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What is the Mass. Memories Road Show?





- ✓ Public Event
- ✓ Digital Collection
- ✓ Archival Record of MA Communities



Road Shows to Date

COMMUNITY ROAD SHOWS

- Norwood (2004)
- Roxbury (2005)
- Dorchester (2006-2007)
- Quincy (2007)
- Deerfield (2007)
- Brewster (2008)
- Natick (2008)
- Norwell (2009)
- Truro (2009)
- Falmouth (2009)
- Reading (2009)
- Danvers (2010)
- Stoneham (2010)
- Duxbury (2010)
- New Bedford (2011)
- Sharon (2011)
- Waltham (2011)
- Lowell (2012)
- Milton (2012)

- Peabody (2012)
- Halifax (2012)
- Lexington (2013)
- Stoughton (2013)
- Provincetown (2013)
- Wayland (2014)
- Allston Brighton (2014)
- West End (2014)
- Hingham (May 17, 2015)
- Martha's Vineyard (October 17, 2015)

THEMATIC ROAD SHOWS

- Grub Street Memoir Project (2007)
- Hebrew Senior Life (2007)
- World War II Veterans (2007)
- Boston Public Housing (2008)
- Boston Public Schoolchildren (2009)
- Boston Harbor Islands (2011)
- Irish Immigrant Experience (2013)
- UMass Boston (2014)



The Event

- A Road Show is a collaboration
- UMass Boston's role is to provide a detailed roadmap for the day
- Local role is to organize a well-attended event that accurately reflects the composition of the community





























Bring "up to three photos that represent yourself, your family or your community..."





- Immigrant ancestors
- Family reunions
- Formal portraits
- **Snapshots**
- Community events
- Weddings, anniversaries
- Local businesses
- Cultural celebrations
- Old, new, color, B&W

The choice belongs to the contributor!





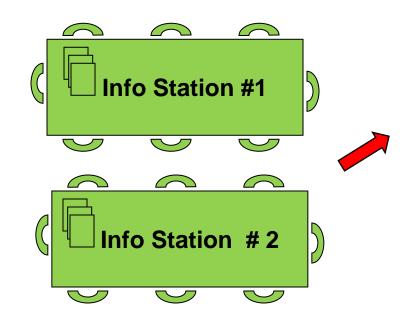




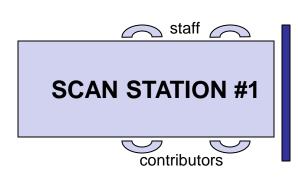
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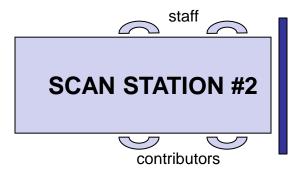






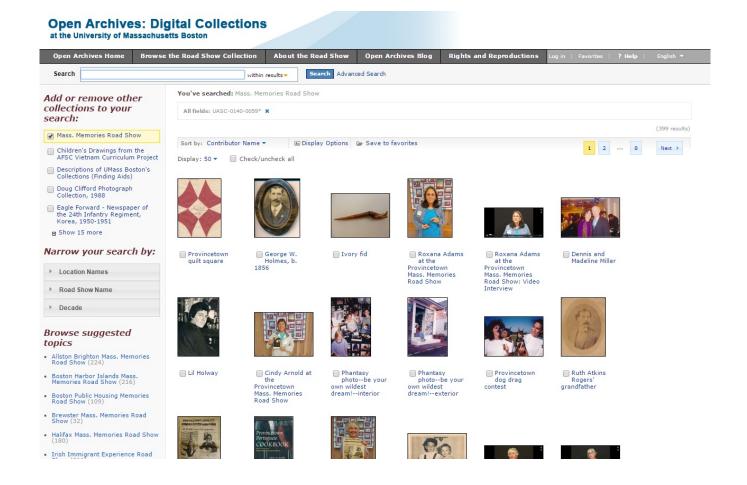






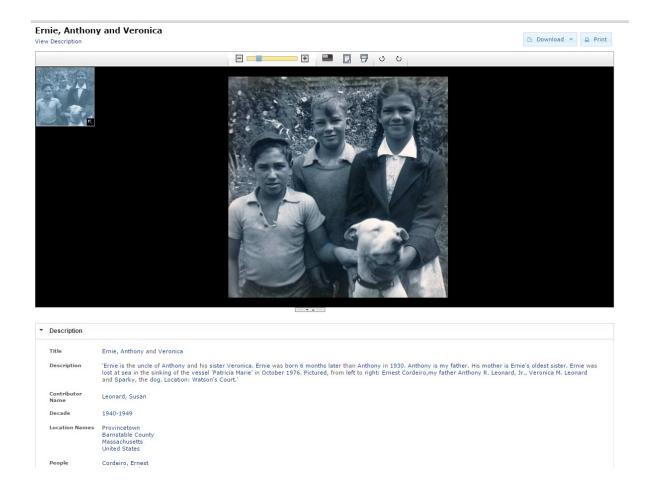


The Digital Collection





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