

The Society for Ancient Agricultural Knowledge. (A01-humphreys084606-Poster)

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Abstract:

Ancient agricultural literature should have a prominent place in agricultural education. The ancient Greek and Roman agricultural writers were no strangers to scientific experimentation, and have much to offer students in the way of foundational knowledge and application. The Society for Ancient Agricultural Knowledge is a non-profit society founded to explore ancient works in the agricultural sciences. The goals of the society are as follows: 1) To explore the primary texts in ancient agriculture in a formal, yet understandable way, 2) To hear various scholars (such as historians, archaeologists, classicists) give presentations on the several aspects related to ancient agriculture, and 3) To consciously develop an understanding of the foundations of Western agricultural practices and how those foundations relate to modern agronomy. The society exists as an educational group specifically for students and faculty at Oklahoma State University, and generally as a forum for broader discussion with its publication of *Helicon* - consisting of short articles on ancient agricultural subjects.

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