

Dover Historical Society lecture on the Plymouth Colony Settlement



Hard to believe, but exactly 400 years ago the Mayflower sailed into Cape Cod Bay, changing forever the destiny of this region. Although much has been written about the event based on contemporary accounts and later histories, little tangible information on the original settlement is known.

Come and learn about this crucial period in New England history from the very person who is attempting to disentangle myth from reality. The Dover Historical Society is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. David Landon on Wednesday March 18th at 7:30 pm in the Dover Legion George Preston Post, 32 Dedham Street:

“Pits, Posts, and Palisades: The Archaeology of the 17th-century Plymouth Colony Settlement on Burial Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts.”

Dr. Landon, will discuss the excavation’s most important discoveries on Burial Hill, where remains of the first settlement, dating from ca. 1620-1650, have been found at the edge of this historic cemetery.



His presentation will showcase the results to date, highlighting the artifacts unearthed, the earliest building construction methods and the first evidence for the palisade. The archaeological finds shed new light on the structure of the initial Plymouth settlement and the connections between the Wampanoag Tribe and English colonists.



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