

# DID YOU KNOW THAT THE AIA...?

- ◇ Is the largest and oldest archaeological organization in the United States
- ◇ Was founded in 1879 and now boasts nearly 215,000 members and 116 Local Societies in North America and Europe
- ◇ Is responsible for establishing the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (1882) and Rome (1895) as well as the American School for Oriental Study and Research in Jerusalem (1899) and the School of American Research in Santa Fe (1907)
- ◇ Publishes the premiere source for archaeological research - the American Journal of Archaeology
- ◇ Has been offering 122 years of free public lectures and will host 219 lectures in the 2017-2018 season
- ◇ Has hosted an Annual Meeting every year for 119 years and has 2,500 attendees on average
- ◇ Reaches 700,000 readers of ARCHAEOLOGY magazine around the world
- ◇ Organizes tours of archaeologically, historically, and culturally significant sites around the globe with the world's leading archaeologists
- ◇ Awarded 32 fellowships and grants this past year with 28% growth in the number awarded in the last three years - and with more in formation!
- ◇ Established the Site Preservation Program, which has already saved 29 threatened archaeological sites on six continents
- ◇ Helps 16 deserving students on average each summer to attend their first field school through the Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship Program
- ◇ Attracted over 200,000 people worldwide for International Archaeology Day last year and had 700+ events planned for this year's Archaeology Day on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◇ Received the largest gift in its 138-year history - the Richard C. MacDonald *Iliad* Endowment for Archaeological Research in 2015
- ◇ Shared its headquarters for decades with the other AIA (the American Institute of Architects) in the Octagon building in Washington, D.C.
- ◇ Now shares its headquarters with the American Meteorological Society in a former Harrison Gray Otis house in Boston, MA

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