Newton Archaeology & Pre-1820 Architectural Heritage Survey

Saturday, 28 October 2006, 1:30-4 pm
ARCHAEOLOGY ROADSHOW
at the Newton History Museum

FREE for Newton Historical Society members.
Nonmembers: $5 per person or $10 per family (up to 4 people).
Museum admission included.

BRING YOUR UFOs
(undiscovered found objects)
for identification & dating by archaeologists
Barbara Donohue & Marty Dudek

Arrowheads, old bottles, any mysterious artifacts found in walls, walls, or attics - all welcome!
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The site locational information supplied with this document should not be made available to the general public. There is a dilemma in publicly reporting the location of archaeological sites. Those sites that survive the ravages of nature and historical development lie below the soil and are not visible to passersby. When these sites become visible, either through erosion, plowing, chance, or purposeful discovery, or through publication of their location, they become vulnerable to destruction. Most of this destruction takes place through ignorance of the importance of archaeological context and its fragile nature. Most people do not understand that to remove artifacts from their original context is to destroy the historic information that can be used to reconstruct the behavior of a site’s occupants. Artifacts that may be discovered through publication of site locations, may be removed from their original location, with no notification to the historical commission. As innocent as this behavior may seem, the results are similar to purposeful vandalism.

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