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THE HELLENIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY of Northeastern Ohio

Internationally Renowned Specialist on Greek Sculpture to Deliver Fifth Annual Collis Lecture

October 5, 2008 at The Cleveland Museum of Art

Professor Carol Mattusch, the Mathy Professor of Art History at George Mason University, will deliver the fifth annual John and Helen Collis Lecture at the Cleveland Museum of Art on October 5 at 2:00 pm. With the involvement of the Hellenic Preservation Society of Northeastern Ohio, the prestigious Collis Lecture has become one of the most popular public programs at the CMA. The annual lecture is devoted to ancient and Byzantine Greek art, and is the only lecture at the museum dedicated to a particular art historical period and tradition.

Professor Mattusch is internationally recognized for her scholarship on Greek Bronze Sculpture. She is the author of two authoritative books on the subject: Greek Bronze Statuary: From the Beginnings through the Fifth Century B.C., Cornell University Press, 1988, as well as Classical Bronzes: The Art and Craft of Greek and Roman Statuary, Cornell University Press, 1996. She also organized the groundbreaking exhibition, The Fire of Hephaistos: Large Classical Bronzes from North American Collections (1996), and authored its award-winning catalogue. A gifted teacher and public speaker, Professor Mattusch's Collis lecture will summarize the state of our knowledge of the innovative techniques the



Professor Carol Mattusch

ancient Greeks used to make life-like human figures in bronze, and how this technology led to sculptures that helped define the classical style.

The Collis lecture is free and open to the public although tickets must be reserved in advance. Limited parking will be available in the CMA attached garage. A reception at the museum will follow the lecture for HPS members their families and guests. Invitations will be sent in early September.

Welcome New HPS Members

The Board of HPS welcomes the following new members:

John & Sheila Papagianis
Anthone Colovas
Ted & Ann Zampetis

Help Wanted- HPS needs YOU!

While we can use help with all of our committees, at this time we have an urgent need for volunteers to work on our communications. In addition to our *HPS News*, newsletter, we also send information to our membership, Churches and the northeastern Ohio Greek community on our various HPS activities and sponsored events.

If you have any background with publications, page layout, creative writing, editing, or are willing to help in any way with our communications, please let us know by contacting either Bea Meros via e-mail: melissa28@att.net or Andy Chakalis: atc101@roadrunner.com.

We will be happy to meet with you and review all that is needed.

Out-Going Trustees

A very special Thank You for the dedication and support shown to HPS by the following Board Members whose term has expired: Rose Rodis, Kevaly Bozes, Athanasios Sarantopoulos, Irene Vianos and Duke Karagiozis.

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To assist HPS with more timely communications, we are positioning ourselves to start using e-mail. This will not eliminate our Newsletter, flyers or invitations to events, but will become one more communication tool that can be used to keep you informed of our current events. So please, e-mail us your e-mail address using: atc101@roadrunner.com

Dr. George Parras steps down as President of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation

Through the HPS Greek Cultural Garden initiative Dr. George Parras stepped forward to become engaged in this effort. Rather than working with only the Greek Garden, Dr. Parras was encouraged to take a leadership role within the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation (CCGF) providing him the opportunity to work for the benefit of all of the Cultural Gardens. George ran for and was elected president. Throughout his tenure he became the spokesperson representing CCGF's view of the Doan Brook Watershed initiative. He was instrumental in establishing a Design and Preservation Committee with the intent of ensuring the establishment of preservation guidelines for existing gardens and guidelines for use in establishing new gardens.

During his term, the India, Latvia and Azerbaijani Cultural Gardens were dedicated. Also during his term the Serbian and Armenian are well on their way to being realized and the African American Community and Native American Community stepped forward to participate in the creation of their own garden sites. It is interesting to note that one of HPS objectives in support of the Greek Cultural Garden project was to encourage new gardens to be added to the corridor that would reflect the contemporary spirit of the gardens and our diverse community. Through George's effort and leadership, that has been realized.

On April 8, Dr. Parras stepped down from his leadership role however he will remain a garden delegate for the Greek Cultural garden.

When asked why George would have devoted 8 years to the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation, considering his already hectic schedule and family responsibilities, he said that hopefully his effort with the gardens will provide a legacy that not only his children but also future generations will be able to enjoy.

The HPS Trustees want to thank Dr. Parras for his dedication to and support of the Cultural Gardens. *hps*

Andrew Chakalis

A Farewell to Pauline Latkovic

Pauline Latkovic, one of the founding members of the Hellenic Preservation Society not only served on a number of HPS committees but over the years, has also served in the capacity of President, Treasurer, Vice President and dedicated trustee. On February 17, 2008, the HPS Trustees and their guests gathered at The Ritz Carlton to express their appreciation to Pauline for all she did to help HPS during the

of the HPS event flyers, special event invitations, press releases, and Church communications using her unique talent ensuring the accuracy of content and publication design.

Not only will HPS miss Pauline but our community as well. Over the years she made many friends and also contributed her talents to St. Demetrios Church. While she'll be missed, we know that



Standing (l to r) Crystal and Gary Thomas, Jim and Charlotte LaJoe, Andrew and Faith Chakalis, Pauline Latkovic, Helen Collis, Chris and Bea Meros. Seated (l to r) Pete Boukis, Kevaly Bozes, and Irene Vianos

(Photo by: Dr. John Collis)

early years and for her on-going contributions to the organization. There wasn't any role that Pauline wouldn't willingly accept and championed them all.

Among her most recent contributions, prior to her resignation, she undertook the leadership from Themistocles Rodis, Communications Chairperson, for the *HPS News* having sole responsibility for editing and layout. Throughout the years in all other areas of communications she authored all

she will enjoy her new home in California which brings her closer to her daughter, son and daughter-in-law, and grandson.

It is very difficult, nor is there sufficient space, to truly elaborate on all of the contributions that Pauline has made to HPS. We wish Pauline the best that life can offer and happiness on the West Coast. *hps*

Andrew Chakalis

In Memory of HPS Founding Member

Themistocles C. Rodis (1917-2008) accomplished much during his life; loving husband, father, educator, author and one of the founding members of the Hellenic Preservation Society. Themis' love of his ethnic heritage was felt not only by the HPS Trustees but anyone who came in contact with him. For more than a decade he served as the Editor of the HPS Newsletter, and was also a long standing Board member. During Board meetings we would look to Themis to make certain that we were following all of the appropriate 'parliamentary procedures'. It was Themis who would ensure that an article in Greek would be included in our Newsletter. If not authored by him, he would kindly coax other community members to contribute.

We were very fortunate to have had Themis champion the Greek-



Themistocles C. Rodis

American experience not only for HPS, but our Greek community.

Themis will be missed by his devoted wife of 52 years, Rose, who is also the Chairperson of the HPS Collections Committee, his five children and those of us fortunate enough to have worked with Themis on the HPS Board. *hps*

Andrew Chakalis

Thank You, John

John Asimakopoulos has been a long standing member of HPS and also serves in the capacity of the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The HPS Board would like to thank John for all of the extra effort he puts forth to make certain that HPS continues to comply with all of the annual government filings.

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Greek Cultural Garden Update

The 2008 weekly maintenance of the garden is in full swing. To date we have completed the annual Spring clean-up, all of the dead blooms in the planting beds have been removed and their weeding continues to be unending. The viburnum at the garden entrance have been trimmed and by the time we go to print all of the hedges around the central court will have been trimmed. This year we also anticipate that through the efforts of the Holden Trust tree trimming of the ginkos in the upper garden and the hawthorns on the west slope (off of MLK Blvd) will be completed. A new Greek flag is flying and the fountain and water system has been turned on.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with this effort. Any and all help is appreciated. If you are interested please contact Andy Chakalis @ 216-431-0470 or e-mail him at atc101@road-runner.com



Greek Cultural Garden, July 2008, central court looking west.

Collection Milestones

The Hellenic Preservation Society has reached the significant milestone of 300 object donations to its collection. These donations are gifts from members of the Northeastern Ohio Greek Community who acknowledge the value of preserving these objects to record the history of the Greek immigrants who were our parents, grandparents or other family members or friends.

HPS is grateful to all of you who have donated these gifts which will help record the history of the Greek immigrants and their memories.

The collection is diverse consisting in part of icon paintings, Greek folk costumes, hand-embroidered and crocheted textiles, ceramic, wood and bronze objects, recorded Greek music on records and various other artifacts.

"The Abduction of Thetis"

Ceramic plate 20th Century, 13" diameter, (reproduction) Greece

Gift of Ms. Prudence Montague (HPS 2002.121)

This ceramic plate image is depicting the abduction of Thetis by Peleus. After Zeus and Poseidon were discouraged from marrying Thetis, a Nereid, due to a prophecy that her son would be stronger than the father, the mortal Peleus took upon the task. However, Thetis could escape any threat of capture by turning into different forms. Peleus was given advice to conquer her magic by holding onto her throughout the metamorphosis until she returned to her original state. Through the marriage of Peleus and Thetis, Achilles the great warrior was born.

No. 3 Molle Greek Key Typewriter

20th Century, metal painted black 1913-1918

Patented by John Molle, Austrian.

Gift of Mrs. Charlotte LaJoe (HPS 1997.32)

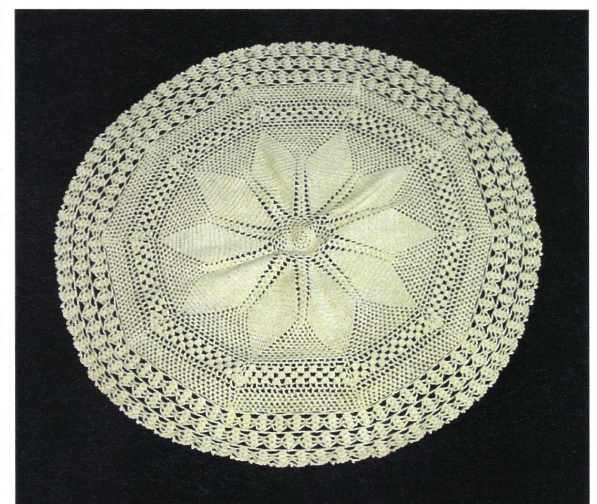
This Greek keys typewriter is metal painted black. The space bar is wood and is also painted black. This typewriter was used by Chris Kennes, contributing reporter for the Greek language newspaper, "Kuriua" printed in New York City. The Molle typewriter was first patented by an Austrian jeweler, John Molle, on February 27, 1906. This particular typewriter, the No. 3 Molle, was patented on December 16, 1913. By 1919, Molle typewriters had sold public stock at \$5.00 per share and seemed to be headed for success. But, by 1921, Mr. Molle died at age 45 and his company soon went bankrupt.

It is believed that during this time frame only about 11,000 Molle typewriters were produced, and only 50 are known to still exist in different collections. This No. 3 Molle typewriter, with Greek letters, was believed to be used during the immigration process of Greeks into the U.S. It is stated that 1903 was the first year that Greek immigration to the US reached 10,000. By 1907 this number was at 46,283 and 1910 this figure was at 185,000.

Table Cover

20th Century White Crochet, 26" diameter, Made by Argero Vasilakes

Gift of Grace Pasiadis (HPS 2007.26)



Reached: 300 Objects



It is now the responsibility of HPS to manage the collection by documenting, researching, and ensuring proper conservation, when necessary, and storage.

Illustrated are of few of the objects in the collection. The descriptive object information was researched and documented by Leah Barkoukis who served as a summer intern in 2007 working on the HPS Collection.

Please contact Rose Rodis, Chairperson of the HPS Collection and Archives if you are interested in donating to the collection. hps

Rose Rodis

General Nichalis Korakas

Lithograph, 24"h x 19.5"w, 20th Century Greece

Gift of George and Nicole Hatzakis (HPS 1996.2)

One of the main leaders of the Cretan revolt was General Michalis Korakas who survived the uprising and lived until 1913 seeing Crete free from the Turks in 1898 and united with mainland Greece in the year of his death.

In the 17th century Crete came under the rule of the Ottomans; Crete did not become an independent Greek republic until 1898, nor unified with mainland Greece until 1913. During this rule, Crete was divided into provinces with Herakleion, Rethymnon, and Xania as capitals governed by corrupt Turkish pashas. Turkish occupation led to severe economic hardship and numerous injustices. By 1821 a Declaration of Independence by mainland Greece provoked excessive slaughter throughout Crete by the Turks. Cretan forces attempted retaliation and by 1866 Cretans plotted with those in mainland Greece to receive armed aid. However, the Cretans received no sympathy from any European power or the Greek government and were left single-handedly to defend against tens of thousands of Ottoman powers, armed forces, and supplies.

Bible with Brass Cover

1899, 14"h x 10 5/8"w, Printed in Athens, Greece

Gift of Mrs. Rose Vourlis (HPS 1998.49)

AHEPA Picnic, Akron, Ohio, June 24, 1923

Panoramic Photograph, Framed 9.25"h x 40.2" w

Photograph by, M.H. Kosling

Anonymous Gift (HPS TR 1000/198)

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) was founded on July 26, 1922 as a grassroots effort to assimilate Greek immigrants to American society and respond to the racism that emerged from this influx. Their mission is to eternalize ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, education, philanthropy, family, civic responsibility, and individual excellence.

This photograph was taken with a panoramic camera which has a fixed focus lens incorporated within. The film passes between two rollers while the photographer moves the camera by hand on the center of the lens. This method and design enables the photographer to capture a 360 degree image.

Reflections on a Constantinople Pilgrimage Presented at the HPS General Membership Meeting

Gary and Crystal Thomas presented a program at the Metallinos-St. Demetrios Cultural Center on Thursday, February 7, 2008 on their pilgrimage to Constantinople. The trip was led by His Grace Bishop Andonios and sponsored by the National Archdiocese Philoptochos. Gary and Crystal presented their reflections and observations of this life changing trip that include the splendor of the center of early Christianity, the survival of the Hellenic culture in modern day Istanbul and the perseverance of the Patriarchate, Orthodox Missions, Schools and Churches through the efforts of approximately 2000 Orthodox Christians living along side 11,000,000 Muslim Turks.

The presentation was organized in four sections including their impressions of modern day Istanbul, a tour of historic Constantinople, the preservation of Hellenic institutions in present day Istanbul and the living Greek Orthodox Church in Turkey. The presentation integrated a mix of history, personal observations and pictures from the trip.

Istanbul is an incredibly beautiful city and has become a premiere international destination teeming with people with and features picturesque views throughout the city. It is the only city that resides in two continents (Europe and Asia). The people were friendly, and although the city is about 99% Muslim, it did not appear to be particularly religious because it included many of the unseemly adult businesses seen in American cities and life in the streets did not change during their four daily calls to prayer. The pilgrimage occurred during the last week of Ramadan that includes the gifts of candy to children and after sundown each day the townspeople came out to eat hardily, drink wine and dance. The food was wonderful and strangely similar to what we serve at our festivals with prices comparable to the United States. The Grand Bazaar included some 12,000 stores, millions



HPS General Membership meeting February 7, 2008. Gary and Crystal Thomas present their reflections on their Constantinople pilgrimage.

of pashmina and the wheeling and dealing were fun to watch and engage in. Although, the city once was the home to 300,000 Greeks in 1924, due to two systematic purges (one following the close of the Balkan Wars and the second in the 1950's), there was very little animosity in either direction.

The tour guide for the pilgrimage was a Greek-Armenian life long resident of Istanbul and had an incredible knowledge of the history of ancient Constantinople. The city resides in one of the most strategic and coveted locations in the world for 3000 years. It controls commerce from Russia through the Black Sea and between Asia and Europe from the Bosphorus. Greeks first settled there 1000 years before Constantine the Great made Constantinople the Capital of the Roman Empire (New Rome) in 330 AD. Although under siege throughout its history it did not fall until 1453 to the Ottomans.

Some 200 years after Constantine the Emperor Justinian outlawed paganism in the empire and established the finest ecclesiastical monuments ever constructed. The most famous of these monuments is Agia Sophia that was visited during the pilgrim-

age. One of the most magnificent structures ever constructed and built between 532 and 537 A.D. It housed the Patriarchate of Constantinople for all but 57 years until its fall to the Ottomans in 1453 A.D. when converted to a mosque. Now a museum, Agia Sophia features an immense 103 feet in diameter dome, 182 feet above the ground. The Chora Museum was also visited and has origins dating back to the Chora Monastery established in the 4th century. This museum houses the most magnificent Icons both mosaics and frescoes from early 14th century that are prototypes for what we see in Orthodox churches today. These are the most important and extensive series of Byzantine paintings representing scenes of the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary. These Icons were ironically protected by a gypsum covering from the Ottomans when the church was converted to a Mosque.

While on the tour Crystal and Gary also visited several Hellenic Institutions including the Chalki Theological School. The school at the site of an ancient monastery started functioning as a school in 1844, but ceased

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Audits of the HPS Committees Conducted

Since mid-year 2007, President Andrew Chakalis and Vice-President Bea Meros have been serving as chairpersons to audit the structure and operations of the Hellenic Preservation Society (HPS). It has been our practice to initiate these audits every three years and report the findings to the Board of Trustees for their review and assessment.

Questionnaires were completed by the committee chairpersons responding with an overall view of their mis-

sion, specific tasks, responsibilities, budgets, staffing, work facilities, long-term goals, etc., after which individual interviews were conducted to focus on any matters that needed attention.

The standing committees involved were Archives, Awards, Collections, Communications, Development and Finance, Greek Cultural Garden, Organization and Institution Liaison, Long-range Planning, Membership, Nominating, Programs and Education, Soccer, Web Site, Bylaws Review

(Code of Regulations) and the Icon Restoration (a special project).

A compilation of these audits has now been completed and presented to the trustees. With this careful and detailed analysis, we hope to keep HPS operating at a high level and maintaining our best efforts in fulfilling our mission for our constituents.

Our special thanks to all who participated in this grand team effort. *hps*

Bea Meros

Youth Soccer Camp

The Hellenic Preservation Society will be sponsoring a youth soccer camp August 25-29th at the Westlake Recreation Center. It will run from 5:30-7:30pm each evening. The five day camp will emphasize learning fundamental soccer skills in preparation for the upcoming fall soccer season. Boy and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate.

There is no fee for the camp. However, you must register in advance by contacting Coach Mallias (440-801-1877) or coordinator Pete Boukis (216-382-0992) (pete120@aol.com) to participate. Please provide the names and ages of children participating.

Also, each child will need to bring outdoor shoes, a water bottle and a soccer ball.

The camp will mark the beginning of the 3rd season for the Hellenic Stars soccer team. This past winter/spring the team competed in a 16 indoor game season. The Stars finished 2nd out of 7 teams in the first half and 3rd out of 7 teams in the second half. The games were fast paced and highly competitive.

The Hellenic Stars were created to promote friendship, interaction and athleticism among Greek Youth in the Cleveland area. *hps*

Pete Boukis

"It's Greek for Everyone"



Holly Witche, of the Cleveland Museum of Art, spoke to the HPS Members and their guests assembled at St. Paul Church for the HPS Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting. Witche a HPS member and longtime friend of the Greek community gave a lively presentation on how a community can use the internet to share information about the community's history. She shared some of the existing Hellenic web sites and blogs and helped facilitate a conversation with the audience about how HPS might best use the internet to further their mission of promoting and sharing the Greek experience.



Hellenic All Stars

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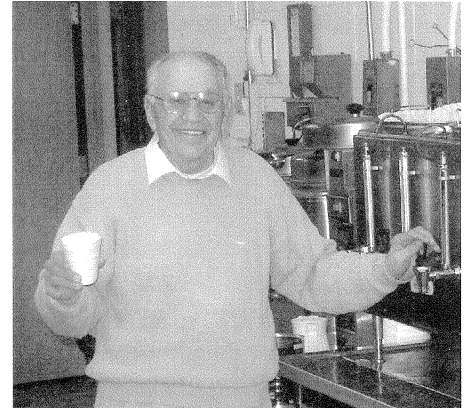
operation in 1971 when Turkish government passed legislation outlawing private theological schools. The school is beautifully maintained and could start functioning again immediately as a seminary if given permission. This is one of several disputes between the Turkish Government and the Patriarchate. It is one of several land grabs that the Turkish Government has engaged in to continually reduce the properties of the Patriarchate and has succeeded in confiscating over the last century about 90% of their property.

The last part of the presentation included a description of the Pilgrimage visits to the living Greek Orthodox Church of Istanbul. This included visits to four of the about 70 churches still maintained by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The highlight of this portion of the trip was an audience with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew (the 270th Successor of St. Andrew). The Patriarchate consists of the Cathedral of St. George,

residence and offices of the Patriarch, the Patriarchal throne room, the Holy Synod chamber, the patriarchal Library and administrative offices. The Divine Liturgy attended at St. George Cathedral was beautiful and moving. His All Holiness was extremely appreciative of our visit. He is a very impressive individual, fluent in seven languages including English. St. George Cathedral contains several important ecclesiastical artifacts of our church including the relics of St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian (that were recently returned by Pope John Paul II from Rome as they were looted during the fourth Crusade in the 11th century).

Crystal and Gary encouraged the audience to go on a future trip to Istanbul and described it as vibrant and interesting city with a friendly and polite population. The Greek population they met were profoundly grateful to have visitors from the United States. The 2000 remaining Greek Orthodox

Christians left are the Stewards and do an extraordinary job of preserving those institutions that are the foundation of our Orthodox Faith and Hellenic Culture.



Chris Meros can always be counted on to ensure that the HPS events are supplied with freshly brewed coffee thanks to his expert skill. He has become the HPS 'official barista'.

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The mission of the Hellenic Preservation Society is to present a unified voice of the Hellenes in Northeastern Ohio that will promote the Greek experience through education, collection and preservation.

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