Food and Wine Night at the Nicholson Museum

A reminder to members that on October 15 the Sydney Friends of the Institute will be hosting with the Nicholson Museum an exclusive ancient Greek food night at the Museum. "Hatted" Chef David Tsirekas will take guests on a culinary journey through the ancient world with five tasting plates matched with unique Greek wines.

Speakers on the night will include Dr Ted Robinson, who will talk about the influence of Greek food in the ancient world and Michael Turner, who will speak about the god Dionysos. Lastly, Angie Giannakodakis will talk about "The Rise and Rise of Greek Wines Today". Members will remember Angie as the sommelier of George Calombaris' restaurant "The Press Club" in Melbourne. Angie is taking time out from her new restaurant "Epocha" in Carlton Gardens in Melbourne to speak to us in Sydney! Here's a review of Epocha. And
here is an article in the SMH about the recent Good Food Guide Awards including information about Xanthi Bar and Restaurant.

Book quickly for an unforgettable night!
See the Flyer
$100 per person
For bookings call 9351 4759 or email arts.aia@sydney.edu.au

The Zagora Archaeological Project is about to Begin!

Image: Zagora, 2012. Wayne Mullen

In about a week an Australian archaeological team will set off to reopen the excavations at Zagora on the Cycladic Island of Andros! Although this is just the beginning of the field seasons at the site, just to get this far is the culmination of many years of work - to secure the necessary funding and permits for the project to begin.

Virgin Australia is helping the Project by providing two free airfares to Athens via Abu Dhabi for key team members, as well as discounted fares to the two Powerhouse Museum staff members who are members of the team and to some of the student volunteers.

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Staff Members from the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney go to Zagora

Dr Paul Donnelly and Ms Irma Havlicek from the Powerhouse Museum will be an integral part of the excavation team at Zagora. The Museum is developing an educational web site about Zagora that will be aimed at the general public, and more particularly at school-age students. Irma will be blogging regularly from the site for students, and there will also be a blog section for archaeologists.

Keep an eye on www.powerhousemuseum.com/zagora as content develops.

The Museum also published an article about Zagora in the Spring edition of "Powerline" Magazine. Click here to download it.

Zagora Film

What was it like to be at Zagora in 1967? Well, members can find out by viewing the archival 16mm films from the site that have been scanned. Two and half minutes of footage has been edited together to give you an idea of what it was like to be at Zagora in the sixties.

You can view the video on the Institute's Youtube channel by clicking on this link.
Dr Stavros Papsalas made a Fellow of the Archaeological Society at Athens

The Deputy Director of the AAIA has been made a Fellow of the Archaeological Society at Athens. This is a great honour and is a recognition of Dr Paspalas’ significant research and of the esteem in which he is held within the academic community of Athens.

The Archaeological Society at Athens (or the “Etaireia”, as it is sometimes known) is the oldest learned society in Greece. The AAIA has been very lucky in the support it has been shown from the Society over many years. The Zagora Archaeological Project is a “Synergasia” (collaboration) between the Society and the Institute.

Join Today!

If you haven’t renewed your membership why not do so today? Making a donation to the Institute helps our work promoting Hellenic culture in Australia and overseas.