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## Claoma Fearing: A Favorite Dig Volunteer Dies

In the four dig seasons conducted at Tall Jalul, no one has been asked about more than Claoma Suhrie Fearing. Often a note has been attached to an application or at the end of a telephone call, "Do you know whether or not Claoma is returning again this year?" Claoma participated in the 1992, 1994 and 1996 excavation seasons, but her presence as a charming Christian mother to all (cf. upper right photo p. 2), even through trying times with a very painful leg from an unfortunate accident she sustained during the 1992 season (cf. center photos p. 2), will never be forgotten by those of us who worked with her.

Claoma was born in Paterson, New Jersey and graduated from Columbia Union College with a degree in nursing. Married to Richard D. Fearing, a minister and church administrator, she lived in many places. Perhaps that influenced her interest in travel. Besides seasons at Tall Jalul, she also toured the Middle East in 1981 and 1991.

She gained an interest in archaeology from her father, who was an avid reader of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, which she also read. She also gained an interest in old Bibles and manuscripts from her father. Her hobbies included needlework and collecting shells.

Unfortunately, Claoma developed leukemia and, while receiving treatment for that illness, sustained a fatal stroke. Claoma was the mother of five children and seven grandchildren. Certainly, she was family to all of us. (David Merling)



1992 Season participants at Tall Jalul (Claoma: back row, far right).

## Claoma: A Photo Essay

A leisurely meal at camp



Dr. Younker  
excavating leg



Cleaning  
Pottery



Hard at work at the sift

## Memorial

The Fearing family and the Horn Archaeological Museum have established the CLAOMA SUHRIE FEARING MEMORIAL FUND. This fund will be used for the purchase of artifacts, Museum display materials, teaching, research and field equipment. We invite our readership to consider making a gift to this fund. Those who have already contributed to the fund include:

George Fearing  
 Larry and Jane Dodds      Gerda and Warren Fish  
 Dougherty & Company Certified Public Accountants  
 Dorothy Patchett      Margaret Patchett  
 Cornelius Pestes      Eva Rembolt  
 Tom and Kim Russell

### Facets of Jordan

*by Pete Love*

Arabic language, soft and lilting.  
 Bedou tents that dot the land;  
 Camels, like great ships a-'sailing,  
 Dreams of distant caravans.

Echoes from the past may blend with  
 Falafels from a street-side stand;  
 Goats and sheep still huddle tight 'gainst  
 Harsh winds blowing shifting sand.

Islam brings a way of life to  
 Jordan, and its people bend;  
 Koran provides law and order,  
 Life, in harmony, to blend.

Mosque and Church exist together.  
 New and old go hand in hand;  
 Oases of the past still speak of  
 People in a changing land.

Quiet spots for meditation,  
 Raucous Souk, where noise is found;  
 Spires that reach their hands to heaven,  
 Tents that anchor feet to ground.

Urban life, with new beat pulsing.  
 Villagers embrace the old;  
 Walls of Ancients, quietly crumbling,  
 Youthful dreams, the post enfold.

Claoma found out, as expressed by Pete Love in his acrostic poem, that Jordan is a many-faceted and fascinating country. The people are friendly and very proud of their heritage. The land is a paradox with new and old existing side by side.

# RANDOM SURVEY

## *Palace Excavated:*

A group of German, Italian and Syrian archaeologists have rediscovered a palace originally dug by the French in the 1920s and 30s, but since reburied. The palace is located at Qatna (Tell Mischerfe) north of Damascus. Some of the walls were up to 5 m wide. A monumental room measuring 40 x 50 m has been exposed. Its collapsed roof is thought to have been held up by wooden pillars. The city reached its peak in the early second millennium B.C. at a time when they had far-reaching trade relations, wealth and political power.

## *Institute Staff elected ASOR Trustees:*

Institute of Archaeology director Randall Younker and Øystein LaBianca have been elected as trustees of the *American Schools of Oriental Research* class of 2003. They were both in attendance at the Centennial Program held in Washington, D.C. April 14-16.

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## *Guterbock Dies:*

One of the world's foremost scholars Hans G. Guterbock died on March 29 in Chicago. He published extensively on the Hittites, a people who settled on the central plateau of Anatolia (modern Turkey). The earliest Hittite texts date to ca. 1600 B.C. The language is Indo-European, but written in cuneiform script. Guterbock was the author of many groundbreaking studies on the Hittites and will be greatly missed.

## *In Memory of Jim Sauer:*

A couple of issues ago (20.4) we ran an article on Jim Sauer's recent death. In it we mentioned that a *festschrift* in his honor was in the making. This volume has now been published by Eisenbrauns and is entitled *The Archaeology of Jordan and Beyond*. The volume is edited by L. Stager, J. A. Green and M. Coogan. We would also like to thank Oscar and Abigail Schultz for their gift to the Horn Archaeological Museum in memory of Jim.

## *Scales:*

The Archaeological Institute of America, San Diego Society offers plastic centimeter scales used by archaeologists in object photographs for sale. See their web page at: <http://www.theglyph.com/scales.html>.

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