

**MuseLetter** 

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A BRIEF LOOK AT ITS DONOR. THE ELAINE PAPPAS-SUAREZ COLLECTION

Elaine developed a keen interest in Greek antiquities when she was a youngster listening to her father tell stories of ancient Greece. She spent many years in Chicago and New York as a buyer for Sakes Fifth Avenue. She then

traveled to Greece and was so impressed with the Greek culture, handicrafts and artifacts that she decided to move there. She opened her own export business and spent her spare time scouring the markets and hunting through discarded piles to rescue precious items. Her collection ranges from the Geometric Period (800 BC) to works of some of the most famous modern day Greek artists of the 1970s, many of whom were personally known to Elaine. The Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum is proud and honored to be the recipient of this unique collection. We thank Elaine Pappas-Suarez for her generous donation and for her desire to spread her love of Hellenic culture. This exhibit continues through the end of the year, it is well worth seeing.



# TAVLI DAY November 3rd

In Greece you often see people playing their beloved game of TAVLI, known in the West as backgammon. Join us for our

**3rd Annual Tavli Day on November 3rd** in St. Dimitrios Hall, Holy Trinity Cathedral, from 1 to 4 pm. All ages are invited. Participation fee: \$10. Register via email at haccmpdx@gmail.com.

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## Community History Project

In ancient Greece a person's history was very important. Odysseus and Oedipus both recited their histories numerous times in their wanderings. Often times the first question asked of a stranger in a Xωριό (village) was: "What is your name and who is your family?" HACCM strives to preserve our past and we need your help! We are collecting information, photographs, and audiovisual files about Greeks in Oregon and SW Washington for the Museum's database in order to establish a historical record. For more information about this project, contact us by phone or email. Visit our website for a flyer and questionnaire.

### **Coming up**

October 2012 through January 2013 - "The Body Beautiful in Ancient Greece" exhibit at the Portland Art Museum

**November 3** - Third annual Tavli Tournament, at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

Check our website and Facebook for films and lectures in the coming