

## UNCOVERING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HISTORY

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An idea was sparked when longtime reporter Jim Smith was digging into his family's genealogical history. He was writing a proposal for a documentary about his family ties with the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, and was learning that Peregrine White, the first English baby born in Plymouth Colony, was indeed his eighth great-grandfather. But the real 'ah-ha' moment came when Smith turned the pages of history back a chapter. He uncovered a story that many Indigenous Peoples know but remains mostly untold.

"My curiosity ignited when I was researching my family history and the Pilgrims, but then I started wondering what was happening to the Indigenous Peoples at that time," says Smith. "I would come upon writings of a plague and a sickness that struck the Indigenous communities right before the establishment of Plymouth Colony, and I thought that this is an even more important story to tell."

That's when the course of the documentary narrative took a turn.

As bits of information started to surface, questions emerged. Why did the vibrant community of 1616 Patuxet, now known as Plymouth, Massachusetts, seem to all but disappear by 1620, when the Mayflower set anchor in the harbor? What happened to all the people?

Years prior to the arrival of the Pilgrims, it's believed, early European traders carried a plague ashore. It moved from north to south along the coast of what is now New England. The plague killed upwards of 90 percent of the Indigenous population.

"When you lose almost an entire race of people due to an invisible disease, you lose the underpinning of your community," says Chief Don Stevens of Vermont's Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation. "It wiped out entire villages. It took away so much knowledge and so much culture."

While the stories of the Great Dying are well known within Indigenous communities, barely a whisper of this part of our history makes it into today's classrooms. "Some of it was intentional. History has been really white-washed and softened up," says Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation

member David Weeden.

"There are echoes of the Great Dying that resonate right up to the present day," says NHPBS producer Phil Vaughn. Amid the current COVID pandemic, both Smith and Vaughn found themselves wondering what would have happened if there was a vaccine back then, and how would history have been changed?

"I don't think (the Pilgrims) would have been welcomed. I think they would have been likely turned away and they would have been instructed to find somewhere else to colonize," says Paula Peters of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation.

"Here we are 400 years later, and we're being confronted with this illness for which there's no known source or cure, and treatments are just falling short. People are dying," continues Peters. "It is very much reminiscent of what I have read about in history and that happened to our people."

"Education has always been the foundation of all our local programs," says Dawn DeAngelis, NHPBS Vice President and Chief Content Officer. "When we discover a little-known piece of history that could offer insight into today's struggles, we owe it to our audience to tell that story."

During one of the interviews with Paula Peters, Vaughn recalls that she made an important point. "Jim, I don't hold your ancestors responsible for this, but I hold you responsible for the future," said Peters. "She was tying in Jim's genealogical roots and making sure that the stories of the Native Americans are told in a complete and accurate way," says Vaughn.

"As a Mayflower descendant, I felt compelled to learn the whole story of the Great Dying and a sense of duty to share it," says Smith.

This is the story of New England before the colonizers arrived. It's a new chapter of our collective history that is only the beginning of what we are learning about the past, present and future of coastal America's Indigenous Peoples.

You can watch **SURVIVING NEW ENGLAND'S GREAT DYING** on Thursday, November 18th at 8 pm on New Hampshire PBS and online at [nhpbs.org/greatdying](https://nhpbs.org/greatdying).

# NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



## Nature: The Elephant and the Termite

WED Nov 3 | 8 PM

In arid regions of Africa, the waterhole is central to everyone's life. This program looks at the microscopic life found at an elephant's toenail.



## Searching for Sequoyah

THU Nov 4 | 9 PM

The Cherokee artist and diplomat Sequoyah is best known for his creation of the Cherokee syllabary. This documentary details Sequoyah's life and death and chronicles his travels from East to West.



## The Oratorio: A Documentary with Martin Scorsese

FRI Nov 5 | 9 PM

Learn the story of the 1826 performance that brought Italian opera to New York City, and meet the colorful personalities involved, including a freed slave, opera's first diva and Mozart's librettist. Filmmaker Martin Scorsese hosts.



## Our Hometown: Ashland

THU Nov 11 | 8 PM

Ashland sits along the Squam and Pemigewasset Rivers and, in its heyday boasted several mills. Host Rebecca Rule discovers stories about covered bridges, a one-of-a-kind guitar shop owner and a farm stand that helps to define this vibrant community.



## WBCN and the American Revolution

THU Nov 11 | 10 PM

Chronicle the progressive rock radio station WBCN-FM in Boston during the years 1968 to 1974. Explore the sights, sounds and stories of WBCN, while examining the station's role in covering and promoting the social, political and cultural changes that took place during that era.



## Walk Together Children: The 150th Anniversary of the Fisk Jubilee Singers

FRI Nov 12 | 8 PM

Learn about Negro spirituals and their value in today's culture in this tribute to the original nine members of the Fisk Jubilee singers, performed by current students at Fisk University.



# 5 CHANNEL SPOTLIGHT



## CALL THE MIDWIFE: SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUN Nov 21 | 7:30 PM NHPBS

Take a celebratory look back at 10 years of CALL THE MIDWIFE in this compilation full of births, deaths, love stories, faith and family. Go behind the scenes at Nonnatus House for interviews with the cast and crew in this thank you to the fans.



## MALLORCA FILES

WED Nov 3 | 8 PM NHPBS EXPLORE

Ambitious young British detective Miranda Blake and her laid-back German partner Max Winter look like the perfect team - if only they could see it. But as this mismatched partnership starts to solve some of Mallorca's most mysterious cases, their chemistry starts to build.



## NICK STELLINO: STORYTELLER IN THE KITCHEN

MON-FRI | 6:30 & 8:30 PM NH CREATE

Nick travels down memory lane to revisit dishes inspired by his childhood in Sicily and his adventures in the United States. As a seasoned chef with a passion for recipes, Nick highlights an ingredient or a cooking utensil, and then expertly describes how each connects to his Sicilian culture and to Italian cuisine.



## AMERICAN VETERAN: THE RECKONING

SAT NOV 20 | 8 PM NH WORLD

Join host J.R. Martinez as veterans reflect on their experiences in the military, the divide between those who have served and those who have not and the ways veterans and civilians can work together to move America forward.



## A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING

SUN Nov 21 | 7:30 PM NH PBS KIDS

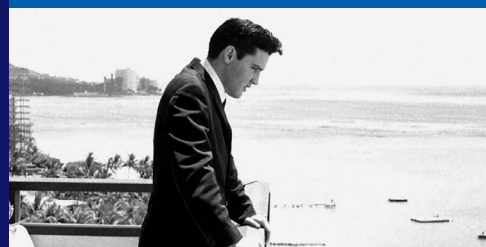
Peppermint Patty invites everyone to Charlie Brown's for Thanksgiving, even though he's going to see his grandmother. Snoopy decides to cook his own version of a Thanksgiving meal with help from his friends. You can also watch on SUN Nov. 21 at 7 PM on NHPBS!

# MORE TO EXPLORE



## CHASING VOICES:

THU Nov 4 | 8 PM NHPBS



## ELVIS AND THE USS ARIZONA

THU Nov 11 | 9 PM NHPBS



## ALMOST AN ISLAND

THU Nov 18 | 10 PM NHPBS



## GRANTCHESTER ON MASTERPIECE

SUN Nov 21 | 9 PM NHPBS



## SYMPATHETIC STRINGS: STORIES OF THE HARDANGER FIDDLE

FRI Nov 26 | 8:30 PM NHPBS





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## Surviving New England's **GREAT DYING**

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Tue. 11/2	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Call The Midwife		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
Wed. 11/3	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Mallorca Files		Royal House of Windsor		Professor T**
Thu. 11/4	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Frankie Drake Mysteries		Halifax: Retribution		Victoria Season 2 On Masterpiece**
Fri. 11/5	Cook's Country	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Open Mind	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Frontline	
Sat. 11/6	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater		American Veteran		Country Music**		
Sun. 11/7	The Oratorio: A Documentary with Martin Scorsese*	Da Ponte's Oratorio: A Concert for New York		Chasing Voices		Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways For Health & Spirit	Independent Lens**	
Mon. 11/8	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer Murders		Traces		Press On Masterpiece**
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Fri. 11/12	Cook's Country	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Open Mind	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Frontline	
Sat. 11/13	The Lawrence Welk Show*	American Veteran		WBCN and the American Revolution				Icon: Music Through The Lens**
Sun. 11/14	Great Performances at the Met* The Wagnerians In Concert	Beyond The Canvas	Great Performances A John Williams Premiere at Tanglewood			Nature The Alps: Winter's Fortress		Secrets of the Dead**
Mon. 11/15	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer Murders		Traces		Press On Masterpiece**
Tue. 11/16	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Call The Midwife		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
Wed. 11/17	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Mallorca Files		Royal House of Windsor		Professor T**
Thu. 11/18	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Frankie Drake Mysteries		Halifax: Retribution		Victoria Season 2 On Masterpiece**
Fri. 11/19	Cook's Country	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Open Mind	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Independent Lens**	
Sat. 11/20	The Lawrence Welk Show*	American Veteran		Surviving New England's Great Dying	Battle Over Bears Ears		Our Hometown Ashland	Side Trek
Sun. 11/21	Independent Lens*		Mt. Washington Auto Road to the Sky	Battle Over Bears Ears		Nature Born in the Rockies: Growing Up		Secrets of the Dead**
Mon. 11/22	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Midsomer Murders		Traces		Press On Masterpiece**
Tue. 11/23	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Call The Midwife Special Delivery		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
Wed. 11/24	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Mallorca Files		Royal House of Windsor		Professor T**
Thu. 11/25	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Frankie Drake Mysteries		Halifax: Retribution		Victoria Season 3 On Masterpiece**
Fri. 11/26	Cook's Country	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Open Mind	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Frontline	
Sat. 11/27	Member Favorites							
Sun. 11/28	Member Favorites*							
Mon. 11/29	America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated	PBS NewsHour		Member Favorites**				
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Tue. 11/2	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Rick Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots		American Veteran		Frontline**
Wed. 11/3	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Windows to the Wild	Nature The Elephant and the Termite		Nova NOVA Universe Revealed: Milky Way		Secrets of the Dead**
Thu. 11/4	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Rick Steves' Europe	Chasing Voices		Searching for Sequoyah		Horse Relative**
Fri. 11/5	PBS NewsHour*	To Dine for with Kate Sullivan	Basic Black	Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater		The Oratorio: A Documentary with Martin Scorsese		Da Ponte's Oratorio: A Concert for New York**
Sat. 11/6	Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan	Escape to the Chateau DIY		Call The Midwife		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
Sun. 11/7	Stories from the Stage	Armed with Language		Call The Midwife		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
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Sun. 11/14	Reconstruction: America After The Civil War*	The Queen and the Coup		Call The Midwife		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Baptiste On Masterpiece**
Mon. 11/15	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens**
Tue. 11/16	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Rick Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots		American Veteran		Voces On PBS**
Wed. 11/17	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Windows to the Wild	Nature Born in the Rockies: Growing Up		Nova NOVA Universe Revealed: Black Holes		Secrets of the Dead**
Thu. 11/18	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Rick Steves' Europe	Surviving New England's Great Dying	Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck			Almost An Island**
Fri. 11/19	PBS NewsHour*	Surviving New England's Great Dying	Basic Black	The American Pianists Awards 2019 Gala Finals		Great Performances San Francisco Symphony Reopening Night		
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Fri. 11/26	PBS NewsHour*	Side Trek	Basic Black	The Devil's Instrument	Sympathetic Strings: Stories of the Hardanger Fiddle	Great Performances Coppelia		
Sat. 11/27	Andy Williams: Greatest Love Songs (My Music)*	Burt Bacharach's Best (My Music Presents)			Abba Forever -- A Celebration			Call The Midwife**
Sun. 11/28	All Creatures Great and Small: Between The Pages*		PBS Arts from New York: Great Performances Andrea Bocelli Live in Central Park					
Mon. 11/29	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Il Volo - Tribute to Ennio Morricone			Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide**		
Tue. 11/30	PBS NewsHour*	Greater Boston	Slavery By Another Name				Member Favorites**	

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