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*The Newsletter of the Orange County Chapter
of the American Research Center In Egypt*



Annual Orange County Chapter Election to be held November 22, 2008

At the November 22 lecture, a brief business meeting preceded the very well attended lecture (269 people) by Dr. Craig Smith on the pyramids.

Per the bylaws, all officers must be ARCE members in good standing and the present board stood for re-election. Over the past year they have put in hundreds of hours handling chapter finances, all the paperwork associated with a non profit organization, and arranging for speakers, their travel and venue logistics. No nominations were received from the floor at the October or November meetings. The following were unanimously re-elected:

Robin Young, President, from La Habra,
Dr. J. Brett McClain, Vice President, from Irvine and Luxor, Egypt,
Carole Cherchian, Secretary/Treasurer, from Fountain Valley,
Norma Kershaw, member-at-large, from Mission Viejo,
Dr. Arthur Muir, member-at-large, from Thousand Oaks,
Lynn Bishop, Publicity chair, from Tustin,
Tippian Manske, member-at-large, from Newhall,
Adina Savin, member-at-large, from Westwood,
Dr. Donald Ryan, member-at-large, from Seattle and Luxor, Egypt.

OC ARCE Advisory Board (Members do not stand for election)

John Adams, Illinois
Dr. Kara Cooney, Westwood
Dr. Arelene Wolinski, San Diego



Annual Conference

The National ARCE Annual Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, April 24 - 26, 2009. Dozens of Egyptologists attend, making it a very exciting experience for 2.5 days. Details are on the newly revised organization website, www.arce.org.

2009 Speakers Announced for OC ARCE

See the last page of this newsletter for Winter 2009 speakers and events

Updates to Online Resources on Egyptology

From UCLA

The website for the Virtual Reality model presented at ARCE OC this past year is now up online! The Digital Karnak Project is pleased to announce the launch of its website: <http://dlib.etc.ucla.edu/projects/Karnak/>. The Digital Karnak Project, based at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), aims to make the ancient Egyptian site of Karnak more accessible

The website features a geographically-referenced "time-map" highlighting the areas of the temple under construction during the reign of each Egyptian king, thematic videos of a 3D Virtual Reality model of the temple along with corresponding instructional texts, individual descriptions of each temple building recreated on the Virtual Reality model and a fully interactive Google Earth version of the model.

The Digital Karnak Project website is best viewed using Mozilla Firefox 2 (PC and Mac), Internet Explorer 7 (PC), and Safari 3 (Mac).

The Digital Karnak Project is funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) and the Steinmetz Family Trust. The project was made possible through UCLA's Institute for Digital Research and Education (IDRE). Directors are UCLA professors Dr. Diane Favro and Dr. Willeke Wendrich.

From Dr. Kent Weeks in Luxor:

www.thebanmappingproject.com, the most popular archaeological website, visited by millions each year, has just been updated to include:

- An updated progress report on KV5, including 19th Dynasty graffiti
- A 5,000 entry bibliography on Theban sites, covering all written materials from 1760 to now.
- A copy of the site management plan for the Valley of the Kings, the first of its kind.
- Over 4,000 color photographs of tomb decorations. All can be zoomed down to the brush stroke level, and correlated with maps to show their location.
- A report on the Valley of the Kings Visitor Center, for which the TMP designed exhibits.

Upcoming projects include a tomb atlas for the Valley of the Queens, a pilot project for tomb lighting for the VOK, and further excavation of the latest huge burial chamber in KV5.

From the Petrie Museum in London:

Sir Flinders Petrie, one of the premier Egyptologists of his era, was able to transport many small objects home to found an amazing museum in London. The Petrie has digitized most of its collection, which you may visit at: www.petrie.ucl.ac.uk/index2.html. Another 3,000 pages can be accessed at <http://www.digitalegypt.ucl.ac.uk/>. Yes, that is 3000 pages!

For the Holidays and the New Year

The Oriental Institute's 2009-10 calendar, featuring archaeological and cultural sites from the Middle East can be purchased from their website anytime after Thanksgiving. Check it out at

<https://oi.uchicago.edu/order/suq/giftlist.html>, which has other cool Egyptian jewelry and gifts.

A board game, Cleopatra and the Society of Architects, can be purchased for around \$25 on EBay or www.gamegeek.com. It allows 5 players to interact with artisans, viziers, and smugglers to construct an Ancient Egyptian temple complete with sphinxes, obelisks, and cavetto cornices, and a royal throne. For ages 10 up, takes about 1.5 hours to play.

Orange County ARCE Schedule Early 2009: Stay tuned for more.

ARCE-OC Field Trip, Saturday, January 24, 2009 meet at 10:30 AM Dr. Kara Cooney leads an **Interpreted Tour of 220 plus artifacts in the special Exhibition: Excavating Egypt: Great Discoveries from the Petrie Museum of Archaeology, London**, at the Fullerton Museum of Art at Cal State University, San Bernardino. Carpools encouraged. Questions? arce-oc@earthlink.net
http://museum.csusb.edu/exhibition_Petrie_Museum.html. Cost: \$22 per ARCE member & students; \$30 Public. Limited tickets available by mail: 18427 Santa Alberta Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dr. Willeke Wendrich, UCLA, ***Earliest Ancient Egypt, A Field Report from the Fayum***
Saturday, February 28, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum, Free

Dr. Suzanne Onstine, University of Memphis, TN, ***Sexism in the Temple? Woman and the Religious Hierarchy of Ancient Egypt***
Saturday, March 21, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum, Free

The Language and Culture of Hieroglyphs Workshop: Dr. Elizabeth Waracksa, 1 - 5 PM May 16 at Heritage Park Library in Irvine.

Cost: \$22 per ARCE member & students; \$30 Public. Limited tickets available by mail: 18427 Santa Alberta Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 Questions? arce-oc@earthlink.net

We are presently negotiating with the following for 09, including Dr. Edwin 'Ted' Brock from Luxor, Dr. Betsy Bryan from Johns Hopkins, Dr. Stuart Smith from Santa Barbara, Dr. Ben Harer from Seattle, Dr. Lise Manniche from the University of Copenhagen, and Dr. Agnieszka Dobrowolska from Cairo.

Registration Form for Special Events in 2009:

Complete one for each person attending please. Refer to flyers or website for details.

Tour of Petrie Traveling Exhibition at CSUSB with Dr. Kara Cooney, January 24, 2009

Hieroglyphs Seminar with Dr. Elizabeth Waracksa, May 16, Heritage Park Library Irvine.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Check appropriate box for amount enclosed:

\$22 ARCE member (only) \$22 Student (Xerox of ID) \$30 General Public

Checks payable to ARCE OC. 18427 Santa Alberta Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 Questions? arce-oc@earthlink.net chapter event listing: <http://www.ocpl.org/lectures/egypt.asp>



The Orange County Chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt presents 10 - 12 lectures annually on a variety of topics by Egyptologists working in various expeditions throughout Egypt. Our partners are the Orange County Public Library system and the Bowers Museum. While the lectures are free to the public, all speakers are paid honorariums and sometimes travel expenses to come to the OC. The sole source of revenues to fund these lectures comes from the dues of ARCE members. Everyone who attends is encouraged to join ARCE and support not only this lecture series, but ARCE's important work program of discovery and conservation of some two dozen ancient Egyptian monuments. To find out more, visit www.arce.org and click on expeditions. Click on membership to print a form to join for \$55 per year (\$45 seniors, \$25 students). That averages out to about \$5 a lecture and it's fully tax deductible.

Membership in ARCE entitles you to one-year subscriptions to the annual *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt* and the Center's triennial *Bulletin*, discounted fares on EgyptAir between the United States and Cairo, special rates at selected hotels, access to ARCE's centrally located residence and its research library, and invitations to special ARCE-sponsored events both in Egypt and the US.

VISIT THE ARCE WEBSITE!

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