



long-term use of the Mojave Desert using data from recent archaeological fieldwork in the desert around Las Vegas, NV.



Dr. Roth has done fieldwork in the Southwest US, Mojave Desert, and France. Her research has focused on the transition from hunting and gathering to agriculture, the social changes (household organization, gender roles) that occurred as groups became more sedentary and agriculturally dependent, and the role of ritual in community integration in the Mimbres Mogollon region of southwestern New Mexico. She has directed excavations at several pithouse sites and a large Classic period pueblo in the Mimbres region. She has recently been doing work in the Mojave Desert examining past hunter-gatherer land use.

## Archaeology Walk

### *Canonchet Brook Preserve*

Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

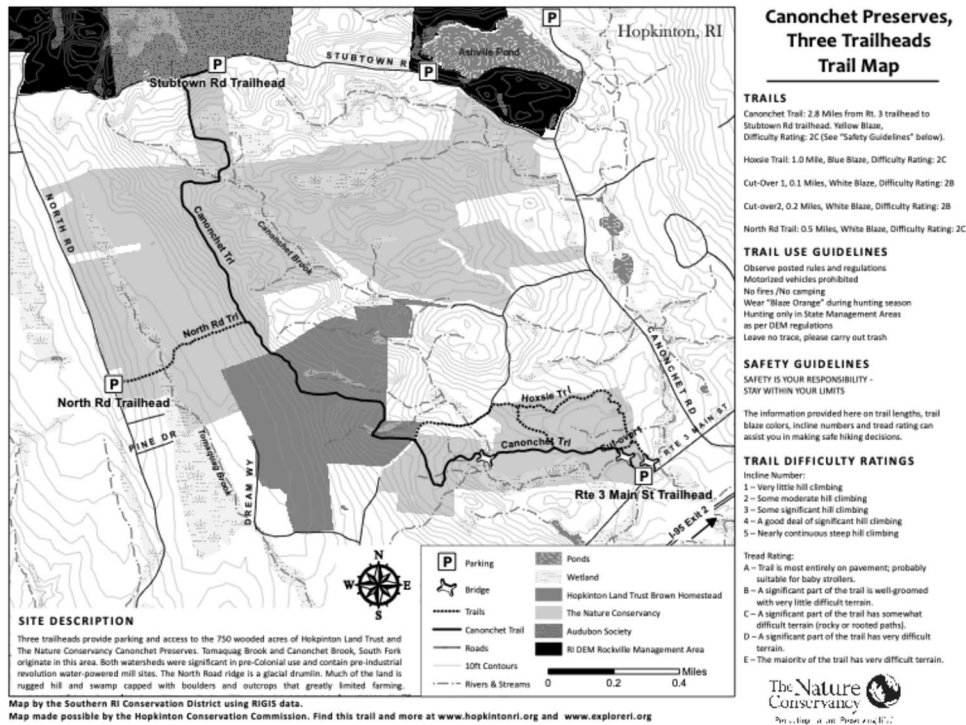
*In the event of rain in the forecast, please check our Facebook or Instagram for updates.*

**Meet at the Parking Lot at  
Rte. 3 Main St. Trailhead, Hopkinton.**  
(Expect a 1½-hour walk.)

**Meet up afterwards** for late lunch/drinks & conversation **at the Wood River Tavern, 1139 Main St., Richmond.**



Join us on an informal field trip at the Canonchet-Hoxie (a.k.a. Canonchet-Brook) Preserve, as we explore colonial-era archaeological ruins, which include a stone dam that impounded water for a sawmill, and the stone foundations of classic colonial saltbox house. A ceremonial stone landscape of the Narragansett Tribe will also feature along the way. The walk takes about 1½ hours, following a well-marked, slightly rugged walking trail managed by the Nature Conservancy and the Hopkinton Land Trust (the segment south of North Road Trail, *on the map below*). There are eight points of interest that will be discussed along the path.



## What's That You Found? // The Antiques Rhode Show

Wondering where that piece of pottery that you found in your backyard is from? Call the RI Archaeology Society! Whether you find an artifact in the backyard while digging space for a new garden bed, or you stumble upon an old item in your attic during spring cleaning, we'd love to hear about it. Send a photo of your item to us by email at [aia.narragansett.society@gmail.com](mailto:aia.narragansett.society@gmail.com), or tag @RIarchaeology in your Instagram or Facebook post. We may even come out to investigate your property!



(far left & left) Fire-cracked and incised rocks, possibly Neolithic, found on 1800s-farmhouse land in the Oakland Beach neighborhood of Warwick, RI.

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## AIA Archaeology Hour, 8 p.m. on-line

March 25, 2026 (Thursday, March 26 in Australia) – Helen Green

**Dating Australia’s Oldest Rock Art**

[Register](#)

April 22, 2026 – Justin Dunnavant

**Ecology and Slavery in St. Croix**

[Register](#)

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## Other News

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### ***On Egypt’s Hidden Gems***

Our secretary, Elaine, who recently joined her first AIA study tour, couldn’t rave about it enough. AIA’s *Egypt’s Hidden Gems* is primarily geared towards those returning for a deeper look at Ancient Egypt, with a well-planned itinerary taking visitors slightly off-the-beaten-track. Highlights included a private tour of the subterranean Osireion in Abydos, exploring Akhenaten’s ruined city at Tell el-Amarna, and visiting several new and active archaeological sites in Saqqara and Western Thebes—presented, in most cases, by the archaeologists who had themselves led or worked on the excavations, courtesy of the tour’s knowledgeable and very amiable AIA host-lecturer-Egyptologist, Steve Harvey, and tour guide, Enas Salah. (Elaine says, “*Considering joining 2027’s Egypt’s Hidden Gems?—remain on the fence no longer!*”)



(left) Elaine at the former “Office of Correspondence of Pharaoh” Akhenaten, the find-spot of the Amarna Letters.



(above) Dr. José M. Galán, Director of the Djehuty Project, presenting research onsite at TT11, the tomb-chapel of Djehuty, official Overseer of the Treasury of Hatshepsut-Thutmose III, only recently opened to the public.

## Messages from the Board

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### *We'd love to hear from you!*

Do you have archaeology-related news or projects to share, that could be of interest to our RI Archaeology Society members? Do you have ideas or suggestions (none too small!) that could help us all promote Archaeology in our state of RI? (For example, would you enjoy an RI Archaeology Book Club, book reviews, or other events?) We'd love to hear from you!

We welcome your input, at [aia.narragansett.society@gmail.com](mailto:aia.narragansett.society@gmail.com).

### *New! Follow Us on Social Media!*

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