museums alone, while an unknown number of remains of people of African descent are stored in museum collections. What does it mean to turn human beings into artifacts? What happens to the living communities who lose control and ownership over their own ancestors and heritage? In exploring these questions, this panel will discuss how repatriation—the process of reclaiming and returning ancestral and human remains—can address inequality.

Diggin’ In: Peabody and MAS Digital Lecture Series

Every other Wednesday at 1:30 pm (EST) via ZOOM

Upcoming episode dates for August:

Episode 6 - September 9th
Episode 7 - September 23rd

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 min episodes, which start live at 1:30 pm (EST) every other Wednesday and then will be posted to YouTube afterwards.

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

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Monthly Meetings Update

The chapter is looking at alternative means of remotely delivering its Tuesday evening Fall program to you. We have speakers lined up for our program from September through November. Once we can establish a delivery system (e.g. Zoom),

On the Covers

Working with Ranbel Sun, Stephanie Cormier, Miriam Villanueva, and Outdoor Pursuits, Lindsay Randall took students to the shipwreck of the Ada K. Damon—a Grand Banks schooner (built in 1875, Essex, MA) used for fishing and later for sand transportation. The schooner was wrecked on December 26, 1909 in what became known as the “Great Christmas Snowstorm.” The schooner’s anchor chain parted, setting the Ada K. Damon adrift where it later ran aground on Crane Beach in Ipswich, MA. Students had the opportunity to learn more about maritime archaeology using this accessible site.

What have you been up to this month? The Peabody Institute has been developing updated virtual lessons, establishing a new award for archaeology education, and collaborating to support multicultural speakers on repatriation. And, staff continues to return to the building to make progress on the collections inventory. We are proud of our accomplishments and love sharing them with you!