

Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project

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The Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project conducted its first study season in its newly leased apotheke (storage facility) in Tripolis between June 15 and July 29, 2011.

The Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project is a synergasia project between the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, the University of Arizona and the ΛΘ' Ephoreia of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities in Tripolis working under the auspices of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. The co-directors of the project are Dr. Anna Karapanagiotou, Director of the 39th Ephoreia of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities, Dr. Michalis Petropoulos, former Director of the 39th Ephoreia of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities, Dr. Mary E. Voyatzis of the University of Arizona and Dr. David Gilman Romano of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Our synergates is Anastasia Panagiotopoulou, former Director of the Archaeological Institute for Peloponnesian Studies in Tripolis. The work was made possible through the generosity of individuals, foundations and Greek-American supporters from the United States. The financial support of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Karabots of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania and Ms. Annette Merle-Smith of Princeton, New Jersey, continues to be of major importance. The project also received important support from Institute for Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP). The Polistikos Syllogos of Ano Karyes and its President, Mr. Christos Koumoundouros has continued to support all of our efforts in Arcadia.

After 5 continuous seasons of excavation, 2006-2010, as well as two seasons of preliminary topographical, architectural, geophysical and geological surveys, 2004 and 2005, this was our first summer to extensively study the excavated material and results of our surveys.



Apotheke – Tripolis

Our apotheke is located at 32 Heroon Polytechnion in Tripolis, opposite the Archaeological Museum of Tripolis. The apotheke includes a ground floor, a basement, seasonal high-speed internet connectivity and access to a backyard that has a source of water for washing pottery and other finds. In both the ground floor and the basement we have erected metal shelving units, installed tables and chairs, and set up areas for data entry and cataloguing, conservation, photography, drawing as well as the scholarly study of the artifacts. Our registrar Leslie Hammond and our conservator Terri Moreno were instrumental in setting up and managing the apotheke. We had a total number of 28 individuals who worked this summer in Tripolis, including 15 students, many from the Universities of Pennsylvania and Arizona. In addition, numerous scholars from around the world came to conduct specialized research. For example, Susan Rotroff is examining the Hellenistic pottery, Barbara Burrell is studying the excavated coins and Phillip Sapirstein is analyzing the terracotta roof tiles from the site. Other fields of specialization include Andrew Koh's study of chemical residue analysis, Britt Starkovich's work on faunal analysis, Irene Romano's study of the stelai and statue bases and Leslie Hammond's study of miniature pottery.



During one week in July, 8-15, we had a concentrated session focusing on the prehistoric pottery that has been found in the altar excavations.



From top to bottom: Students and scholars in front of the apotheke in Tripolis; Mary Voyatzis and Cythia Shelmerdine with students and scholars examining Mycenaean pottery; scholars and students at the Ostia residence in Ano Kardara near Levidi.

We also had other specialists in residence this summer studying the prehistoric pottery from the altar, including Jeannette Forsen, Gullog Nordquist, Susan Petrakis and Mary Voyatzis.

Overall, we made excellent progress on the cataloguing, drawing, and photography of the artifacts and pottery that we wish to include in the final publication, but have much more work to do in 2012. Mary Voyatzis and David Romano made a good start on the preliminary report of the excavation.



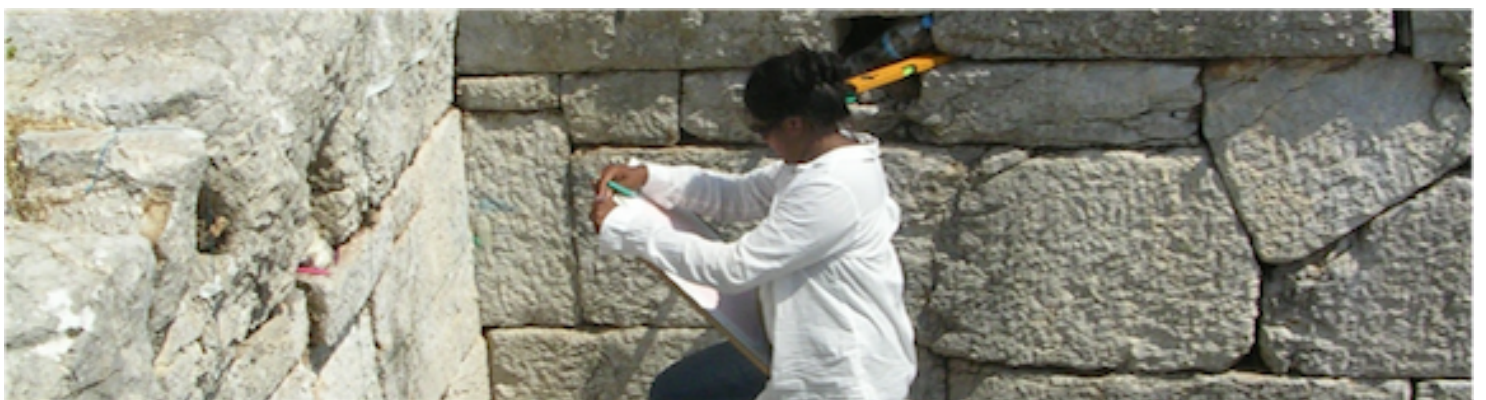
Further information about the work conducted in the apotheke can be found at <http://lykaionexcavation.org>

Ano Karyes

During the entire six weeks we had a small group of architectural students working at the Sanctuary of Zeus on Mt. Lykaion on our architectural documentation project at the bath house. During the first part of the season several architecture students were living in Ano Karyes and working in the Pneumatiko Kentro of the village. A larger team of scholars and students arrived later in the summer to work on both the inaugural field school and trail opening of the Parrhasian Heritage Park.



From top to bottom: Prehistoric pottery specialists; Mary Voyatzis with Jim Ottaway, Jr. examining finds; Ano Karyes resident staff (from left) Ximena Valle, Christina Antiporda, Matt Pihokker, Kathryn McBride, Pallavi Biswas and Olivia Tarracone; Pallavi Biswas drafting blocks in the bath house.



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Field School – Parrhasian Heritage Park

The first Parrhasian Heritage Park Field School was run for two weeks between July 16-30, 2011. The work was divided into several categories: considering values or principles that will guide a regional vision for the park; describing potential catalyst projects that will serve the groups managing the park; studying landscape character, urban character, trails, and sign design; as well as gathering information on the history, geology and archaeology of the region. The conclusion of the field school resulted in the opening of the first trail of the park, the Trail of Pan, which extends from the village of Ano Karyes to the village of Neda. The faculty of the field school included George Davis, Mark Davison, Anna Karapanagiotou, David Romano, Nicholas Stapp, Ximena Valle and Mary Voyatzis.



Trail of Pan Opening – Parrhasian Heritage Park

Community leaders as well as local political dignitaries took part in the trail opening on Saturday July 30, 2011. Hikers assembled at the villages of Ano Karyes and Neda at 10 am and walked the trail that is nearly 6 km. in length. Participants from each start point met near the border between Arcadia and Messenia, where the inauguration ceremony took place and from which the Sanctuary of Pan could be seen.



From top to bottom: (from left) Ximena Valle, Sarah Beckmann, George Faidon Papakonstantinou, Amy Plopper, Matt Pihokker, Antonios (of Neda), Maragret Jankowsky, Christina Antiporda, George Davis and David Romano; field school session with George Davis, Ximena Valle and students; field work including survey and documentation of the Trail of Pan.



Participants included the Governor of Arcadia, Mr. Evangelos Giannakouras, the Mayor of Megalopolis, Dr. Takis Bouras, the Director of the 39th Ephoreia of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities in Tripolis, Dr. Anna Karapanagiotou, together with local village and civic leaders and 35 residents and children of residents of villages within the park boundary. The Parrhasian Park Planning team together with the student participants of the field school were also in attendance. Short talks were presented by the dignitaries.

Further information about the field school and trail opening can be found at <http://parrhasianheritagepark.org>



Counter clockwise from top: David Romano at the start of the Trail of Pan in Ano Karyes; hikers walking from Ano Karyes to the meeting point of the trail; group photograph at the meeting point of the Trail of Pan with proposed signage to the right; proposed logo of the Parrhasian Heritage Park; signing ceremony with Christos Koumoundourous President of the Cultural Society of Ano Karyes, Mr. Evangelos Giannakouras Governor of Arcadia, Dr. Takis Bouras Mayor of Megalopolis and Mark Davison;



The first meeting of the Parrhasian Heritage Park Alliance took place on Sunday July 31, 2011 in Megalopolis at which the Governor of the Peloponnesos, Dr. Petros Tatoulis, presided. Plans for the future of the Park were discussed and it was decided that the Alliance would become the governing agency of the Park.

Inaugural Alliance Meeting – Parrhasian Heritage Park

The meeting was attended by approximately 50 citizens, many of whom live within the boundaries of the Park and represented civic, political, professional, government and academic sectors. A statement from the Greek Minister of Culture, Pavlos Geroulanos, was read by Anna Karapanagiotou in which he pledged support for the creation of the Park.

Under the presidency of Dr. Tatoulis, two committees were established, the Legislation Committee under the leadership of Dr. Costas Cassios and the Park Planning Committee under the leadership of the Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project together with the 39th Ephoreia.

Further information about the inaugural alliance meeting can be found at <http://parrhasianheritagepark.org>

Clockwise from top: David Romano greeting Dr. Tatoulis and Dr. Bouras; Dr. Tatoulis presiding over a panel discussion; Dr. Karapanagiotou presenting; Parrhasian Heritage logo; Mark Davison; Dr. Costas Cassios and Ximena Valle.



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