An aerial photograph of Boston, Massachusetts, showing a dense urban skyline with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. In the foreground, a large green park area with trees and a baseball field is visible. The background shows a body of water, likely the harbor, under a cloudy sky. The text 'KEEP THE CHANGE' is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters at the top right.

KEEP THE CHANGE

City of Boston
Preservation Month
May 2016



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Martin J. Walsh



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

May is National Historic Preservation Month. Established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this month-long observance celebrates the wide range of historic places and resources that enrich our lives, and supports the ongoing efforts made by individuals, community groups, developers, and municipal agencies to protect and enhance these special places. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the legislation that set the federal policy for protecting our nation's heritage. The Act has many other key elements including the establishment of the National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Programs, and the role of Certified Local Governments, like the City of Boston, in the preservation of cultural resources.

In Boston, Preservation Month is led by the Boston Landmarks Commission, the city's preservation planning agency. "Keep the Change" has been selected as the theme of Boston's city-wide 2016 celebration. More than just a play on words, this theme promotes preservation as tool to manage—not stop—the changes that improve and advance our city while protecting its historic fabric and character for future generations. From new construction in historic districts to the adaptive reuse of buildings utilizing historic tax credits, these changes can be seen in every one of Boston's neighborhoods.

The Boston Landmarks Commission has compiled this calendar, filled with activities presented by the Commission's knowledgeable staff and dozens of participating organizations. Join us for our Keynote Event on May 5 at the Boston Public Library for a panel discussion on how development and preservation can successfully coexist. Come along on a walking tour led by enthusiastic Landmarks personnel and commissioners. Hear from the City Archaeologist about his upcoming book, *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*, and learn how to research historic buildings at a workshop hosted by the Assistant Survey Director. Engage with your neighbors and explore the historic sites found in every corner of the city.

I invite you to celebrate Boston's rich history, and to remind yourself of the connections we share as Bostonians. Enjoy the buildings, places and communities that make Boston a world-class city. Happy Preservation Month!

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston

Preservation Month May 2016

ABOUT PRESERVATION MONTH

National Historic Preservation Month is an annual celebration designed to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our historic communities. Preservation Month was established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is organized locally by the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC). We invite you to explore this year's theme:

KEEP THE CHANGE

The selected theme is intended to prompt the public to reconsider what preservation is all about. In Boston, we celebrate the blend of old and new. This comes in many forms from new construction to adaptive reuse. By participating in the Preservation Month activities listed in this calendar, you will learn more about Boston's history, architecture, and historic neighborhoods.

The Preservation Month 2016 calendar includes:

- A Keynote Event on May 5 at 6:00 PM at the Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St.
- Highlighted events and walking tours presented by preservation staff and commissioners
- Daily activities occurring throughout Boston and its diverse neighborhoods
- A list of participating organizations

ABOUT THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The Boston Landmarks Commission is the municipal preservation planning 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 within 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 also provides information and assistance concerning the regulatory process, historic preservation planning and protection tools, archaeology, sources for historical information, and technical assistance.



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.

The City of Boston and the Built and Natural Environments

THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

The Environment Department aims to protect our built and natural environments and provide information on environmental issues affecting Boston. Sound management and environmental practices will help ensure the future of our livable City. The Department maintains Boston's wealth of historic sites, buildings, landscapes, and waterways through protective designation and review processes.

The Environment Department Oversees:

- **Boston Landmarks Commission:** Preserves historic properties through planning regulatory review and providing information on best practices
- **Historic District Commissions:** Reviews exterior design changes in nine local historic districts
- **City Archaeology Program:** Manages the City's archaeological resources and provides outreach on the City's below-ground history
- **Boston Conservation Commission:** Protects and preserves wetlands and Boston's natural areas
- **Air Pollution Control Commission:** Protects air quality through air pollution, noise, and parking freeze regulations
- **Environmental Review/Impact Assessment:** Analyzes development projects for potential environmental impacts

THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND OPEN SPACE CABINET

The mission of the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet is to preserve and enhance the resources of our built and natural environment, to promote affordable, efficient, reliable and safe energy systems, and to provide clean, green, safe and accessible open space for residents and visitors. The Cabinet is led by **Austin Blackmon**, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space.

The Cabinet Oversees:

- **The Environment Department**
- **The Inspectional Services Department**
- **The Parks and Recreation Department**

LEARN MORE ONLINE

www.cityofboston.gov/environment
www.cityofboston.gov/eos
www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
www.greenovateboston.org



KEEP THE CHANGE

Preservation Month Keynote Event

Thursday | May 5 | 6:00 PM
Guastavino Room, McKim Building
Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St.

Historic preservation is not about freezing a building in time, or placing a theoretical glass box around it. As preservationists, we know that the best way to save a building is to use it, and that we cannot resist change but must sensitively manage change. All of our historic structures—from a 1860s brick rowhouse to a mid-century Brutalist municipal building—deserve to be respected and preserved. To accomplish this, property owners, developers, architects and city agencies use established design standards set forth by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Designated local Landmarks and historic districts have additional standards and criteria specifically tailored to the unique architectural character of each individual resource or district.

The Boston Landmarks Commission and the nine local historic district commissions serve as the stewards of the more than 8000 properties under their purview across the city. Proposed projects come in all shapes and sizes—literally—from repair and replacement to large additions and new construction. Through a collaborative and thoughtful planning process, a vertical glass addition on a Landmark or a new tower in a Landmark district can be successful.

Join us at the Landmark-designated Boston Public Library for a panel discussion on how new and old can coexist in Boston, using examples of recent projects at the Boston Public Library, the Burnham Building (Filene's), and in the South End Landmark District.

PANELISTS

John Amodeo, Boston Landmarks Commission & South End Landmark District Commission
David Leonard, Interim President of the Boston Public Library
Kathleen C. MacNeil, Principal at MDA Partners, LLC, a joint venture of MDA Partners & Millennium Partners

MODERATOR

Ted Landsmark, Boston Redevelopment Authority Board Member

Free and open to the public. Reception to follow (cash bar).

Presented by: Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks

Co-sponsored by: Boston Public Library | www.bpl.org

Register online at: blckeynote16.eventbrite.com

Preservation Month Daily Calendar

MAY 1

1 | SUN | 2:00 PM | PRESENTATION & TOUR

Revitalizing Roxbury's Meetinghouse—A Presentation & Tour

Come tour this iconic historic building in Roxbury's John Eliot Square and learn about the ongoing efforts to preserve it and transform it into an active center of arts, education, and civic life for Roxbury. Built in 1804, the former First Church is the oldest surviving wooden religious structure in Boston. It is remarkably well-preserved, and work is planned to begin this summer to restore its elegant exterior. Come see this beautiful building for yourself, take in its storied past, and have a try at ringing its Paul Revere bell! The presentation and tour will begin inside the Sanctuary, entered through the Meetinghouse's front doors or through the Education and Justice Center (accessible).



UU Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St., Roxbury. Free and open to the public.

Presented by: UU Urban Ministry Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee | www.uuum.org

Contact: Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, Executive Director & Senior Minister | (617) 318-6010

3 | TUE | 12:30 PM | WALKING TOUR

Tour of Historic Landmark: Boston Custom House

Leading this special tour is **Rosanne Foley**, Executive Director of the Boston Landmarks Commission. As one of America's oldest cities, Boston is home to a wealth of important cultural resources—this tour of the Boston Custom House, started in 1837 and completed in 1849, will include views from the open observation deck. The Custom House is located in McKinley Square, in Boston's Financial District. Architect Ammi Burnham Young entered an 1837 competition to design the Boston Custom House, and won with his neoclassical design. Inside, the rotunda was capped with a skylight dome. The building sits on filled land and is supported by wooden piles. Boston's waterfront extended to this building, and ships moored at Long Wharf almost touched the eastern facade. The Custom House was built at the end of the City docks, to facilitate cargo inspection and fee collection in the age of Boston clipper ships. Standing at 496 feet (151 m) tall, the twenty-six story clock tower was added in 1913. The open observation deck is on the 25th floor. The building was designated a Boston Landmark in 1986.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public. As no more than 20 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required.

Presented by: Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
Marriott Vacation Club | www.marriottvacationclub.com/vacation-resorts/marriott-custom-house/overview.shtml

Contact blc@boston.gov before May 2 to reserve a place.



MAY 4

4 | WED | 6:00 PM | AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Tsongas Awards Dinner

Each May, Preservation Massachusetts holds an awards dinner to recognize and celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserving the Commonwealth's historic resources. The 2016 Tsongas Awards will celebrate the successes, advancements and accomplishments of Women in Preservation.



Additionally, the second annual Mayor Thomas M. Menino Legacy Award will recognize just one transformation project in Massachusetts. This award was created to honor the contribution that Mayor Menino made to the historic preservation community and celebrates projects that are transformative, create community partnerships and preserve the best of our cities and towns. The Legacy Award recipient will be celebrated along with honored Women in Preservation at the 2016 Tsongas Awards Dinner.

Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 Saint James Ave.

\$300 per ticket. Sponsorship opportunities available by contacting Preservation Massachusetts staff.

Presented by: Preservation Massachusetts | www.preservationmass.org

Contact: Courtney Whelan | cwhelan@preservationmass.org | (617) 723-3383

4 | WED | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM | LECTURE

A Necessary Haze: Drinking in Colonial America

Colonial Americans liked to drink—a lot. When the Mayflower set sail, it was loaded with beer; taverns were often the first structures built in a new village or town; John Adams began each day with a tankard of hard cider; and long before he became a whiskey distiller, George Washington's recipe for 'small beer' was renowned. Beer, wine, cider, rum, Madeira, applejack, mead, and dozens of proto-cocktails filled mugs and glasses from dawn 'til dusk, before battle and long after. Join **Corin Hirsch**, author of *Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England*, for a lively discussion of what our colonial forebears drank, where they drank, and a how robust colonial drinking culture shaped our early identity. Afterwards, please join us for a special rum tasting and reception with the speaker hosted by Privateer Rum.



Old North Church, 193 Salem St.

The lecture is free and open to the public. \$10 per person for the rum tasting. Registration is required: www.eventbrite.com/e/old-north-speaker-series-corin-hirsch-drinking-in-colonial-america-tickets-20710021231?aff=erellivmlt.

Presented by: Old North Foundation | www.oldnorth.com

Contact: Erin Wederbrook Yuskaitis | education@oldnorth.com | (617) 523-6676

MAY 5

5 | THU | 6:00 PM | PRESERVATION MONTH KEYNOTE EVENT

See page 4 for more information about this special event.

MAY 7

7 | SAT | 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM | WORKSHOP

Library & Archives Open Saturdays

Historic New England's Library and Archives in Boston will open for your research needs on the first Saturdays of April, May, June, October, November, and December. Discover our extraordinary collection of New England photographs, manuscripts, ephemera, and other documents.

The Otis House Museum, 141 Cambridge St.

\$5 per person, free for Historic New England members. Please call (617) 994-5946 to make an appointment.

Presented by: Historic New England | www.historicnewengland.org

Contact: Shira Gladstone, site manager | otishouse@historicnewengland.org | (617) 994-5946



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7 | SAT | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Beacon Hill Walking Tour

Go beyond the brick sidewalks and charming gardens and learn about Beacon Hill's development in the Federal era. The fortunes, ambitions, and struggles of Beacon Hill's early residents, both wealthy and working class, shaped the streets, architecture, and character of the hill. Start with a tour of the Otis House, the earliest intact mansion in the neighborhood, and continue on Beacon Hill's historic streets.

Meet at the Otis House Museum, 141 Cambridge St.
\$15 per person, \$10 for Historic New England members. Registration is recommended:
(617) 994-5920 or buy online.



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Presented by: Historic New England | www.historicnewengland.org

Contact: Shira Gladstone, site manager | otishouse@historicnewengland.org | (617) 994-5920

7 | SAT | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Walking Tour of Monument Square, Jamaica Plain

Tour a residential area that includes a National Register Historic District. View architecture that spans three centuries; the oldest community theater company in the U.S.; and an elegant 18th-century mansion that once served as the country's first military hospital. Learn about the monument that commemorates fallen Civil War soldiers from West Roxbury and about Pauline Agassiz Shaw who established the class that became the model for continuous free kindergarten education. We will visit a house dating to 1716 that once served as a tavern, the Eliot School dating back to 1689, the home of the first woman to graduate from MIT, and the First Church Burial Ground. Please note that the tour will be cancelled in the case of heavy rain.



Meet your guide outside the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain. Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Jamaica Plain Historical Society | www.jphs.org
Contact: Gretchen Grozier, JPHS President | info@jphs.org

7 | SAT | 1:00 PM | PRESENTATION

A Lion, A Unicorn, and a Time Capsule: Preservation Surprises at the Old State House

The public is invited to dive with Bostonian Society staff into the excitement and mystery that surrounded the 2014 restoration of the Old State House's iconic lion and unicorn statues. Visitors will view a nine-minute documentary titled "Secret of the Lion," which follows the discovery and unveiling of a 1901 time capsule found in the head of the lion statue during its restoration, as well as the time capsule box, and photographs, newspaper articles, and other items from inside the box. Education staff will also offer children's activities that include building a time capsule and restoring a model lion and unicorn. In 1994 the Old State House was designated a Boston Landmark.



Old State House, 206 Washington St.
Cost included with Old State House admission.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | www.bostonhistory.org
Contact: Kathleen Mulvaney | kathmul1@gmail.com | (617) 720-1713 ext. 27

7 | SAT | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | EXHIBIT

Barry's Corner Exhibit Grand Opening

This new exhibit will feature photographs of this lost Allston neighborhood, demolished by the Boston Redevelopment Authority in the 1960s. Despite its being targeted for urban renewal, this area was actually a solid working-class community that former residents remember as a great place to live- and we hope our exhibit gives you a greater understanding of this.

Brighton-Allston Historical Society - Heritage Museum, at the Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center, 20 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton Center.

Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Brighton-Allston Historical Society | www.bahistory.org
Contact: Linda Mishkin | lindamishkin@gmail.com | (617) 496-6055



MAY 8

8 | SUN | 10:00 AM – 12:00 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 neighborhood's history over the centuries, including Julia Ward Howe, Louisa May Alcott, Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, and many others. Hear stories of a wide range of women: wealthy and working class, black and white, entrepreneurs and reformers, artists and preservationists.

Meet at the Otis House Museum, 141 Cambridge St.
\$15 per person, \$10 for Historic New England members.
Registration is required: (617) 994-5920 or buy online.



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Presented by: Historic New England | www.historicnewengland.org
Contact: Shira Gladstone, site manager | otishouse@historicnewengland.org | (617) 994-5920

MAY 9

9 | MON | 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM | WALKING TOUR

Preservation Isn't What You Think It Is: New Construction Within a Landmark District

Does new construction within a Landmark district need to imitate the architecture of the district? The answer to this may surprise you. Two long-time Boston Landmarks Commissioners and the South End Landmark District Commission Preservation Planner will take you on a walking tour of the South End Landmark District, using it as a case study for new construction in a historic district, explaining what makes a building “a South End building.” Boston's historic South End, the country's largest Victorian rowhouse district, was made a Landmark District in 1983, but contained scores of vacant lots and surface parking lots where contributing buildings were demolished by intent or neglect, providing numerous opportunities for new construction that have responded to that question in many different ways.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public. As no more than 25 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required.

Presented by: South End Landmark District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/southend.asp

Contact blc@boston.gov before May 5 to reserve a place.

MAY 10

10 | TUE | 7:00 PM | BOOK TALK

Book Talk: *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*



City Archaeologist and Boston Landmarks Commission staff member, **Joseph Bagley**, highlights a fascinating hodgepodge of history—from ancient fishing grounds to Jazz Age red-light districts—and demonstrates how these objects offer a unique and accessible introduction to Boston's history and physical culture.

Charlestown Historical Society Bunker Hill Museum, Basement, 43 Monument Sq., Charlestown.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: City of Boston Archaeology Program | www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology
Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
Charlestown Preservation Society | www.charlestownpreservation.org
Charlestown Historical Society | www.charlestownhistoricalsociety.org
Contact: Joseph Bagley | joseph.bagley@boston.gov

11 | WED | 6:00 PM | BOOK TALK

Book Talk: *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*

City Archaeologist and Boston Landmarks Commission staff member, **Joseph Bagley**, highlights a fascinating hodgepodge of history—from ancient fishing grounds to Jazz Age red-light districts—and demonstrates how these objects offer a unique and accessible introduction to Boston’s history and physical culture. The event venue is a designated Boston Landmark.

Boston Public Library Copley Branch, Commonwealth Salon, 700 Boylston St.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: City of Boston Archaeology Program | www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology
Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
Boston Public Library | www.bpl.org
Contact: Joseph Bagley | joseph.bagley@boston.gov



11 | WED | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM | LECTURE

Uncovering Cherubs: New Discoveries at Old North Church

The fame of Old North Church is largely based on its connection to the celebrated ride of Paul Revere in the early Revolutionary period, overshadowing its great architectural significance as the first important “Christopher Wren type” church in the English colonies. The church as we see it today is the result of a 1912 restoration that was based on limited information. The Old North Foundation conducted a historic paint analysis this winter to research the rich colonial color schemes previously adorning the church. **Brian Powell** from Building Conservation Associates will present the results of the paint study and help the audience imagine how the church actually looked in the 18th century. Come see the remarkable 1727 painted cherub head that has just been exposed, one of twenty believed to survive! Afterwards, please join the Boston Preservation Alliance Young Advisors for a facilitated discussion about the role preservation plays in interpretation at historic sites. Refreshments provided.



Old North Church, 193 Salem St.

Free and open to the public. Registration is required: www.eventbrite.com/e/old-north-speaker-series-brian-powell-uncovering-cherubs-tickets-22580641306?ref=ebtn.

Presented by: Old North Foundation | www.oldnorth.com
Contact: Erin Wederbrook Yuskaitis | education@oldnorth.com | (617) 523-6676

MAY 14

14 | SAT | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Walking Tour of Sumner Hill, Jamaica Plain

Come along to tour this National Register Historic District that includes one of the finest collections of Victorian houses in the Boston area. The district includes the ancestral home of the Dole Pineapple Company founder and the homes of progressives who were active as abolitionists and women suffragists. Please note that the tour will be cancelled in the case of heavy rain.

Meet your guide outside the Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain.
Free and open to the public.



Presented by: Jamaica Plain Historical Society | www.jpshs.org
Contact: Gretchen Grozier, JPMS President | info@jpshs.org

14 | SAT | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | TOUR

Annual Summer Kitchen Opening

Celebrate the annual opening of the summer kitchen exhibit at the Loring-Greenough House. Tours will be offered of one of Boston's only remaining intact summer kitchens. The summer kitchen and laundry room were added to the main house as part of the construction of the ell in 1811. The Rumford boiler apparatus and equipment along with an ingenious circular drying rack remain remarkably preserved from the 19th century. A 1998 Historic Structure Report called this space "a valuable educational resource." Free refreshments will be served.



the house was designated a Boston Landmark. Under the JPTC, the property is now a center for cultural, historical, educational and social activities.

Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain.
Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

Presented by: Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club | www.loring-greenough.org
Contact: Ed Stanley | estanley@loring-greenough.org | (617) 524-3158

15 | SUN | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | TOUR

Nantucket Lightship/LV-112

Nantucket Lightship/LV-112, a former U.S. Coast Guard “floating lighthouse,” National Historic Landmark and National Treasure, serves as a living museum and learning center for the general public, chronicling the maritime history of the U.S. Lightship Service from its inception in 1820 to its end in 1985. Nantucket/LV-112—the largest and most famous U.S. lightship ever built (1936)—served 100 miles off the U.S. mainland, guiding transoceanic ship traffic past the treacherous Nantucket Shoals (1936–75). The first symbol of America seen by European immigrants, it became affectionately known as “The Statue of Liberty of the Sea.” May 15 is the anniversary date that in 1934, the RMS Olympic (sister ship to RMS Titanic) collided with Nantucket Lightship/LV-117, the predecessor to Nantucket/LV-112, in heavy fog on Nantucket Shoals Lightship Station. Nantucket/LV-117 sank, and seven of its 11 crew members perished. As a result, the British government paid reparations to the crew members' families and paid the U.S. government to have Nantucket/LV-112 built. Tours will also be available on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and on other days by appointment.



East Boston waterfront, Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal St., East Boston. BHC Water Taxi Stop #68; MBTA Maverick Station: approximately 15-minute walk to shipyard/ Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 berth. Suggested \$5 donation per person. The USLM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Presented by: United States Lightship Museum (USLM) | www.nantucketlightshiplv-112.org
 Contact: Robert Mannino, Jr. | rmmjr2@comcast.net | (617) 797-0135

15 | SUN | 2:00 PM | BOOK TALK



Book Talk: *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*

City Archaeologist and Boston Landmarks Commission staff member, **Joseph Bagley**, highlights a fascinating hodgepodge of history—from ancient fishing grounds to Jazz Age red-light districts—and demonstrates how these objects offer a unique and accessible introduction to Boston’s history and physical culture.

Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston St., Dorchester.
 Free and open to the public.

Presented by: City of Boston Archaeology Program | www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology
 Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
 Dorchester Historical Society | www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org
 Contact: Joseph Bagley | joseph.bagley@boston.gov

15 | SUN | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Understanding Boston's Urban Renewal

Urban renewal, a controversial mid-twentieth-century movement to revitalize America's city centers, still evokes strong feelings. Learn about the complex events that led to the decline of America's downtowns and the promise offered by proponents of urban renewal. These projects dramatically changed the landscape of Boston and often displaced the communities who lived and worked in these "renewed" areas. On this walking tour learn more about this complex topic, explore the results of some of Boston's well-known projects, and get a fleeting glimpse of what remains from before urban renewal forever altered the texture of downtown Boston.

Meet your guide at the corner of Thatcher and North Margin Streets (in front of Regina Pizzeria), North End. Registration is required. Call (617) 994-5920 or register online. \$20 per person, \$15 for Historic New England and Boston By Foot members.

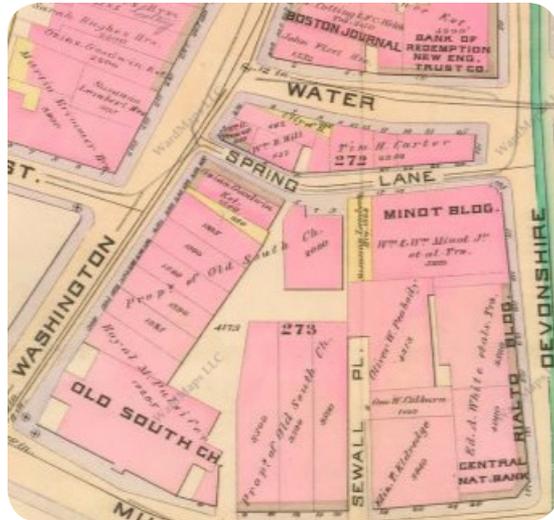
Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org
Historic New England | www.historicnewengland.org
Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

MAY 16

16 | MON | 5:30 PM | WORKSHOP

Fundamentals of Researching Buildings in Boston

Old buildings are important to us as the physical icons of our city's diverse architectural and social history. They represent all facets of our lives, and each has its own unique story. Join BLC Assistant Survey Director **Tonya Loveday** for a free introductory workshop on how to uncover the history behind your favorite Boston buildings. Learn where to access and how to use the various resources available both online and at local institutes, including building permits, city directories, maps, photographs and databases. Light refreshments will be served.



The workshop will be held in Boston City Hall; location confirmed at time of reservation. Free and open to the public. As no more than 25 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required.

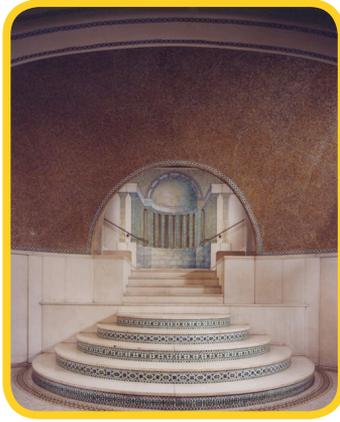
Presented by: Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
Contact tonya.loveday@boston.gov before May 12 to reserve a place.

MAY 17

17 | TUE | 6:30 PM | PRESENTATION

Researching Irish Domestic Servants

The Ayer Mansion is the only surviving house designed entirely by Louis Comfort Tiffany. By 1910, the majority of servants working at the Ayer Mansion—and throughout Massachusetts—were Irish or the children of Irish immigrants. In her lecture, Senior Genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society **Marie E. Daly** will explore the lives of Irish servants. Using the men and women who worked behind the scenes in the Ayer household as examples, Ms. Daly will explain how the profession not only helped Irish immigrants to accumulate capital, fund the passages of their siblings, and support their families in the Old Country, but also sped the assimilation of the Irish into American society. Reception at 6:30 PM, presentation begins at 7:00 PM.



The Ayer Mansion, 395 Commonwealth Ave.
\$10 per person, \$5 for students. As space is limited for this presentation, prior RSVP required.

Campaign for the Ayer Mansion | www.ayermansion.org
Bayridge Residence & Cultural Center | www.bayridgeresidence.org
Contact: Georgina D'Cruz | ayermansion@gmail.com | (617) 536-2586

MAY 18

18 | WED | 2:30 PM | PRESENTATION

Restoring USS *Constitution*, America's Ship of State, in the 21st Century

Mark USS *Constitution's* one year in dry dock for her 2015-2017 restoration! Join **Margherita Desy**, Historian with USS *Constitution* for a 30-minute discussion of the current 3-year dry docking and restoration of "Old Ironsides". Get a peek at the work underway to preserve the U.S. Navy's oldest commissioned warship and learn about the Charlestown Navy Yard's 1833 Dry Dock, an "engineering marvel" of its day. Guests will be able to sign a piece of copper sheathing that will be part of the preservation work on *Constitution*—leave your name in history!



Image credit: Greg M. Cooper
Photography

Meet in the USS Constitution Museum Lobby,
Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston National Historical Park.
Free and open to the public.

Naval History & Heritage Command Detachment Boston | www.usscm.org/restoration/blog

MAY 19

19 | THU | 6:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Art Deco in Boston's Financial District

Art Deco is said to be one of the few architectural styles recognizable by most Americans. While many look to other cities like New York and Miami for Art Deco in architecture, Boston retains a rich collection and some of the finest examples in the country. From the Harold Field Kellogg's Batterymarch Building through to Arthur Bowditch's Paramount Theater to Jung/Brannen's contemporary interpretations, discover the many hidden architectural treasures in an area that has experienced several cycles of destruction and renewal. This incredible eye-opening tour is all about discovery, and will change the way you look at Boston.

Meet your guide at the Angell Memorial Foundation in Post Office Square at the corner of Milk and Congress streets.

\$15 per person, \$5 for Boston By Foot members.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

MAY 21

21 | SAT | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Walking Tour of Stony Brook, Jamaica Plain

Explore a fascinating industrial area at the geographic heart of Boston that includes 19th-century tannery and brewery buildings, the homes of early German settlers, and today's Boston Beer Company, the brewers of Samuel Adams. In the 1970s, a coalition of community groups joined together to block construction of the Southwest Expressway through Jamaica Plain and other Boston neighborhoods. Today, the Southwest Corridor Park that runs through the Stony Brook neighborhood stands as a testament to the power of community activism. Please note that the tour will be cancelled in the case of heavy rain.

Meet your guide outside the Stony Brook T Stop, Boylston St., Jamaica Plain.

Free and open to the public.



Presented by: Jamaica Plain Historical Society | www.jpsh.org

Contact: Gretchen Grozier, JPMS President | info@jpsh.org

MAY 22

22 | SUN | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

A Walking Tour of Ashmont Hill, Dorchester

"Few neighborhoods in Dorchester...can match Ashmont Hill for the sheer number of substantial, well-crafted, well-designed, and well-preserved late-19th-century residences...noteworthy for their originality and/or exuberance of design, quality craftsmanship, surviving stables, still-ample lots" (Boston Landmarks Commission, Dorchester Survey). Walk through the neighborhood with Dorchester Historical Society guides to become familiar with its late-Victorian architectural styles and learn its history. Then plan to return on Sunday, June 12, for the Dorchester House Tour, presented by DHS, where a dozen of Ashmont Hill's exceptional homes—preserved, restored, and transformed—will be on view.



Meet at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. All Saints Church is just around the

corner from Ashmont Station on the MBTA Red Line. Parking is available at the church. Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Dorchester Historical Society | www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org
Contact: Earl Taylor | (617) 293-3052

MAY 24

24 | TUE | 5:30 PM | BOOK TALK

Book Talk: *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*

City Archaeologist and Boston Landmarks Commission staff member, **Joseph Bagley**, highlights a fascinating hodgepodge of history—from ancient fishing grounds to Jazz Age red-light districts—and demonstrates how these objects offer a unique and accessible introduction to Boston's history and physical culture.

Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston St.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: City of Boston Archaeology Program | www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology
Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
Massachusetts Historical Society | www.masshist.org
Contact: Joseph Bagley | joseph.bagley@boston.gov

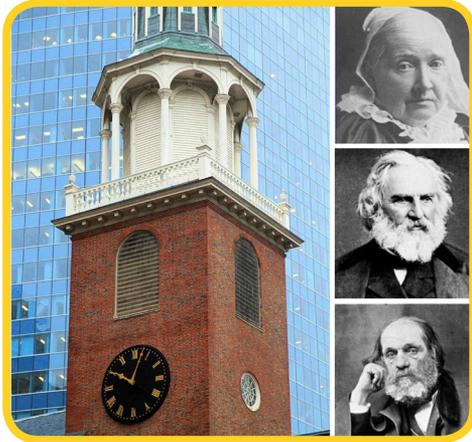


MAY 25

25 | WED | 6:00 PM | PROGRAM

SAVED: Old South Meeting House and Historic Preservation in America

Join **Erica Lindamood** of Old South Meeting House and **Alison Frazee** of the Boston Preservation Alliance to learn about the Meeting House's important place in the historic preservation movement throughout New England and across the nation. From America's first stay of demolition, to creative fundraising solutions involving the "Mary Had a Little Lamb" namesake and a fiery speech by Wendell Phillips – There's a story for historians and preservation buffs of all stripes. Reception at 6:00 PM, program begins at 6:30 PM. This program is made possible with funding from the Lowell Institute.



Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St., Boston.
Free and open to the public. Registration requested: <http://osmhmay25-16.bpt.me>.

Presented by: Old South Meeting House | www.osmh.org
Boston Preservation Alliance | www.bostonpreservation.org
Contact: Erica Lindamood | elindamood@osmh.org | (617) 482-6439

25 | WED | 7:00 PM | LECTURE

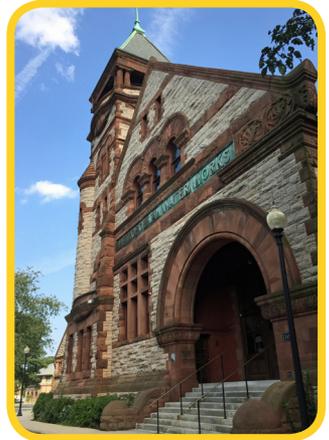
Arthur H. Vinal and Edmund March Wheelwright: Two Boston City Architects

Architectural historian and Metropolitan Waterworks Museum Trustee **Dennis De Witt** will speak on the legacy of two Boston City Architects: Arthur H. Vinal and Edmund March Wheelwright. In conjunction with a new exhibit at the Waterworks, Mr. De Witt will trace the contributions of these two influential designers, through their work at the Museum and elsewhere. Mr. De Witt will draw from historical documentation and archival materials to illuminate the impact of these architects. The Chestnut Hill Reservoir & Pump Station Complex was designated a Boston Landmark in 1989.

Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Inc., 2450 Beacon St. Limited onsite parking. Green Line "C" Train to Cleveland Circle or "D" Train to Reservoir. MBTA Bus Routes 51 and 86 to Reservoir.

Free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

Presented by: The Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Inc. | www.waterworksmuseum.org
Contact: Eric Metzger, Director of Museum Services | info@waterworksmuseum.org | (617) 277-0065



26 | THU | 6:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Christian Science Church Complex: In and Out of the City

Growing over the twentieth century from the original Romanesque Mother Church through the neoclassical Publishing House and the Mid-Century Modern buildings, the Christian Science Church campus in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood features one of the most remarkable designed complexes of buildings and plazas in the city. In 2010 the Complex was designated a City of Boston Landmark.



The campus is remarkable for the way that many different styles of building and spaces have all been designed to fit together and into the city. The later additions reach out to the earlier buildings just increasing the richness of the outdoor space. Privately held, the campus is a remarkable civic space with many visual and physical openings to the city that invite the public in. The development of the Church campus made a place out of an unplanned area of reclaimed ground at the same time freeing the Mother Church building from its tight site constraints to allow it to feature as a remarkable element in the city. Tour will be led by **Elizabeth Stifel**, Boston Landmarks Commission Staff Architect, and **Robert A. Herlinger**, Chief Architect and Strategist, The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Meeting place confirmed at time of reservation.

Free and open to the public. As no more than 30 participants may be accommodated, pre-registration is required.

Presented by: Boston Landmarks Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks
 The First Church of Christ, Scientist | www.christianscience.com
 Contact elizabeth.stifel@boston.gov before May 23 to reserve a place.

26 | THU | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | HAPPY HOUR

History Happy Hour

Join us for the fourth installment of our popular History Happy Hour series at the Loring-Greenough House! This season's theme will center around the 300th birthday celebration for Commodore Joshua Loring, original owner of the Loring-Greenough House. The evening will feature special historic cocktails prepared by our fabulous guest bartender, **Susan Rice** of JP's Bella Luna & The Milky Way Lounge; history-themed trivia; and a special take-home gift. All proceeds go towards the JP Tuesday Club's programming and the preservation of the Loring-Greenough House.

Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain.

\$20 per person. Stay tuned on our website or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/lghouse) for further details and to purchase tickets.

Presented by: Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club | www.loring-greenough.org
 Contact: Emily Gonzalez | egonzalez@loring-greenough.org | (617) 524-3158

26 | THU | 7:00 - 8:00 PM | WORKSHOP

Where to Start When You Own a Landmarked Building, Beacon Hill



Are you looking to do masonry restoration, roof replacement, construct a roof deck, or install a new sign at your shopfront? Join Boston Landmarks Commission staff, **Lissa Schwab**, for a presentation on how to meet the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission's guidelines and how to file a complete application. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Beacon Hill Civic Association, 74 Joy St., Beacon Hill.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Beacon Hill Architectural Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp

Beacon Hill Civic Association | www.bhcivic.org
Contact: Lissa Schwab, Preservation Planner | lissa.schwab@boston.gov

MAY 28

28 | SAT | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Walking Tour of Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain

Learn about 1840s Hyde Square when German and Irish immigrants transformed the neighborhood. Hear how in the early 1960s, Hyde Square changed again when Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Dominican immigrants transformed it into Boston's first predominantly Hispanic neighborhood.

This tour also takes us to the home of Maud Cuney Hare, a prominent music historian and one of only two black women students at NECM in 1890. You will also learn about the property currently housing Angell Animal Medical Center which was once a site for the Perkins School for the Blind. Please note that the tour will be cancelled in the case of heavy rain.

Meet your guide outside of Sorella's, 388 Centre St., Jamaica Plain.
Free and open to the public.



Presented by: Jamaica Plain Historical Society | www.jpshs.org
Contact: Gretchen Grozier, JPMS President | info@jpshs.org

MAY 29

29 | SUN | 2:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

Boston's Chinatown

Boston's Chinatown is one of the city's smallest yet most vibrant neighborhoods. Join us to learn about the neighborhood's immigrant tradition, its evolution, and its current incarnation as one of the few surviving Chinatowns on the east coast—a thriving community where Asian Americans live, work, and socialize. Along the way we will stop at sites that span our city's history from Colonial times to the present, as well as some architecturally interesting buildings that might have previously escaped your notice.

Meet your guide at the Chinatown Gate at the corner of Beach and Hudson streets.
\$15 per person, \$5 for Boston By Foot members.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org
Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

MAY 30

30 | MON | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | WALKING TOUR

The Making of MIT: From Back Bay to Cambridge (1861-1916)

Everyone knows MIT as a Cambridge institution with a global reputation. But for its first 55 years, MIT called the Back Bay home. On the 100th anniversary of MIT's move across the Charles River, join us as we trace "Boston Tech" from its founding to its move across the Charles River. This tour will feature some of the sites of the original Back Bay campus while discussing the drivers and the drama leading to the construction of its new campus.

Meet your guide at the Berkeley Street entrance to Restoration Hardware, 234 Berkeley St.
\$15 per person, \$5 for Boston By Foot members.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org
Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345



Preservation Month Recurring Events

Architecture Cruises

Enjoy spectacular views of Boston's historic and contemporary architecture on this unique water-based tour. Travel the Charles River, pass under iconic bridges, through historic locks, and cruise Boston Harbor, as we explore the history and evolution of Boston's built environment.

May 28 & May 29 | 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Tours depart from Cambridgeside Galleria Mall.

\$27.50 for adults, \$22.50 for Boston By Foot members, seniors, students and children under 12.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Co-sponsored by: Boston Society of Architects Foundation | www.architects.org

Charles Riverboat Company | www.charlesriverboat.com

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Art & Architecture Tours

The Boston Public Library offers public tours highlighting the architecture of Charles Follen McKim and Philip Johnson, as well as the many works of famed sculptors and painters. The free tours last about an hour and are given by volunteer guides.

Mondays (all month) | 2:30 PM

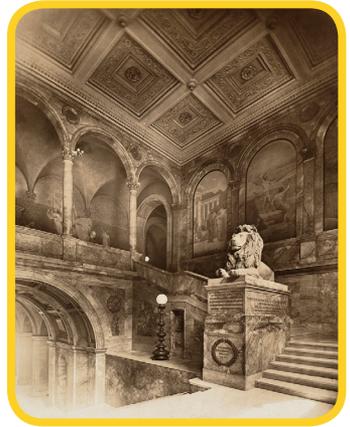
Tuesdays & Thursdays (all month) | 6:00 PM

Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays (all month) | 11:00 AM

Sundays (all month) | 2:00 PM

Tours meet in the lobby of the McKim Building, 700 Boylston St. (Dartmouth St. entrance).

Free and open to the public. No appointment is necessary; however walk-in public tours cannot accommodate private groups larger than 8 persons. To book a private tour group tour, please visit the BPL's website.



Presented by: Boston Public Library | www.bpl.org

Contact: tours@bpl.org | (617) 859-2216.

Back Bay Walking Tour

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.

Fridays (all month) | 2:00 PM

Saturdays (all month) | 4:00 PM

Sundays (all month) | 10:00 AM

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

\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Beacon Hill Walking Tour

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.

Monday-Friday (all month) | 5:30 PM

Saturday-Sunday (all month) | 2:00 PM

Meet your guide at the front of the State House steps, on Beacon St. across from the Common. \$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345



Black Heritage Trail® Tours

Join a National Park Ranger on the Black Heritage Trail®. This tour explores the history of the 19th century African American community of Beacon Hill’s North Slope. Tours are approximately 90 minutes long.

Tuesday-Thursday (all month) | 2:00 PM

Tours start at the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial on Beacon St. and end at the Museum of African American History on Joy St.

Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Boston African American National Historic Site | www.nps.gov/boaf

Contact: Nissa Fink | nissa_fink@nps.gov | (617) 723-8630

Boston By Little Feet Walking Tour

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 this 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 and the always-beckoning Quincy Market.

Saturdays (all month) | 10:00 AM

Sundays (all month) | 1:00 PM

Meet your guide in front of Faneuil Hall at the statue of Samuel Adams on Congress St. \$12 per person, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

The Dark Side of Boston Walking Tour

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.

Friday-Sunday (all month) | 6:00 PM

Meet your guide at the intersection of Hanover and Cross streets, in front of the Tony DeMarco Boxer Statue.

\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Heart of the Freedom Trail Walking Tour

An ideal introduction to this 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.

Monday-Friday (all month) | 11:00 AM

Saturdays (all month) | 1:00 PM

Sundays (all month) | 10:00 AM

Meet your guide in front of the statue of Samuel Adams outside of Faneuil Hall on Congress St.

\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345



The Hub of Literary America Walking Tour

Our literary stroll highlights the homes and haunts of 19th century writers such as Thoreau, Alcott, Longfellow and Poe. Their work collectively made Boston the literary center of America.

Saturdays (all month) | 11:00 AM

Meet your guide at the corner of School and Washington streets near the Irish Famine Memorial.

\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Let's Imagine: A Teach in for Reuse

"What do you want to see here?" Join the Friends of Historic Mission Hill for an onsite discussion. Weather permitting.

Saturdays (all month) | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Meet in front of the Eblana Brewery, 125 Heath St.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: Friends of Historic Mission Hill
Contact: historicmissionhill@yahoo.com | (617) 739-1489

Loring-Greenough House Tours

Experience 256 years of Boston history at the historic Loring-Greenough House. Built in 1760 as a country seat by Loyalist Commodore Joshua Loring, the house served as a military headquarters and hospital during the Revolution. In 1783, the property was purchased by the Greenough family, in whose hands it remained for five generations until 1924. In that year, the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club purchased the property, saving it from destruction. The JPTC stewards the well-preserved Georgian Colonial house and grounds, and today it is a thriving center for cultural and educational activities. Visit the house and gardens while hearing the fascinating stories of the historic property.



The Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club stewards the historic 1760 Loring-Greenough House. In 1924, this group saved the imposing Georgian Colonial mansion from impending destruction by developers. Under the JPTC, the property is now a center for cultural, historical, educational and social activities.

May 1, May 8, May 15 & May 22 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Loring-Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain.
\$5 per person.

Presented by: Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club | www.loring-greenough.org
Contact: Stephen Pepper | docent@loring-greenough.org | (617) 524-3158

North End Walking Tour

The North End is a delightful labyrinth of narrow streets and exotic marketplaces. This 90-minute 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, the oldest extant building in downtown Boston.

Saturdays & Sundays (all month) | 11:00 AM
Meet your guide at the intersection of Hanover and Cross streets, in front of the statue of boxer of Tony DeMarco.
\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org
Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Old State House 1901 Time Capsule Exhibition

Come to the Old State House in the month of May to see the 1901 time capsule discovered during the recent restoration of the Old State House's iconic lion and unicorn statues. Visitors will be able view the time capsule box, as well as photographs, newspaper articles, and other items found inside the box.

May 1 through May 31 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Old State House, 206 Washington St.
Cost included with Old State House admission.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | www.bostonhistory.org
Contact: Kathleen Mulvaney | kathmul1@gmail.com | (617) 720-1713 ext. 27



Old State House Preservation Tour

A half-hour tour detailing the history of the preservation of the Old State House, a 300-year-old Boston Landmark.

May 7, May 14, May 21 & May 28 | 3:00 PM
Old State House, 206 Washington St.
Cost included with Old State House admission.

Presented by: The Bostonian Society | www.bostonhistory.org
Contact: Kathleen Mulvaney | kathmul1@gmail.com | (617) 720-1713 ext. 27

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.

Sundays (all month) | 1:00 PM

Meet your guide at the corner of Tremont and Court streets, in front of the "Steaming Kettle."
\$15 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Restoring an Icon: Making "Old Ironsides" New

See USS *Constitution* in dry dock for her first major restoration in over twenty years. This event is a unique opportunity to appreciate the remarkable structure of "Old Ironsides" and to see an active shipyard with preservation work underway. Visit often for the latest behind-the-scenes action as *Constitution* is out of the water in Dry Dock 1, just steps outside the USS Constitution Museum's front doors. Witness the ship's structure, revealed plank by plank, as skilled craftspeople work to preserve and make "Old Ironsides" new again.

Tuesday-Friday (all month) | 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday (all month) | 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown.

Donations accepted.

Presented by: USS Constitution Museum | www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

Contact: (617) 426-1812



The Road to Revolution Walking Tour

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.

Mondays, Fridays & Sundays (all month) | 1:00 PM

Saturdays (all month) | 10:00 AM

Meet your guide in the plaza across the street from King's Chapel, in front of One Beacon St.
\$17 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12, free for Boston By Foot members; save \$2 when you buy online.

Presented by: Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

Contact: info@bostonbyfoot.org | (617) 367-2345

Walk Into History Tours to Celebrate Preservation Month

Walk the Freedom Trail® through history and experience more than 250 years of history—and Boston’s most significant sites—along the Freedom Trail. Led by 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Players, historical facts and anecdotes on colonial life and history are told on these 90-minute tours along the iconic 2.5 mile Freedom Trail leading to Boston’s precious 17th, 18th and 19th century sites.

Daily | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (every hour on the hour)

Tours depart from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center, 139 Tremont St. \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students, \$8 for children—includes \$1 donation to Freedom Trail Foundation Preservation Fund for capital projects at Freedom Trail sites.

Presented by: The Freedom Trail Foundation | www.thefreedomtrail.org
Contact: info@thefreedomtrail.org | (617) 357-8300

William Ralph Emerson, Father of the Shingle Style

An exhibition of restored architectural features from the recently lost Charles G. Loring House designed by William Ralph Emerson and built between 1881 and 1884 in Prides Crossing, MA. Famed Yale Architectural Historian Vincent Scully considered this summer cottage the finest example of shingle style in the nation. Students of the North Bennet Street School Preservation Carpentry program, commissioned by the Peabody Essex Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston and the National Building Museum in Washington D.C., removed and restored selected important features from the home. Highlight of the exhibit is a massive, 18’ tall fanlight window which will be moved to Washington to be part of an exhibit of lost homes in America. Accompanying the items from The Prides Crossing home will be selected saved features of a second recently razed Emerson home, the Benjamin Loring Young House in Weston, MA. After May 16 and running through June 2, the exhibit will be part of the larger, annual Student and Alumni exhibit of traditional craft.

May 2 through May 27
Weekdays | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wingate Gallery, North Bennet Street School, 150 North St.
Free and open to the public.

Presented by: North Bennet Street School | www.nbss.org
Contact: Steven O’Shaughnessy | soshaughnessy@nbss.edu | (617) 357-8300



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Back Bay Architectural Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/backbay.asp

Bay State Road/Back Bay West Architectural Conservation District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/baystate.asp

Bay Village Historic District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/bayvillage.asp

Bayridge Residence & Cultural Center | www.bayridgeresidence.org

Beacon Hill Architectural Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/beaconhill.asp

Beacon Hill Civic Association | www.bhcivic.org

Boston African American National Historic Site | www.nps.gov/boaf

Boston By Foot | www.bostonbyfoot.org

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Boston Public Library | www.bpl.org

Boston Society of Architects Foundation | www.architects.org

The Bostonian Society | www.bostonhistory.org

Brighton-Allston Historical Society | www.bahistory.org

Campaign for the Ayer Mansion | www.ayermansion.org

Charles Riverboat Company | www.charlesriverboat.com

Charlestown Historical Society | www.charlestownhistoricalsociety.org

Charlestown Preservation Society | www.charlestownpreservation.org

City of Boston | www.cityofboston.gov

City of Boston Archaeology Program | www.cityofboston.gov/archaeology

Dorchester Historical Society | www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

The First Church of Christ, Scientist | www.christianscience.com

Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/fpc.asp

The Freedom Trail Foundation | www.thefreedomtrail.org

Friends of Historic Mission Hill

Historic New England | www.historicnewengland.org

Jamaica Plain Historical Society | www.jphs.org

Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club | www.loring-greenough.org

The Marriott Vacation Club | www.marriottvacationclub.com/vacation-resorts/marriott-custom-house/overview.shtml

Massachusetts Historical Society | www.masshist.org

The Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, Inc. | www.waterworksmuseum.org

Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/missionhill.asp

Naval History & Heritage Command Detachment Boston | www.usscm.org/restoration/blog

North Bennet Street School | www.nbss.org

Old North Foundation | www.oldnorth.com

Old South Meeting House | www.osmh.org

Preservation Massachusetts | www.preservationmass.org

Saint Botolph Architectural Conservation District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/botolph.asp

South End Landmark District Commission | www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks/historic/southend.asp

United States Lightship Museum (USLM) | www.nantucketlightshiplv-112.org

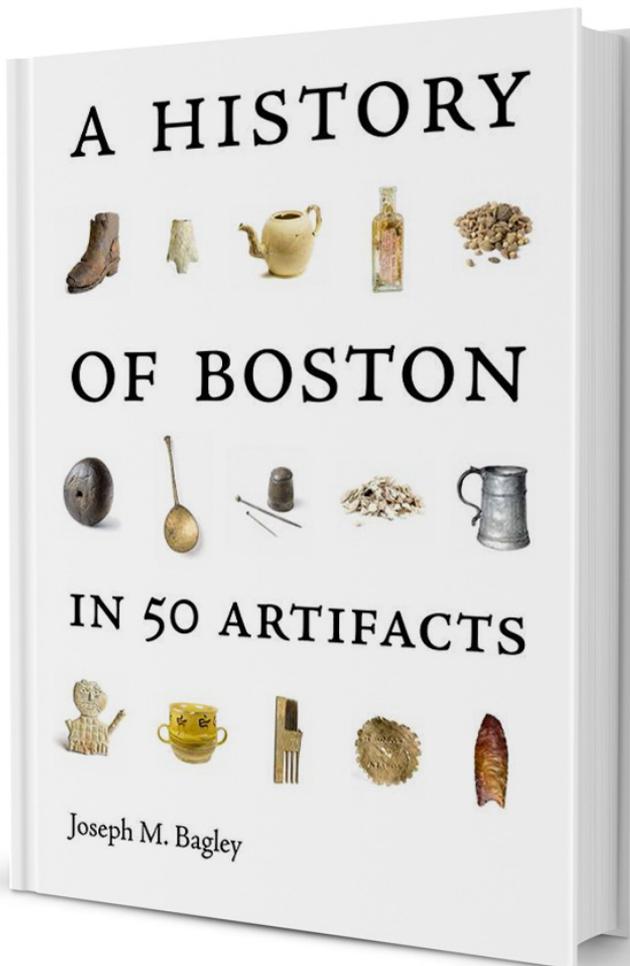
USS Constitution Museum | www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

UU Urban Ministry Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee | www.uuum.org

Hot Off the Press!

RELEASE DATE: APRIL 12, 2016

In his new book, *A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts*, City Archaeologist Joseph Bagley shares from his collection a carefully curated group of artifacts that highlight a fascinating hodgepodge of Boston's history—from ancient fishing grounds to Jazz Age red-light districts. This is a must-read for history buffs and all those with a fascination with and appreciation for our historic city! Books are available in bookstores throughout the Boston area and will be for sale at Mr. Bagley's book events scheduled throughout the month of May. Grab your copy today!





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