

# Sustaining Boston's Past Old Places, New Ideas

*Preservation Month Calendar May 2013*





CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
**THOMAS M. MENINO**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Boston is a city where old and new live side by side. We know that historic preservation ignites economic development, enriches our city, and emphasizes sustainability. This May, we are celebrating National Historic Preservation Month. I hope you will join me for the City's kick-off event May 2nd at the Boston Public Library—Old Houses, New Energy. Learn how to make your house more energy efficient while retaining its historic character. On May 23rd the Boston Landmarks Commission, the Mayor's Office of Environment and Energy Services, and the Boston Society of Architects will present Better with Age: Greening Historic Commercial Buildings—featuring three recent downtown redevelopment projects.

Throughout the month, the City will join with community organizations and historical groups to offer a variety of activities. Discover something new to you at a walking tour in your neighborhood, a scavenger hunt with your family, or a talk on Boston history, architecture or archaeology. Share in the 300th anniversary celebration for the Old State House, which once served as Boston's first City Hall.

Join us in May to celebrate Boston—our past and our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Menino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and "M".

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston

# Preservation Month Calendar May 2013

## About Preservation Month

Preservation Month is sponsored annually each May by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is designed to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our historic communities.

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) invites you to explore “Sustaining Boston’s Past: Old Places, New Ideas.” and learn more about Boston’s history, architecture, and historic neighborhoods by participating in the Preservation Month activities listed in this calendar, which include:

- Two Keynote Events
  - Kickoff Event: Old Houses, New Energy (THU | May 2 )
  - Better with Age: Greening Historic Commercial Buildings (THU | May 23 )
- Preservation Month Daily Events occurring throughout Boston
- Extended, Month-long, and Recurring Events
- Resources and Local Organizations

## About the Boston Landmarks Commission

The Boston Landmarks Commission is the municipal preservation agency for Boston’s historic buildings, places, and neighborhoods.

As one of the oldest American cities, Boston has long played an important role in the development of the nation and is home to a wealth of important cultural resources—there are more than 8000 properties located with the City’s nine local historic districts or designated as individual Boston Landmarks. These are the buildings, structures, sites, and areas that inform us about the people that have lived and worked in Boston and the events that have shaped the City from its beginning to the present.

The BLC provides information and assistance concerning the regulatory process, historic preservation planning and protection, archaeology, sources for historical information, and technical assistance.

Learn more about the Boston Landmarks Commission, find public hearing schedules for the BLC and historic district commissions, and download a PDF of the Preservation Month Calendar at: [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks).

All events included in this calendar are subject to change. To confirm event details or for more information, please contact the appropriate individual/group indicated in each event listing.

# Preservation Month Daily Calendar

# 01

WED | 5 PM - 6:30 PM

WALKING TOUR

## What's so Special about Newbury Street?

Of course you know that Boston's beloved boutique district has long had a devoted local and regional following. You may be a regular patron of its many restaurants and sidewalk cafés, not to mention its countless shops, salons and spas, catering to every taste and trend. And you've probably noticed that it has acquired a certain international accent in recent years, as numerous European retailers have opened branches here. But do you know what made Newbury Street such an attractive spot for shopping, dining and people-watching in the first place? On this tour we'll explore the historic origins and visual qualities that have led to its present vitality, and which will continue to shape its vibrant future. Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Back Bay Architectural Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [megmc@bostonbackbay.com](mailto:megmc@bostonbackbay.com) before April 17 to reserve a place.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

Back Bay Architectural Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp)

Co-sponsored by:

Back Bay Association | [www.bostonbackbay.com](http://www.bostonbackbay.com)

Newbury Street League | [www.newburystreetleague.org](http://www.newburystreetleague.org)



**WED | 5:30 PM**

**STUDIO TOUR**

**Docent Tours of Fenway Studios**

Friends of Fenway Studios will host docent tours of Fenway Studios led by Rick Heym, AIA, President of Friends of Fenway Studios and a long-time resident artist. Tour will include visits to at least 3 studios with the opportunity to meet and discuss the artist's work. Each attendee will receive a Welcome packet that will include short histories of Friends of Fenway Studios and Fenway Studios, drawings of the original building as well as a list of artists working in the building listed by studio from its construction to the present. Note also that Fenway Studios is not wheelchair accessible and access requires climbing stairs.

30 Ipswich Street, Boston, Fenway Neighborhood

\$25 per person, pre-registration required.

Please RSVP to [contact@friendsoffenwaystudios.org](mailto:contact@friendsoffenwaystudios.org)

Presented by: Friends of Fenway Studios |

[www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org/](http://www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org/)

**WED | 6 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Preservation Massachusetts' 26th Annual Awards Dinner**

**Producing Preservation: Behind the Scenes**

Recognizing individuals who are the major players behind the preservation of our historic resources and revitalization of our Commonwealth's communities.

Fairmont Copley Plaza

138 St James Ave Boston, MA 02116

Tickets \$300, Tables \$3,000

Please RSVP to [cwhelan@preservationmass.org](mailto:cwhelan@preservationmass.org)

Presented by: Preservation Massachusetts |

<http://preservationmass.org>

# Preservation Month Keynote Event

# 02

THU | 6 PM – 8 PM

TALK

## Old Houses, New Energy

Please join Mayor Thomas M. Menino to launch Boston's city-wide celebration of National Historic Preservation Month. Boston's neighborhoods of older homes are distinctive among American cities. Find out how to save money by making your old house energy efficient while preserving its historic character and value. Presentations will address where to start and what items to prioritize. Information will include energy auditing through blower door tests and thermal imaging and how to tune-up old windows to outlast replacement windows and provide energy savings. Case studies will cover solar voltaic and solar hot water installations. Speakers will share best practices and additional resources.

Speakers: Kim Toigo, Senior Customer Care Manager, Next Step Living; Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs, Massachusetts Historical Commission; Lourdes Lopez, Renew Boston-Community Outreach Manager, Mayor's Office of Environment and Energy Services; Franciso Urena, East Boston homeowner; and Rebecca Harris, Field Officer, Boston Field Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### Rabb Auditorium, Boston Public Library

Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston

Free and Open to the Public. Seating available on a first-come basis.

Contact 617-635-3850 or [BLC@cityofboston.gov](mailto:BLC@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

The Boston Landmarks Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks)

Mayor's Office of Environment and Energy Services |

[www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy](http://www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy)



# Preservation Month Daily Calendar

## 03

FRI | 6:30 PM

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

### **An Evening with Award-Winning Author Nathaniel Philbrick**

Award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick will visit the Old State House to share insights on the origins of the American Revolution in Boston and the political climate of the period, and sign copies of his newest book, *Bunker Hill*.

Lecture meets at the Old State House

206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109

Free and Open to the Public.

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | <http://www.bostonhistory.org/>

## 04

SAT | 10 AM – 3:30 PM

LECTURE/WALKING TOUR

### **Contemporary Boston**

The story of Beacon Hill's North Slope has long been eclipsed by the famous architects and well-known history of the South Slope. Come discover the story unique to the Hill's "other" side—one of an integrated working-class community, a 19th-century free black community, resident activists and reformers, the 20th-century arrival of other immigrant populations and bohemian artists, eclectic architecture, and finally, 21st-century development.

BSA Space at 290 Congress Street, Boston

\$35.00 per person, pre-registration required.

Lecture 10:00 am - 12:00 noon,

The Contemporary City walking tour 2:00-3:30 PM

To register contact Boston By Foot at [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or call 617.367.2345.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

**Discover Tiffany at Church of the Covenant**

Constructed in 1867, the Gothic Revival Church of the Covenant was one of the first churches built on the newly filled land of Boston's Back Bay. Long admired for its architecture and its graceful 236 ft. spire, the Church recently became a National Historic Landmark because of its complete Tiffany interior. Redecorated by Tiffany Glass & Decorating Company in 1894-96, it is the largest intact Tiffany-designed ecclesiastical interior in America. Join Charlene James, the church's resident Tiffany expert, for a tour of the all-inclusive decoration—with Byzantine-style mosaics, complex painted decoration, elaborate wood traceries and furnishings, 42 large stained glass windows and a massive illuminated art glass lantern that was displayed at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Visitors will see Louis Comfort Tiffany's aesthetic of beauty, color and design unity embodied in the fully unified space.

Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury St., Back Bay

Corner of Newbury and Berkeley Streets

\$3 suggested donation

Contact Church Administrator Brian Reardon for more information.

617-266-7480 x201

Presented by: Church of the Covenant, Boston | [www.cotcbos.org](http://www.cotcbos.org)

**SAT | 11 AM****Masonic Commemoration of the Old State House**

In notable ceremonial style, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts will commemorate the 300th birthday of the Old State House on the pedestrian plaza.

Old State House, 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109

Free and Open to the Public.

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | <http://www.bostonhistory.org/>

**SAT | 1 PM – 4 PM**

**DEMONSTRATION**

### **The Art of Spinning**

The art of spinning is best learned by the young, and Zoe Lawson has been practicing the craft of spinning by drop spindle and on a wheel since childhood. She shares her techniques while in 18th century garb, accompanied by her fellow fiber artist and father, Fred Lawson.

**Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston**

Free with museum admission.

Contact 617-523-2338 or

[emily@paulreverehouse.org](mailto:emily@paulreverehouse.org) for more information.

Presented by: Paul Revere House | <http://www.paulreverehouse.org/>

**05**

**SUN | 1 PM – 2:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **A Walk with Mr. Olmsted through the Back Bay Fens**

See the Back Bay Fens through the eyes of the man who designed and built it. Join Frederick Law Olmsted, as portrayed by Gerry Wright and an Emerald Necklace docent as they lead a walk through the historic landscape of the Fens. Learn how Mr. Olmsted transformed the area once described as, “The foulest marsh and muddy flats to be found anywhere in Massachusetts,” into the first link in his chain of parks we know today as the Emerald Necklace. Hear the story of a remarkable life from the man himself.

**Meet at the Shattuck Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Boston**

Free and open to the public. Reservations recommended.

Contact [jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org) for more information.

Register at [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org) or call 617-522-2700.

Presented by:

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy | <http://www.emeraldnecklace.org>

**06**

**MON | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**MUSEUM TALK**

### **Preserving a Community**

Founder of the West End Museum, Jim Campano, speaks about the museum’s start and his work preserving the community of the West End.

**West End Museum, 150 Staniford St Boston, MA**

Free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

Contact (617) 723-2125 for more information.

Presented by: West End Museum | <http://thewestendmuseum.org>

# 07

TUE | 11 AM

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

## 300th Anniversary Commemoration of the Old State House

Don't miss the official 300th anniversary commemoration of the Old State House! Join the Bostonian Society and the City of Boston as they recognize the leaders and partners who work to preserve Boston's iconic landmark.

Old State House, 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109

Free and Open to the Public.

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | <http://www.bostonhistory.org/>

# 08

WED | 6 PM

## The Memoir Project: Recording the Memoirs of Boston's Seniors

Since 2008, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Boston's Elderly Commission have partnered with a local nonprofit, Grub Street, to produce the Memoir Project. The project has gathered senior citizens from Boston neighborhoods to write down their personal memories, an important part of the great history of the city. This landmark project guides participants in sharing their stories through writing the memories in bound journals for their families and future generations to learn from and remember. Project staff will describe how the partnership came about and techniques they use for gathering and writing oral histories.

Boston Public Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston

Free and Open to the Public.

Contact 617.536.5400 for more information.

Presented by: Boston Public Library | [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

# 09

THU | 11 AM -3 PM

## Treasure or Trouble?

Preserving old buildings can be difficult and very expensive. So why do we save them? Consider the importance of historic preservation and learn about the Old State House's remarkable story of rescue from destruction. Photos from recent restoration projects will be on view and visitors will have the opportunity to put on a pair of gloves and get hands-on with historical materials taken from the building for preservation purposes.

Old State House, 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109

Free with museum admission.

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | [www.bostonhistory.org/](http://www.bostonhistory.org/)

**THU | 5 PM - 6:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Bay Village: Best Adapted Screenplay**

Tucked behind Park Square, between the Back Bay and the South End, Bay Village is a charming enclave of narrow streets whose gas lamps and brick sidewalks survive from an earlier day; it was designated a local historic district in 1983. Sharing an appealingly small scale, its earliest houses in the Federal and Greek Revival styles coexist agreeably alongside early twentieth-century commercial and light industrial buildings. A number of the latter were once associated with the motion-picture industry, as regional film distribution hubs for the major Hollywood studios. Over the past twenty years, these have been converted to residential uses while remaining true to their original appearance. Come along as we admire the visual harmony of the ensemble. Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Bay Village Historic District Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [president@bayvillage.net](mailto:president@bayvillage.net) before April 25 to reserve a place.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by: Bay Village Historic District Commission |

[www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/bayvillage.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/bayvillage.asp)

Bay Village Neighborhood Association | [www.bayvillage.net](http://www.bayvillage.net)

**THU | 6 PM -8 PM**

**PANEL DISCUSION**

### **Modern Demands, Historic Spaces**

Boston's Old State House is the oldest public building that survives from the original thirteen colonies, but caring for a 300-year-old building presents many challenges. A distinguished panel of experts will examine key issues in historic preservation, using this important structure as a touchstone for discussion. Questions include: How can accessibility be improved without disturbing the integrity of historic structures? How can the fast-paced technology used during everyday life be incorporated into historic structures for preservation and education? How do changing energy efficiency and building technologies affect historic structures? Audience participation will be encouraged throughout.

**Old State House, 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109**

Free with museum admission.

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | <http://www.bostonhistory.org/>

# 09

THU | 6:45 PM

AUTHOR TALK

## Author Talk with Local Historian Anthony Sammarco

Author talk with local historian Anthony Sammarco, whose books include *Walking Tours in the Hub of the Universe*, *Howard Johnson: 28 Flavors*, and many Boston neighborhood histories.

Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library,  
12 Sedgwick Street, Jamaica Plain  
Free and open to the public.  
Contact 617.536.5400 or [gperille@bpl.org](mailto:gperille@bpl.org) for more information.

Presented by: Boston Public Library | [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

# 10

FRI | 4:15 PM -4:45 PM

## “The Revolution Starts Here!”

### An Introduction to Old South Meeting House

In 1876, Bostonians and citizens from across the nation fought to save Old South Meeting House from the wrecker’s ball in the first successful historic preservation effort in New England. This remarkable landmark was saved a century ago for people like you to enjoy today! Now, you are invited to step inside the beautifully restored gathering place that was once called “the best monument you could erect to the men of the Revolution.” Join us for a FREE 30-minute introduction to this 1729 Puritan Meeting House’s long and colorful history in the life of Boston and the nation! Learn about this building’s role as a Puritan church, a revolutionary gathering place, a sanctuary for free speech, and more. Designed to celebrate National Preservation Month, these free programs invite the public, especially those who live, work and study in downtown Boston, to experience this beautiful National Historic Landmark firsthand

At Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston  
Free and open to the public.  
Contact (617) 482-6439 or [info@osmh.org](mailto:info@osmh.org) for more information.

Presented by: Old South Meeting House | [www.osmh.org](http://www.osmh.org)



**Festival of Street Art!**

Put on some old clothes, grab a friend, and help us cover the large garage at the vacant, historic Bartlett bus yard in temporary murals before it is demolished late in 2013. We'll have music, dance, and more to help set the mood. Vacant since 1995, the 8 acre Bartlett Yard site was used continuously for transit uses since the 1870s, starting with stables supporting Boston's horse-drawn rail car system. In advance of the demolition of the old MBTA bus barns, a muraling festival on May 11 will create art on the fronts of the barns, including work by experienced muralists and instructional teams for beginners.

2565 Washington Street, just outside Dudley Square in Roxbury headed towards Egleston Square, between Bartlett Street and Guild Street

Free and open to the public.

Contact 617-989-1208, [mmatel@nuestracdc.org](mailto:mmatel@nuestracdc.org) for more information.

Presented by:

Nuestra Comunidad Developmetn Corporation | [www.nuestracdc.org](http://www.nuestracdc.org)

**SAT | 10 AM – 3:30 PM****LECTURE/WALKING TOUR****Subterranean Boston**

Under the city is a dense network of pipes, conduits, sewers and tunnels that serve the utility and transportation needs of a growing city. In 1987, Boston began the largest public works project in U.S. history to submerge an aging elevated highway amidst existing roads, structures, subways, railroads, utilities, businesses and homes, and in the process transformed the downtown landscape into a shining example of 21st century urban renewal.

BSA Space at 290 Congress Street, Boston

\$35.00 per person, pre-registration required.

Lecture 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Reinventing Boston: A City Engineered walking tour 2:00-3:30 pm

To register contact Boston By Foot at [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or call 617.367.2345.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

**Old State House 300th Birthday Party!**

A special day of fun and celebration as the Old State House turns 300! Experience three centuries of history through family-friendly activities, special tours, and a chance to meet Revolutionary Characters.

Old State House, 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109

Free with museum admission (free for children under 18).

Contact (617) 720-1713 x24 or [marieke@bostonhistory.org](mailto:marieke@bostonhistory.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | <http://www.bostonhistory.org/>



SAT | 10 AM – 4 PM

Memory Day

**Memory Day: University of Massachusetts Library Archives**

UMass Library Archives in cooperation with Hibernian Hall will conduct interviews and oral histories and scan photos and other documents of Roxbury residents & Hibernian Hall audiences. The event will include Exhibits of “old” Roxbury photos including from the days of the elevated Orange Line.

Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St, Roxbury

Free and open to the public.

Contact 617-849-6335 or [kmathew@madison-park.org](mailto:kmathew@madison-park.org) for more information.

Presented by: Discover Roxbury | <http://www.discoverroxbury.org>

**SAT | 11 AM – 3 PM**

**Memory Day: Scavenger Hunt**

Discover Roxbury will host a Historic Scavenger Hunt in Dudley Square neighborhood from 11-2:30PM—with prizes and program back at Hibernian Hall at 3:00 PM. Guest speakers, music, and celebration will also ensue.

Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St, Roxbury

Free and open to the public.

Contact Nicole Flynt-Thomas at [nnflynt@gmail.com](mailto:nnflynt@gmail.com) for more information.

Presented by: Common Thread Dudley Square | Discover Roxbury | <http://www.discoverroxbury.org>

**SAT | 11 AM - 1 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Remnants of Urban Renewal**

Join Duane Lucia, Curator of the West End Museum, for a tour focusing on the notable remaining buildings north of Cambridge Street and their significance to the people of the West End over the last 200 years. Support materials will be handed out. The term ‘urban renewal’ has become synonymous with Boston’s West End. In the late 1950’s and early 1960’s, more than 50-acres of tenement housing was demolished under the process of ‘slum clearance’ to make way for luxury high-rise buildings; over 10,000 low to middle income residents were relocated. Some key architectural buildings were left intact, as was the north slope of Beacon Hill which for hundreds of years was known as West Boston and later the West End.

Meet at the West End Museum, 150 Staniford St Boston, MA

\$15 Non-members/ \$7 Members. Preregistration Required.

Contact (617) 723-2125 to RSVP or for more information.

Presented by: West End Museum | <http://thewestendmuseum.org>

**SAT | 1-4 PM**

**DEMONSTRATION**

### **Gilding Demonstration**

Watch professional gilder Nancy Dick Atkinson apply gossamer thin sheets of gold leaf to wooden ornaments, just as craftsmen did in Paul Revere’s era.

Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, North End

Free with museum admission: adults \$3.50,

seniors and college students \$3.00, children ages 5–17 \$1.

Members and North End residents admitted free at all times.

Contact 617-523-2338 for more information.

Presented by: Paul Revere House | [www.paulreverehouse.org](http://www.paulreverehouse.org)

# 11

SAT | 3 PM – 4:30 PM

WALKING TOUR

## Walking Tour of the Esplanade

Walk Boston's jewel of parkland along the Charles River. The Esplanade is the culmination of a vision of accessible outdoor recreational space in and around the Charles River that features sculpted landscaping, sporting facilities, and entertainment at the Hatch Shell.

Meet outside the Charles/MGH MBTA Station on the Red Line.

\$12.00 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12, \$5 for Boston By Foot Members. Contact [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or 617-367-2345 for more information.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

# 12

SUN | 10 AM – 12 PM

WALKING TOUR

## Women of Beacon Hill Walking Tour

Take a stroll around Beacon Hill and discover the stories of the women who shaped the history and charm of Beacon Hill over the centuries: wealthy and working class, black and white, entrepreneurs and reformers, artists and preservationists.

Otis House, 141 Cambridge Street, Boston

\$7 Historic New England members, \$15 nonmembers.

Registration is required.

Please call 617-994-5920 for more information.

Presented by: Historic New England | <http://www.historicnewengland.org/>

**SUN | 11 AM – 1 PM**

**LECTURE**

### **Breaking Ground: The Remarkable Jewish Women in Boston History**

Bring your mother! Bring your daughter! Join us at the historic Vilna Shul in downtown Boston as we welcome librarians Linda Stern and Helaine Davis for a very special Mother's Day bagel brunch and presentation. Who was the first mother elected to the Boston school committee? Who was a "mistress of disguises" when she repeatedly entered Jordan Marsh to organize the clerks? Who was one of the first American nutritionists who linked proper diet with good health? Who was known as "The Last of the Red Hot Mamas" and began her career performing in blackface? Learn answers to these questions and more! Following the presentation, stay at the Shul for a fun and interactive guided tour of the building and learn why the historic site is one of Boston's architectural treasures.

**The Historic Vilna Shul**

**Boston's Center for Jewish Culture, 18 Phillips Street, Beacon Hill**

Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Jessica Antoline, Program Manager, at [Jessica@vilnashul.org](mailto:Jessica@vilnashul.org)

Contact 617-523-2324 or at [jwbostonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:jwbostonhistory@gmail.com) for more information.

Presented by: The Vilna Shul | [www.vilnashul.org](http://www.vilnashul.org)

**SUN | 1 PM – 2:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Hidden Treasures of the Back Bay Fens**

What do a 17th-century Japanese Temple Bell, a historic bridge made of Roxbury puddingstone, the oldest continually operating World War II Victory Garden in the country and a tree once thought extinct have in common? They all reside in the Back Bay Fens. Learn about these and other treasures on a guided walking tour of the Back Bay Fens that is sure to bring out the history detective in you!

**Meet at the Shattuck Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Boston**

Free and open to the public. Reservations recommended.

Register at [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org) or call 617-522-2700.

Contact [jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org) for more information.

Presented by:

**Emerald Necklace Conservancy | [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org)**

# 13

MON | 6 PM – 8 PM

LECTURE

## Lizabeth Cohen: “Place, People, and Power: City Building in Postwar America”

Lizabeth Cohen presents on her current scholarship examining urban renewal in a reprise of her Inaugural Lecture as Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study “Place, People, and Power: City Building in Postwar America.” Discussion to follow.

BSA Space, 290 Congress Street, Boston

Free and open to the public.

Contact [dfixler@eypae.com](mailto:dfixler@eypae.com) or [marie@artifacre.com](mailto:marie@artifacre.com) for more information.

Presented by:

DOCOMOMO-US/New England Chapter | [www.docomomo.com](http://www.docomomo.com)

Boston Society of Architects | <http://www.architects.org/>

# 14

TUE | 6:30 PM - 8 PM

FILM

## Film: Courthouse Girls of Farmland

This film discusses the fight over an historic courthouse that divided a rural midwest community and the actions of a group of older ladies who went to an extreme to save it: A nudie calendar!

West End Museum, 150 Staniford Street, Boston, MA

Free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

Contact (617) 723-2125 for more information.

Presented by:

West End Museum | <http://thewestendmuseum.org>



**The Truth about Boylston Street**

The bustling, broad-shouldered neighbor of the more intimately scaled Newbury Street just around the corner, Boylston Street has an aesthetic appeal all its own and a fascinating history that is still being written. Home to Copley Square, one of the most admired public spaces in the United States, Boylston Street is also noteworthy for its significant civic, institutional and commercial structures. Dating from the Victorian era to our own twenty-first century, their façades run the architectural gamut from mellow brownstone to shimmering glass. Come learn about the buildings and businesses—large and small, past and present—that make Boylston Street such a visually rich and economically robust environment today. Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Back Bay Architectural Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [megmc@bostonbackbay.com](mailto:megmc@bostonbackbay.com) before May 1 to reserve a place.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

Back Bay Architectural Commission |

[www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp)

Back Bay Association | [www.bostonbackbay.com](http://www.bostonbackbay.com)

Newbury Street League | [www.newburystreetleague.org](http://www.newburystreetleague.org)

**Docent Tours of Fenway Studios**

Friends of Fenway Studios will host docent tours of Fenway Studios led by Rick Heym, AIA, President of Friends of Fenway Studios and a long-time resident artist. Tour will include visits to at least 3 studios with the opportunity to meet and discuss the artist's work. Each attendee will receive a Welcome packet that will include short histories of Friends of Fenway Studios and Fenway Studios, drawings of the original building as well as a list of artists working in the building listed by studio from its construction to the present. Note also that Fenway Studios is not wheelchair accessible and access requires climbing stairs.

30 Ipswich Street, Boston, Fenway Neighborhood

\$25 per person, pre-registration required.

Please RSVP to [contact@friendsoffenwaystudios.org](mailto:contact@friendsoffenwaystudios.org)

Presented by: Friends of Fenway Studios |

<http://www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org/>

THU | 6 PM – 7:30 PM

### **Yes, Historic Buildings Can be Energy Efficient! Evaluating Geothermal at Trinity Church**

Join the Boston Preservation Alliance as we explore the impact of the cutting-edge geothermal heat exchange system at Trinity Church in Copley Square. Jean Carroon, architect with Goody Clancy Associates, will discuss how geothermal was chosen for this landmark historic building, describe the technical and logistical challenges involved with drawing heating and cooling from the ground, and assess the effectiveness of the system now that it has been in use for a decade. Participants will view the mechanical equipment and afterward tour the sanctuary as Jean explains how this intervention affected the restoration of the building as a whole.

**Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon Street, Boston**

Free for Boston Preservation Alliance members, \$10 for non-members. Space is limited. Please register by May 10th to reserve your spot. Members and non-members may register securely via Eventbrite: <http://geothermalattrinitychurch.eventbrite.com>.

Contact the Boston Preservation Alliance at 617-367-2458 for more information.

THU | 6 PM – 7:30 PM

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Walking Tour of the Boston Waterfront**

The Boston Waterfront was the epicenter of the maritime economy in the New World. From Quincy Market to Rowes Wharf, this walk through Boston's mercantile history features tales of the colonial shoreline, the lore of clipper ships, and the vibrant revitalized waterfront of today's shops and restaurants.

**Meet your guide at the boat dock beside 290 Congress Street, Atlantic Wharf.**

\$12.00 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12, \$5 for Boston By Foot Members. Contact [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or 617-367-2345 for more information.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

**“The Revolution Starts Here!”****An Introduction to Old South Meeting House**

Explore more than 75 artists' studios in Fort Point's historic warehouse buildings. See public art, visit galleries, ask questions. Stroll, ponder and browse. Savor the experience. Buy original art from the people who make it. Artists' Demonstrations, Talks, Hands-On Activities, Performance.

Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston

Free and open to the public.

Contact (617) 482-6439 or [info@osmh.org](mailto:info@osmh.org) for more information.

Presented by: Old South Meeting House | [www.osmh.org](http://www.osmh.org)



FRI | 5 PM

WALKING TOUR

**Beacon Hill: From Backwoods to Urban Center**

For many people, Beacon Hill conjures the image of a civilized retreat in the city, complete with quiet streets and distinguished classical architecture. Its origins were a bit rougher. Join City of Boston preservation planner Walter Maros for an informative stroll across the Hill, where you will see examples of fine New England building exteriors and hear how the area changed from cow pasture to elite housing in one generation. In addition to touring the South Slope, we will cross over Charles Street into the Beacon Hill Flat, where Jazz-age Bostonians replaced their grandparents' stables with stylish 1920s houses and shops.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public; pre-registration required (group size limited). Please register by email before May 10 to [walter.maros@cityofboston.gov](mailto:walter.maros@cityofboston.gov).

Presented by: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp)

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Presented by: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp)

**Walking Tour of Charles Bulfinch's Architecture**

Do you know why the Massachusetts State House and the Nation's Capitol look alike? When President James Monroe visited Boston on his 'great goodwill tour' in 1818, he was so impressed with the urban planning which he saw in the town that he invited Charles Bulfinch to become the Architect of the Capitol. Former Boston selectman and architect Charles Bulfinch was a man of vision; not only did he design the Massachusetts State House and the Nation's Capitol, but in 1807 he chopped the top off of Beacon Hill, then used it to fill in the Mill Pond designing Boston's first street grid. Duane Lucia will take participants on a 3-mile walk around the West End, Beacon Hill and Downtown exploring the enduring work of America's first native born architect.

**West End Museum, 150 Staniford St Boston, MA**

Preregistration Required. \$15 Non-members/ \$7 Members.

Contact (617)416-0718 for more information.

Presented by: West End Museum | [thewestendmuseum.org](http://thewestendmuseum.org)

SAT | 1 PM – 4 PM

DEMONSTRATION

### Colonial Basket Weaving

Rather than in plastic bags or cardboard boxes, colonists stored cheese, chickens, and candles in specially designed baskets. Fred Lawson weaves and sells reproductions copied from period originals.

Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston

Free and with museum admission.

Contact 617-523-2338 or [emily@paulreverehouse.org](mailto:emily@paulreverehouse.org) for more information.

Presented by:

Paul Revere House | [www.paulreverehouse.org/](http://www.paulreverehouse.org/)

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SUN | 11 AM

WALKING TOUR

### Aberdeen: Suburb in the City

Transportation improvements led to the development of Aberdeen as a destination for Bostonians who were seeking homes with the amenities of the suburbs and the convenience of access to downtown businesses and places of entertainment. Boston preservation planner Walter Maros and Aberdeen Architectural Conservation Commission Chair Helen Pillsbury will provide a guided tour of a selection of Aberdeen's curvilinear streetscapes, which reflect the neighborhood's development from the 1890s through the first half of the 20th century, when housing ranged from Shingle-Style houses to Art Deco and Colonial Revival-inspired apartment buildings.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public; pre-registration required (group size limited). Please register by email before May 10 to [walter.maros@cityofboston.gov](mailto:walter.maros@cityofboston.gov).

Presented by: Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/aberdeen.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/aberdeen.asp)



# 19

SUN | 1 PM – 2:30 PM WALKING TOUR

## Take the High Road—Circle the Fens

Join Emerald Necklace docents as they lead a tour with twists and turns. The story of the Fens and what grew up around it is told with lively anecdotes and interesting facts on this guided walk that circles the park on the “high” road. Part history, part urban landscape, this brand new tour will be as eclectic as the Fens itself.

Meet at the Shattuck Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Boston

Free and open to the public. Reservations recommended.

Register at [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org) or call 617-522-2700.

Contact [jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org) for more information.

Presented by: Emerald Necklace Conservancy | [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org)

SUN | 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM HOUSE TOUR

## The Art of Entertaining

During the month of May Gibson House Museum will feature tours with a focus on recent conservation and restoration projects at this Back Bay historic Victorian house museum (paintings, downstairs kitchen and laundry room, coal shed, plaster ceilings, upholstery).

Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St, Boston

Open to the public. \$5 per person.

Contact [info@thegibsonhouse.org](mailto:info@thegibsonhouse.org) for more information.

Presented by: Gibson House Museum | [www.thegibsonhouse.org/](http://www.thegibsonhouse.org/)

# 21

TUE | 7 PM

## Brighton’s Old Faneuil Estate: Brighton’s First Archaeological Dig?

Boston’s City Archaeologist, Joe Bagley, will discuss the recent survey of the historic Benjamin Faneuil Estate in Brighton, a collaborative effort between the City Archaeology Program, the Brighton-Allston Historical Society, PeopleGIS, and Crittenton Women’s Union. The presentation will discuss the efforts to reconstruct the original layouts of the estate’s many buildings, trace the history of the property’s ownership and building phases, and discuss future plans for further archaeological investigation of what has become Brighton’s first officially-recognized archaeological site.

Brighton-Allston Evangelical Congregational Church,  
414 Washington St., Brighton Center

Free and open to the public. Contact 617-635-3850 or [Joseph.Bagley@Cityofboston.gov](mailto:Joseph.Bagley@Cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

City Archaeology Program | [www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology](http://www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology)

Brighton Allston Historical Society | [www.bahistory.org/](http://www.bahistory.org/)

**Evolving Doors**

The architectural significance of the Back Bay is unmistakable to the most casual visitor, but the ongoing effort to make its historic buildings—and the businesses that occupy them—accessible may be less apparent. “Exclusivity” can be all too literal, given the challenges posed by a continuous street wall of attached buildings with high entry stoops and narrow front yards. Nevertheless the Back Bay Architectural Commission is committed to introducing or enhancing access wherever the opportunity arises, exercising the same high standards of design and materials that characterize other building improvements under its review. On this tour we’ll explore some of the solutions that are helping to make the Back Bay’s many cultural and commercial opportunities more truly inclusive. Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Back Bay Architectural Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [rsvp@architects.org](mailto:rsvp@architects.org) (with 5/22/13 in the subject line) before May 8 to reserve a place. Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation. Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

Back Bay Architectural Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp)

Boston Society of Architects Access Committee | [www.architects.org/committees/access-committee](http://www.architects.org/committees/access-committee)

**WED | 6:30-8 PM****NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM****“History of the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and its Unique Role as the Green Axis of the Back Bay”**

Join Margaret Pokorny, Chair of the Commonwealth Avenue Mall Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of NABB for a lecture and discussion about the replanting, preservation and maintenance of the “The Grandest Boulevard”.

**French Cultural Center, 53 Marlborough Street, Back Bay**

Free and open to the public.

Contact 617-247-3961 or [info@nabbonline.com](mailto:info@nabbonline.com) for more information.

Presented by:

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay | [www.nabbonline.com](http://www.nabbonline.com)

# 22

WED | 6 PM

## Memories and Mortuary Records: Community Archiving Projects at UMass Boston

UMass Boston houses many archival collections that are utilized by family historians and researchers interested in exploring Boston and Massachusetts cultural history through the lives of individuals. The University's collections include more than 4,000 stories and images in the "Mass. Memories Road Show" project, hundreds of case records from the Boston Female Asylum, and more than 30,000 mortuary records from the Massachusetts Catholic Association of Foresters between 1880 and 1940. Joanne Riley will share examples from these collections, and will discuss the fascinating, productive, and sometimes challenging interplay among individuals, communities, and institutional archives. Since 2010, Ms. Riley has served as University Archivist at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

**Boston Public Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston**  
Free and Open to the Public.  
Contact 617.536.5400 for more information.

Presented by: Boston Public Library | [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

# 23

THU | 11 AM - 4 PM

## Preserving the Nichols House

View a slideshow highlighting the major preservation projects the Nichols House has undergone, and then tour the 1804 Charles Bulfinch designed house afterward.

**The Nichols House Museum, 55 Mount Vernon Street**  
Free and open to the public.  
Contact [info@nicholshousemuseum.org](mailto:info@nicholshousemuseum.org) or 617-227-6993 for more information.

Presented by:  
The Nichols House Museum | [www.nicholshousemuseum.org](http://www.nicholshousemuseum.org)



# Preservation Month Keynote Event

THU | 6 PM – 8 PM

TALK AND RECEPTION

## Better with Age: Greening Historic Commercial Buildings

Historic preservation is crucial to Boston's continuing commercial redevelopment. Revitalizing historic buildings ensures that Boston remains unique among American cities, with blocks of historic downtown commercial buildings. Three presentations will showcase recent adaptive-reuse projects that meld historic preservation and sustainable design treatments. These projects are LEED-certified and they utilized historic tax credits. While the three historic buildings are very different, the techniques employed to increase their sustainability are replicable and will be explored in this presentation by members of the projects' design and development teams:

- 1875 Hayden Building at the corner of Washington and LaGrange streets, the only remaining commercial building in Boston designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, renovated to mixed use with four residential loft units;
- Boston Hostel, 19 Stuart Street in the Theater District, constructed in 1886-1888 as the commercial Dill Building;
- 5 Channel Center Street, in Fort Point Channel and the Innovation District, constructed by the Boston Wharf Company around 1913, now home to Fraunhofer Institute.

Speakers: Albert Rex, Director-Northeast Office, MacRostie Historic Advisors; Christian Hoepfner, PhD, Scientific Director, Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems; Chris Johns, Managing Partner, CUBE design + research; Gabriel Baldwin, Project Manager, Conservation Services Group, and Michael Davis, FAIA, LEED AP, Principal, Vice President, Bergmeyer Associates.

**BSA Space, Atlantic Wharf, 290 Congress Street, Boston**

Free and Open to the Public. Seating limited, please [rsvp@architects.org](mailto:rsvp@architects.org) with BLC 5-23 in the subject line. Contact 617-635-3850 or [BLC@cityofboston.gov](mailto:BLC@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

The Boston Society of Architects | [www.architects.org](http://www.architects.org)

The Boston Landmarks Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks)

Mayor's Office of Environment and Energy Services |

[www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy](http://www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy)

# Preservation Month Daily Calendar

## 25

SAT | 1-4 PM EVENT

### Revolutionary War Medicine

Medical historian Ed Page takes on the role of regimental surgeon Elisha Skinner. Find out how he treated bullet wounds and disease on the battlefield during the Revolutionary War.

**Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, North End**

Free with museum admission: adults \$3.50, seniors and college students \$3.00, children ages 5–17 \$1. Members and North End residents admitted free at all times. Contact 617-523-2338 for more information.

Presented by: Paul Revere House | [www.paulreverehouse.org](http://www.paulreverehouse.org)

## 26

SUN | 1-2:30 PM

WALKING TOUR

### The History, Gardens and Changing Landscape of the Back Bay Fens

From foul muddy flats to the parkland of today, the Fens has undergone many transformations in the last 125 years. Join Emerald Necklace docents as they talk and walk the historic landscape. Includes stops at the Kelleher Rose Garden, with its 1,500+ roses, and the oldest World War II Victory Gardens in America.

**Tour begins at Shattuck Emerald Necklace Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Boston.**

Free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Contact 617-522-2700 for more information or weather-related cancellations.

Presented by:

Emerald Necklace Conservancy | [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org)

**SUN | 2 PM – 3:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Commonwealth Avenue: Boston's Grand Boulevard**

Boston's grand boulevard, Commonwealth Avenue, provides one of the city's most enduringly popular strolls. The tour parallels the 19th-century filling and development of the Back Bay from its origin at Arlington Street. The Avenue and its Promenade were planned to elegantly complement the transformation of the newly filled Back Bay into an upscale neighborhood.

Meet your guide at the George Washington Statue in Public Garden at the corner of Arlington and Commonwealth Avenues.

\$15.00 per person; \$5 for Boston By Foot Members

Contact [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or 617-367-2345 for more information.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

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**WED | 5 PM -6:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Back Bay Shuffle**

If the Back Bay remains a product of the nineteenth-century imagination, its architectural interest is by no means limited to its most historic structures. Scattered throughout the neighborhood are a surprising number of buildings erected since World War II. Some date from the largely unregulated period before the designation of the district; others, built since 1966, reflect the guiding influence of the Back Bay Architectural Commission. Whether residential or institutional, ecclesiastic or commercial, each exemplifies the changing needs and tastes of our recent past. On this tour we'll consider the challenges of contextual design—and design review—in one of the country's most aesthetically distinguished and creatively demanding environments. Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Back Bay Architectural Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [info@nabbonline.com](mailto:info@nabbonline.com) before May 15 to reserve a place.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

Back Bay Architectural Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp)

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay | [www.nabbonline.com](http://www.nabbonline.com)

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Free and open to the public.

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617-227-6993 for more information.

Presented by:

The Nichols House Museum | [www.nicholshousemuseum.org](http://www.nicholshousemuseum.org)

**THU | 5 PM- 6:30 PM****WALKING TOUR****Bay State Road: Academic Excellence**

Built up at the turn of the twentieth century, Bay State Road represents the culmination of the Back Bay development begun decades earlier. Drawn to its attractive riverbank setting, well-heeled Bostonians rushed to build houses here designed by fashionable architects in all the popular styles of the day. These include examples of the weighty Romanesque, florid Georgian and graceful Federal Revival idioms, plus an imposing Tudor manor seemingly plucked from the English countryside. A bit later, stylish hotels lured café society to the area. Join us as we tour these and others, many of which have been sensitively converted as offices and residence halls by Boston University, a local leader in historic preservation since well before the district's designation in 1979.

Tour will be led by William Young, Senior Preservation Planner, Back Bay Architectural Commission (1991-present).

Free and open to the public.

As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required. Co-sponsoring organizations may, at their discretion, accord their members priority reservations.

Contact [backbaystaff@cityofboston.gov](mailto:backbaystaff@cityofboston.gov) before May 16 to reserve a place. Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Contact [William.Young@cityofboston.gov](mailto:William.Young@cityofboston.gov) for more information.

Presented by:

Bay State Road/Back Bay West Architectural Conservation District  
Commission | [www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/baystate.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/baystate.asp)  
Boston University Facilities Management & Planning |  
[www.bu.edu/facilities](http://www.bu.edu/facilities)

**THU | 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **South by Southwest: A Look at Two Districts**

Think every brick rowhouse is the same? Think again. This tour will explore the similarities and differences between one of Boston's largest landmark districts, the South End Landmark District, and one of its smallest, the Saint Botolph Architectural Conservation District, all from the vantage point of the Southwest Corridor Park.

Tour will be led by Meghan Hanrahan, Preservation Planner, South End Landmark District and Saint Botolph Architectural Conservation District.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public; pre-registration required (group size limited).

Please contact [Meghan.Hanrahan@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Meghan.Hanrahan@cityofboston.gov) to reserve a spot by May 27th or for more information.

Presented by:

South End Landmark District Commission |

[www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/southend.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/southend.asp)

Saint Botolph Architectural Conservation District Commission |

[www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/botolph.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/botolph.asp)



**THU | ALL DAY**

### **Lost Parker Hill Exhibit Opening in Honor of Jane Holtz Kay**

Images from various archives and researched by the Friends of Historic Mission Hill

[JP Licks, 1 Brigham Circle, Boston](#)

Free and open to the public.

Contact [historicmissionhill@yahoo.com](mailto:historicmissionhill@yahoo.com) or for more information.

Presented by: Friends of Historic Mission Hill

**Meet the “Ordinary” People of Early Boston  
with Author Joanne Lloyd**

Did you know that just blocks away from the homes of some of Boston’s wealthiest residents in Beacon Hill are the former tenements of some of its poorest? Or that the North End was once home to nearly as many Jewish residents as it was Italian? The Vilna Shul and the Beacon Hill Scholars invite you to a unique event as we explore Boston’s colorful history. Join us in the historic Shul and learn some of the greatest stories of Boston’s “ordinary” people. This is the perfect event if you are curious about life in Boston beyond the Freedom Trail. Join us and then take your friends on a tour of the city they will never forget!

**The Historic Vilna Shul**

**Boston’s Center for Jewish Culture. 18 Phillips Street, Beacon Hill**

Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Jessica Antoline, Program Manager, at [Jessica@vilnashul.org](mailto:Jessica@vilnashul.org)

Contact 617-523-2324 or at [Jessica@vilnashul.org](mailto:Jessica@vilnashul.org) for more information.

Presented by: The Vilna Shul | [www.vilnashul.org](http://www.vilnashul.org)

This event is cosponsored by the Beacon Hill Scholars, Inc. and the Vilna Shul.

# *Extended, Month-long, and Recurring Events*

**MAY 10 – MAY 12**

**OPEN STUDIOS**

## **Fort Point Channel Open Studios**

Explore more than 75 artists' studios in Fort Point's historic warehouse buildings. See public art, visit galleries, ask questions. Stroll, ponder and browse. Savor the experience. Buy original art from the people who make it. Artists' Demonstrations, Talks, Hands-On Activities, Performance.

**Fort Point Channel Neighborhood, Boston**

Free and open to the public.

Contact 617-423-4299 or [gsos@rcn.com](mailto:gsos@rcn.com) for more information.

Presented by:

Fort Point Arts Community | [www.fortpointarts.org/open-studios/](http://www.fortpointarts.org/open-studios/)

**DAILY**

**WALKING TOUR**

## **Walk into History to Celebrate Preservation Month**

Walk the Freedom Trail® through history. Experience more than 250 years of history—and 16 of Boston's most significant sites—along the Freedom Trail. Join a 90-minute walking tour led by an 18th century costumed guide. Historical facts and anecdotes on colonial life and Boston history are told as one follows the Freedom Trail, a 2.5 mile red brick Trail, to many of the 16 historical sites.

**Tours meet at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center.**

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (every hour on the hour).

\$13 adults; \$11 seniors/students; \$7 children

This includes a \$1 donation to Freedom Trail Foundation Preservation Fund for capital projects at Freedom Trail sites.

Contact [info@thefreedomtrail.org](mailto:info@thefreedomtrail.org) or 617-357-8300 for more information.

Presented by:

The Freedom Trail Foundation | [www.TheFreedomTrail.org](http://www.TheFreedomTrail.org)

## DAILY

## WALKING TOUR

### Walking Tour of Beacon Hill

From the golden dome of the State House, to the elegant homes of Louisburg Square, this tour offers examples of Charles Bulfinch and his followers. By daylight or twilight, “The Hill” casts a spell of enchantment.

Meet your guide at the front of the State House steps, on Beacon Street across from Boston Common.

Monday -Friday 5:30 PM; Saturday and Sunday 2 PM.

Duration: 90 minutes.

\$12 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12; free for Boston By Foot members.

No registration required. Tours take place rain or shine.

Contact [info@bostonbyfoot.org](mailto:info@bostonbyfoot.org) or 617-367-2345 for more information.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

## DAILY

## SELF-GUIDED TOUR

### Roxbury Heritage Walk

Ever wondered when that church on the corner was built, or who painted the mural you admire on your commute every day? If so, get out and about around Roxbury with the Roxbury Heritage Walk. Spanning Roxbury’s 380+ years of history, from the Eliot Burial Ground (est. 1630) to the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (opened 2006), learn more about Roxbury and American history as you explore the community at your leisure.

Download a free printable or digital booklet version at [www.discoverroxbury.org](http://www.discoverroxbury.org).

Presented by: Discover Roxbury | [www.discoverroxbury.org](http://www.discoverroxbury.org)

## DAILY

## WALKING TOUR

### Heart of the Freedom Trail

An ideal introduction to the city, this historic walk features seven designated Freedom Trail sites. Included are the Old State House, where the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston; the site of the Boston Massacre; and Faneuil Hall (“The Cradle of Liberty”).

Meet your guide in front of Faneuil Hall at the statue of Samuel Adams on Congress Street.

Monday-Friday 11 AM; Saturday and Sunday 1 PM. Duration: 90 minutes.

\$12 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12; free for Boston By Foot members.

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## DAILY TOUR

### MONDAYS, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS

### WALKING TOUR

Victorian Back Bay

Boston's Back Bay embraces one of America's richest collections of art and architecture. Its treasures include Trinity Church, the Boston Public Library, and grand rows of stately townhouses.

Meet your guide on the steps of Trinity Church, facing Copley Square.

Friday 2 PM; Saturday 4 PM; Sunday 10 AM. Duration: 90 minutes.

\$12 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12; free for Boston By Foot members.

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### FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS

### WALKING TOUR

#### The Dark Side of Boston

Explore the darker side of Boston's North End, including the scourges of smallpox and influenza, the Molasses Flood, the Brink's Job, and other tales of mishaps, malfeasance and mortality.

Meet your guide at the intersection of Hanover and Cross Streets across from the Greenway.

Friday-Sunday 6:00 pm. Duration: 90 minutes.

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## SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

## WALKING TOUR

### **Boston By Little Feet**

This child's-eye-view of the Freedom Trail's architecture and history is especially designed for young walkers of six to twelve years. An ideal introduction to the city, this historic walk features seven designated Freedom Trail sites. It includes the Old State House, where the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston; Faneuil Hall ("The Cradle of Liberty"); and the always-beckoning Quincy Market. Explorer's Map is included.

Meet your guide in front of Faneuil Hall at the statue of Samuel Adams on Congress Street.

Saturday 10 AM; Sunday 1 PM. Duration: 60 minutes.

\$10 per person; free for Boston By Foot members.

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## SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

## WALKING TOUR

### **Walking Tour of the North End**

The North End is a delightful labyrinth of narrow streets and exotic marketplaces. This tour covers the history of America's oldest neighborhood from colonial days to the present, as well as the history of the city through waves of 19th century immigration. A gateway for immigrants from around the world, it is also home to the Old North Church and the Paul Revere House.

Meet your guide at the intersection of Hanover and Cross Streets across from the Greenway.

Saturday and Sunday at 3 PM. Duration: 90 minutes.

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**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **The Road to Revolution**

From the Boston Massacre to Paul Revere's Midnight Ride, Boston is well-known for events that sparked the American Revolution. Explore the streets of Boston's oldest neighborhoods and discover the extraordinary stories of the meeting houses, halls, and homes where the Revolution was born.

Meet your guide in the plaza across the street from King's Chapel.

Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM. Duration: 120 minutes.

\$15 per person; \$8 children ages 6-12; free for Boston By Foot members.

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**SATURDAYS**

**WALKING TOUR**

### **Literary Landmarks**

Our literary stroll highlights the homes and haunts of such great Victorians as Hawthorne, Thoreau, Alcott, and Longfellow. Individually, they were writers and poets without equal. Collectively, they made Boston the epicenter of American Letters.

Meet your guide in front of the former Borders Bookstore, corner of School and Washington Streets.

Saturdays at 10 AM. Duration: 90 minutes.

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**SUNDAYS**

**WALKING TOUR**

**Reinventing Boston: A City Engineered**

From creating land, building America's first subway, to the Big Dig, Boston has a long tradition of changing its cityscape. Find forgotten streets and waterways and discover awe-inspiring infrastructure on this walk through the history of a city transformed.

Meet your guide at the corner of Tremont and Court Streets, in front of the "Steaming Kettle."

Sundays at 2 PM. Duration: 90 minutes.

\$14 per person; \$2 for Boston By Foot members.

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Bay Village Neighborhood Association | [www.bayvillage.net](http://www.bayvillage.net)

Boston By Foot | [www.bostonbyfoot.org](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org)

Boston Preservation Alliance | [www.bostonpreservation.org](http://www.bostonpreservation.org)

The Bostonian Society | [www.bostonhistory.org](http://www.bostonhistory.org)

Boston Public Library | [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Boston Society of Architects | [www.architects.org](http://www.architects.org)

Boston University Facilities Management & Planning | [www.bu.edu/facilities](http://www.bu.edu/facilities)

Brighton-Allston Historical Society | [www.bahistory.org](http://www.bahistory.org)

Church of the Covenant, Boston | [www.cotcbos.org](http://www.cotcbos.org)

Discover Roxbury | [www.discoverroxbury.org](http://www.discoverroxbury.org)

DOCOMOMO-US/New England Chapter | [www.docomomo.com](http://www.docomomo.com)

Dudley Square Main Streets | [www.dudleysquare.org](http://www.dudleysquare.org)

Emerald Necklace Conservancy | [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org)

Fort Point Arts Community | [www.fortpointarts.org/open-studios](http://www.fortpointarts.org/open-studios)

The Freedom Trail Foundation | [www.TheFreedomTrail.org](http://www.TheFreedomTrail.org)

Friends of Fenway Studios | [www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org](http://www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org)

Friends of Historic Mission Hill | [historicmissionhill@yahoo.com](mailto:historicmissionhill@yahoo.com)

Historic Boston Incorporated | [www.historicboston.org](http://www.historicboston.org)

Historic New England | [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org)

Gibson House Museum | [www.thegibsonhouse.org](http://www.thegibsonhouse.org)

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay | [www.nabbonline.com](http://www.nabbonline.com)

Newbury Street League | [www.newburystreetleague.org](http://www.newburystreetleague.org)

The Nichols House Museum | [www.nicholshousemuseum.org](http://www.nicholshousemuseum.org)

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation | [www.nuestracdc.org](http://www.nuestracdc.org)

Old North Church | [www.oldnorth.com](http://www.oldnorth.com)

Old South Meeting House | [www.osmh.org](http://www.osmh.org)

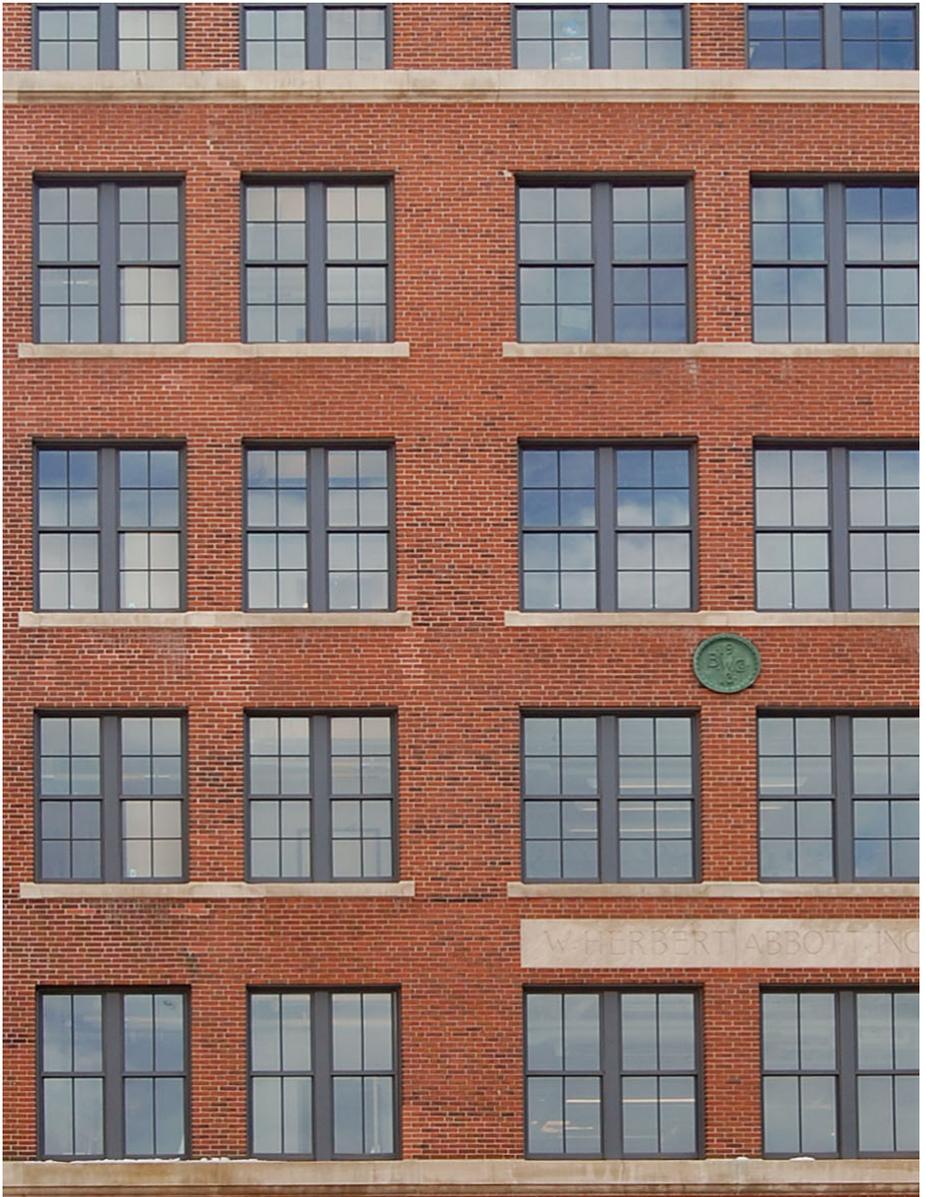
Paul Revere House | [www.paulreverehouse.org](http://www.paulreverehouse.org)

Preservation Massachusetts | [www.preservationmass.org](http://www.preservationmass.org)

South End Historical Society | [www.southendhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.southendhistoricalsociety.org)

The Vilna Shul | [www.vilnashul.org](http://www.vilnashul.org)

The West End Museum | [www.thewestendmuseum.org](http://www.thewestendmuseum.org)



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