

***Old Fields Archaeological Field School
South Berwick, Maine
July 7 – 25, 2014***



Overview

Come and join Dr. Neill De Paoli in the picturesque Old Fields neighborhood of South Berwick, Maine and explore what once was the site of the home and tavern and possibly the garrison of the families of Humphrey and Mary Spencer and Captain Ichabod and Elizabeth Goodwin during the late 1600s and much of the 1700s. For the last four seasons, archaeologists have been uncovering the ruins of the Spencer-Goodwin home and tavern along with the personal belongings of the occupants and tavern goers. Field school participants will unravel more of life in the Piscataqua region of southern Maine as it transitioned from the turmoil of the Anglo-Indian wars of the late 1600s and early 1700s to the economic rebirth of the decades leading up to the American Revolution. They will not only explore the lives of these two families but also those of the five African-American and Indian slaves who were owned by and worked for Captain Goodwin.

Program:

This experience is a great hands-on opportunity for upper level high school and college students seeking experience in historical archaeology, teachers in need of recertification credits, or history buffs interested in exploring an area with a rich colonial history. Participants will learn basic excavation and recording techniques, laboratory procedures, and the identification of early Anglo-American material culture. The program will be highlighted by field trips to local 17th and 18th century old Berwick landmarks and weekly films and discussions.

Director

Dr. Neill De Paoli has over thirty-five years of experience as a historical archaeologist, having directed archaeological projects and field schools in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

Logistics

The Field School will be held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM over the three-week period beginning July 7th and ending July 25th. Participants may sign up for one or more of the three one-week sessions: Session 1/July 7-11, Session 2/July 14-18, Session 3/July 21-25. Multiple sessions are discounted: 1 = \$175, 2 = \$325, 3 = \$475. Participants must be at least 16 years old.

Registration

To register for the field school send the form below with payment to the Old Berwick Historical Society by July 6th. The check should be made out to "OBHS" and mailed to: Old Berwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 296, South Berwick, Maine 03908. Registration closes on July 6th, 2014. For more information about the dig or area accommodations contact:

Dr. Neill De Paoli, Phone: 207-703-2955, e-mail: ndppquid@yahoo.com.

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check one or more: Session 1/July 7-11 _____ Session 2/July 14-18 _____

Session 3/July 21-25 _____

The Old Berwick Historical Society sponsors this program