



the
EGYPT
Centre

What's On
May - August 2014



Museum of Egyptian Antiquities

Welcome

Welcome to the Egypt Centres new What's On Guide: May-August 2014.

We are pleased to have a very busy programme of events this summer for everyone interested in ancient Egypt, including activities for children, families and adults. If you're looking for something new and exciting to do this summer then why not come along to the Egypt Centre, Wales' largest collection of Egyptian antiquities!

About us...

We have two galleries you can visit: the *House of Death* which explains all about death and religion in ancient Egypt, and the *House of Life* which is all about everyday life.

We have over 1000 objects on display. You can see jewellery dating to the time of Tutankhamun; toys and games enjoyed by the ancients; even the pens they used and sandals they wore. We have a coffin which belonged to a lady musician who lived 3000 years ago; a mysterious 'spare head' (Egyptologists are not sure what these are for but they may have been used in case your real head rotted!); and a little bell in the shape of a daemon. We have all sorts: from weapons to wine jars; flint to food.



"What a gem of a museum"

Visitor Feedback March 2014

Free daily events

As well as our amazing displays there are lots of free activities on offer. We have something for everyone, for children aged 3-103!

You could become a chief mummifier, using our 'dummy-mummy'. You could write your name in hieroglyphs or learn how to play the ancient board game, Senet. We also have audio guides, colouring in activities, pyramid puzzles and stereoscopic activities. You can also handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts including pottery sherds, beaded necklaces and servant figurines.



Almost free daily events!

Starting from 5p, we have quizzes, trails and family exploring activities which are available from our shop (see the shop pages towards the back of this booklet).



**We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm
Admission is free**

For information on parking, etc. see: www.egypt.swan.ac.uk

May

Seminar: Demons in Coffin Texts

Tuesday 6th

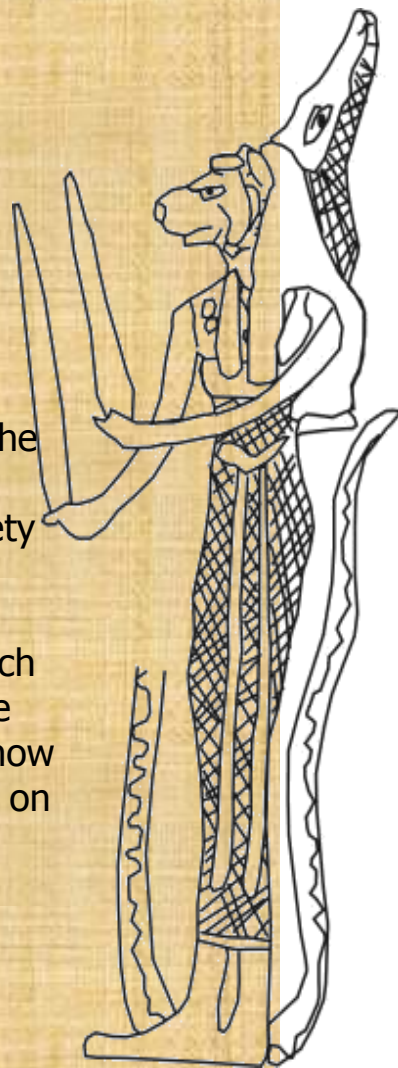
Demons influenced many areas of ancient Egyptian life and death. In the *Coffin Texts*, these entities are a major part of the 'test' that the deceased must pass in order to prove that they are worthy of entering the afterlife. They do this using a variety of techniques, such as questioning or even attempting to butcher the deceased. It is evident that demonic beings are a representation of ancient Egyptian hopes and fears and as such they can be difficult to study. This talk will outline some of the difficulties in the study of ancient Egyptian demons, such as how to create a modern database that will collect meaningful data on ancient entities.

Research Seminar

4pm — 6pm

Library Information Centre, Room 703

Admittance is FREE (but please book in advance)



Museums at Night

Thursday 15th

Come along to the Egypt Centre for a fun-filled evening exploring the ancient Egyptian attitudes to magic, daemons and spirits of the dead.

Have a go at our mummification demonstration, and play the game of Senet which as well as being a lot of fun, was believed to be a way of communicating with the world beyond. We will also have a

'Daemon Hunters Trail' for older children and adults to hunt out the objects in our galleries, as well as several trails suitable for younger children. At 6pm there is a formal guided tour given by the Curator but for this particular activity numbers are limited to 10 so please sign up in advance*.



Family friendly event suitable for all ages

4pm — 8pm

Access to the museum is FREE

*Please book in advance for guided tour

May



Public Lecture Wednesday 21st

Settlement Archaeology in Northern Sudan: New field-work at Sai Island, New Kingdom Town—Julia Budka (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

The architecture and structure of the Egyptian towns established in Upper Nubia during the New Kingdom are almost unknown as is the case for the social stratification and material culture of these sites. The settlements in Nubia have rich potential for our understanding of Egyptian settlement policy because of their excellent state of preservation.

Friends of the Egypt Centre — Fulton House Room 2
£3 for non members—Membership from £10
Doors open at 6.30pm with lecture starting at 7.00pm

Half-term holiday workshop

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th

Gods and Goddesses:

Come on down to the Egypt Centre this half term, and meet the many different gods and goddesses of ancient Egypt. Hear the real ancient Egyptian myth of Osiris and Seth and carry out your own mummification as the god Anubis.

Learn how to write your name in hieroglyphs from Thoth, the wisest of all the gods. Choose your favourite god and have a go at making your very own god or goddess mask to take home with you!

Suitable for ages 6-10

1 day workshop 10am-3.00pm

£15 for the day

Limited places - Booking is essential



JUNE

Open Day Friday 6th

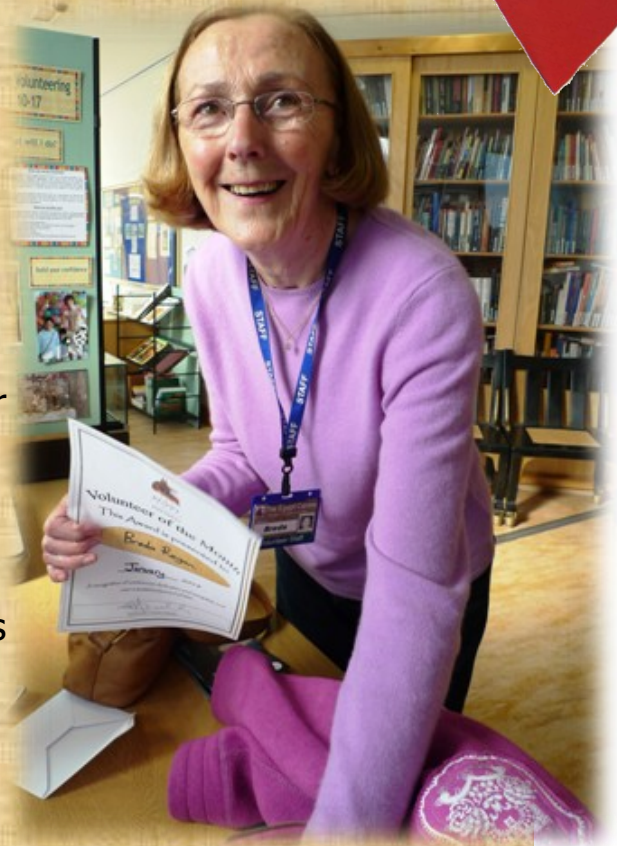
As part of **National Volunteers' Week**, the Egypt Centre will be running an open day to showcase our talented and valuable volunteers.

This is a great chance for those interested in volunteering to explore our galleries, meet our current volunteers and discuss what its like to help run Wales' only Egyptology museum. There is also the chance to take a look behind the scenes and go on a tour of the museum's store room, viewing ancient Egyptian artefacts that are currently not on display.

Open Day suitable for all ages

10am — 3pm

Admittance is FREE



Drop in and Discover Saturday 14th

For a fun family day out, why not drop in to the Egypt Centre and discover the wonders of ancient Egypt with special guided tours given by our young volunteers, and a variety of **Arts n' Crafts** sessions being run throughout the day!

Dress up and have your photo taken as an ancient Egyptian, design your own papyrus bookmarks and write your name in hieroglyphs! Plus much, much more...

Family friendly event suitable for all ages

10am — 3pm

Activities cost from 50p — £1.00

Access to the museum is FREE



June



Public Lecture

Wednesday 18th

'Brief Lives in Ancient Egypt'

Tony Leahy

(Birmingham University)

A few Egyptians wrote summaries of some aspects of their lives. This talk examines a range of these 'autobiographical' texts from the Old Kingdom to the Ptolemaic period, looking at what they tell us and putting them into their social context.

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£3 for non members—Membership from £10

Doors open at 6.30pm with lecture starting at 7.00pm

'Touching Death'

Friday 27th

If you've ever wanted to touch some of those objects you usually only get to see behind glass in museums, now's your chance!

This workshop is led by Egypt Centre staff and is designed to be a hands-on introduction to Egyptian funerary objects.

You will learn about the magic amulets which were placed upon the body during mummification for protection as well as the canopic jars that would have housed the internal organs. You will also learn about *ba*-birds which represented the mobile soul of the deceased and the servant figures known as 'shabtis' that the ancient Egyptians took with them to the afterlife.

Adult Workshop

10am—12pm

£20 per person

Limited places available - Booking is essential



July

Drop in and Discover Saturday 19th

As part of the **Festival of Archaeology 2014**, The Egypt Centre will be running a **special** 'Drop in and Discover' day exploring Egyptian archaeology!

Experience the world of the ancient Egyptians as you dress up in authentic costumes, play the ancient game of Senet and handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts. There will also be guided tours provided by our young volunteers and a variety of **Arts n' Crafts** sessions being run throughout the day. Make your very own canopic Jars to take home with you, learn how to spell your name in hieroglyphs as you design your own papyrus bookmarks and have a go at excavating long lost treasures from beneath the sand.

Family friendly event suitable for all ages

10am — 3pm

Activities cost from 50p — £1.00

Access to the museum is **FREE**



Summer holiday workshop Tuesday 29th July - Friday 1st August



Week One: Tales & Fables

Explore the galleries as you hunt for the evidence behind two of ancient Egypt's most well known stories. Learn the 'Tale of the Doomed Prince' and make your very own shadow puppets to bring him to life. Then listen to the story of the 'Shipwrecked Sailor' who washes up on a mysterious island and make your own ancient Egyptian style reed boats to return him to the safety of Egypt.

Suitable for ages 6-10

2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday-Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

£30 for the two days

Limited places - Booking is essential

August



2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday-Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

Summer holiday workshop

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th

Week Two: Kings and Queens

Become the Pharaoh or his Great Royal Wife for a day and experience the life of ancient Egyptian royalty. As king you must uphold your duty to protect Egypt from the forces of chaos as you make your own model war chariots and golden fly amulets to symbolise your military power. As queens you will get the chance to make your very own beaded collars inspired by those on display that once belonged to real ancient Egyptian princesses.

Suitable for ages 6-10

£30 for the two days

Limited places - Booking is essential

Summer holiday workshop

Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th

Week Three: Egyptian Art & Writing

Travel back in time and become an ancient Egyptian artisan as you first learn all about the Egyptian writing system of hieroglyphs and explore the unique art style of the ancient Egyptians. With your new found skills you will get the chance to create a giant wall mural based on a real ancient Egyptian temple scene, use hieroglyphs to write your own magical book of spells on papyrus paper that you make yourself, and decorate your very own canopic jars to take home with you.

Suitable for ages 6-10

2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday-Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

£30 for the two days

Limited places - Booking is essential



August

Summer holiday workshop

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd

Week Four: Pyramids, Temples & Tombs

Have you ever been curious about the great pyramids of ancient Egypt, or how about the famous tombs found in the Valley of the Kings?

If so then this is the workshop for you!

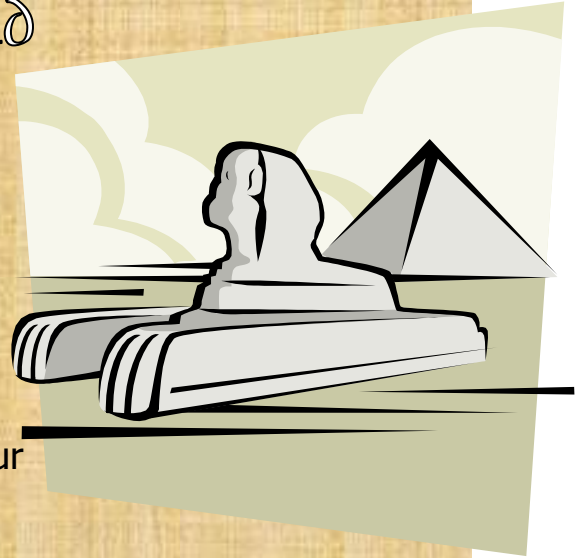
You will explore the great architecture of the ancient Egyptians, make your own 'mud' bricks, mini pyramids, and decorate your very own temples. You will also get the chance to build your own sphinx models out of clay and design the most wonderful tombs fit for a Pharaoh.

Suitable for ages 6-10

2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday-Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

£30 for the two days

Limited places - Booking is essential



Summer holiday workshop

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th

Week Five: Egyptian Archaeology

Have you ever wanted to be an archaeologist and discover history? Then now's your chance! In this workshop you will become famous archaeologists as you go back in time to find out how some of the greatest treasures of ancient Egypt were discovered. Conduct your very own mini excavations in search of "wonderful things" and create your own mummy masks, collar necklaces and scarab amulets to take home with from your triumphant excavations.

Suitable for ages 6-10

2 day workshop 10am-3.00pm Tuesday-Wednesday OR Thursday-Friday

£30 for the two days

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Friends of The Egypt Centre



The Friends' interest in Egypt ranges from those with little or no knowledge, to those who are eagerly in search of more. An exciting programme of lectures, visits to other museums, and other social events are arranged annually to cater for all levels of understanding. Whatever your age or level of interest why not come along and see what the Friends of the Egypt Centre can offer you?



The Friends of the Egypt Centre support the Egypt Centre and organise a series of lectures held at Swansea University in Fulton House, Lecture room 2 at 7pm (unless otherwise indicated)

Annual membership will allow attendance to all Friends of the Egypt Centre public lectures in the commencing year.

Full Membership	£16.50 pa
Full family membership (2 adults and 2 children)	£26 pa
Concessionary individual	£10 pa
Concessionary family	£16 pa

For further information, or to become a member please contact the membership secretary Wendy Goodridge:

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Museum Gift Shop



Our new summer jewellery collection by our exclusive designer Sarah Elam is in store, inspired by the styles and precious stones used by the ancient Egyptians.

Her range includes the use of lapis lazuli, known as *khesbed* by the ancient Egyptians, who believed that its appearance imitated the heavens complete with golden stars. Lapis was considered to be superior to all other precious stones.

We have two stunning collections by Menna Lloyd who creates jewellery inspired by antiquity.

Her '*wildlife collection*' is based on scenes from ancient Egyptian tombs, and her '*Djoser collection*' is influenced by artefacts and tales from early dynastic times.



We have a wide range of beautiful gifts available, including a large selection of fine summer scarves and recycled Egyptian glassware.

You can also find handmade sea-grass bowls and Egyptian statues, originals of which can even be found on display in our galleries!

There's plenty to keep the children occupied, including a range of stationery, statues, toys, books and much more!

We have replica board games for sale, including *Senet*, one of the most popular games from ancient Egypt, even found in the tomb of Tutankhamun!



Exploring Suitcases

Although we have eager Gallery Assistants ready to demonstrate the hands-on activities some families may want more control over their learning. On offer we have a family Exploring Suitcase **available to hire from just £1** for families to learn at their own pace.

The activities covered include: Writing and Hieroglyphs, Materials Board, Exploring and Archaeological Finds and Mummification, as well as the Animals and Gods of Egypt.



Volunteering

Adult Volunteering

The adult volunteer program runs Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm and is open to anyone over the age of 18.

We rely on volunteers to maintain our galleries, ensuring the gallery is safe and clean and that all equipment is working. Volunteers talk to our visitors, welcoming them, answering enquiries and giving guided tours. They can also work as educational leaders for visiting school groups and are closely involved with the development of hands-on activities with the Assistant Curator.

We have also recently introduced some new roles, including administration assistants who help with the basic day to day admin of the Museum.

We have special free events for you including the opportunity to handle artefacts normally on display behind glass.

You can meet new friends, learn new skills, get on a career path, and have the satisfaction of helping run Wales' only Egyptian museum!

We even have free Egyptology classes for our volunteers!



Volunteering

Young Volunteering

No other museum in the country is run by young people so completely!

The Egypt Centre specialises in working with, and welcoming, people of all different abilities!

Anyone over the age of 10 can volunteer. You don't need to know anything about ancient Egypt, or museums, but you do need an interest in history and heritage, and like working with lots of different people!

As a young volunteer you will become a **Gallery Assistant**. This means you will be looking after galleries, talking with visitors and demonstrating our hands-on activities, such as mummification, to visitors. We also have special classes specially for you, including ones where you get the opportunity to handle some of the objects in the cases .

The young volunteer programme runs each Saturday from 10 am—4 pm.



If you would like to receive more information on volunteering at the Egypt Centre, please contact the Volunteer Manager Syd Howells:

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