

My abiding memory of Sheikh Nasser is of sitting in the Collection office in Mahboula, discussing around the leather sofas in Sue's office, where Sheikh Nasser would sit, drinking coffee and passing around the objects for our perusal and comment. With his habitual courtesy, he ensured that everyone present was included in the appraisal and discussion. This photo of eminent American scholars, Dr Prue Harper and Dr Martha Carter, who were visiting in 2015, perfectly encapsulates the atmosphere of intellectual curiosity and excitement that was generated on these occasions. The gold vases, exceptional in every way, were particular favourites of Sheikh Nasser's at the time. I will always cherish these memories of a remarkable man and a great collector from whom I learnt so much.

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