

# Visit to the Peabody Essex Museum

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Recently my son and I reserved the Milton Public Library's museum pass for the Peabody Essex Museum located in Salem, MA. From our house we got there in less than an hour door to door. In addition to reserving the pass on the Milton Public Library's website under the tab, Resources, we we also had to reserve an entry slot on the museum's website to ensure capacity guidelines.

Our first stop was the Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese House located just to the right of the Information Desk on the ground level. The house was sold to the museum over 17 years ago from a Chinese family who has visited their house every year since the acquisition. The home had to be dismantled and placed on a cargo ship from China to Salem via the Panama Canal. After its arrival, it took one whole year to piece back together. All of the items in the house were put back just as the family had them laid out in China. I was most taken back by the stone (see above) and wood detail throughout the home. A must see during any trip to the Peabody Essex Museum.



After leaving the Chinese House we went Maritime Art collection which is a permanent collection of not only art but artifacts from ships like a two headed equestrian mast head and a Chinese Canoe (see right). However I think my all time favorite piece of art was a dress made in 2002 by Brian White, born in 1960, made out of steel and seashells. The piece, called Island Bride can be seen below.



For more information on the Peabody Essex Museum, please visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org) and visit <https://miltonlibrary.org/> to reserve your museum passes today. Until next time.....

