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Preliminary Report : Discovery of the Lost Temple of Kheny (Gebel el Silsila)

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The current archaeological concession at Gebel el Silsila (Lund University) , directed by Dr. Maria Nilsson and associate director John Ward, made a unique discovery during the 2015 spring season in finding the foundations and blockwork of the lost temple of Kheny (Gebel el Silsila). The remains revealed archaeological evidence for at least four chronological periods: 1) Thutmosis/Hatshepsut; 2) Amenhotep III; 3) Ramses II; and 4) Roman. The oldest building phase of the temple was made up by limestone, which is unique within a sandstone quarry, and may signify the official changeover from limestone construction to sandstone.

The significance of the find is that it changes the history of the site, and it firmly establishes Gebel el Silsila as not only a quarry, but also a sacred location. The archaeologist are currently studying the material, and working on producing a comprehensive plan and eventually 3D (digital) reconstruction.

The temple, which has previously been described as a destroyed Ramesside temple, is situated on the East Bank, north-west of the stela of Pharaoh Amenhotep IV, and south-east of the colonial pump station, close to the modern canal (Figure 1). The team of archaeologists were successful in locating the temple based on the rudimentary map published by Borchardt and a basic unpublished plan drawing by Lacovara (kept

within the archives of the EES).

The temple's current state of preservation is equivalent with that described by Borchardt, but the clearing of surface sand revealed unique and important new information, including the remains of an earlier limestone temple that correspond with the Thutmosid cenotaphs and the recently re-dated rock-cut temple on the West Bank.

The temple remains measure approximately 35.2 x 18.4 m (preliminary calculations) and include four (visible) dressed floor levels, column bases, inner

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Figure 1 - The Temple of Kheny

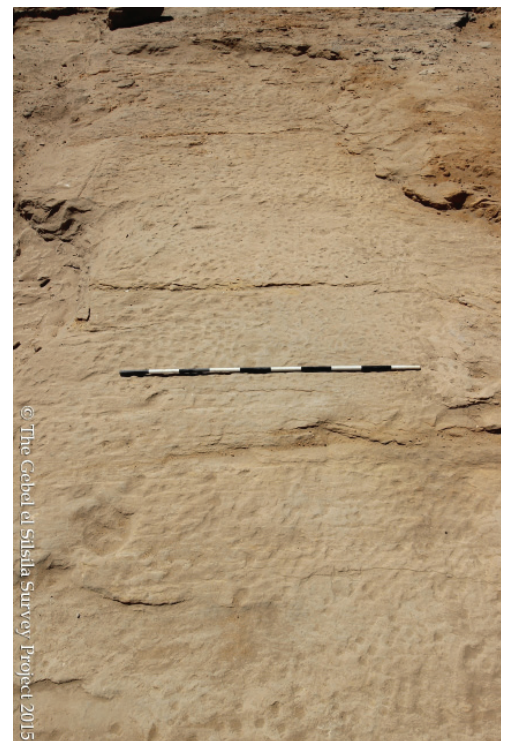


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Image of our editor courtesy of Liz Warkentin

From our Editors

Welcome to the Spring 2015 edition of the SSEA newsletter. In this edition, we have included as our main article a piece by Dr Maria Nilsson of Lund University, and her husband, John Ward, who are director and associate director of the Gebel el-Silsila Survey. Dr Nilsson had intended to present a poster at our 2014 Scholars' Colloquium, but for various technical reasons on the part of the couriers, the project's poster did not get delivered in time for the weekend. So we have a preliminary report of their recent findings instead. We are in the process of setting up the 2015 Scholars Colloquium and Annual Symposium and so are including our initial calls for Papers and Posters for the Colloquium. If you wish to present a paper or poster, or know someone who wishes to do so, please see the details below and send in an abstract for consideration.

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At last year's Annual General meeting, the members present passed a motion for an increase in membership fees, and so details of that can be found in the newsletter.

Finally, we have made a few minor changes to the look and the layout of the newsletter, which include submission deadlines for the next newsletter. We look forward to receiving your comments or articles for future editions.

Peter Robinson



Figure 3 - Dynastic foot graffiti & Predynastic cupules

and outer walls and archaeological evidence for at least four different chronological periods. The remains of five dressed and raised column bases were located in the temple's western partition, each measuring approximately 1.40 m in diameter and located 3.20 m apart, 8.40 m across. To the east of the column bases are two dressed and raised squared areas, presumably indicating the architectural divide within the structure (indicating the pronaos). Further to the east and placed centrally is a raised and dressed platform with surrounding below-laying dressed sandstone surface, parts of which have received linear positioning/indication marks (single and double incised marks) that run in an easterly to westerly direction and indicate the position of interior and exterior walls, including the walls of four chambers, with each room measuring approximately 3.10 – 3.20 m wide. The exterior walls generally follow natural fractures and formations in the bedrock. The perimeter of the northern exterior wall is further indicated by the presence of dynastic foot graffiti, located adjacent with Predynastic petroglyphs and cupules (Figure 3).



Figure 4 - Hieroglyphic Text fragments

In addition to the architectural components the team discovered hundreds of dressed, decorated and painted block work, and architectural elements such as cornices; over 300

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Figure 5 - Relief fragments re-used as foundation rubble

decorated (raised and painted relief) limestone fragments revealed iconography characteristic to the early Thutmomid period, and the hieroglyphic text included the name of the site - *Kheny* (Figure 4). The limestone scenes had been destroyed during antiquity to be reused as foundation filling together with sand and pebbles for a later construction phase (Figure 5). The foundation of a square decorated limestone base was still intact. Another almost 300 decorated (raised and sunken relief, included painted) fragments included the cartouches of two later rulers – Amenhotep III and Ramses II (Figure 6)



Figure 6 - Fragment of royal name of *Ramses II*

– thus, evidence of two later temple phases. In addition, two painted sandstone fragments bear decoration of the dark sky and Egyptian star (Figure 7), indicating that the temple was complete with ceiling. A fourth chronological period can be added based on late Ptolemaic – early Roman storage activity.



Figure 7 - Painted ceiling fragment showing part of star



Figure 8 - Beads



Figure 9 - Faience fragments



Figure 10 - Faience scarab

Among the small finds discovered in the temple area were several 18th Dynasty beads (Figure 8), coloured plaster, faience sherds (Figure 9), thousands of pot sherds, and a blue-coloured scarab (Figure 10) presumably dating to the 2nd Intermediate Period (Hyksos). Digital 3D recording was carried out in the end of the season, but further archaeological work is necessary to present a comprehensive report of the area.

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Dr Maria Nilsson is the Mission Director of the Gebel El-Silsila Survey Project. John Ward is assistant director of the Project. More information about the project can be found of the project's website:
<http://gebelesilsilaepigraphicsurveyproject.blogspot.co.uk/>

Steven Larkman Memorial Travel Grant

Once again this year a special travel award has been set up in memory of Steven J. Larkman, former President of Calgary Chapter, by his friends and colleagues. This award will be available to aid scholars wishing to travel to Toronto to present at the 2015 SSEA Scholars' Colloquium. This award will be given to aid scholars who would not otherwise have funding to travel to the event, and will be given as partial reimbursement of travel costs upon presentation of original receipts. Scholars wishing to apply for this award must be members of the SSEA/SÉÉA and must have submitted an extended abstract of their presentations for consideration in advance of the date of the Colloquium. If you would like more information about this award, or if you would like to make a donation, please email info@thessea.org.

La Bourse de Mobilité Steven Larkman

Une bourse de mobilité est offerte cette année en mémoire du regretté Steven J. Larkman, ancien président du chapitre de Calgary de la SSEA. Gracieuseté de ses amis et collègues, cette bourse a pour but d'aider financièrement les chercheurs ne bénéficiant pas autrement de sources de financement leur permettant de venir à Toronto pour faire une présentation orale à l'édition 2015 du colloque annuel de la SSEA. Les récipiendaires pourront obtenir un remboursement partiel de leurs frais de déplacement sur présentation de leurs reçus. Les chercheurs désirant postuler pour cette bourse doivent, pour être admissible, être des membres en règle de la SSEA/SÉÉA et avoir soumis préalablement un résumé détaillé de leur conférence avant le début du colloque. Pour de plus amples renseignements au sujet de cette bourse ou si vous souhaitez faire un don, veuillez écrire à info@thessea.org.

The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities/ La Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne

2015 Scholars' Colloquium : First Call for Papers

The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities/Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne invites all doctoral level graduate students and senior scholars to submit proposals for papers to be given at this year's Scholars' Colloquium, to be held **November 6th and 8th** in Toronto. The deadline for submission is **AUGUST 31st**, 2015. Those who need early acceptance to apply for travel grants are urged to apply **before** this deadline, and to indicate the reason for needing early notification in their covering email.

Proposals for Scholars' Colloquium papers will be accepted from graduate students and senior scholars in the fields of Egyptology, Anthropology, Classics, Fine Arts, Archaeology, Nubian Studies and related fields on ANY topic connected with predynastic, pharaonic, Hellenistic, Roman or Coptic Egypt, but must represent an **original** contribution to the field. Presentations may be given in either English or French. Papers may not exceed 20 minutes in length.

Since a limited number of proposals will be accepted, papers will be vetted by committee. Interested scholars should send a title and brief abstract of their proposed paper to the Scholars' Colloquium Coordinators at scholarscolloquium@thessea.org or scholarscoll@thessea.org. Please note that only proposals submitted in electronic format [i.e. via email] will be considered. Abstracts must not exceed 350 words in length. Acceptances of papers will be issued in September.

As noted elsewhere in this *Newsletter*, the SSEA/SÉÉA is also holding its 41st Annual Symposium that weekend. Papers accepted for the Scholars' Colloquium are **not** limited to the topic of the symposium, and no preference will be given to proposals based on topic. Please also note that the SSEA is soliciting proposals for the Scholars' Colloquium only.

Colloque Annuel de la société : Premier Appel à Contributions

La Société pour l'étude de l'Égypte ancienne/The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities a le plaisir de vous annoncer qu'elle prépare l'édition 2015 de son colloque annuel qui se tiendra du 6 au 8 novembre 2015 sur le campus de l'Université de Toronto à Toronto au Canada. À cette occasion, la Société invite les doctorants, les chercheurs postdoctoraux, les professeurs et les autres membres de la communauté scientifique à soumettre leur proposition de présentation orale avant la date limite du 31 août 2015.

Les candidats doivent démontrer que leur proposition constitue une contribution nouvelle et non publiée à l'avancement du savoir dans les champs de l'égyptologie, de l'anthropologie, des études classiques, de l'histoire de l'art, de l'archéologie, des études nubiennes ou dans tout autre domaine dont le cadre spatio-temporel est l'Égypte prédynastique, pharaonique, gréco-romaine ou copte. Les présentations, qui peuvent être faites en anglais ou en français, ne devraient pas durer plus de vingt minutes.

Le temps de présentation étant limité, seul un certain nombre de propositions pourra être accepté, suite à leur évaluation par un comité de sélection. Les personnes intéressées à faire une communication au colloque sont invitées à en envoyer le titre et le résumé (d'un maximum de 350 mots) au comité organisateur à l'adresse courriel suivante: scholarscolloquium@thessea.org ou scholarscoll@thessea.org. Les candidats recevront une réponse à leur soumission en septembre. Ceux qui auraient besoin d'une réponse plus rapide, pour obtenir une subvention, par exemple, sont invités à soumettre leur proposition bien avant la date limite du 31 août, tout en prenant soin de bien indiquer la raison nécessitant un traitement plus rapide.

Veuillez prendre note que la SSEA organise également la 41^e édition de son symposium annuel le samedi 7 novembre 2015, soit la même fin de semaine que le colloque. Le présent appel à contributions ne vaut que pour le colloque et les sujets proposés par les candidats n'ont pas à être en lien avec la thématique principale du symposium.

Call for Posters

SSEA/SÉÉA Annual Meeting :

November 6th - 8th , 2015

The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities/Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne is now inviting proposals for poster contributions for its Annual Meeting, to be held **November 6th-8th**, 2015 on the campus of the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

Proposals for Poster Session will be accepted from organizations, projects, expeditions, graduate students and senior scholars in the fields of Egyptology, Anthropology, Classics, Fine Arts/Art History, Archaeology, Nubian Studies, ancient Coptic Studies and related fields on must represent an original contribution to the field. Posters may address any aspect of ANY topic connected with predynastic, pharaonic, Hellenistic, Roman or Coptic Egypt. However, poster presentation is best suited to material with a strong visual impact, rather than a great reliance on text. Posters may be in either English or French. (Ideally, posters will be available in a biligual version.)

Poster abstracts will be published in the conference abstracts booklet. Authors of posters will have the option of uploading a pdf of their poster to the SSEA/SÉÉA website. **Please note that the production and delivery of posters to the conference is the responsibility of presenters. If they wish the SSEA/SÉÉA to deal with printing and mounting the posters on their behalf, they must cover the costs.**

There will also be a limited number of poster positions available for notices of scholarly projects or organizations in Egyptology, Nubian Studies, Coptic Studies, Near Eastern Studies or Ancient Mediterranean Studies.

Since a limited number of proposals will be accepted, posters will be vetted by committee. Interested scholars should send a title and brief abstract of their proposed poster to the Scholars' Colloquium Coordinators at scholarscolloquium@thessea.org or scholarscoll@thessea.org. Please note that only proposals submitted in electronic format [i.e. via email] will be considered. Proposals must not exceed 350 words in length. Acceptances of posters will be issued beginning in mid-October.

The final deadline for receipt of proposals for posters is **September 15, 2015**.

The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities/Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne is also holding its Scholars' Colloquium and 40th Annual Symposium on the same weekend in NOVEMBER, 2015. Papers accepted for the Scholars' Colloquium and the poster sessions are **not** limited to the topic of the symposium, and no preference will be given to proposals based on topic. Please also note that the SSEA/SÉÉA is soliciting proposals for the Scholars' Colloquium and poster sessions only.

Recherché: Propositions d'Affiches

Réunion Annuelle de la SÉÉA/SSEA

6e - 8e Novembre 2015

La Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne / The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities est présentement à la recherche de résumés de présentations scientifiques sous forme d'affiches en vu de sa réunion annuelle qui se tiendra du **6e au 8e novembre 2015** sur le campus de l'Université de Toronto à Toronto au Canada.

Les propositions acceptées auront été soumises par des étudiants universitaires des cycles supérieurs ou par des chercheurs seniors œuvrant dans les domaines de l'égyptologie, de l'anthropologie, des études classiques, des beaux-arts, de l'histoire de l'art de l'archéologie, des études nubiennes ou coptes, ou encore de tous domaines reliés. Les affiches elles-mêmes pourront porter sur n'importe quel thème relié à l'Égypte prédynastique, pharaonique, hellénistique, romaine ou copte, pour peu qu'elles présentent une nouvelle contribution à la discipline n'ayant jamais fait l'objet d'une publication antérieure. Considérez de plus qu'une présentation sous forme d'affiche est particulièrement appropriée pour du contenu à forte teneur visuelle et sied moins bien à une quantité importante de textes. Les affiches pourront être en français ou en anglais ou, encore mieux, bilingues.

Les résumés des affiches seront publiés dans le livret de l'événement. Les auteurs des affiches auront aussi l'option de télécharger une version pdf de leur affiche sur le site web de la SSEA/SÉÉA. **Veillez s'il-vous-plait noter que la production et l'envoi de l'affiche jusqu'au site de la conférence relèvera de la responsabilité du présentateur. Si celui-ci veut que la SSEA/SÉÉA s'occupe de l'impression et de l'installation de l'affiche, il devra en défrayer les coûts.**

Il y aura aussi un nombre limité d'emplacements d'affiches disponibles pour la présentation de projets académiques ou d'organisations œuvrant en égyptologie, études nubiennes, coptes, proche-orientales ou des antiquités méditerranéennes.

Puisqu'un nombre limité de propositions pourront être acceptées, les soumissions seront choisies par l'entremise d'un comité. Les intéressés doivent faire parvenir un titre et un bref résumé (d'un maximum de 350 mots) de leur proposition d'affiche au comité organisateur, à scholarscoll@thessea.org ou à scholarscolloquium@thessea.org. La date limite pour la réception des résumés est fixée au **15 septembre 2015**. Les réponses aux soumissions commenceront à être annoncées dès la mi-octobre.

La Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne / the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities tiendra aussi son Colloque et son 41^e symposium annuel lors de cette même fin de semaine. Les soumissions acceptées pour le Colloque et la session d'affiches ne sont pas limitées au sujet du symposium et aucune préférence ne sera accordée aux soumissions sur la seule base de leur sujet. Veuillez enfin prendre note que la SSEA/SÉÉA n'est à la recherche de soumissions que pour le Colloque ou les affiches.

Notice regarding changes in SSEA/SÉÉA Membership Fees

During the Annual General Meeting of The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities/Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne (national) held on November 14th, 2014, the membership present discussed the rising costs of many Society functions, especially printing and mailing costs. The members present discussed and voted on raising the yearly membership fees to counter these rising costs.

Beginning with the 2015-16 subscription year the new fees will be:

Student	\$35 (Previously \$30)
Associate	\$50 (Previously \$45)
Full individual	\$70 (Previously \$60)
Institutional	\$80

The rate increase will take effect September 1st. Any renewals prior to then will be locked in at the current rate.

Payments may be made, as usual, by cheque, money order or credit card. Also, we have recently begun accepting payments by PayPal using the sseafundraising@gmail.com address.

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Avis Concernant les changements de cotisation pour la SSEA/SÉÉA

Au cours de l'assemblée générale annuelle de la Société pour l'Étude de l'Égypte Ancienne/ Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities tenue le 14 Novembre 2014, les membres présents ont discuté des coûts croissants de nombreuses responsabilités de la Société, en particulier l'impression et l'envoi du *Journal* et du *Newsletter*. Pour contrer ces hausses de coûts, les membres présents ont proposé et voté en faveur d'une augmentation de la cotisation annuelle.

À partir de la saison 2015-16, les nouveaux tarifs seront:

Étudiants	35 \$ (auparavant 30 \$)
Associés	50 \$ (auparavant 45 \$)
Individuel Complet	70 \$ (auparavant 60 \$)
Institutionnel	80 \$

Cette augmentation prendra effet le 1^{er} septembre 2015. Tout renouvellement effectué avant cette date sera honoré au tarif actuel.

Les paiements peuvent être faits, comme d'habitude, par chèque, mandat postal, ou par carte de crédit. En outre, nous acceptons maintenant les paiements par PayPal en utilisant l'adresse sseafundraising@gmail.com.

Pour toutes questions ou préoccupations, ou encore pour renouveler par courriel, veuillez contacter info@thessea.org. (Nos membres domiciliés au Québec devraient plutôt contacter info@sseamtl.org).



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Our 41st Annual Symposium Looting and Restoration : ancient and modern

This fall, the SSEA/SÉEÀ will hold our Annual Symposium on the topic of “*Looting and Restoration: ancient and modern*”. This year’s symposium, held in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting and Scholars’ Colloquium has been scheduled for **NOVEMBER 7th, 2015**. This event is ticketed: a fee for entry is required. All events will be held on the campus of the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

Notre 41e Symposium annuel Pillage et restauration : ancienne et moderne

Cet hiver, la SÉEÀ/SSEA tiendra son symposium annuel sous le thème des «*Pillage et restauration: ancienne et moderne*». Le symposium de cette année, qui aura lieu en marge de notre réunion annuelle des membres et du Colloque d’érudits, se déroulera le **7 NOVEMBRE 2015** sur le campus de l’université de Toronto à Toronto au Canada. Ceci est un événement payant; des frais d’entrée seront exigés.

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