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**Arkansas Arts Center Presents**

*Life and Living in Ancient Egypt*

**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** – The Arkansas Arts Center will present a bonus lecture in the *World of the Pharaohs* Lecture Series titled *Life and Living in Ancient Egypt* by Egyptologist and *World of the Pharaohs* Guest Curator Bill Peck. The lecture will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Lecture Hall. A reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.

The Arkansas Arts Center contracted William H. Peck, former senior curator of ancient art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, to serve as guest curator of *World of the Pharaohs*. Peck, an active archaeologist, exhibition consultant and lecturer, authored the book *Drawings from Ancient Egypt* and has contributed to several other publications, including exhibition catalogues, encyclopedias and other books. “We are very pleased to welcome Bill Peck, our guest curator for *World of the Pharaohs*, for a return visit as we enter the last months of the exhibition’s run” says Joseph Lampo, Deputy Director of

Programming and Curator at the Arts Center. “Bill gave the inaugural lecture in our year-long series and it is fitting that he cap the series with this “bonus” lecture”.

*Life and Living in Ancient Egypt* includes an investigative look at the life styles of ancient Egyptians, including the role of family, housing, clothing and costume, furniture and other household necessities. Historians have difficulty in describing "daily life" because most illustrations in tombs and actual artifacts were intended for or used by the elite, or upper classes. Peck will use today’s knowledge of ancient Egypt from archaeological discovery and other sources to create a more complete picture of "life and living". The *World of the Pharaohs* Lecture Series is sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Middle Eastern Studies Program and Anthropology Department.

Tickets to the lecture are \$5 for the general public. Arkansas Arts Center members can attend free of charge. For tickets or more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center – 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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