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We are pleased to bring you Volume 43 (2014) of *Northeast Historical Archaeology*. It has been a pleasure to work with a talented group of authors researching a broad range of topics throughout the northeast. We start off with Brandon Richards' survey of 18th-century Dutch gravestones from New York and New Jersey. Richards places Dutch carved gravestones within the broader colonial tradition of carved gravestone. From Dutch gravestones, we shift to town planning in 17th-century New Jersey. Michael Gall examines the factors that influenced English townscape development in Woodbridge, New Jersey and how this settlement pattern differed from those that evolved through proprietary land-grant sales. In the next article, Richard Veit and Paul Huey join forces to develop a catalog of bottle seals from contexts around eastern North America. They use this gazetteer to expand our understanding of the role that bottle seals played in colonial culture as well as to tease out regional variations in the use of bottle seals. Shifting to southeastern Connecticut in the 19th century, Richard Farley uses paleoethnobotanical evidence to compare and contrast the subsistence strategies employed by the Mashantucket Pequot and their Euroamerican neighbors during a period of great change for everyone in the region. Similarly, Emily Button examines Native American household strategies in her study of participation in the commercial whaling industry among the Shinnecock and Montaukett peoples of eastern Long Island, NY during the 19th century. Moving north, Franklin H. Price, Stephen Dilk, and Baylus C. Brooks, Jr. share the results of their investigation of a shipwreck located in the intertidal zone of Mount Desert Island, ME. McMillan, Hatch, and Heath take us to 17th century Virginia with their reanalysis of the John Hallowes site. Their article outlines the dating methods and techniques they use to support revising the site's date of occupation to 1647–1681. Bagley, Mrozowski, Law, and Steinberg examine the lithic assemblage recovered from a kitchen midden at the Sarah Boston farmstead, a late 18th- and early 19th-century Nipmuc homestead in Grafton, Massachusetts. They use this evidence to explore the continuity of native lithic practices for at least 300 years after the arrival of Europeans. Finally, Roets, Engelbrecht

and Holland describe gunflints and musketballs recovered from a mid-16th-century Iroquoian village site in Western New York and explore the implications these artifacts might have for the history of the site and the region.

As you can see, the articles in this volume cover a broad geographic region and focus on a diverse set of research questions. Thanks to all our authors for their hard work and a dedication to producing good research and a quality publication. I am also grateful to Richard Schaefer for his continued support and diligent copyediting. Kristin Hatch and Sean Johnston did fantastic work with the layout design. Kristin is also responsible for providing access to full-text of back issue content on our Digital Commons website. You can find this content at <http://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/neha/>. There is a two-year embargo on access to full-text content for free on the digital commons. Researchers seeking access to these articles electronically within the embargo period may purchase electronic copies from the CNEHA website publications tab at http://www.cneha.org/shopping_cart.html. We continue to expand the visibility of the journal and to explore additional ways to make this important research available to a wider audience of archaeologists, students, and the general public.

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Enjoy!

Susan E. Maguire, Editor