

**MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH,
OCTOBER 2007**

**OCTOBER 3: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT
THE MFA**

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Avenue of
the Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue,
Boston, MA 02115
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Event fee: \$15.00 (\$12 for members)

Spend Wednesday nights with our experts! Visit the Museum of Fine Arts' Egyptian Gallery—one of the largest collections of Egyptian artifacts outside of Cairo—with Dr. Lawrence Berman, the Norma Jean Calderwood Senior Curator of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian, and Near Eastern Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Space is limited at the MFA tours so please sign-up ASAP.

**OCTOBER 5: STUDENT ARCHAEOLOGY
FAIR AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**

Location: Museum of Science, Science Park,
Boston MA 02114
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Event: For students and school groups

Take a trip back in time and discover archaeology at the Museum of Science. The AIA and MOS are joining forces to host an archaeology fair filled with fun activities, demonstrations, and competitions. Learn to write in cuneiform, watch stone tools being made by our experts, participate in a dig, see a spear fly through the air at over 60 miles per hour, and explore many other fantastic activities. Spend the day learning about archaeology and the past while getting your hands dirty. School groups visit www.mos.org/educators.

**OCTOBER 6: FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY
FAIR AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**

Location: Museum of Science, Science Park,
Boston MA 02114
Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Event Fee: Free with regular admission (\$16 for adults, \$13 for children—ages 3-11, and \$14 for seniors—ages 60 and over).

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OCTOBER 10: LECTURE

“Themes of Prophecy in Etruscan, Greek and Roman Art.” *Dr. Nancy de Grummond, Florida State University*

Location: Amherst, MA
Event fee: Free

Dr. Nancy de Grummond presents ongoing research into representations of prophecy in ancient classical art. The research had its beginning with identifying a number of prophetic themes on Etruscan mirrors, associated especially with marriage and with the idea that the mirror itself may have been used to take auspices and predict the future of the couple at their wedding. A number of iconographic motifs—of posture, gesture and attribute—were identified in the Etruscan scenes, and it was then seen that these elements of prophetic vocabulary appeared in Greek and Roman art as well. These elements are found in Roman wall paintings (e.g., the Villa of the Mysteries at Pompeii), Greek vase painting, and several other contexts.

Nancy T. de Grummond is the M. Lynette Thompson Professor of Classics at Florida State University.

OCTOBER 12: LECTURE

“Etruscan Lightning, Livers and Lore: Myth and Ritual in Ancient Etruria.”
Dr. Nancy de Grummond, Florida State University

Location: Riley Seminar Room, Museum of
Fine Arts, 456 Huntington Avenue,
Boston, MA 02115
Time: 6:00pm

Event fee: Free

Dr. Nancy de Grummond discusses Etruscan religious rituals based on information gathered from archaeological excavations, inscriptions, Latin and Greek texts, and representations in art. Mythoritual elements to be explored include the reading of lightning and thunder as showing the will of the gods; the ritual hammering of the nail into the door or wall of a temple to mark fate and the passage of time; the representations of birds of omen in art and in Etruscan books. Divination is examined in regard to the reading of the liver of sacrificial animals, seen in representations of the Etruscan seer Umaele and the Greek priest Chalchas.

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OCTOBER 16: LECTURE

“Let The Dead Bury The Dead: The Forensic Science Behind the Recovery and Identification of US War Casualties.” *Dr. Thomas Holland DABFA, JPAC, Hickham Air Force Base, Hawaii.*

Location: Worcester Art Museum
Time: 7:30pm
Event fee: Free

OCTOBER 17: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE MFA

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Event fee: \$15.00

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts’ Egyptian Gallery—one of the largest collections of Egyptian artifacts outside of Cairo! This tour will be led by Dr. Rita Freed, the John F. Cogan, Jr. and Mary L. Corneille Chair, Art of the Ancient World, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA.

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OCTOBER 24: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE MFA

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Event fee: \$15.00

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts’ world famous Classical collection with Dr. Richard A. Grossmann, Mary Bryce Comstock Assistant Curator of Greek and Roman Art in the Department of Art of the Ancient World at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

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