

The Mummy Lady



In 1823 a mummy was the first to be exhibited commercially at Massachusetts General Hospital. Mummy artifacts in America are sometimes the stuff of horror movies -- hauled about the country for exhibition; unwrapped at parties; decapitated and measured in the name of science; used as advertising draws; and in general, not always treated very well.

Susan J. Wolfe, "The Mummy Lady", has been studying these remarkable human relics for years and has a book in press, tentatively titled *Egyptian Mummies in Victorian America; Curiosities, Commodities and Cultural Connections*. Susan has personally "met" two mummies – Padihershef (seen above) and the skull of Dr. Boylston (for whom the Town is named). She will present the myths and facts of mummies with a slide show and talk for children and adults.

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Location: Stiles Room, Beaman Memorial Library, West Boylston

Cost: Free

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