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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 6:00 PM

Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium, Selby Public Library, 1331 First Street, Sarasota

LESLIE HAMMOND, Ph.D.

The 21st Century Exploration of a Sanctuary of Zeus

On September 17, 2008, at 6:00 P.M., Leslie Hammond, Ph.D. will give a presentation entitled "The 21st Century Exploration of a Sanctuary of Zeus." Dr. Hammond writes:

"Over 100 years ago the Greek Archaeological Service, under K. Kontopoulos (1897) and by K. Kourouniotes (1902 & 1909), investigated the site of Mt. Lykaion in the southern Peloponnesos of Greece for the first time. Ancient literary sources note that not only was this site the birthplace of Zeus, but the whole mountain was considered sacred. Additionally of note are the athletic and civic structures that played an important role in the unique nature and importance of this site in ancient times.

"Today the site it a hotbed of activity directed by the Thirty-Ninth Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities of Tripolis, Greece, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Arizona. This international, multi-disciplinary team has uncovered surprising artifacts that push the chronological limits of the site far beyond that which was discovered a century ago."

Dr. Leslie Hammond holds a Bachelors degree in Art History from The Ohio State University, a Masters in Classical Archaeology from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in Art History and Archaeology, and a minor in Museum Studies.

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Mt. Lykaion ("Mt. Lycaeus"), NW of Megalopolis

Reference Map of Ancient Greece, Southern Part
Shepherd's Historical Atlas (1911)

The University of Texas at Austin

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/geography/ig/Maps-of-Ancient-Greece/Southern-Greece.htm>

MEETING CALENDAR

October 15, 2008

Judge Fredric M. Hitt

Remembering and Honoring the First
Floridians

(Selby Library, 6:00 PM)

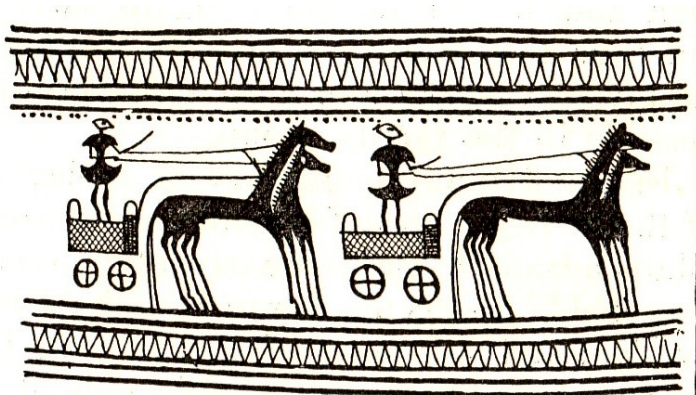
Time Sifters meets the third Wednesday of each month
from September to May, except December

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She is the recipient of numerous fellowships and scholarships including Fulbright and Samuel H. Kress Fellowships, which supported her dissertation research on ancient ceramics from Greece. Her field experiences include over a dozen seasons at various sites in Greece as well as participating in other projects in Cyprus and Egypt. Currently, she is in charge of processing all finds recovered at the site of Mt. Lykaion which is a collaborative venture between the University of Pennsylvania, University of Arizona, and the Greek Archaeological Service.

Over the past 20 years Dr. Hammond has held diverse positions in museums. Institutions include a Victorian House Museum in Ohio, University Art Museums in Indiana and Missouri, as well as the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, and in Florida, the Museum of Arts and Science in Daytona Beach the Tampa Museum of Art and the Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala. Dr. Hammond has curated numerous exhibitions ranging from ancient to contemporary art and has juried/judged various projects and shows. She also remains active in the classroom teaching courses in the arts and humanities.

Recently, Dr. Hammond launched Artistic Eye Fine Art Services, LLC through which she continues her passion for art and artifacts by working with private, corporate, and institutional collections; appraising, and independent curating.



*Horses & chariots –
(from an archaic Greek vase)*

H. G. Wells, *The Outline of History* (1921)

For information about the Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project, Dr. Hammond suggests the following website:

<http://lykaionexcavation.org/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal in Time Sifters Archaeology Society is due the month that you joined or previously renewed. The renewal month is noted on the mailing label of the newsletter. Please check now to see when you should renew.

ANCIENT COMPUTER SHOWED DATES OF OLYMPIC GAMES

The Antikythera Computer, the ancient geared machine recovered from a shipwreck in 1901, was able to predict the dates of the Olympic Games. Recent 3-D X-rays have revealed that the machine predicted the cycle of the Olympic games, as well as other periodic sporting events, along with other complex astronomical calculations. The machine, dating from ca. 150-100 BC, is the first such use of gears, and may be linked to the mathematician Archimedes. The recent X-rays showed the particular forms of the names of the months which were used in Syracuse, Archimedes' home city.

The knowledge reflected in this machine may have eventually led to the complex astronomical clocks in medieval European cathedrals, although the intermediate steps have been lost.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2008/jul/30/archaeology.astronomy>

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/07/080730-greek-computer_2.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antikythera_mechanism

Dr. Evelyn Mangie to teach Classes on Ancient Near East and Ancient Greece

Dr. Evelyn Mangie will be teaching classes in *Ancient Near East: The Origin of Civilization* in the Auditorium of Bay Village, from 10:00 until 11:30 AM; and *Ancient Greece* at Lakehouse Assisted, from 2:30 until 4:00 PM, on Mondays from October 6 through November 10, 2008.

For further information, contact Adult Community Education Center, 1086 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota, FL 34237, (941) 361-9590.

Dr. Mangie is Adjunct Professor in the History Department at University of South Florida in Tampa. She is a board member of Time Sifters.

<http://www.ace-sarasota.com/teachers.html>
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/history/fs/fs.htm>

MAY MEETING

On

INVITATION TO TIME SIFTERS MEMBERS

Sarasota Mayor LouAnn Palmer extends the following invitation to all members of Time Sifters:

“In recognition of your organization's years of effort and contribution to Historic Preservation

The City of Sarasota is requesting the pleasure of your members company at:

The White House Preserve America Award

2:00 pm. September 19, 2008

Presented to the City of Sarasota by:

Mr. John L. Nau, III; Chairman of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
and
Dr. Jan Matthews, Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

Location:
Lobby of the Historic Federal Building
111 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota, 34236

Light refreshments will be offered after the ceremony.
RSVP Diane Taylor or Veda Madadi at the City Commission Office 954-4115 if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,
Lou Ann Palmer
Mayor”

If you are interested in attending with a group from Time Sifters, please contact Time Sifters president, Sherry Svekis.

CALENDAR**September 19, 2008, 2:00 PM**Historic Federal Building, 111 S. Orange Ave.,
Sarasota, 34236The White House Preserve America Award
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Svekis.**MEMBERSHIP**Individual: \$20 Family: \$30
Sustaining: \$50 Student: \$10Make checks payable to *Time Sifters, Inc.*, and
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date on the mailing label.