## Friends of Minute Man National Park

## 2011 Winter Lecture Series



Peter Alden Sunday March 6

**Our Latin American Connection** 

The challenge to overseas authority that began here inspired similar revolutions from Mexico to Argentina a generation later. We also retain an ongoing link to the tropics where some of our butterflies and many of our birds spend the winter. Follow a year in the life of a Scarlet Tanager, common in our summer woodlands, as it travels to and from the Peruvian Amazon via Central America and over the high Andes.

**Peter Alden** will lead this colorful program. Peter is a Concord resident who has led bird and nature tours, cruises, safaris and private jet trips to 100 countries, including virtually all of Latin America. He has authored 15 nature and travel books with sales of over 2,000,00 copies. Locally he is a co-compiler of the nation's largest Christmas Bird Count and has organized the world's first Biodiversity Days with Harvard's Edward O. Wilson where 2,700 species have been found with help from the Walden Woods Project and the Minute Man National Historical Park (MMNHP).



Peg Mulligan Sunday March 13

Social Media: 18th Century & Today

As recent events show, social media is a vital instrument in political change, all over the world. However, underlying social media are the same tactics that have always been important to activists: amassing support, communicating with like-minded people, and spreading the word. This talk will compare platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and blogs to the major communication channel available to revolutionary colonists--the New Engl-

and tavern. By understanding the role of the New England tavern in the society of its time, we may come to better understand social media's role in the way people communicate today.

**Peg Mulligan** is a technical and professional writer, who has worked mainly in Boston's high tech sector, for the last fifteen years. A consultant on digital communication, Peg writes about social media at her blog, Content for a Convergent World (<a href="maintains">pegmulligan.com</a>). A former seasonal park ranger and North Shore native, Peg maintains a strong interest in Massachusetts history as well as her love for the National Park Service.



Stacy Kilb Sunday March 20

**Battling the Beetles, Saving the Trees** 

This lecture will cover how to prevent the spread of the invasive Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) in Massachusetts. With close to 30,000 trees already removed in Worcester, and a satellite infestation discovered in Boston this past summer, our state's hardwood forests are at risk. By learning how to recognize ALB, the tree damage it causes, and you can play a part in keeping this pest in check.

**Stacy Kilb** is the Asian Longhorned Beetle Outreach Coordinator for the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources. In addition to presenting workshops on ALB throughout the state, Stacy is currently using her background in education to develop curricula on invasive forest pests for K-12 students, and to develop Spanish language versions of existing ALB outreach materials. Before working for MDAR, Stacy worked as a DCR Park Interpreter, and received her Master of Education from Suffolk University.



William Griswold Sunday March 27

Results of the Geophysical Survey at the Bull Tavern Site, MMNHP

In October 2010 a geophysical survey was undertaken at two locations in MMNHP to locate the Bull Tavern Site. This project was conducted as part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month and the program was intended to inform the public about some of the high-tech instruments currently used to gather information on archeological sites in the National Park Service. This lecture will present the results of this survey and discuss the applicability of geophysics in general across the region for understanding archeological sites.

William Griswold is an Archeologist with the Northeast Region of the National Park Service and serves as archeological advisor to parks in the region. In addition to serving as archeological advisor, Griswold has been conducting geophysical investigations on NPS sites for approximately the last five years. He has conducted investigations at Adams House NHP, Saratoga NHP, Sagamore Hill NHS, Fire Island NS and numerous others.

## All Lectures FREE $\sim 2$ p.m.

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