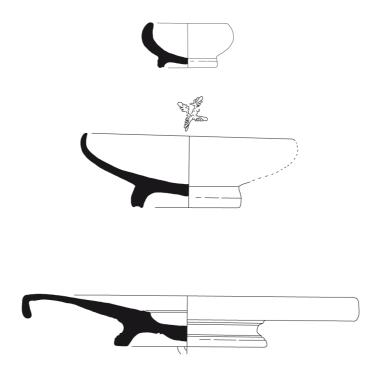
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In memoriam Glenn E. Markoe (NYCity 1951 – Kenwood 2012)

Eric Gubel



Glenn E. Markoe (Cyprus 1986; photo courtesy Christoph Briese).

In 1978, a grant from the University of California, Berkeley, allowed Glenn Markoe to examine the major collections of Phoenician bowls outside the USA, a trip during which he was also able to add several experts in the field of Phoenician studies to his network. Faced with this dynamic, always good humoured, extremely courteous young scholar who impressed everyone with his remarkable panoramic knowledge of the oriental, pre- and classical world, museum curators instantly followed the example of their American colleagues in providing him with all the information he was looking for. The result of his storeroom explorations and in-depth discussions with leading experts on a variety of topics was published in 1985 as the 26th volume of the *Classical Studies* series of his *alma mater* under the title *Phoenician Bronze and Silver Bowls from Cyprus and the Mediterranean*

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¹ The year before, Ayako Imai, a former student of Edith Porada, had obtained her PHD degree from Columbia University for a study on the same subject but with a different approach, a work which was unfortunately never published (Imai 1984).

(Markoe 1985). Today, Glenn's impressive achievement still stands out as a major contribution to the appreciation of this particular artistic output, with detailed catalogue entries and state of the art illustrations. His analysis of the iconography of the bowls is still authorative as underscored by studies signed by other experts which were published in the past two decades and the same goes for the bowls' chronological distribution he subdivided into four successive phases (I-IV). Recent new finds from e.g. Euboia and re-appraisals of some individual bowls, viz. small groups from a same workshop, may indeed require a re-numbering of the phases (II-V), with an early group (I) covering the period c.1050-850 BCE. Nevertheless, Markoe's subdivision of the chronological span as proposed in 1985 basically remains untouched.

In the following years, Glenn continued to work as an independent curatorial assistant in several US museums, until, in 1988, he was appointed Senior Curator of Classical and Near Eastern Art at the prestigious Cincinnati Museum.²

In the course of his earlier research on bowls, Glenn had come across a number of other objects, mostly sculptures, which stimulated his intellectual curiosity and out-of-the-box thinking. His interest in cultural interactions in the Mediterranean world as witnessed by the decoration of the bowls he studied in his monograph, concretized in his articles for the *Report of the Department of Antiquities, Cyprus* and other scientific journals - at the same time a tribute to the cultural patrimony of Cyprus which had deeply impressed him (Markoe 1987; 1988a; 1988c; 1990a). In her moving obituary for her younger brother, his sister, the author and Emmy Award winning writer Merrill reminds us that he was also charmed by the way his name was pronounced in the local tongue, a reason to address her "goofy but

Award winning writer Merrill reminds us that he was also charmed by the way his name was pronounced in the local tongue, a reason to address her "goofy but brilliant brother" teasingly ever since as "Brother Glown". Between 1989 and 2002, Glenn devoted several studies to Cypriote and Greek painted vases, mostly on the Orientalising subject matter of their decoration (Markoe 1988b; 1989; 1990b; 1992b; 1996a; 2000a). In congresses on the other hand, his much appreciated contributions primarily focused on the role of the Phoenicians in Mediterranean trade routes: when, why and how? – to name but a few of the topics he tackled in this perspective (Markoe 1992a; 1996b; 1998; 2003b). Students of Phoenician and Punic archaeology share vivid memories of his paper read at the Cádiz congress in which he drew attention to a possible Phoenician, viz. Punic, intermittence in the production of eye-beads in China (Markoe 2000b).

On the home front, Glenn had already organized, shortly after his nomination as a senior curator at the Cincinnati Art Museum, an international symposium held at the occasion of an exhibition on mosaics from Tunisia in 1990 (Markoe 1990c). The same year saw the publication of his views on early Phoenician art, but museum priorities prevented him temporarily from pursuing his interest in the

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² Articles and catalogue entries from his training period as a future curator include Markoe *et al.* 1981, Markoe 1982, Markoe 1983, and Markoe 1985b.

http://merrillmarkoe.com/rip-dr-glenn-markoe-archaeologistcuratorwriterresearcherand-my-little-brother (retreived June 4, 2013).

subject.⁴ He nonetheless joined up with V. Karageorghis to publish a fragmentary Phoenician(izing) bowl of a type he had already been able to incorporate as a last minute addition to the catalogue of his 1985 book (Karageorghis, Markoe 1996). Also in 1996, he opened the exhibition *Mistress of the House. Mistress of Heaven*, which he had been organizing with A.K. Capel, followed, in 2003, after a preparation of ten years, by *Petra Rediscovered. Lost City of the Nabataeans*.⁵

Meanwhile, the time had come to bring together the manifold insights he had accumulated regarding Phoenician history into a single work. His second monograph, called *Phoenicians*, was published in 2000 in London in the *Peoples of the Past* series, as the result of a collaboration between the British Museum and Berkeley. Four years later, the London based *Folio Society* published a re-edition under a leather-bound cover, an honour Glenn was particularly proud of, and rightly so.

A scientific meeting in the Netherlands allowed me to invite Glenn for an additional lecture on his trip at Brussels' Free University, which he gladly accepted. While staying at our home, we discovered to share a common passion for a wide array of topics far beyond our professional occupations. Which is why we decided to keep on truckin' for a while and head together to the colloquium in Amsterdam (cf. Markoe 1996b) where we swore a solemn oath (most appropriately in the Café américain of the Amsterdam Hampshire Eden as I recall) to continue to exchange information. And so we did. Glenn contacted me from time to time on curatorial issues, as well as for updates on Levantine issues during the preparation of his *Phoenicians* (Markoe 2005). Happily enough, our paths crossed again in Cádiz in 1995 and, in 2006, I was glad that he promptly accepted to contribute an introductory catalogue article with new data on Phoenician bowls for a major exhibition in Paris (Markoe 2007), in spite of some problems he vaguely referred to, but did not expand upon. Consequently, it came as a shock to me to learn that he succumbed last summer to a fatal illness, definitively separated from his beloved children and family. I sincerely hope that they may find some consolation in the foregoing lines expressing the sympathy of a grieving scientific community.

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⁴ Markoe 1990b, incidentally preceding an article by Ephraim Stern on the Dor excavations where Glenn had been introduced at the age of twenty in archaeological fieldwork as a recorder of Prof. A. Stewart, one of his mentors at Berkeley. A few pages further on, Patricia Bikai duly incorporated his "Bowl Book" in her list of compulsory readings on Phoenician matters.

⁵ Markoe 2003c. Besides temporary exhibitions, Glenn was also responsible for the daily management of the permanent African collections of the Cincinnati Art Museum, in addition to those of the Americas. One may wonder indeed where he found time to continue producing studies in his own field.

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