

The Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. 2011-12 Membership

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The Mediterranean Society, P.O. Box 14793, Richmond, VA 23221

AN INTRODUCTION

Through vision and concentrated effort, the Mediterranean Society of America was launched in 1968 by a small, but enthusiastic group of citizens in Richmond, Virginia. Though the Society has been led by individuals possessing a specialized knowledge of the Mediterranean lands, its strength has always remained its lay membership. In this respect, the organization is probably unique in its field. The current Board of Directors consists of representatives of various professions and areas of the business world, as well as a number of secondary-school and university teachers.

Since its inception, the Society has sponsored numerous summer seminars to various countries of the Mediterranean. Lectures at regular meetings and cultural presentations have attempted to bring the flavor of the Mediterranean World to our side of the Atlantic. Trips to museums and other places of interest in this country have proved to be successful and rewarding. In addition, a periodic Newsletter has conveyed the spirit of the Society to many homes and libraries.

Now in the forty-fourth year of its existence, the Mediterranean Society is more vibrant and active than ever. The coming year promises a varied and attractive program which includes a seminar in Portugal, two short domestic excursions, a social event featuring Mediterranean cuisine, and lectures by visiting scholars who are experts on the Mediterranean area. All the functions of the Society are meant to further awareness of that region of the world which gave birth to our western culture.

*The Mediterranean Society of America
"Friends Traveling Together"*

PURPOSE

An organization chartered by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Society, as stated in its By-laws, endeavors "to promote, encourage, and develop a better understanding of and appreciation for the history and culture of Western Civilization." It does not exist for or seek profit.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in the objectives of the Society is invited to join. An annual dues payment of \$40 or more entitles a person to be listed as a Contributing Member. A payment of \$25 entitles an individual to all benefits of the Society. A Family or Couple membership of \$35 and Student membership of \$5 are also available.

The Mediterranean Society of America is planning a varied program of activities for 2011-2012. If you are a member, please renew your membership now and help us build our membership this year by telling others about the Society. For further information you or any prospective member may call me at 804-358-2640. And be sure to check out the website at:

www.mediterranean-society.org

We look forward to an exciting year and hope you will enjoy the various lectures, excursions, social events, and the seminar in Romania and Bulgaria.

*Sincerely,
Julia Proctor
Chairwoman
Program Committee*

BENEFITS

- * Presentations and lectures with form and content based on the cultural and humanistic values of the Mediterranean tradition.
 - * Excursions to museums and other points of interest conducted by scholars and specialists in the field.
 - * An opportunity to see and study European masterpieces of art, historical locales, and contemporary culture in Seminars abroad.
 - * Social events emphasizing Mediterranean culture as a living force, such as the Mid-Winter Dinner featuring Mediterranean cuisine.
 - * Association with people who share an interest in Mediterranean culture in an atmosphere both intellectual and social.
 - * Liaison with other organizations of similar character and purpose.
 - * A Newsletter to keep members informed.
 - * Community involvement with local Classics teachers and students.
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Calendar of Events 2011-2012

Regular meetings are held in Jepson Hall 118 on the campus of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, at 3 p.m.

2011

Saturday, August 20: Excursion to Washington for the Etruscan exhibition at the National Geographic Society, with free time for lunch and Ancient Egypt exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History.

Sunday, September 11, 3-5 p.m. Reception for current and prospective members, the Westhampton Center, University of Richmond.

Sunday, September 25. Illustrated lecture on "Portugal: Where the Mediterranean Meets the Atlantic" by Rita Costa-Gomes of Towson University.

Sunday, November 13. Annual Election and illustrated lecture on "Navigation: Where in the World Are We?" by Gordon Haaland.

Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m. Mid-Winter Reception and Dinner at the 2300 Club in Richmond.

2012

Sunday, February 12. Illustrated lecture on "God, Hero, and Image: How Greek Vases Teach Greek Myth" by Tyler Jo Smith of the University of Virginia.

Sunday, March 18. Illustrated Lecture on "Mythology and Popular Culture" by Gregory Hays of the University of Virginia.

Saturday, March 31. Excursion to Poplar Forest and the Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox.

May 2012. Seminar in Portugal.

Members are notified of changes in this schedule and usually separate notices are sent for individual events.



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