



'The Muddy Archaeologist'

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Art Lectures

2017 Arts Society Ratings
Outstanding 25 Excellent 51% Very Good 18%
ADFAS Tour 2018 all Very Good - Outstanding

Digging deep into history to add Colour, Depth and Meaning to life today

Lively, engaging and professional talks showing what Ancient Art tells us about the people who made it, and how it still influences us today

Study Days

Engaging and lively days studying ancient and classical art.

Or mix'n'match a selection of lectures; I will provide any focus or combination you wish. Or opt for a popular pre-selected day such as:

NEW The Complete Pompeii Study Day Become as familiar with this Roman town as the Romans were before its burial by Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. Learn from an archaeologist who has excavated the region about insights into art in Roman towns, the glorious art of the frescoes, and the wealth of daily and public art and architecture unearthed from the ashes in and beyond Pompeii.

NEW Ancient Roots: How Roman Gardens set the Seeds of our Garden Design Dig deeper to discover how the Romans invented private gardens design. See how it took root and blossomed into the works of art that are our gardens, large and small. Then explore colourful ancient beliefs and tales that add even greater depth to the plants we enjoy today.

From Flints to Frescoes: How to Enjoy Ancient Art Learn from an archaeologist how to really appreciate the astonishing and varied skills and aesthetics of ancient art. Prehistoric, Egyptian, Greek, Roman and more.

A Mediterranean Tour: Not Just a Load of Old Stones (The Study Day): a richly illustrated virtual tour of ancient Mediterranean art: Learn how to identify and appreciate the art of the distinctive ancient civilizations with an archaeologist's eye.

Art in Roman Britain: Roman art & how they reveal lives lived here 2,000 years ago. Maybe add a visit to a site/museum near you?

Classical Art & the Perception of Beauty: Greek and Roman art and their Legacy; how they influenced how we interpret beauty

The Dawn of Western Art: Ancient Greece & Rome: Appreciating and understanding the great developments and legacy of the classical world. This Study Day can be a series of lectures or a guided day tour of the Greek & Roman galleries of the British Museum.

Lectures Full Synopses and more lecture titles are available on www.muddyarchaeologist.co.uk

NEW Ancient Roots: How Roman Gardens set the Seeds of our Garden Design

Gardens are one of the most creative spaces we experience. The Romans created garden design and we take a stroll through the artistry, story-telling and imagination that blossomed in Roman gardens. They took root and add colour and depth to our gardens today.

CHRISTMAS TALK *io Saturnalia* – Happy Christmas the Roman Way!

Early Christians celebrated Christmas at the same time as the ancient Romans were feasting and partying for their pagan Saturnalia festival. Unwrap the images and stories behind our modern festive season

Digging Deeper in Pompeii with the 'Muddy Archaeologist'

Gillian Hovell who has excavated at Oplontis, gives you inside information, from an archaeologist's view, revealing what the unearthed art tells us about the lives of the people who lived (and died) here. Share the excitement.

A Mediterranean Tour: Not just a Load of Old Stones

This extremely popular virtual tour of the Ancient Mediterranean will enable you to identify whose art or architecture are whose and why their lives and cultures prompted them to create such features; see the big picture.

(This talk anticipates the publication of my next book which is on the same theme).

Roman Britain Unearthed: What did the Romans Really do for Art?

A firm favourite with societies: how and why our art (even in our modern homes) owes so much to the Romans.

A Classical Gallery of Rogues: The Eternal Pantheon

A frequently requested playful look at the Greek and Roman gods. Discover how to identify them, hear ancient tales of metamorphoses and of gods behaving badly. Why and how are their images still used today.

Roman Art and the Perception of Beauty, Then and Now

A philosophical lecture on art; is beauty timeless? Or is it bounded by the times we live in? How can Roman art tell us if beauty really is in the eye of the beholder?

Pompeii: A Fresh Look at Frescoes : Face to Face with the Romans

Prepare to be captivated and deeply moved. The tragedy of Pompeii's burial by Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79 provided an archaeological miracle that enables us to look the Romans in the eye and share their hopes as their art speaks to us.

What did the Greeks Ever do for Art?

Ancient Greek art blossomed and then the Romans took that art and made it their own. How and why we owe so much to the ancient Greeks, and we identify the tell-tale marks of our debt to classical art around us today.

Tours & Cruises

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Let me host your Society's bespoke Tour – UK, Europe & the Mediterranean – as we experience ancient art together

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