Mummification & The Egyptian Afterlife

Two Tuesdays: March 26 & April 2, 2019
10 AM – 12 Noon, Tallent Hall, Room 182

This ominous-sounding title is actually called the “Am Duat” or “What is in the Underworld,” a series of ancient codices that encompasses the bulk of Egyptian religious beliefs intended to allow the deceased an eternal afterlife. It is part of the first written ideas of resurrection with origins dating to the time of the pyramids over 4,500 years ago. The “Am Duat” is filled with many axioms that were later incorporated into Judeo/Christian belief systems, including the Ten Commandments and other thoughts of how to live a righteous life. The Egyptian development of life after death was so strong that Renaissance-era popes declared their bloodline came from the god of the afterlife! You will be introduced to Egyptian funerary beliefs and enlightened by their influence of Western faiths.

Part 2: EGYPTIAN MUMMIFICATION: PREPARING FOR THE AFTERLIFE
The physical process of mummification was only discovered within the past 200 years. The Egyptians themselves never wrote any notes on how it was performed, nor the materials used. This presentation will provide an overview of the actual methods involved in conjunction with the “tools of the trade” and the most important aspect of all: the rituals for the dead meant to preserve the soul for all time. Funerary objects that were placed in burials will also be described in detail. Their role and manufacture were just as important as preserving the body in order to equip the deceased with all the items necessary for an eternity in the next life.

Questions? Call Jo Ann Shea at 262-554-8081 or email to joaz44@hotmail.com

Egyptian Mummies
☐ Member $10 ☐ Guest $20
Register by Wednesday, March 20, 19

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Deliver cash registration fee to Vanessa at the ALL office in Tallent Hall. Checks should be payable to UW Parkside/ALL; deliver or mail to Vanessa. Credit card registration fees must be submitted online! Watch for an email with the online registration LINK on or about the first Monday of each month.

Note: Members have preference in registering. There is a $5 cancellation fee if you are unable to attend or need to request a refund.
Peter Chiappori is currently the archivist for two tombs, KV-10 & KV-63, in the Valley of the Kings. KV-63 was discovered in 2006 by Dr. Otto Schaden, the mission director of the Amenmesse Project and one of the most prolific modern excavators in the Valley. Peter is also a team member on the current KV-10 excavations working with Dr. Salima Ikram, the new mission director since Dr. Schaden’s passing in 2015. His area of expertise is deciphering hieratic texts, as well as acting as field architect and artist for the mission.

Peter reads hieroglyphs and hieratic and has been an independent scholar of Egyptology for decades. When in high school he was asked by the Oriental Institute to tutor their first-year Egyptian language students by then director Frank Yurko. Peter has taught many classes at the Kenosha Public museum over the last decade including Beginning Hieroglyphs, Egyptian Symbolism, Religious History, Pyramids, Tombs, Temples, Mummification, Pharaonic Chronology, and a course on Canid and Feline deities.

Peter Chiappori is a licensed architect in Illinois and Wisconsin.