

**The Vergilian Society of America, Inc.,  
Tufts University, and Brandeis University  
present  
THE CULTURAL RESPONSE TO THE VOLCANIC LANDSCAPE  
Villa Vergiliana, Cumae, Italy  
Friday, October 27 through Sunday October 29, 1995**

**Program:****FRIDAY**, October 27, 1995

INTRODUCTION: MIRIAM S. BALMUTH, Tufts University

WELCOME: PATRICIA A. JOHNSTON,  
President, Vergilian Society;  
Professor, Brandeis University.

Session A: "VESUVIUS, AETNA, SANTORINI AND MT. ST. HELENS"  
Presiding: CLAUDE ALBORE LIVADIE, Istituto Francese, Naples.

ROBERTO SANTACROCE, University of Pisa, Professor of Geology,  
"Understanding Vesuvius: A Proposed Model."

DAVID CHESTER, University of Liverpool, Professor of Geography,  
"Mount Etna: The Anatomy of a Volcano."

FILM of Mount St. Helens.

**SATURDAY**, October 28, 1995

Session B: "VESUVIUS IN ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND LITERATURE"  
Presiding: RENATO PERONI, University of Rome

MARISA DE SPAGNOLIS CONTICELLO, Pompeii,  
"New Discoveries in Pompeii."

PATRICIA A. JOHNSTON, Professor of Classics, Brandeis University,  
"Vergil's Aeneid and the Volcanic Landscape."

BALDASSARE CONTICELLO, Soprintendenza, Rome.  
"Indirect Knowledge of Earthquakes during the Roman Period: Fractures of Ancient Wall-Structures."

ANTONIO VARONE,  
"Evidence from Via dell'Abbondanza"

Session C: "VESUVIUS AND BEYOND: VOLCANOES AND HUMAN INTERACTION"  
Presiding: BALDASSARE CONTICELLO, Soprintendenza, Rome

LUCIA CIVETTA, Director of Observatory at Pompeii,  
"Volcanism of the Neapolitan Area: Landscape Variation and the Volcanic Risk."

PATRICIA HILTON-CAPONE, Peabody Museum, Harvard University,  
"Cultural Preference of Volcanic Material in the American Southwest."

Session D: "PRODUCTS OF VOLCANISM: OBSIDIAN, PUMICE, TUFF, and CONCRETE"  
Presiding: PAULA MINIERO, Director, Museo di Castello di Baia

ROBERT TYKOT, Harvard University,

"Bronze Age Vesuvian Pumice as Temper in Pottery."

R. MASSOLI-NOVELLI and E. BUZZI, University of L'Aquila,  
"Tuff: Ancient Churches in Cappadocia; Roman Catacombs."

MIRIAM S. BALMUTH, Tufts University.

"Concrete and Continuity: Vitruvius, Pozzolana, the Market of Trajan in Rome and the Galleria in Worcester, Massachusetts."

**SUNDAY**, October 29, 1995

Session F: "PHLEGRAEAN FIELDS: INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION"

Presiding: PATRICIA. A. JOHNSTON, President, Vergilian Society.

GIOVANNI ORSI, University of Naples, Professor of Geology

"The Geological and Volcanological Evolution of the Phlegrean Fields."

PAULA MINIERO, Director Museo Castello Baia,

JEAN D'AMATO THOMAS, Scholars' College, Northwestern State University of Louisiana,

"Volcanic Activity: Historical and Cultural Issues"

JEAN D'AMATO THOMAS, GIOVANNI ORSI and LUCIA CIVETTA:

Bus Tour of the Phlegrean Fields

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