

Afyonkarahisar Museum was established as the Museum Office at Taş Madrasa in 1931, then turned into a Museum in 1933. The modern museum building came into service in 1971. The museum building is a single storey separated into two parts. The exhibition part comprises 9 exhibition halls that are connected to each other. These halls have a very rich collection of artefacts from the Chalcolithic, Bronze, Hittite, Phrygian, Lydian, Roman and Byzantine periods, which are displayed in chronological order.

## The Sculpture Group from Çavdarlı-Kovalı Mound



It was found in the foundation excavation of the state hospital in the district centre of Dinar in Afyonkarahisar province; it is a sarcophagus made of fine-grained white Docimeium (Iscehisar) marble, dated to the last quarter of the 2nd century

CE. There are Nikes on the corners and Medusa

heads on two narrow sides of the sarcophagus

with garlands, which are thought to be made by

artists from Docimeium. On one of the wide sides,

it is depicted Eros with garlands, the struggle

between Achilles and Amazon Queen Penthesilea.

Men and women belong to the owner of a

sarcophagus. Eros, with garlands and a meeting of

Perseus and Andromeda, are portrayed. There is a

shield within the triangular pediment on the lid

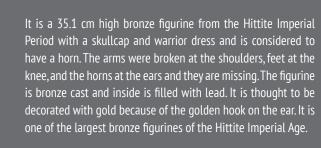
as roof and there are acroters at the corners and

lion head gargoyles at the sides.

It is a sculpture group found during the road construction work carried out in 1964 in Kovalık, in the borders of Çavdarlı village, 17 km east of Afyonkarahisar city centre. All the marble artefacts unearthed are votive materials and their length varies between 110 cm and 29 cm. These are 70 pieces of inventory artefacts in total composed of 36 votive statues and figurines, 13 sculpture pieces, 9 votive steles, 2 votive altars, 2 busts, 6 statue heads and 2 animals. The god and goddess statues and figurines found are in have the variety to form a Pantheon. Among the votive statues, there are gods and goddesses, such as Apollo, Zeus, Cybele, Artemis, Nike, Men, Eros, Asclepius, Hygeia, Leto, Tyche, Aphrodite, and Heracles. It is understood from the stylistic features of the statues and the characteristics of the votive inscription that they were built at the end of the 2nd century BCE and offered to a temple as a votive. The Çavdarlı-Kovalık sculpture group is unique among the sculpture treasures found today.

Apameia Sarcophagus

Ahurhisar Hittite Bronze Figurine





Pot with Figurine Head

The Early Bronze Age pot is handmade with a red slip and has a round body, a round bottom, a beaked rim, and a single handle. It has decoration in the shape of a figurine head. The figurine has a cylindrical protrusion as a polos on its head. Eyebrow, eyeprominent; the nose is arched, and the mouth is emphasized in a single line. It is one of the rare ceremonial vessels with a figurine head.



Artemis Figurine



Standing on a pedestal, it is a votive figurine of Artemis. He is holding an arrow in his right hand and a bow in his left hand. It is depicted with a dog with a missing head next to it. There are two lines of votive inscriptions on the pedestal.



Synnada Coin

