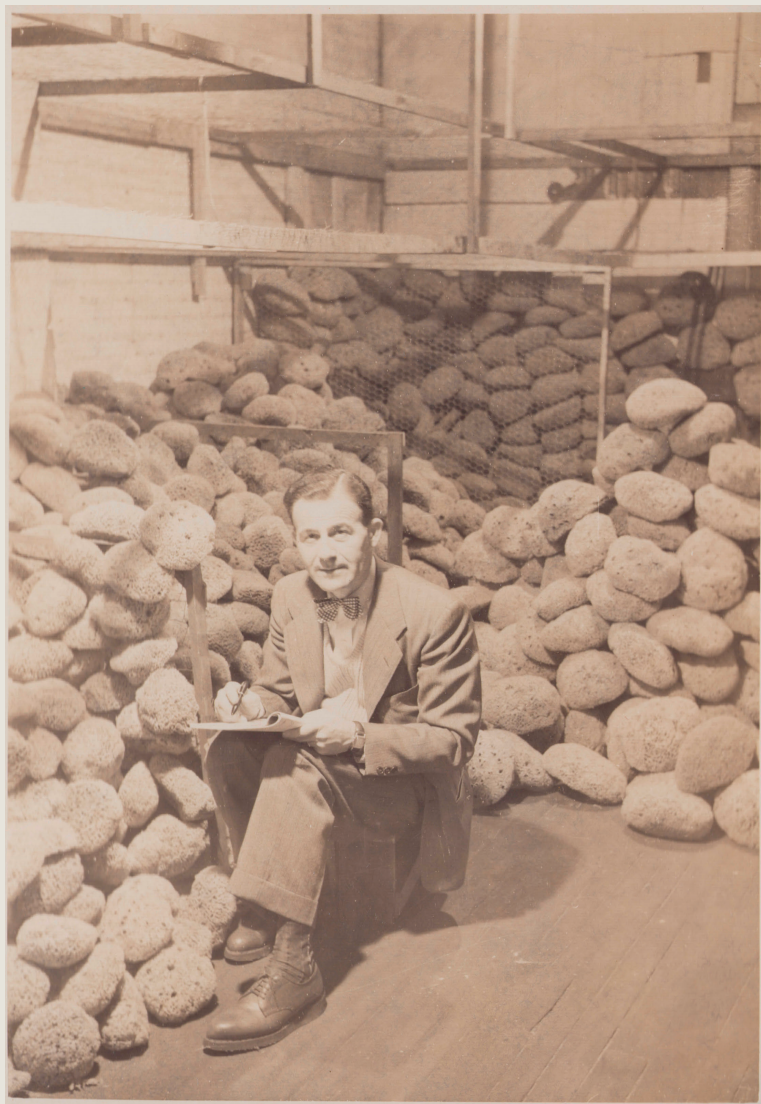


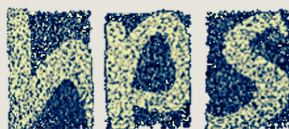
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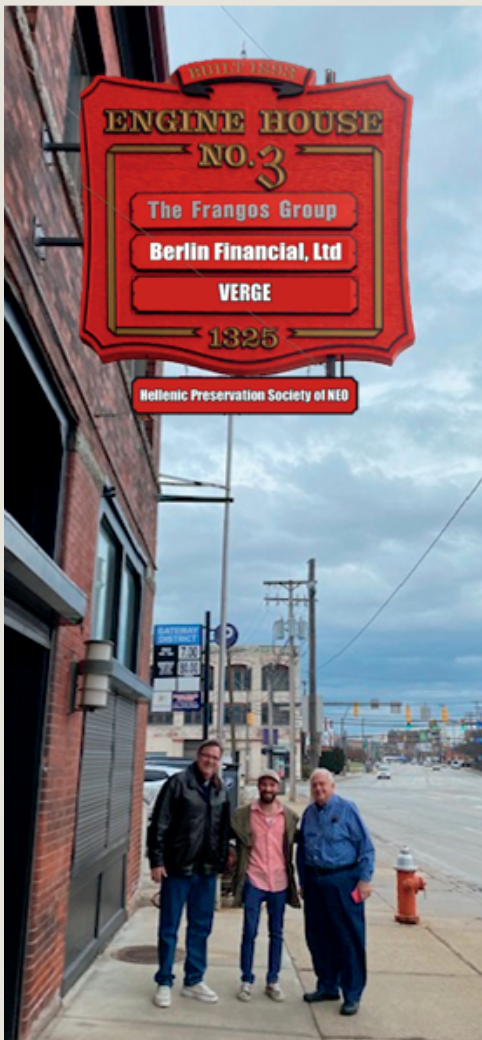
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From left to right: George Gary Thomas, Jonathan Cambouris, and Lou Frangos standing under the new office sign, donated by The Frangos Group.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JONATHAN CAMBOURIS

I am honored to be elected Board President for the 2023 term.

I wish to take a moment in gratitude to recognize our former President, Jean Wendland Porter, for her hard work during her term. To Bea Meros for over 30 exceptional years of service as Secretary. Over the past several months of my joining HPS, I have had the opportunity to understand the historical, three-decade-long significance of HPS and how it continues to stay relevant. As the pandemic tapered throughout 2022, HPS expanded its outreach efforts. Aside from meeting new and familiar faces at various Northeast Ohio Greek festivals, we had remarkable participation at the Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture, the Greek Garden Signing Ceremony, the General Meeting, and One World Day.

Locally, HPS became recognized across multiple regional Greek organizations, including the Chian, Cretan, and Kalymnian Societies. In Chicago, Prince Nikolaos and Princess Tatiana of Greece and Denmark embraced us at the National Hellenic Museum's Gala (photo above). Additionally, the Consulate General recognized HPS at the Greek Consulate.

This year, HPS will remain connected and dedicate its support to education and cultural heritage initiatives. As HPS continues to achieve its mission through programming, presentations, and collections, we are confident that membership will grow to meet our commitment to serving all Hellenes and Philhellenes of Northeastern Ohio.

HPS is devoted to seeing all of our commitments, past and future, prosper. Our board and standing committees are working diligently to create an eventful calendar that aims to provide inclusive fellowship and service to all things Greek in Northeastern Ohio.

By paying homage to our past, we pave the way for our future progress. On the cover, my second great uncle, Dewey, sits in his company's warehouse, Diver Sponge Co., on Prospect Avenue.

I wish you all a healthy, warm, and joyous 2023.

Let us make this a memorable year.

HPS EVENTS 2022

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The General Members Meeting held in November was a success, thanks to the donations of Gary & Crystal Thomas and Lou & Ann Frangos. At the meeting, HPS received new members, to which Betty Rozakis and Sophia Johnson accepted their nominations for board positions. Film Director Catherine Anne Pace (top left of photo strip) revealed a documentary commissioned by Frangos titled: *Planting a Seed for Future Generations: The Story of The Greek Cultural Garden*. The informative film discusses the Greek Cultural Garden and makes historical references to the Greeks in Northeastern Ohio. The video is available on our [website](#).



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November 2, 2022



Jonathan Cambouris and Athanasios Sarantopoulos
representing HPS at One World Day





Cleveland, Ohio
 4/10/26

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Last on right is Theofilos
 Bairamis Climes. Rest of
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George Gary and Crystal
 Thomas with Despina
 Sarantopoulos at the 2022
 Dr. John and Helen Collis
 Lecture's private reception



Left to Right:
Elizabeth
Bartz, Art
Dimopoulos,
Christopher
Skenteris and
Jonathan
Cambouris at
the AHI Gala
in Washington
D.C.



2022 Greek Camp hosted by St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church. Jonathan Cambouris using a sculpture of Alexander the Great to teach the importance of material culture and how it relays to Greek Heritage. Special thanks to Keli Pontikos Paragios for the invitation and photo credits

PLAN for The GRECIAN CULTURAL GARDENS ROCKEFELLER PARKWAY - CLEVELAND

Archbishop Athenagoras dedicated The Greek Cultural Garden on June 24, 1940, with the ribbon cut by Kimon Diamantopoulos, the Greek Minister at Washington. Many years after the Grecian Cultural Garden Association dissolved, the Garden had been neglected and desperately needed caretaking. Former HPS President Andrew Chakalis and his wife, former treasurer Faith, brought the matter to the Board's attention in 1992.



HPS THEN BECAME THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GREEK GARDEN. RESTORING, REPLANTING, AND PRESERVING THE GARDEN TO THE PRESENT DAY.

The original plans for the Garden included an engraved sculptural frieze on the Parthenon Wall. However, the socioeconomic reasons at the time of its dedication prevented it from being realized. On September 4, 2022, HPS contracted Master Stone Carver Nicholas Fairplay to undertake the project known as Project 83. After several months of fundraising and increasing awareness, the Garden Committee thoroughly researched and presented HPS with a comprehensive long-range forecast outlining the Garden's sustainability. Now more than ever, their report detailed the significance of providing the Garden with dedicated and continuous care.





The above bust carved by Nicholas Fairplay illustrates how detailed the figures on the Frieze will look once completed.



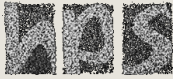
Left to Right: Jonathan Cambouris, Athanasios Sarantopoulos, Rhonee Iula, Bea Meros, Mary Costas, Gary Thomas, Nicholas Fairplay, Jean Wendland Porter, Lou Frangos



Left to Right: Lou Frangos, Jonathan Cambouris, Gary Thomas, Nicholas Fairplay, Andrew Chakalis, Betty Rozakis

After carefully considering the Garden's needs and expressing the desire to ensure its preservation and growth, HPS and the Garden Committee unanimously recognized the need to establish a separate nonprofit to oversee its management and funding. Thus, the Greek Garden Association of Cleveland was born. HPS and the Garden Committee have consistently demonstrated their mutual commitment to securing a sustainable future for the Garden and its cultural legacy. The Association's name itself pays homage to the rich history and cultural heritage of

the Garden, bridging the past with the present. With its well-thought-out mission, the Association aims to ensure the sustainability and maintenance of the Garden, recognizing its importance as a valuable community landmark. Through a close partnership with HPS, the Association seeks to leverage its expertise and resources to preserve the Garden's beauty and to promote environmental stewardship. This thoughtful transfer ensures that the Garden will continue flourishing for generations, fostering cultural appreciation and community engagement.



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**The Hellenic Preservation Society
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&
The Greek Garden Association of Cleveland**

The Hellenic Preservation Society (HPS) of Northeastern Ohio, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization, is pleased to announce that after 30 years of sponsoring the Greek Cultural Gardens in Rockefeller Park, that the Greek Garden has now matured to the point that a new, standalone Nonprofit established to continue the tradition, and to carry the torch for the Greek Garden for generations to come. The new 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization, The Greek Garden Association (GGA) of Cleveland's mission is:

To enhance, maintain, and beautify the Greek Cultural Garden; promote all Cultural Gardens of Cleveland; to perpetuate Hellenism in America; to instill Hellenistic values and the teachings of the Great Greeks in world history that are carved on the Parthenon Wall through education, events, and lectures for the benefit of our community, youth, and all of mankind.

In the coming weeks, months, and years there will be many updates to our community about what was conceived by our forefathers as the Everlasting Project. We are grateful to HPS for its years of support. HPS will be a sister partner to the new nonprofit.

THE DR. JOHN AND HELEN COLLIS LECTURE

ANCIENT GREEK & BYZANTINE ART,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

REIMAGINING EARLY GREEK ART AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

DR. PHOEBE SEGAL, MARY BRYCE COMSTOCK CURATOR OF GREEK AND ROMAN ART,
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

BY: HOLLY WITCHEY

The annual Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture returned this year with audience members gathering in person in Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland Museum of Art. An annual event, except during the pandemic, this year the event was held in memory of Dr. John Collis (1931-2020), and the program began with a series of video testimonials from friends and colleagues. One individual spoke for many in the audience when he offered, "My life is better for having had him [Dr. Collis] in it." Heather Brown, Virginia N. and Randall J. Barbato Deputy Director and Chief Curator, welcomed the crowd gathered. She explained, that the lecture series named for Dr. Collis and his wife Helen, brings nationally and internationally recognized experts in the field of art history and archeology to discuss new scholarship, museum exhibitions, and archaeological discoveries. Each year the topics alternate between Ancient Greek and Byzantine art. The lectures are made possible through the extraordinary Dr. John and Helen Collis Family Endowment, the first of its kind at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The endowment supports an annual lecture dedicated to a particular art historical emphasis. Additional support for this lecture comes from the Hellenic Preservation Society (HPS) of Northeastern Ohio. HPS is a non-profit organization whose focus is to preserve the Hellenic legacy that will promote the Greek experience through education, collection and preservation. After thanking the crowd, Brown introduced and welcomed Seth Pevnick, Chair of European Art from Classical Antiquity to 1800 and Curator of Greek and Roman Art, to the dais. HPS readers may remember that Pevnick was a Collis Lecturer in 2015.

Seth Pevnick took his place at the podium and mentioned how pleased he was to be spending time in front of guests again at this in-person event. Before introducing the speaker, Pevnick noted that it was during his visit to Cleveland in 2015 that he realized the special qualities of Cleveland and the Cleveland Museum of Art. This year's lecturer, Dr. Phoebe Segal, was Mary Bryce Comstock Curator of Greek and Roman Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Pevnick and the speaker met in Greece at a dig at the Athenian Agora.

Dr. Segal earned her BA from Brown University (1999) and PhD in art history and archaeology from Columbia (2007). She has excavated in Greece, Italy, and Cyprus, and is co-chair of the Museums and Exhibitions Committee of the Archaeological Institute of America. Since 2008, she has curated several exhibitions and gallery renovations at the MFA, Boston, most recently early Greek art (2022), on topics ranging from ancient coinage to the significance of unknown find spots. Her current book project, written for general public, is focused on the afterlife of two Etruscan masterpieces in the collection of the Boston Museum of Fine Art (MFA Boston). Her remarks for the Collis lecture focused on the reinstallation of the early Greek galleries at the MFA Boston. Taking the stage, her first remarks to the audience were: "This is my first time in Cleveland, and wow. I spent most of my time yesterday in the gallery with my jaw on the ground." With these generous words she began her talk focusing on the reinstallation of the Greek galleries at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The collections of Greek Art in Boston are among the oldest in the United States, and as with collections at the Cleveland Museum of Art, among the most distinguished and throughout her lecture Segal often referenced works in the Cleveland Collection as they related to those in the MFA Boston.

She began with an image of the new galleries that provides a foundation for the visitor to understand Greek Art. Of the many opportunities and challenges offered to any team involved in a museum gallery reinstallation, Segal called out the opportunity to learn from visitor feedback and the challenge to be responsive to the rapidly changing world around us. The results, she hopes, are galleries that are more inclusive than ever. She explained that in the reinstallation process they were determined to be more outward-facing, visitor-centric and collaborative. And the results, Segal noted, were deeply satisfying. It was a team effort that included many stakeholders--curators, conservators, installers, scholars, colleagues, and the general public. Three new thematic galleries were installed first, so that the final gallery--the foundation gallery--could fill in any gaps. The thematic galleries included: The Homeric Gallery that focused on storytelling--the MFA Boston has the strongest collection of works with Homeric stories of any in the United States. The gallery space includes works with scenes from the Trojan War, the Odyssey, and several celebrated Athenian vases including an oversized drinking cup signed by Hieron and Makron (490 BCE) illustrated with images of pictures Paris Abducting Helen and Helen's eventual reunion with her husband.

[See the full review on our website](#)

Partnered Programs

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Friday - Sunday

9:00 am - 2:00pm

Greek Cultural Camp

For the first time, The Hellenic Preservation Society is partnering with the Greek Cultural Camp, funded by a special grant from the Frangos Charitable Group. Through this venture, participants will receive an exclusive tour of the Greek Cultural Garden, create a Greek costume, play musical instruments, and much more. Dr. Keli Pontikos Paragios is a professor and Ph.D. recipient at CSU, obtaining her master's degree from the University of Tampa. Keli's innovative program for the Summer Greek Cultural Camp emphasizes the relationship between faith and heritage.

Reservations will be exclusively handled at

<https://tinyurl.com/stpaulgreekcamp>.

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Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm

One World Day

The 76th Annual One World Day celebration will be bigger than ever, with the efforts of the new Cleveland Cultural Garden Association and HPS. There will be music, dancing, and participation in the parade. If anyone is interested in joining the fun, please email communications@hpsneo.org.

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Sunday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture

Cleveland Museum of Art

[Wandering off the Byzantine Path: El Greco's "Modernism"](#)

Charles Barber, Donald Drew Egbert Professor of Art and Archaeology
Princeton University

Charles Barber investigates how El Greco's Greek identity has shaped both the conception and the reception of his work. First trained in the tradition of Byzantine icon painting found on Crete, in the course of his life, he developed an understanding of his own art as a form of early modern Greek painting. This individual manner, which is so attractive to our own era, was set aside from the story of Spanish painting written in the 17th and 18th centuries as an eccentric and alien path that was not to be followed. Tickets for the lecture available through the Cleveland Museum of Art's website. Exclusive HPS reception invites will be mailed separately.

Greek Cultural Garden Educational Series

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JULY

Sunday 2:00 pm

Plato's Meno

Greek Cultural Garden, Cleveland
Dr. Peter Gilbert



Dr. Peter Gilbert invites people of all ages to a philosophical discussion on Plato's Meno, a Socratic dialogue exploring the nature of virtue and knowledge. Dr. Gilbert received his doctorate in Patristics from the Catholic University of America in 1995. Subsequently, he taught for three years at an Orthodox seminary in Albania, seven years at St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and briefly at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. In 2011, Gilbert started teaching at the Lyceum in Cleveland. Since then, he has taught various courses, chiefly on the Old and New Testaments; Greek and Latin; Medieval History; Writing; and Drama. He currently pursues chanting at Sts. Constantine & Helen.

Paperback ~\$6.00 on [Amazon](#)

Kindle ~ \$1.00 on [Amazon](#)

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Saturday 2:00pm

Demystifying the Golden Ratio

Greek Cultural Garden, Cleveland
Athanasios Sarantopoulos



Athanasios Sarantopoulos captivates all audiences with the principles and application of the Golden Ratio, a fascinating mathematical concept found in nature, art, and architecture. Sarantopoulos is a Mathematics Instructor for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Adjunct Professor for Cleveland State University. He received a Master of Science in Mathematics from Youngstown State University and a dual bachelor's Degree in Modern Greek and Mathematics from the Ohio State University. Athanasios serves on multiple philanthropic boards, including HPS, and is a Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation delegate. Athanasios actively engages his musical talents at Greek functions and is a chanter for Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland. Through learning the Golden Ratio, Sarantopoulos explains there is a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of art and science.

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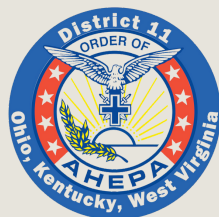
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Friday - Sunday

AHEPA Buckeye District #11 Convention

St. Demetrios Community Center
3223 Atlantic St NE
Warren, OH 44483

<https://buckeyedistrict11.org/event/district-convention-warren-ohio/>



Regional Greek Societies

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Friday - Wednesday

PAA National Convention

Hosted by: George Varouh Cretan
Club of Cleveland, Ohio

Register at: www.paacleveland.com



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Saturday

Olmsted Falls Greek Fest

Hosted by: The Nafpaktian Cultural
Foundation

7890 Brookside Dr.
Olmsted Falls, OH.



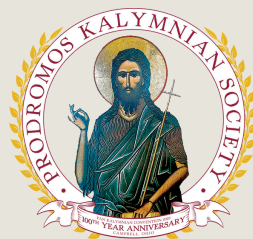
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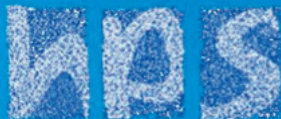
Wednesday - Sunday

Pan-Kalymnian Convention

Hosted by: Kalymnian Beneficial Society of
Prodromos
165 12th Street
Campbell, OH 44405

Register at: kalymniansofcampbell.org
or: <https://fb.me/c/b9Eu0PIqq>





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ST DEMETRIOS GOC, ROCKY RIVER 22909 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, OH 44116	6/22/23 – 6/25/23
ST. NICHOLAS GOC, YOUNGSTOWN 220 N Walnut St, Youngstown, OH 44503	7/6/23 – 7/9/23
HOLY TRINITY GOC 4705 Fairhaven Ave NW Canton, OH 44709	7/12/23 – 7/15/23
ST DEMETRIOS GOC, WARREN 3223 Atlantic St NE Warren, OH 44481	7/19/23 – 7/23/23
ST. PAUL GOC 4548 Wallings Rd North Royalton, OH 44133	7/20/23 – 7/23/23
STs. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GOC 3352 Mayfield Rd Cleveland Heights, OH 44118	7/27/23 – 7/30/23
ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER GOC 4955 Glenwood Ave Youngstown, OH 44512	8/18/23 – 8/20/23
ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GOC 401 12th St Campbell, OH 44405	9/1/23 – 9/4/23
ANNUNCIATION GOC, AKRON 129 S Union St Akron, OH 44304	9/21/23 – 9/23/23

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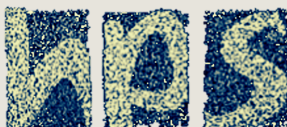
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