Call for Volunteers: Zagora Archaeological Project

The Zagora team undertaking an archaeological survey on the Zagora promontory. Image: Irma Havlicek, © Powerhouse Museum

The Zagora Archaeological Project is calling for volunteers for its 2013 field season, which runs from 23 September to 2 November. Volunteers will be expected to work a five-and-a-half day week, mainly excavating on site, but with occasional days washing and processing finds in the museum. Work on site will be physically demanding, and will also necessitate one hour walking over rough terrain to and from the site daily, while carrying supplies. Volunteers will cover their own travel costs and will make a contribution to their
living expenses on Andros.

If you wish to apply to participate in the project, please send your completed application form not later than Friday 10 May, 2013 to both Professor Margaret Miller: margaret.miller@sydney.edu.au and Dr Lesley Beaumont: lesley.beaumont@sydney.edu.au

More information and an application form can be downloaded here.

Athens Friends: Tour of the Philopappos Monument

![The Philopappos Monument. Image: Wikimedia Commons: © Guillaume Piolle / CC-BY-3.0](image)

THE PHILOPAPPOS MONUMENT, THE PNYX AND THE WALLS OF ATHENS

Conducted by Dr Stavros Paspalas

Saturday 20th April 2013, 11:00 am

While the Acropolis draws the attention of most visitors to central Athens, there are other highly important remains a short distance away. This tour will visit the hilly ridge to the west of the Acropolis, which is best known today for the funerary monument to Gaius Julius Antiochus Philopappos which crowns its highest peak. However, in Antiquity this area served a far wider range of uses. The ridge played a central role in the life of democratic Athens and was as important as the Acropolis and the Agora. It also preserves remains of the ancient city walls and offers a fine vantage point to the Peiraeus. Excavations by the Greek Archaeological Service have shown that the area still retains archaeological surprises, as the course of one of the main roads out of Athens has recently been unearthed as well as a cave...
sanctuary to the god Pan.

Meet at the car park of the Dionysos-Zonar’s Restaurant at the intersection of Rovertou Galli and Dionysiou Areopagitou Streets.

Cost: Members, Euros 10.00 / Guests, Euros 15.00

**The flyer and additional details are here.**

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**Call for Papers: AMPHORAE VII Conference**

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The AAIA is proud to be a sponsor of **AMPHORAE VII**, the seventh Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Hellenic or Roman Antiquities and Egyptology, to be held at the University of Sydney from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th July, 2013. The convenors are pleased to invite abstract submissions from Australian and International graduate students in relevant areas.

The conference provides an opportunity for Postgraduate and Honours students from Australia and New Zealand to interact and share their current work among peers. Abstract submissions of 200-300 words for papers of 20 minutes duration, as well as a brief biography, should be submitted by **Friday 31st May, 2013** to amphoraevii@gmail.com.

The conference is free to attend. More information, and all forms, can be found on the website [http://amphoraevii.weebly.com](http://amphoraevii.weebly.com). Contact the convenors at amphoraevii@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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**AAIA Annual General Meeting**
The **Annual General Meeting** of the AAIA will be held on **Friday 24th May, 5:00pm for 5:30pm** in the Boardroom of the Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia (CCANESA). After the meeting there will be a short talk by Dr Gillian Shepherd (Director of the Trendall Centre, La Trobe University, Melbourne) entitled *Location, Location, Location: Site and Status in Sicilian Cemeteries*. The meeting and lecture will be followed by a small reception. All Members and Governors of the AAIA and Members of its Council are welcome to attend. **You can RSVP at this link.**

You can also hear an interesting online lecture **here** with Dr Shepherd regarding A.D. Trendall, the Trendall Centre, and South Italian Red Figure Vase Painting.

**Athens Friends: Four day tour of Santorini**

The Athens Friends are hosting an **exciting four-day tour of Santorini led by Dr Stavros Paspalas** from 31st May to 3rd June. This tour encompasses Akrotiri, the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, the
site of Ancient Thera and the Thera Archaeological Museum.

Akrotiri, the amazingly well-preserved Bronze Age town engulfed by an ancient explosion of the island’s volcano (c. 1600 BC) has been under systematic excavation for nigh on half a century. It is primarily known for its well-preserved architecture and its intriguing wall paintings. A number of years ago the site was re-opened to the public, though an unfortunate accident led to its closure soon afterwards. A few months ago the site, now protected under a newly-erected state-of-the-art shelter, was again opened to visitors. The Friends of the AAIA are unbelievably fortunate in being able to offer a guided tour over the site, which will be conducted by Professor Christos Doumas, the excavator of Akrotiri since 1974. We will all benefit from the insights that Professor Doumas will share with us.

Download the full itinerary and flyer here.

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AAIA supporters (l-r) Dr Wayne Mullen, Professor Timothy Gregory and Dr Lita Tzortzpoulou

Gregory at a recent event held at the AAIA in collaboration with the Kytherian Association of Australia. Image: John Fardoulis.

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Lecture: Do the monuments of Greece have universal values for all mankind?
Michael Turner, Senior Curator of the Nicholson Museum, has asked that the following Friends of the Nicholson lecture be advertised to supporters and Friends of the AAIA, since it may be of particular interest.

**Do the monuments of Greece have universal values for all mankind?**

**Lecture by:** Ben Churcher  
**When:** Thursday 18th April 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
**Where:** Nicholson Museum  
**How much:** $25 which includes champagne, mini-pies and ice creams (normally $32)  
**Booking essential:** By email or call 9351 2812

A World Heritage listing is a sought-after accolade for a country, but there is more to this listing than a sign at the front gate to a site. What does a World Heritage listing entail and what are the obligations on those countries holding World Heritage sites? On International Monuments and Sites Day 2013 it is appropriate to examine how Greece contributes to the World Heritage List by examining some of the sites listed, or in the process of being listed, within Greece. These sites run from obvious inclusions such as the Parthenon, through to more obscure sites such as Mystras in the Peloponnese. This lecture will explore what aspects elevate them from being of national Greek value to that of international value to all humankind.

**When you make a booking, please make sure that you identify yourself as a supporter of the AAIA to ensure you are charged the correct price.**
Fellowship and Scholarship

Scholars and students should remember that applications are being sought for two AAIA scholarships:

**The AAIA Fellowship for Research in Greece:** Value, $15,000 and 20% Hostel discount.

**The Olwen Tudor Jones Scholarship** for undergraduate fieldwork in the Mediterranean: Value, $1,500.

The deadlines for both are **31 May**.

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