

Announcements

Alternative Gift Fair and Bake Sale

When: **Saturday, October 25, 2008 --- 9:30 am–4:30 pm**

Where: **Broadmoor Community Church , 315 Lake Ave., Colorado Springs, CO.** Directions to the Fair: take Exit 138 (Circle Drive) west from I-25. Circle Drive becomes Lake Ave. The Broadmoor Community Church is less than 2 miles on the left.

The **Alternative Gift Fair** brings unique handmade gifts from all over the world by 25 different non-profit organizations helping to alleviate hunger, poverty, and disease in developing countries and here in Colorado. The crafts are made by indigenous people working their way to a better life through skilled hands. Visiting the Fair is like traveling the world for gifts—African crafts, traditional Tibetan arts, Peruvian alpaca sweaters, Guatemalan woven textiles and coffee, jewelry from Ethiopia and Uganda, silks from Laos and southeast Asia, cards from Rwanda, and one-of-a-kind crafts and food from Colorado.

For information or questions, contact Carol Wilkinson at 719-576-4530.

The Mummies of Chinese Turkestan

Speaker: **Dr. Elizabeth Wayland Barber**

When: **Thursday, November 13, 2008 --- 7:00 pm**

Where: **Unity Church, 2855 Folsom, Boulder, CO** (southwest corner of Folsom & Valmont)

Local archaeologists working in Chinese Turkestan uncovered numerous naturally mummified and spectacularly clothed bodies of Caucasians dating to the Bronze Age, 3000-4000 years ago. Since little besides clothing was put into the graves, Dr. Elizabeth Barber, an expert on prehistoric textiles, was invited to accompany an expedition from the University of Pennsylvania to Western China to help determine facts about these displaced Westerners. Why, when, and from where did these folk enter the Tarim Basin with their flocks of woolly sheep to become the area's first permanent inhabitants, more than 1500 years before the Chinese established the famed Silk Road from the east? Dr. Barber's talk is richly illustrated with her photographs of the often-magnificent textiles and other artifacts discovered in this remote desert region.