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The Last Neandertals



April Nowell

University of Victoria

Sunday, April 10, 2011 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

(AIA Lecture)

DeNault Auditorium, Concordia University

Human evolution can be traced back 7,000,000 years. Modern humans evolved in Africa only 200,000 years ago and as recently as 26,000 years ago we shared parts of the world with at least one other species--the Neandertals. Since the discovery of the first Neandertal remains in 1856 in Germany, this species has generated controversy, whether it is questions concerning their genetic relationship to modern humans, their capacity for language and artistic expression, or the reasons for their extinction. This lecture will present current research findings that are transforming our understanding of these ancient people and will focus, in particular, on the last surviving populations of Neandertals in Gibraltar.

Nominating Committee Report

The committee will recommend for your approval at the Annual Business Meeting on April 10:

Officers

Ruth DeNault to complete Russ Block's second term as Vice President

Governors

Lecture Program: Caroline Maddock for another term

Archive: Chris Brewer for another term

At Large: David Young filling the position vacated by Ruth DeNault

At Large: Lynn Bishop filling the position vacated by Dick Janzig

Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

Chuck Smith has agreed to take over the Newsletter Chair. We are still looking for someone to take over the Trips & Tours Chair so expertly handled by Russ Block. If you want to apply, please see any board member.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Loeffler,
Nominating Committee Chair, Dick and Virginia Janzig, Elizabeth Kraft, and Denise Higgins.

Directions to the DeNault Auditorium in the Robert Grimm Hall, at Concordia University

Take I-405 or I-5 freeway to the Jeffrey/University exit.

Directions from Jeffrey:

1. Take Jeffrey south, which becomes University Drive.
2. Turn left at Ridgeline Drive.
3. Within 0.1 mile, turn right onto Concordia East and pick up parking pass at the gatehouse.
4. Proceed to top of hill. Park in visitor parking lot only.



Concordia University Map

Lectures are free to members and students. A donation of \$5 is requested from non-members. Refreshments will be served. Most programs will be held at Concordia University in the DeNault Auditorium in the Robert Grimm Hall, Library Road, Irvine, CA.

For membership information, contact Elizabeth Kraft, Membership Chair, at (562) 596-8478

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President's Message

We have had another terrific series of lectures, beginning in the fall with Harry Mark's description of the work ongoing at Aphrodisias, followed by the Olmec Symposium and Helen Nagy discussing the archaeological context of Etruscan votive objects. In the winter, we heard from Karl Taube on agricultural symbolism in Mesoamerica and the American Southwest and Sara Parcak on using satellite remote sensing to explore Ancient Egypt. Our final lecture is on the last Neandertals, given by April Nowell. I encourage you not to miss our last lecture of the season.

Our April meeting is also our annual business meeting. We'll present and vote on the budget for next year. In addition, this year we have five board positions open and we will be voting on those at the meeting. The list of candidates is presented elsewhere in the newsletter.

One of the wonderful things about our organization is the depth of talent available and the fact that we have people who are willing to give of their time to fill the vacant positions. We are able to post a strong field of nominees for the vacant offices, and we are very pleased with the list.

I want to thank our outgoing board members, Vice President Russ Block, who is relocating out of state, and Dick Janzig who is retiring after 10 years as Newsletter chair. I also want to thank all of the board members and chairs for their help and support this year. I have been fortunate to have such dedicated, hard working, and interesting people to work with.

Caroline Maddock is already at work developing our lecture series for next year. Keep an eye on our Web site and look for e-mails describing upcoming events and lectures.

Bob Dean

Visit the AIA-OC Web Site!

<http://aia-oc.org/>

Newsletters by E-mail

We have been sending announcements and reminders of lectures and field trips by e-mail to every member and friend of AIA-OC who has given us his or her e-mail address. As a cost-saving step, we have begun to send the newsletter as well by e-mail to everyone in our e-mail database. We will not send you a printed copy of the newsletter, unless you request us to do so in writing and sending a \$12 check to

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and we will add you to our database.

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Lecture Support

Caroline Maddock has worked hard to present a varied and interesting series of lectures each season. Please take a look at our program and, if there is a topic or a speaker you are particularly interested in, consider making a donation to the society to help support the costs. Speaker stipends are \$200, and hall rental is \$100. Transportation and accommodation amounts vary, and we support those as much as possible with society funds. However, any amount toward any of the expenses would be greatly appreciated. In addition, if you are interested in a particular topic or want to recommend a speaker, please contact Caroline or any board member.