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**Abbe Museum to Host Maine Archeology Society Meeting**

BAR HARBOR, Maine (April 26, 2009) The Abbe Museum is honored to announce that it will host the spring meeting of the Maine Archeology Society at its downtown Bar Harbor location. This meeting is open to all Maine Archeology Society members and to the general public and runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Attendees will hear keynote speakers Ingrid Brack, Arthur Spiess and Dr. Steven Pendery give informal talks and presentations about current and exciting archeological happenings within the state of Maine. There will be a variety of unique and ancient artifacts on display as well as information about archeology, especially as it pertains to the state of Maine. The Abbe Museum will also offer a tour of its Main Gallery exhibits from 10:00am to 11:00am to attendees of this meeting.

The Maine Archeology Society, founded in 1956, is the statewide organization for anyone with an interest in Maine archaeology. Its membership includes amateur and professional archaeologists and people who just want to learn more about the subject. The M.A.S focuses on what life was like in Maine in 1650 A.D. to 10,000 years ago which encompasses prehistoric Native American campsites, colonial villages, forts, and even shipwrecks. The M.A.S. encourages anyone with an interest in these areas to visit their website at [www.mainearchsociety.org](http://www.mainearchsociety.org) and learn how they can become a member.

The Abbe Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the Wabanaki, the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet people of Maine and the Maritimes. The museum's mission is to preserve the Wabanaki past and celebrate their vibrant and enterprising present. The Abbe has a collection of over 50,000 archeological, historic and contemporary objects including stone and bone tools, pottery, beadwork, carved root clubs, birch bark canoes, and supporting collections of photographs, maps, and archival documents. It holds the largest and best-documented collection of Maine Native American basketry in any museum. Its collections conservation program is recognized nationally as a model for museums.

For a detailed schedule of the Maine Archeology Society Spring Meeting visit [www.abbemuseum.org](http://www.abbemuseum.org) or call 207-288-3519

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