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Dear Chapter Members,

As we come to the end of another season for the Northeast Chapter, I am so pleased with the things we have accomplished. Our speaker series has been so enjoyable this year, with such a diversity of topics. Chapter participation in the annual Museum of Science Archaeology Fair weekend was a standout among our events, setting the bar very high for involvement within the Society. Finally, I think the poster for the SAA really helped to focus our appreciation for the wonderful relationship the Chapter has maintained with the R.S. Peabody for decades.

Before we close out this year, however, there is a bit of business. Thanks go out again to **Dr. Javier Urcid**, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Brandeis University, for his talk on April 20th. His presentation on several special Mesoamerican dart throwers and iconography was marvelous and we were very pleased to have Dr. Urcid and Don Slater visit with us again for the evening last month.

Another reminder: the MAS in Middleboro will be hosting the Robbins Memorial lecture with guest speaker **Dr. John Carlson** of the Center for Archaeoastronomy on the ancient Mayan calendar and the 2012 controversy. Dr. Carlson's lecture is titled "**New Insights into Ancient Mayan Cosmology and Calendar Systems: A Consideration of the 2012 Controversy.**" The date is **May 15, 2010 at 3pm at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology in Middleboro** with a \$5 suggested donation at the door and reception to follow. For more information, please contact me or go to www.massarchaeology.org.

News from the Peabody: Marla Taylor announced last month that the Museum will be undergoing renovations through the late summer and into the fall. Consequently, we will not have access to the first floor space for our lecture series during that time. However, Lindsay Randall has very kindly scheduled the **Phillips Academy Lecture Hall** for our presentations through November. We will update the membership about the exact location prior to our first meeting in September. But, it is very good to know that we will continue to



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have a home on the campus during the renovation project at the Peabody. Thank you R. S. Peabody staff for your help during this transition!

Mark your calendars for the last lecture of this season which will take place on **May 18th** when we will host **Dr. Robert Goodby**, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University. Dr. Goodby's presentation is entitled "**11,000 Years and Counting: Archaeology and Native American History in the Monadnock Region.**" Recent excavations in southwestern New Hampshire have revealed insights into the continuous occupation of this area since the retreat of the glaciers. Hope you can join us!

Finally, it is that time of year again. In April, I sent out a reminder about **membership renewal**. I hope you will consider continuing (or started anew!) a membership with us and the Society. The \$6 dues you pay, along with your contributions above and beyond, go directly into the programming, specifically the dinner "honoraria" for the guest speakers, refreshments at our gatherings, and our rent to the R.S. Peabody Museum. Several people have already renewed and we appreciate your timeliness. In the run up to the end of the season, we are also preparing for **Officer Elections**. Your current Officers have agreed to come back in their current roles and we will have the 2010-2011 election at the May 18th meeting.

As always, please contact me with any of your concerns. Thank you again for your presence, patronage, and participation during 2009-2010. See you on the 18th!

Archaeologically yours,



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