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WHAT: Mass Memories Road Show, a unique digital history event, comes to Nahant, MA

WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00-3:00

WHERE: Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

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Mass. Memories Road Show Seeks Nahant History

The Nahant Public Library, in partnership with Johnson Elementary School, Nahant Council on Aging, Nahant Historical Society, Northeastern University Marine Science Center, SWIM and 01908, proudly announces that UMass Boston will come to Nahant Town Hall on April 1, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for a Mass. Memories Road Show.

The Mass. Memories Road Show is a free event that digitizes family photos and memories shared by the people of Massachusetts and includes them in the online archives at UMass Boston. Everyone who lives, studies, or works in Nahant is invited to share their family stories through up to three family photos. The photos will be scanned and returned to their owners at the event. Contributors can also share the story behind the photos on video, receive their own keepsake photo of the event, and receive advice from professional archivists and historians on dating and caring for their family photos.

Since 2004, the project has digitized over 8,000 images and stories from across the state, creating an educational resource for future generations. Photos from family reunions, special events, candid shots or formal, recent or old are all welcome. "The event and the archive will represent a unique point in Nahant history," said Library Director Sharon Hawkes. "The larger message is that everyone, whether living here a day or for generations, contributes to the strength and diversity of the community."

The event will be staffed by professionals and trained volunteers who will guide participants through the various stations at the event. Participants can also see one another's photos, which

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will be projected onto screens as they are scanned. All ages will be welcome at the event, and participants may attend at any time from 9:00-3:00 or sign up for particular times in advance.

The Mass. Memories Road Show is produced by the University Archives and Special Collections Department at the Joseph P. Healey Library, UMass Boston, and is co-sponsored by the Patricia C. Flaherty '81 Endowed Fund. Additional funding for the event will be provided by the Friends of Nahant Public Library and the Nahant Cultural Council. For further information, or to register for a specific timeslot at the event, please call 781-581-0306.

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See the archive at <http://openarchives.umb.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15774coll6>

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