



Taking care of one another

When less in person socializing can occur due to provincial restrictions, we want to ensure our members and potential members continue to see the value of Sons of Norway membership. Though in person sharing of good Norwegian food and culture is one of my personal favorite benefits of SON membership, this is a time people can take advantage of personal growth skills and time with family. Get those kids and grandkids in your bubble keen on some Norwegian topics, practice language together, learn to make those things that you always meant to learn. While you are at it, consider members who may not quite have had the chance to explore SON fully, or who relied on social events to get their fill of Norwegian culture.

Here are some ideas to retain their and your own interest in the organization and in your local lodge:

- Keep contact with your members young and old. Send a postcard, place a call, deliver flowers, or offer a basket of garden produce.
- Organize some virtual activities for your members. When safe, ask a younger member to help install software on a veteran member's computer. Grandchildren are perfect for this task.
- It never too early to begin thinking of 2021! Ask your lodge's membership committee to plan an engaging membership recruitment dinner. The Financial side of the Sons of Norway helps to fund this kind of event.

NEXT MEETING!

- OUR REGULAR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 2020 IS CANCELLED TO PREVENT SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS. WE WILL INFORM WHEN SOCIAL EVENTS ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN.
- HOPEFULLY SEE YOU SOON, STAY TUNED!
SOCIALIZING
- SHOULD BE AT A DISTANCE. GIVE A FRIEND A CALL INSTEAD. PLEASE STAY HEALTHY.

- When you receive your lodge's Monthly Activity report, contact those members whose dues are past due. Do not ignore them or leave their membership to chance.
- Plan a fall outing for your lodge by car. If there are places to stop with a Norwegian bent, socially distance your members and enjoy the destination.
- If you want to make this outing into a Scavenger Hunt, plan out the list of items to locate ahead of time. Photographs are optional. Provide a prize for the winners. Publish the winners' photos in your next lodge newsletter.
- Make a list of suggested Norwegian movies that your members can watch at their leisure.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Our Canada Day celebration on July 1st was well attended with twenty-two members and guests coming out. It was held outside at the Clubhouse on Arbour Lane. A big thank you to Lillian Hope, Gwen Vonarx and Pia Pedersen as they worked very hard to make this social as safe as possible for our members.

Our meetings and socials at Bowen Park Complex have been cancelled for the rest of this year. There were too many restrictions in place including that we would not have been able to make coffee or serve any food.

When we will be able to meet or have a social for the remainder of the year, I'll book the Arbour Lane Clubhouse. I hope you are all well and enjoyed our wonderful summer weather.

Fraternally,

Ida Pedersen
President
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Important Notice

David Crabb, Fraternal Engagement Manager, continues to send out brief weekly video update emails to lodge leaders with news, tips and advice as we work together to strengthen our organization. These videos have quickly become very popular, and he has received great notes and comments from viewers. In the most recent video, David asks for your feedback on your favorite social, cultural, and educational programs. He then outlines plans for a full virtual programming calendar for 2021. Upcoming topics include using Social Media-Facebook to engage members and promote your lodge.

We encourage you to take a couple of minutes to watch these emails as you receive them. If you are not receiving them, please update your email with headquarters so you can receive updated information from headquarters. Check out an important recent video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEj_pl1ikTM&feature=youtu.be



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1895-2020

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We have not been having lodge meetings, but at District and International levels important meetings are still being held virtually. Here are some membership recruitment tips passed down through one of the other District Vice Presidents to our District 7 VP Jim Tore Breivik:

- 1) Always carry the ability to register new members with you. That may take the form of a hard copy flyer, your cell phone, or a tablet. With our now secure browser in place, on-line applications are easily processed.
- 2) Keep a folder in your car with materials on cultural skills, scholarships, and member benefits. Include a Viking magazine.
- 3) Be sure to speak to people of all age demographics about the Sons of Norway. How does your lodge meet the needs of varying demographics? What should be added?
- 4) Publicize your local events in multiple places and formats.
- 5) Tell our story. It is okay to brag a *little bit*, we have much to offer.
- 6) Provide the background information of our founding. We are a fraternal organization and proud of it. We have stood the test of time, and we will be there to help our families through their life moments.
- 7) Give people reasons to join the Sons of Norway:
 - a) Tout the Foundation scholarship program for youth and adult learners.
 - b) Refer to Viking magazine and its award-winning content.
 - c) Provide a card to visitors with a schedule of your lodge's programming.
 - d) Direct your members to the Sons of Norway website where a plethora of material is available to them from language classes to cooking. The Sons of Norway Blog has current news from Norway.
 - e) Speak about the wonderful things you offer at your lodge's meetings.
 - f) Explain how your lodge has become a proud community partner and share some of the projects you have helped to fund.
 - g) Provide table tents for your meeting tables that provide information about upcoming events for your members.
 - h) Make certain your lodge's newsletter is entertaining and engaging.
 - i) Keep your virtual presence up to date.
 - j) Consider gifting a membership at one of your upcoming events.
 - k) Fund Norwegian heritage camp experiences for youth.
 - l) Organize a Barneløpet ski event for children or offer another activity.
 - m) Hold a Norwegian Baking Workshop.
 - n) Provide space for an artisan to offer classes of interest to your members.

SOCIAL REPORT

Another month of isolation and mask wearing but it is worth it to keep COVID-19 low. We must remain vigilant and beat this awful interruption in our lives! Keep safe!

Little news from the social directors in the lodges with few get togethers! I have to put on my cultural director's hat and write an article about some cultural aspects of Norway.

Linda Harvey, Social/Cultural Director

A VIRTUAL TRIP TO NORWAY

Since we can't do too much travelling, let's go on a virtual trip to Norway! Get yourself some good walking shoes, a *ryggsekk* (backpack) and comfortable clothes as we are going on a walking tour. We need to have some time for meditation and calmness which we will find in nature along the way.

Have you heard of the Nidaros Pilgrimage Trail? Well, we are headed that way. Get your passport out!

I'll tell you a bit about it before we go...

"The Pilgrim's Route, (Pilegrimsleden) also known as St. Olav's Way or the Old Kings' Road, was a pilgrimage route to the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway, the site of the medieval tomb of St. Olav. The main route is approximately 640 kilometres (400 mi) long. It starts in the ancient part of Oslo and heads north along the lake Mjøsa, up the Gudbrandsdal valley, over the Dovrefjell mountains, and down the Oppdal and Gauldalen valleys to end at the Nidaros Cathedral"

We will have a wonderful time in the great outdoors of Norway as we will cross mountains, see waterfalls, pass villages and farms and we will meet the locals who will tell us about the history of the pilgrimage and also about the Norwegian culture and local traditions.

Why have people walked this route for a THOUSAND years? This pilgrimage is a journey towards a holy place, Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, a place to pray, ask forgiveness and give thanks. Getting there gives us the time for reflection and is a spiritual renewal in nature. All of us will experience a personal spiritual voyage, a walk through culture and time and a walk through the lowlands and highlands of Norway.

Let me tell you how this all started. A Norwegian King, Olav Haraldsson became martyred at the Battle of Stiklestad in 1030. Later he was canonized. Suddenly, miracles were attributed to St. Olav and because of that, pilgrims from all parts of Europe came to Nidaros where the slain king was buried. When King Olav was slain, his body was buried in a location near the battlefield. His body was removed from his grave and was reburied in Nidaros where the Cathedral was later erected on top of his grave. ...cont on page 4...

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Are you ready? I hope you booked a month holiday as the walk will take a month!!

Let's start "The Pilgrim's Way" in medieval Oslo. We can go two different ways, the eastern one passes on the right-hand side of the Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, and from there goes to Eidsvoll and Hamar. The western trail goes to the left and travels to Gjøvik. Both trails meet at Lillehammer. From there we will go up uphill to the Gudbrandsdal valley and then we cross the Dovrefjell through Oppdal and into Trondheim. This is a 643 km long trek.

Since we are leaving from Oslo you don't have to know all the different routes to Nidaros but I will mention it anyway!! Several routes start in Sweden. One was the Rombleden the route from Selanger which passes through Stiklestad, the place where King Olav was killed in battle. Another route was the Østerdalsleden.

Before we leave Oslo, let's get a pilgrim's blessing from one of the three pilgrim priests who live in Oslo. As we hike from Oslo we see so many beautiful landscapes especially walking alongside Lake Mjøsa. Are your feet sore yet? I hope you brought a walking stick!! At Gjøvik we will see the mountain that housed the hockey rink for the 1994 Olympics.

Oh, there is Lillehammer, isn't it beautiful nestled in the Gudbrandsdalen valley. See the Olympic ski jumps up on Hafjell? Sorry, we don't have time to visit Maihaugen, the open-air museum!

By now we are ready for dinner and a good night's sleep. The lunch we ate at Lake Mjøsa was delicious, but we are ready for more. Along the way, tourist board supplies shelters to the hikers. We can choose from a stabbur, farmhouse, youth hostel, tourist hotel, church hall, community center or school. Let's pick a stabbur! An experience from the past!

Did everyone have a good sleep? Let's get an early start as we have a lot of ground to cover.

Our map is good, but we must look for the square emblem of a Celtic-like cross otherwise known as St. Olav's Cross. These symbols mark the way of the "Pilgrims' Way". They can be on fence posts, swinging from tree branches, on traffic poles or on cement markers. Let me know if you see one.



Lillehammar



Stabbur



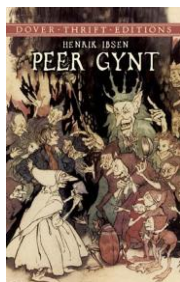
St. Olav's cross marker

The paths we are on are narrow and climb steeply up into the terrain and then into the forest. Can you see Fåberg just over that rise? Further north we approach the settings of Peer Gynt and Kristin Lavransdatter near Hunderfossen. In 1920, Sigrid Undset wrote a trilogy about Kristin Lavransdatter and life before the Black Plague. She writes that Kristin walked barefoot while carrying her baby son to St. Olav's tomb. We are walking in her footsteps!

O.K., everyone vote. Are your backs and feet sore? Who wants to stop for the day? Yes, I thought so; let's find our bed and dinner too.cont on page 5...

A VIRTUAL TRIP TO NORWAY...cont from page 4

We are up early this morning and ready to walk the trails again. After hours of breathtaking scenery, we stop for a drink. Look at that old Stave Church in Ringebu! It was built in 1220. Let's look in it!



On the path to Vinstra. Yes, this is where Peer Gynt was found in 1867. Look at the memorial to him. What a great story. Let's read it tonight before bed!

There are so many turbulent rivers and so many trees! Soon, we will see Otta in the distance. Another night of sleeping soundly! We ate well too. Reindeer steak anyone?

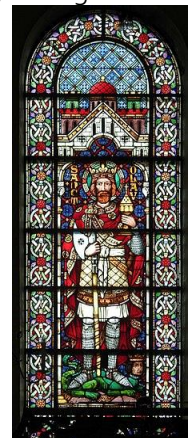
Today we head into Dombås and from there we strive for an overnight stay at the Budsjord farm which is between Dombås and the Dovre Mountains. It was well worth the walk. Look at this farm...and they provide wonderful meals too! Rest well, tomorrow is taking us up to the Dovre Fjell!



Hiking up Dovrefjell was quite a strain. We stopped often for food and lodging along the way. It is bleak and treeless up here so keep up your spirits. Look at the wild rivers and cascading waterfalls! Watch your step; there is snow on the trail! Keep your eyes open for muskox as they live among the rocks and thick moss and lichen. Our spirits are bolstered by the beauty of the area. Oh my, that old farm must date back 300 years! The river runs wild! The snowcapped mountains are majestic! Oh, look at that historical ruin! Time to look for our accommodations. Look, there it is, that's it, a low to the ground cabin. We will make our own dinner tonight! Won't it be nice if someone left some reindeer meat? Let's light a fire!



The sun came up early and we are off. We trudge down to the Orkla Valley and across the hills to Skaun. Look at that "Pilgrim's Way" marker; it says, "35 Km from Nidaros". We are getting so close. Look at the Viking grave mounds. There must be hundreds. The Viking passed through this route over 1000 years ago.



The walk into Trondheim will take a couple of days at least. We walked over more mountain trails and into valleys. We are getting closer to the sea. Is that Trondheim in the distance? Yes, look at the St. Olav's Cross, it says only 4 km to Nidaros. We can make it! We walk slowly through the ancient streets of Trondheim until we see the dome. The Nidaros Cathedral is awe inspiring! So beautiful, so old, so meaningful! Reaching our destination is elating! We each will get a Pilgrim's Way passport to keep as a reminder of an awesome journey of beauty and spiritual self-awareness through Norway.

Don't worry, we are not walking back. We will board our airplane in Trondheim bound for Oslo in two days. Have the aches and pains in your muscles gone? Mine have. What a glorious trip!

* Note from Linda: This trail took us many days to complete and we stayed at many more camps than was mentioned. We averaged 6-12 miles a day.

a little in English...

Viking men also had kitchen equipment in their graves

What were the gender roles like in the Viking Age? A Norwegian archaeologist believes that we often misinterpret the past.

"I think we must move away from a clear division between men and women in the Viking Age. There were not as many differences as we like to believe," says Marianne Moen of the University of Oslo. She

has earned a doctorate in Archeology on gender in the Viking Age and found that women and men in the upper class were largely buried with similar things.

Moen has reviewed the contents of 218 graves in Vestfold and sorted them by type of objects. In the tombs in Vestfold, both common tools and objects related to the home are fairly evenly distributed between the sexes. Men are buried with kitchen equipment as often as women. Ten graves with cookware belong to men, eight are women. Moen thinks this is fun. Because that could mean that men also cooked, she believes.

More than 40 percent of men's tombs contain personal ornamentation such as brooches or beads.

Researchers in Norway are having trouble determining the gender of tombs that lack a clear distinction in weapons, jewelry and textile tools. Every fourth grave in Vestfold is genderless.

"Archaeologists should lift their gaze and avoid focusing on buckles and swords as if they were the most important objects," Moen writes in her dissertation. "Generally within Viking Age studies, grave goods are interpreted as associated with the deceased. So, this should not change in those cases where the grave goods do not fit with modern expectations of what a man or woman should have in the grave."

Excerpted from: <https://forskning.no/arkologi-historie-kjonnog-samfunn/ogsa-vikingmenn-hadde-kjokkenutstyr-med-seg-igraven/1338668>



litt på norsk...

Også vikingmenn hadde kjøkkenutstyr med seg i graven

Hvordan var kjønnsrollene i vikingtida? En norsk arkeolog mener vi ofte feiltolker fortida.

– Jeg mener vi må bevege oss bort fra en tydelig deling mellom menn og kvinner i vikingtida. Det var ikke så mange forskjeller som vi liker å tro, sier Marianne Moen ved Universitetet i Oslo. Hun har tatt doktorgraden i arkeologi om kjønn i vikingtida og funnet ut at kvinner og menn i overklassen stort sett er begravd med lignende ting.

Moen har gått gjennom innholdet fra 218 graver i Vestfold og sortert det etter type gjenstander. I gravene i Vestfold er både vanlige verktøy og gjenstander knyttet

til hjemmet ganske jevnt fordelt mellom kjønnene. Menn er begravd med kjøkkenutstyr like ofte som kvinner. Ti graver med kokekar tilhører menn, åtte er kvinners.

Det synes Moen er gøy. For det kan bety at også menn laget mat, tror hun.

Mer enn 40 prosent av mannsgravene inneholder personlig pynt som brosjer eller perler.

Forskerne i Norge får problemer med å kjønnsbestemme gravene som mangler et tydelig skille i våpen, smykker og tekstilredskaper. Hver fjerde grav i Vestfold er kjønnsløs.

Arkeologene bør løfte blikket og unngå å fokusere på spenner og sverd som om det var de aller viktigste gjenstandene, skriver Moen i doktoravhandlingen sin.

– Generelt innenfor vikingtidsstudier blir gravgods tolket som tilknyttet den avdøde. Da bør ikke dette endres i de tilfellene hvor gravgodset ikke passer med moderne forventninger til hva en mann eller kvinne burde ha med seg i graven.

The Royal Palace Buried Treasure

During World War II, the Norwegian royal family hastily abandoned the royal palace as Hitler's army began its invasion of Norway. Although the family managed to flee to safety, they left behind many precious belongings, including the royal jewels.

Two years later, a Nazi collaborator named Vidkun Quisling took great interest in the royal palace and the abandoned treasures inside. However, upon entering the castle, he discovered the valuables were missing. Fortunately, Carl Otto Løvenskiold, head of the royal court, had decided to safeguard the royal jewelry when the monarchs fled. In the middle of an April night, he went to the palace and packed the jewels into five large suitcases. He took them to his family's cabin, deep in the forest near Oslo, and buried them under the woodshed. The jewels remained hidden there for five years. When the war ended in 1945, Løvenskiold returned the royal jewelry back to the palace. His efforts earned him The Royal St. Olav's Order and a personal thank-you letter from the king.



- Please remember to submit any newsletter submissions by Sept 15 for the Oct 2020 issue.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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I hope you are all faring well during these strange times.

We are healthy but, unfortunately, my job was eliminated by Covid-19; I am a contract-based Brand Ambassador (in-store sampling) which is no longer permitted.

Therefore, I have started a new career - welcome to my Tupperware business!

Tupperware®

Tupperware is amazing; it can help you get organized, makes food prep easier and more efficient, stores foods safely and extends the life of perishables, saving you money! Don't forget, Tupperware is a wonderful gift that will last through generations. Tupperware still has a lifetime guarantee!

Contact me to host a virtual Tupperware Party on Facebook (lots of host gifts available). So much fun!

Please have a look at my website,

<https://piapedersen.my.tupperware.ca>,

check me out on Facebook (Tupperware Consultant Pia Pedersen), email me tupperware.me.pia@gmail.com or call/text me 250-668-3999.

I can process orders from anywhere in Canada, so feel free to share with friends and family!

Your support is truly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Med Vennlig Hilsen

Pia



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

First of all, a warm Hello to fellow members especially those some of us have not spoken with except on the phone or on Zoom as well.

Happy news from one of our newest members; Kristen Hilmo married in August. We wish to say " best wishes and heartiest congratulations " to the bride and groom.

More news; happy too, since they are now home. Three of our members spent varying number of days in hospital: Ann Erb was in hospital in May, Bernie Hansen in August, as well as Ingy Bloodsworth. Ingy is home again but is needing much rest. She likes to hear from friends but, for now, she requested they be short calls. Visits require us to "mask up". We wish each one of you very best wishes.

Phil Davidson: we know how your health issues have not improved. We have not forgotten you nor have we forgotten Irene, your major caregiver. Hope we have not missed offering our support to anyone who has been ill. Please call if you think we can help.

Your Sunshine Committee,
Irene Thomassen (250-585-3372) at present on leave
Sonja Cole (250-756-2406)
Ida Pedersen has been willing to help with Irene on leave. Thank you very much.

By now we are aware how important it is to listen to guidelines from Dr. Henry on how to keep ourselves and others safe from getting COVID infections...keep it up!
Please call Sonja (250-756-2406) or Irene (250-585-3372) if a member you know is ill or needing a visit.

Now available for download, *Viking for Kids* is a quarterly digital publication that includes Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to seeing it in use.
https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/viking-for-kids/

For Sale! Norwegian-English Language board game "NEW AMIGOS" (imported from Norway)

A fun family game to learn Norwegian. This is a great gift for all ages and skill levels. Share the Norwegian language, improve your skills in Norwegian or English!

\$60 + shipping (if applicable)

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Norway's Booming Surf Scene

Surfing is classically associated with tropical islands and sunny California, but recently an unlikely new hotspot has emerged: the frigid waters of northern Norway. As wetsuit insulation technology has advanced over the past decade; it has opened up new possibilities for thrill-seeking surfers to revel in the icy waves and rugged beauty of the Norwegian Sea.

In years past, early Nordic surfers improvised their own protection from the cold by soaking wool sweaters in oil and duct-taping rain gear and dishwashing gloves to their bodies. They also coated their skin in petroleum jelly for added insulation from the cold water. By contrast, today's modern wet suits are warm, flexible and lightweight, offering a completely different experience—some even include battery-powered heaters.

More than 100 miles above the Arctic Circle, Norway's Lofoten Islands are home to the world's northernmost surf competition. Elsewhere in Norway, a growing number of enthusiasts—including Norway's royal family—are braving the chill to catch waves beneath the northern lights or midnight sun.

Artifacts from history

From SON mailouts

In the 1930's, a farmer in southern Norway wanted to cultivate new land, so he set about draining a wetland near his farm. During the process, he discovered several strange items on the wetland: fishhooks and harpoons carved from bone, as well as killer whale bones and bluefin tuna bones. These discoveries eventually ended up in a couple of key museums in Norway. At the time, researchers were unable to piece together any theories related to the items.

In 2017, the story of the discovery sparked the interest of Svein Vatsvåg Nielsen, a PhD candidate from the University of Oslo's Museum of Cultural History. He began studying the artifacts as part of his doctoral work and was able to date the items, as well as explain how they ended up in the wetland. This was all possible because the artifacts had been extremely well preserved in the soil.

Nielsen believes the objects were all from the same general time period: between 3700 and 2500 years BC. During that era, the sea level was higher than it is today, which gave merit to Nielsen's theory that the farmer's wetland field was in fact a lagoon where people from nearby settlements fished. If his theory was true, Nielsen believed there would be additional telling items buried in the wetland. Thus, he proposed an excavation of the site. In 2018, he and his fellow colleagues began to dig.

Nordic News

We have been informed that District Five has been doing something innovative to keep their members engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic. They do a weekly "virtual radio show" on Tuesday nights 6:20 PM (Central time) (this is 4:20pm PST). Presenters are experts in different areas of Nordic or Nordic-American topics. To date, most of the presentations have been on Norwegian or Norwegian-American topics.

Typically, there are 15 to 30 people who attend Nordic News, but Nordic News is recorded, and others watch the archived shows. Lodge officers have asked if they can download Nordic News episodes and use them for their own lodge meetings (yes, they can). District Five is in the process of editing archived Nordic News videos, to make the programs more concise for reuse purposes.

Nordic News is publicized at the District 5 website:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/news/oles_corner.php

It is also publicized in District 5's "Friendly Fifth Friday News (FFFN)":

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/news/friendly_fifth_friday_news.php

District Secretary, Darlene Arneson writes the FFFN for lodge officers in D5 to read. A lot of information from FFFN is used by local lodge editors as copy for their newsletters.

You can view recorded Nordic News, here:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

To view live Nordic News You can participate by:

computer at: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5> or telephone at: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

If you want to use an iPad, iPhone, or Android smartphone or tablet, go to the appropriate app store and download the GoToMeeting app. The session name is SofN-D5

At first, the excavation was not providing the exciting discoveries he had hoped for, turning up only an arrowhead. However, after digging more than a meter into the ground, piles of bone appeared before them. The main finds included mostly bones from bluefin tuna, and more harpoons and fishhooks. Nielsen and his colleagues deduced that the tuna would follow smaller fish into the lagoon and fishermen would hunt them from boats.

These archaeological finds prove very important to Nielsen as he believes they give insight into the daily lives of the people that lived during that era. He states, "Usually we only see what people did on land, and just right around where they lived. We typically do excavations of a hundred square metres around homes. But as soon as people leave their residences, we have no idea what they are doing. They disappear into the fog for us."

Because of the risky nature of hunting bluefin tuna from a boat with a harpoon, Nielsen believes there may be additional artifacts waiting to be found. For example, perhaps they will find a skull from an unlucky fisherman or an entire boat. Although they have not discovered findings like these yet, he knows that time is of the essence if they hope to: the drainage of the wetland changed the conditions and they are no longer ideal for preservation. As a result, the items found in the 1930's are actually much better preserved than items found more recently. Nevertheless, the researchers hope to take on a more thorough excavation of the site in the future to see what other unique items still lie undiscovered.