

The Classical Association of Massachusetts
announces a tour, providing PDPs, of

**“Aphrodite and the Gods of Love”
at the Museum of Fine Arts**

- Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at 10:15 AM & 12:00, and 2:00
- Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at 10:15, 12:00, 2:00

The Exhibit. This is a rare chance to see many important sculptures, paintings, vases and coins related to the cult of Aphrodite. Several significant works from the MFA that are normally kept hidden have been brought out for public display. The curators have created a remarkable show that should appeal to anyone interested in ancient art, mythology and religion.

The Program. The tour will be led by Ken Rothwell, Vice President of CAM, and Professor and Chair, Department of Classics, UMass Boston. We will begin with a one-hour tour of the exhibit, followed by extra time for questions and informal discussion about completing the lesson plan exercise. Groups will be limited to twenty-five CAM members at a time.

Instructions for creating a product and lesson plans will be distributed. You will be asked to relate works of art in the exhibit to our understanding of Aphrodite and Venus. In particular (because we are mostly Latin teachers) we will look at how Greek views of Aphrodite differed from Roman views of Venus. Upon completion Prof. Rothwell will review your plans and send certification of twelve PDPs.

Cost. The tour is open to members of CAM. If you are not yet a member or need to renew your membership, please send the enclosed membership form (cost of membership is \$10.00). Cost of the tour will be \$15.00, payable to CAM.

Remember that admission to the MFA is \$22.00 for non-members.

You should also consider getting the exhibition catalog, *Aphrodite and the Gods of Love*, ed. Christine Kondoleon. It is available at the MFA Bookstore (softcover \$35.00, hardcover \$55.00, though the bookstore web site advertises discounts). This is a very reasonable price for a book as nicely done as this one.

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