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PRESENTS

**Hiking Archaeological
Ruins in
Southern New England**



Barn at Coogan Farm Nature and Heritage Center,
Mystic, Connecticut

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

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Friends of the Office of State Archaeology
27th Annual Meeting
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FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY— 27th ANNUAL MEETING

2:00 PM: FOSA Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order: Glenda Rose

Treasurer's Report: Jim Trocchi

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2023 OSA Report: Scott Brady

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ASC Report: Lee West

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Awards: Jim Trocchi

Adjournment

3:00 PM: Feature Presentation

Introduction of Speaker by Glenda Rose

Speaker: Nicholas Bellantoni

Hiking Archaeological Ruins In Southern New England

All archaeological ruins in southern New England have a cultural tale to tell, though most sites are on private lands not available to the public. However, the ruins in this presentation are associated with well-known hiking trails, and their origin or purpose is explained in the new book *Hiking Ruins of Southern New England* (Falcon Guides, 2024) written by Nick Bellantoni and Barbara Ann Kipfer.

This presentation offers an insider's look at places archaeologists have identified as part of the region's cultural development, and are available for trail hikers to visit. Archaeologists who helped locate these sites include Phil Wilsey, Glenda Rose, Marc Banks, Paul Hart, & Ken Feder. Nick Bellantoni also emphasizes etiquette at archaeological sites, and protective state and federal laws. Trails with ruins include Lighthouse Village Site, Barkhamsted, CT; Dividend Brook and Archaeological District, Rocky Hill, CT; Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Avon/Farmington, CT; Gay City State Park, Hebron, CT; Beckett Quarry, Beckett, MA; Keystone Arches Bridges Trails, Chester, MA; and Canonchet/Hoxie Preserve Trails, RI.

A question and answer period follows the presentation.

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Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni

Nick Bellantoni serves as Connecticut State Archaeologist *Emeritus* at the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, and is an Associate Research Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. He received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Connecticut in 1987 and was shortly thereafter appointed the second Connecticut State Archaeologist. Serving for almost 30 years before his retirement in 2014, Nick was on the job at the commencement of FOSA in 1997.

In retirement, Nick has remained active within the state's archaeological community and has published a series of books based on his experiences as state archaeologist, including *The Long Journeys Home: The Repatriation of Henry "Opukaha'ia and Albert Afraid of Hawk; And So the Tomb Remained: Exploring Archaeology and Forensic Science Within Connecticut's Historical Family Mausolea; Archaeology Without Digging: Connecticut History Uncovered By Ground-Penetrating Radar;* and *Hiking Ruins of Southern New England: A Guide to 40 Sites in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island*. He also served as president of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut and the National Association of State Archaeologists.

