

	<p>Object: Necklace with pendant</p> <p>Museum: Національний музей історії України вулиця Володимирська, 2 01001 Київ +380442784864 history_museum@nmiu.org</p> <p>Collection: Скарбниця НМІУ, Пам'ятки ювелірного мистецтва доби бронзи та раннього заліза</p> <p>Inventory number: АЗС-3741</p>
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Description

The necklace consists of 34 oval beads and 4 tube beads and is decorated with an exquisite crescent pendant "lunnytsia" with a floral decoration made of smooth and scarred wire and a miniature pendant in the form of a woman's head.

Golden lunnytsias are characteristic of Scythian burials, no older than the 5th century BCE.

Lunnytsia symbolizes the moon (heavenly luminary, which is considered the patron of fertility and childbearing) and the feminine essence. They usually served as a pendant to a necklace and were considered an amulet. According to the ideas of the time, they were worn to protect themselves from evil forces, demons and witchcraft, but especially from the evil eye.

Lunnytsias were common throughout the Pontic and Mediterranean region.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Gold, faience or dull glass, forging, embossing, molding, gilding, filigree
Measurements:	l 13, w 9 мм

Events

Created	When	5 ст. до н. е.
	Who	
	Where	Північне Причорномор'я
Found	When	1974
	Who	Василь Іванович Бідзіля (1936-1999)

Buried	Where	Тополине (Запорізька область)
	When	5 ст. до н. е.
[Relationship to location]	Who	
	Where	Курган № 1 (Казенна Могила), поховання № 3 поблизу села Тополине (Шмальки), Запорізька обл., Україна
	When	
[Relation to person or institution]	Who	
	Where	Ukraine
	When	
	Who	Запорізька археологічна експедиція Інституту Археології
	Where	

Keywords

- Доба раннього заліза
- Скіфи
- скіфська культура

Literature

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