

Burial Hill Newsletter

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Fall 2013

"Old Burial Hill" added to National Register^{ed} of Historic Places

On August 7th, Burial Hill was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places! The National Register is the nation's official list of sites etc. that retain their historic character. The Friends of Burial Hill were

instrumental by initiating and assisting the town in securing this honor.

"From the town's standpoint, it is very important to have the recognition of the national registry. Burial Hill has national, even international significance

and this designation will help others realize that."

Lee Hartmann

Plymouth Director of Planning and Development
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Member Updates

Our next members meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 28th at 9am, Cheryle's house. Email for directions. Please try to attend. We need volunteers for events and committees.

We will soon have calendars and posters from the Massachusetts Historical Commission promoting Archaeology Month in Massachusetts, of which we have an event on Oct. 12. Please let us know how many posters and event calendars you would like to place in key places around town.

We are also in need of someone with experience in creating flyers and handouts for the Nov. 16th Civil War event.

Laurel Gabel to Speak at 1749 Courthouse Museum

Understanding Early Gravestones and The Stories They Tell

Please join the Friends of Burial Hill on September 7, 2013 at 11 am in the historic 1749 Court House & Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, MA as we welcome gravestone scholar Laurel Gabel. Laurel is a scholar in the field of gravestone and cemetery studies, a popular lecturer, and author of numerous essays and articles on the subject.

New England's burying grounds are often called outdoor museums -- full of history, art, chronicles of religious beliefs, genealogy, sometimes tragedy and scandal -- even humor. This fifty-minute slide presentation will introduce you to the symbolism and special language of gravestones and to the attitudes about death and memorialization that these historic artifacts reflect over time.

Gravestone Conservation Workshops

We offer conservation workshops to members free of charge. We will instruct you in the proper cleaning methods of gravestones, and how to document your work. We limit the workshops to 6 new trainees and supply all materials. We are currently accepting new trainees!

We have scheduled Gravestone Preservation Workshops for the following dates:

Saturday, Sept. 21st, 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday, October 5th, 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday, October 26th, 10 am – 1 pm

We will meet on the Hill near the Bradford monument. Remember your kneeling pad and water proof gloves of your choice (we always have extras) and if convenient a gallon or two of water. All other materials are supplied by us. Please advise by email as the time nears for each date if you will be able to join us. We hope to see you on Sept.21st. Your efforts in this work are very important and most appreciated!

Upcoming Events

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- Saturday, 9/7 11 am
Laurel Gabel, Gravestone Scholar,
“Understanding Early Gravestones
and the Stories They Tell”
1749 Court House Museum

- Saturday, 10/12 1 pm
Craig Chartier of Plymouth
Archaeological Rediscovery Project
“Looking for a Lost Fort”
Meet at top of the main stairs to
Burial Hill.

- Sunday, 10/20 1-2 pm
Halloween Scavenger Hunt on
Burial Hill. Children 10 and under. All
children must be accompanied by an
adult. Please come in costume if you
like. Meet at the top of the main
staircase to Burial Hill.

- Saturday, 11/16 1 pm
Return of the Dead-A Civil War Re-
enactment Honoring Four Plymouth
Civil War Soldiers. FOBH and the
Massachusetts 22nd Volunteer Infantry
Re-enactors invite the public to an
event honoring “departed heroes” that
occurred on Burial Hill October 21,
1864. Free to the public. Attendees
are invited to dress in period dress.

Name the Newsletter!

Sticks and Stones, Dem Bones, Written in Stone, Silent as the Grave, Take it to the Grave, Gravely Speaking?? Do you have the perfect name? Let us know. We will put it to the vote. Please submit your suggestions to:
cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net.

A list will be compiled and emailed to members for their votes.

To contact the Friends of Burial Hill, become a member, or renew your membership, please visit www.friendsofburialhill.org, or email either

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Please take a moment to remit your dues if you have not yet done so.