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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

*Discover the beauty and allure of ancient Egypt!*

**TUTANKHAMUN:  
"Wonderful Things" From The Pharaoh's Tomb**

On exhibit

September 24 – December 23, 2011

MIDLAND - Majesty and mystery unfold in a dazzling collection of reproductions of legendary treasures recreating the richest archaeological find of all time. The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art at Midland Center for the Arts presents ***TUTANKHAMUN: "Wonderful Things" From The Pharaoh's Tomb*** September 24 – December 23, 2011. From his magnificent state chariot to golden shrines, jewelry, funerary mask, and royal mummy, 126 replicas of the pharaoh's sacred and personal possessions, along with other artifacts from the period of Tutankhamun's reign, reconstruct both the historic discovery of the tomb by Howard Carter and the life and times of Egypt's celebrated "Boy King." Admission to the exhibition is \$8 Adults, \$5 Children, FREE to Museum members. Museum hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, Thursday 10 am to 8 pm, Sundays 1 pm to 5 pm, CLOSED Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays. Exhibit Sponsor: Morley. Print Sponsor: Quick Reliable Printing.

*TUTANKHAMUN: "Wonderful Things From The Pharaoh's Tomb" is presented in association with The International Museum Institute of New York.*

**Information:** Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org)

**Find this on our website:** <http://www.mcfta.org/ExhibitionsABDM.html#pharaoh>

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**"I see wonderful things." ~ Howard Carter, discoverer of Tutankhamun's tomb**

Egypt's mystique remains unsurpassed, and what lies beneath continues to capture man's imagination. This classic exhibition vividly brings to life the enigmatic age of 18th Dynasty Egypt using five chambers to evoke the timeless mystery of the ancient tomb:

- An Introduction to Ancient Egypt
- The Archaeological Discovery
- The Private Pharaoh

- The Public Pharaoh
- The Royal Burial

Additional artifacts from the period reconstruct both the 1922 discovery of the tomb by Howard Carter, and the life and times of ancient Egypt. The pharaoh's much-overlooked African heritage is explored, along with the religious magic of the sacred objects and the infamous "curse" of Tutankhamun.

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## **SPECIAL PROGRAMMING:**

An **Opening Reception** will be held on October 8, 7 – 9 pm. FREE and open to the public.

**Guided Tours** will be offered FREE with Museum admission **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** and **Sundays at 2 pm**. Join our Museum educators for a one-hour glimpse into the life and legacy of Egypt's "Boy King." Plus, all **Thursday** visitors will receive a FREE GIFT with their admission purchase, while supplies last.

### **"EGYPT ENCOUNTER" SCOUT DAY**

**October 1, 2011**

A day packed with excitement, including Delta College Planetarium's *Stars of the Pharaohs* and *Tutankhamun* at Midland Center for the Arts! Limited space. Details and tickets at [mcfta.org](http://mcfta.org).

**"Kidding Around With King Tut":** "Journey" through ancient Egypt on a tour specifically created for kids ages 5 and up. You'll conclude your experience with an Egyptian-themed craft in our art studios. Limited space; pre-registration is advised. Dates are **October 29 & November 12, 1 – 2:30 pm**. Sponsored by Arbury Insurance Agency. Cost is \$3 plus Museum admission.

Also offered is a **Combo Ticket** to experience both Delta College Planetarium's *Stars of the Pharaohs* and the *Tutankhamun* exhibition for one low price: \$10 adults, \$9 seniors (Ages 60+), \$7 children (Ages 4 – 14). Learn how ancient Egyptians used the stars to tell time, create a workable calendar, and align huge buildings. Footage shot on location in Egypt recreates the original splendor of some of the most spectacular temples and tombs of the ancient world. Information at [www.delta.edu/planets](http://www.delta.edu/planets).

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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