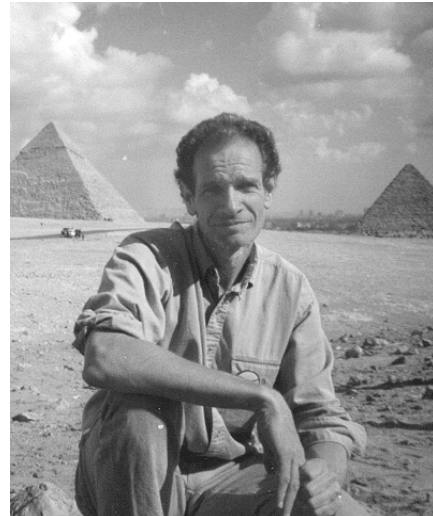


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Egyptologist presents case for King Tutankhamen's murder

On Sunday, October 16, Dr. Bob Brier, a respected Egyptologist and host of The Learning Channel's acclaimed series *The Great Egyptians*, will present a unique one-time lecture at the Fleming Museum on his research and resulting premise regarding the life and death of the world's most famous mummy, King Tutankhamen.

Obscured in the shadows of his famous tomb and its many treasures, the cause of death for Egypt's boy-king, Tutankhamen, has remained largely an enigma. Recent forensic and historical investigations by Brier have led him to a controversial hypothesis that the eighteen year-old Tutankhamen was murdered.



Dr. Bob Brier. This image is available for download at www.flemingmuseum.org under press releases.

X-Rays of Tutankhamen's skull reveal a curious location whose condition is consistent with skulls known to have suffered a violent blow. The prospect of such a massive injury being deliberate and premeditated is explored in Brier's 1998 book, "The Murder of Tutankhamen." Reconstructing the events of Tutankhamen's life from the wall painting and hieroglyphic evidence, Brier builds a persuasive argument for intrigue and deadly motive in the Egyptian court over 3,000 years ago.

A specialist in paleopathology, the study of diseases in the ancient world, Brier has conducted pioneering research in mummification practices culminating in 1994, when he and a colleague became the first people in over 2,000 years to mummify a human cadaver using the same techniques as the ancient Egyptians.

Since the release of his book seven years ago, Brier's theory has sparked renewed interest in the young king, including numerous documentaries, wide press coverage, and a recent

announcement by Egyptian authorities of their plans to examine Tutankhamen's remains in an effort to verify Brier's theory.

The lecture begins at 3:00 with a reception to follow in the Marble court. Regular museum admission applies: \$5 adults, \$10 family, and \$3 students and seniors. Free admission for Museum members, UVM, Burlington College, Champlain College, Community College of Vermont and St. Michael's College faculty, staff, and students; and children 6 and under.

WHAT: **Lecture by Egyptologist Bob Brier**
WHERE: The Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont
WHEN: October 16, 2005, 3:00 PM. Reception to follow
COST: \$ 5 Adults \$ 10 Family \$3 Students & Seniors
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