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



## Exciting Schedule Announced for 2009 Lectures

The 2009 lectures are printed on page 2. Please save this copy for your records.

## First Event of 2009 A Success

An excited crowd of thirty people joined with Egyptologist Dr. Kara Cooney for a narrated tour of several hundred objects on loan from the extraordinary Petrie Museum at the University of London, in England. It is always special to see in person various objects important in the culture of Ancient Egypt - objects that you have seen only in books. As always, Dr. Cooney provided valuable context and insights, above and beyond what even the most expert of us knew.



Dr. Kara Cooney speaks to the group. photo by Russ Block

## Large Crowd Attends Don Ryan Lecture; Raffle Update

Some 130 people, eager for a break from the holidays, attended Dr. Don Ryan's lecture on December 28, 2008. This lecture was wholly sponsored by the proceeds from our 2008 raffle proceeds, made possible by YOUR generosity.

Exciting books by prominent authors have been secured by your intrepid ARCE board members for the 2009 raffles. They include Barbara Mertz's *Tombs, Temple and Hieroglyphs*. She is well known for her best selling series of novels on fictional Egyptologists Radcliffe and Amelia Peabody Emerson. Also, Joyce Tyldesley's *Cleopatra, Last Queen of Egypt*, and Toby Wilkerson's *Lives of the Ancient Egyptians*. One raffle will feature three coloring books aimed at children: *Gods of Ancient Egypt, the King Tut, and Life in Ancient Egypt*. Want an easy to read book on King Tut? Buy a ticker for Christine El Mahdy's *The Life and Death of the Boy King*.

## 2009 Speaker Schedule for ARCE Orange County Chapter

Please save for your records so you don't miss any events.

- February 28** 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.
- March 21** 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.
- April 18** Dr. Edwin "Ted" Brock, American Research Center, Cairo. *Hidden Thebes - Update on New Discoveries from Pharaonic, Roman and Medieval Luxor.*  
Saturday, April 18, 2009, 11:00 AM, FluorAuditorium, Bowers Museum Free.
- April 24-26** ARCE 2009 Annual Meeting in Dallas Open to the public, special discount for ARCE members. Visit [www.arce.org](http://www.arce.org) for details.
- May 16** Dr. Elizabeth Waraksa, UCLA. Hieroglyphs class, *The Language and Culture of Hieroglyphs*. 1 - 5 PM, Heritage Park Library, Irvine.  
FEE see registration form. Attendance limited by size of room.
- June 13** Dr. Stuart Smith, UCSB, Anthropology Department, Advisor on Stargate (MGM), *"When History Collides with. Hollywood: Anecdotes from the Egyptologist to the Hollywood Studios."*  
Saturday, June 13, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum Free.
- July** TBA
- August** TBA
- September 26** Dr. Ben Harer *How Napoleon invented Egyptology with the Mother of All Coffee Table Books* Saturday, September 26, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum Free.
- October 17** Dr. Lise Manniche, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. *King Tut's Medicine Cabinet.*  
Saturday, October 17, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum Free.
- November 14** Dr. Betsy Bryan, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Mut Precinct, Karnak Temple, exact topic tba  
Saturday, November 14, 2009, 1:30 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum Free.
- December 5** Drs. Donald and Susan Redford, *Interpreting Amarna, the Reign of the Heretic Pharaoh Akhenaten* Full Day Seminar and Suq, 9 AM - 4PM FEE .Saturday, December 5, 2009, Norma Kershaw Auditorium, Bowers Museum

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### Registration Form for Special Events in 2009:

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

\_\_\_ Hieroglyphs Seminar with Dr. Elizabeth Waraksa, May 16, 1 - 5 PM Heritage Park Library Irvine. Price includes class materials.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Literary Orange  
Saturday, April 4, 2009,  
at the UC Irvine Student Center

Featuring 2009 Keynote Speakers:

**Stephen J. Cannell**, Best Selling Author and TV Producer

**Ron Carlson**, Award Winning Author and UCI Writing Program Director

**Sandra Tsing Loh**, Writer, Performer and NPR Commentator

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More on KV63 "Otto's Dig Diary 18 JANUARY 2009"

"We are opening jars and finding numerous intriguing objects plus more mud seals. Some of which are complete. Conservators are working on some of the objects that we have found in the jars. Will be able to disclose more information and post photos once we get clearance from Dr. Hawass so please bear with us. In the meantime, our staff continues to trickle in. So far we have Earl, George, Elaine, Roxanne, Heather, Salima, two SCA Inspectors and four egyptian workers. More soon, El Mudir. ["Mudir is Arabic for director. The feminine form is "Mudira."]

"New Egyptian gallery at the British Museum"

*"The new Egyptian gallery at the British Museum offers a fascinating display of scenes from everyday life under the Pharaohs."*

"Who says accountants are boring? Some of the ancient world's most entrancing paintings ... at last go on show again for the first time in almost ten years, when the British Museum opens a new gallery... dedicated to the display of 11 large wall fragments from the tomb chapel of a relatively low-ranking Egyptian official named Nebamun, a grain accountant who, almost three and a half millennia ago, served the great deity Amun, then the official god of the state. A golden age of Egyptian painting unfurls. These preserved images are among the most famous, most fascinating and most artistically fresh of their day. ... Here, in what surely counts among the British Museum's most celebrated treasures, is a virile young Nebamun hunting in the Nile marshes, navigating his slender barque among feathery reeds that teem with birds of all species and fluttering butterflies. His fat tabby cat clearly can't believe its luck: as it seizes one flapping waterfowl in its whiskery jaws, it pins down the two songbirds that have already fallen prey to it with greedy claws. Or here, in three wonderfully preserved fragments, is Nebuman in his role as master of great estates, counting the flocks and the herds that slaves bring for his inspection, the ranks of driven cattle and the thick flocks of jostling geese. [Times (UK), 13 January 2008]

[http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/visual\\_arts/article5503003.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/visual_arts/article5503003.ece)

The Orange County Chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt,

The Orange County Public Library,

and The Bowers Museum

Present

**Dr. Willeke Wendrich, UCLA**

speaking on

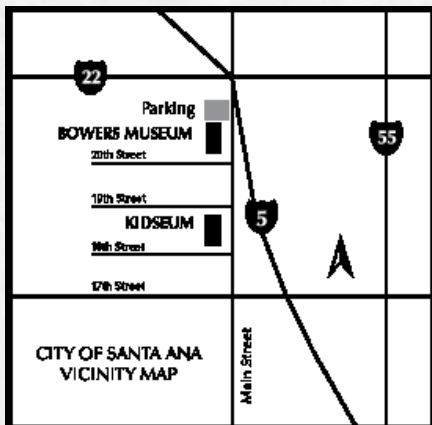
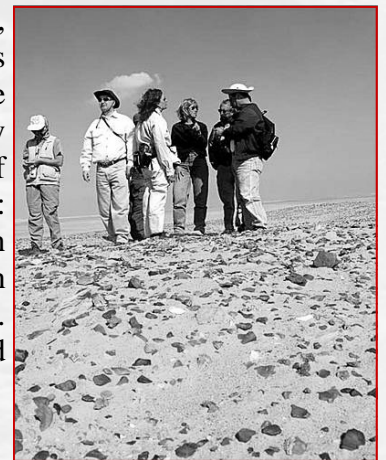
## **Earliest Ancient Egypt, A Field Report from the Fayum**



Associate Professor in Egyptian Archaeology at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures of the University of California, Los Angeles. Member of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. Co-director of the UCLA-RUG Fayum project.

Once an ancient sea, which left 40 million year old whale fossils, the Fayum today is a natural depression about 65 kilometres southwest of Cairo. Covering an area of about 12,000 square kilometres, part of the area is covered by the Birket Karun, a very beautiful lake directly supplied with water by a branch of the Nile. In ancient times the Fayum was called after this lake:

'Ta-she', 'Land of the Lake'. The Coptic translation of this, 'Pa-yom', can be heard in the modern name. The pharaohs of the Middle Kingdom introduced irrigation controls to improve productivity, but the earliest inhabitants, the focus of Dr. Wendrich's work, are from the neolithic. Come and share in what is being learned about ancient life in this lush Egyptian landscape.



**Saturday, February 28, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.**

**THE BOWERS MUSEUM**

**Norma Kershaw Auditorium**

**2002 N. Main, Santa Ana, CA**

***Admission is Free***

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](http://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.

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<http://ocpl.org/lectures/egypt.asp>