

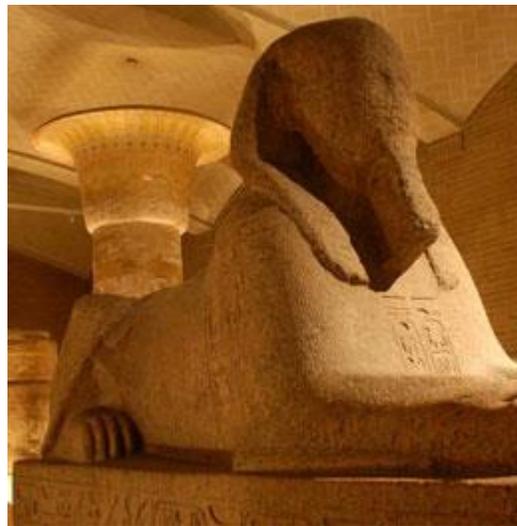


Workshops are led by graduate students from the university

Who We Are

About Us

Founded in 1887, the Penn Museum has always been one of the world's great archaeology and anthropology research museums, and the largest university museum in the United States. With roughly one million objects in our care, the Penn Museum encapsulates and illustrates the human story: who we are and where we came from.



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Check out the rest of our galleries!

- The Penn Museum has two Egyptian galleries, which include our world famous Sphinx, multiple mummies, and dozens of cultural objects.
- Visit some of our newer exhibitions. Cultures in the Crossfire: Stories from Syria and Iraq. This tells the harrowing story about the cultural heritage that is being destroyed in war-torn regions. Native American Voices: The People- Here and Now. Remarkable objects and contemporary voices combine to offer visitors a new understanding of the first inhabitants of this land, as told through Native American perspectives.
- The Penn Museum is currently undergoing several renovations, and we are excited to announce that our new Middle East gallery will open in April of 2018.
- Our permanent galleries include Greece, Rome and Etruscan Italy, China, Canaan and Israel, Africa, and Mexico and Central America.

OBL WORKSHOPS

*Public workshops at the
Penn Museum*



What is Object Based Learning?

Object Based learning is the incorporation of objects into education. In a museum, these objects are the artifacts. Learning is centered on physically handling an artifact and creating a tactile experience.

Education that allows for hands-on experiences with objects is proven to help people form long term memories, make personal connections, and think more critically. Experiences that engage multiple senses including hearing, touching, and seeing, are more beneficial.

And people love the opportunity to touch items!

Survival and Technology Workshop

In order to survive, humans must meet their basic needs: food, shelter, and clothing. But how do we meet those needs? Humans have used materials in their environment or created technology to help them survive.



In this workshop, visitors can choose from an assortment of basic needs and their associated technologies to discuss, and get up close with related artifacts.

- Illumination
- Clothing
- Transportation
- Shelter
- Writing
- Tools

We recommend three topics at a time, so guests can make a return trip to discuss the others!



Shoes worn in Chinese foot binding

Body Modification Workshop

This workshop is all about body modification practices around the world.

- Tattoos
- Piercings
- Scarification
- Foot binding

People from every culture have been deliberately altering their bodies for thousands of years. These modifications could represent cultural ideas of beauty or mark rites of passage.

In this workshop, visitors will learn about different body modification practices in cultures across the world, learn why people participate in these practices, and get up close with related artifacts.