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**Boston University Archaeology Professor
to give lecture on Egypt at the Arkansas Arts Center**

(LITTLE ROCK, AR)- In conjunction with the monumental exhibition *World of the Pharaohs: Treasures of Egypt Revealed*, Kathryn Bard, Ph. D. will present the lecture *Seaport of the Pharaohs to the Land of Punt: Recent Excavations at Mersa/Wadi Gewasis, Egypt* Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. before the lecture. The *World of the Pharaohs* Lecture Series is sponsored by University of Arkansas at Little Rock Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology Department.

Associate Professor of Archaeology at Boston University, Kathryn Bard will discuss details about her fantastic archaeological find of nautical items belonging to the first female Pharaoh, Hatshepsut. Bard will discuss the excavations at the pharaonic harbor site of Mersa/Wadi Gawasis, Egypt, by Boston University and the University of Naples l'Orientale. These excavations uncovered the remains of Middle Kingdom (ca. 2000-1770 BC) seafaring expeditions to the land of Punt, located in the Southern Red Sea.

Bard has authored and edited several books, including “An Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt” and over 60 scholar papers. She has directed excavations at the predynastic site of Hu/Abadiyah in Egypt and co-directed excavations at Aksum in northern Ethiopia from 1993-2003.

Tickets to the lecture are \$5 for general public. Arkansas Arts Center members can attend free of charge. Tickets are required. For tickets, visit www.arkarts.com or call 501-372-4000. If available, tickets can be purchased at the door.

World of the Pharaohs offers a glimpse into the 3,000 years that Pharaohs ruled ancient Egypt. More than 200 objects examine not only the rich opulence of kings, but also the everyday life of Egyptian citizens. On view are objects of the kings, gods, family, household, scribes, craftsmen and tomb, including mummies, that tell the story of ancient Egyptian life and culture. *World of the Pharaohs*, presented by Harriet and Warren Stephens, Stephens, Inc., is organized by the Arkansas Arts Center in cooperation with the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, which is recognized as having one of the most comprehensive collections of Egyptian art in the world.

For more information on the exhibition, visit www.arkarts.com and click on “World of the Pharaohs.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: 501-372-4000

Location: Arkansas Arts Center – 9th and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Gallery Hours: 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

Lecture Sponsor: University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Middle Eastern Studies Program and Anthropology Department

Exhibition Title Sponsor: Harriet and Warren Stephens, Stephens Inc.

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