



**Pilgrim Society**  
**Pilgrim Hall Museum**  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Pilgrim Hall Museum Presents**  
**Archaeology Month**  
**October 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**10AM- 4PM**  
**Sponsored by The Pinehills**

For Massachusetts Archaeology Month during October on the Saturdays of October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10am to 4pm in the Library at Pilgrim Hall Museum, a collection of artifacts from the 1856 excavation of the 17<sup>th</sup> century home of Myles Standish in Duxbury will be on display. The Standish archaeological excavation was one of the first professional digs in the United States. Conducted by James Hall during the fall of 1856, the excavation uncovered the home site of Myles Standish dating from ca. 1630 to 1660s. Hall created a detailed plan of the site which is included with the collection. The importance of the site lies in its scientific methodology, the variety and quality of the objects uncovered, and its bearing on the early architecture of the Plymouth Colony.

The site is maintained by the Town of Duxbury as a small park right on the edge of Standish Shore. On display will be archeological fragments of tools, windows, pipes, weapons, books, household implements and even a sundial, accompanied by James Hall's original plan of the site. Plus additional Standish artifacts from other museums will be on displayed at Pilgrim Hall for the first time since the 1860's.

Supplementary materials will include historic and modern photos of the site, maps, and other Standish related objects. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the artifacts with visitors, enabling an up-close view of this rare collection. This program is generously sponsored by The Pinehills.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

**Information:** 508-746-1620; Web site: [www.pilgrimhall.org](http://www.pilgrimhall.org)

**Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day and the month of January.

**Admission:** Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7:00 and AAA members \$6.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts are admitted free.