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The Great Mysteries at Eleusis: *An Archaeological Puzzle*

Date: May 10, 2010

Location: Kendal-on-Hudson, 1010 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY 914-922-1000
<http://kohud.kendal.org/contact/contact.aspx>

Time: 7:30 PM

Dinner: If you are interested in having dinner at Kendal on Hudson prior to the talk, please contact Peter Feinman at 914-939-9071 or feinmanp@verizon.net

For more than 1,000 years, the cult of Demeter at Eleusis was the most important personal ritual in ancient Greek religion because it guaranteed the individual a blessed afterlife. Since the Great Mysteries were secret, however, we have no written accounts (other than some disparaging commentaries by Christian authors) and do not know the details of what the initiates experienced. Is it possible that the archaeological remains of the sanctuary (especially the sculpture on the gateway) can provide some of the missing information?

Pamela Webb has an MA and Ph.D. in Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology from Bryn Mawr College. She has taught at Swarthmore, Rosemont, Villanova, Bryn Mawr. She is now retired from teaching and is a Research Associate in the Arch. Dept. at Bryn Mawr where she hopes to remain doing what she loves most. At present she is carrying out research on "Hellenistic Architectural Sculpture, Vol. II" (supported by fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Philosophical Society). In her earlier life, she worked for the American Red Cross at its National Headquarters in Washington, DC, the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute, Rome, Italy and The Conference Board, New York City.



Lectures are free to AIA Westchester Society members. A donation of \$5 from non-members is welcome.

The People and the Land of Pre-Columbian Peru

This program will be co-sponsored with MALFA

Date: May 23, 2010

Location: Irvington Library, 12 South Astor Street, Irvington, NY (914) 591-7840, www.irvingtonlibrary.org

Time: 2:00 PM

Lunch: If you are interested in having lunch with the speaker prior to the talk, please contact Peter Feinman, 914-939-9071 or feinmanp@verizon.net

The talk will address the Prehistory of Peru, with a focus on the Inca, the Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu. The speaker will have just returned with his class from excavating in Peru and will share with us the latest results of his work there.

Tom Lake is an archaeologist who teaches anthropology at SUNY Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie (NY). He also works for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program as its Estuary Naturalist, where he shadows eagles, teaches the ecology of the estuary, and edits the Hudson River Almanac, a natural history journal now in its 17th year.

MAY AIA ARCHAEOLOGY BOOK CLUB MEETING

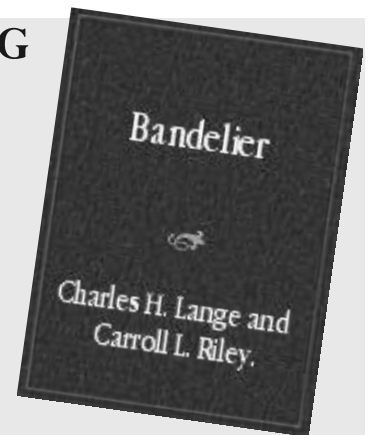
Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Location: Greenburgh Public Library, The Small Conference Room, Tarrytown Road (Rte 119) at Knollwood Rd., Elmsford

Time: 1:30 PM

Book Title: *Bandelier: The Life and Adventures of Adolf Bandelier, American Archaeologist*

Author: Charles H. Lange and Carroll L. Riley



This book is available in used copies on the web, via Amazon sellers starting at \$9.89 (the cheaper copies have been sold), Abebooks, another used-books site, at the same price, Barnes and Noble, and others. You may also be able to get it at Riverrun books in Hastings on Hudson. Alternatively, ask your librarian to get it from outside the Westchester Library System. A good librarian will often find it. Try academic libraries.

The web has material on Bandelier. Books on early Southwestern archaeology will sometimes have material on Bandelier as well.

We have several people joining together for the Silk Road tour at the American Museum of Natural History on Friday, May 7, at 12:30 pm. Let me know if you want to be part of the group. Sorry - free tickets are for AIA and book club members only!

See you on the 20th!

Myrna Silverman

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