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Heilsan! Yes, yes - I know another AFA Update isn't due for another week, but there's a lot happening that you ought to know about!

LARGEST VIKING BURIAL SITE IN 50 YEARS FOUND IN NORWAY

A group of Norse graves from the early to mid-Viking Age were recently unearthed in the Vestfold area of Norway. Archeologists believe the burials will tell them much about affluent families that lived in the Gulli Farm area.

Ship nails from the grave have been discovered, though the wooden parts of the vessels have long since rotted away. Weapons, jewelry, and other typical artifacts are likely to be found during the excavation.

The archeological work will have to be done this summer, as the site lies next to a major highway which is due to be expanded later this year.

More information can be found at

<http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article800320.ece>

IRISH VIKING SITE TO BE EXCAVATED!

The Viking site near Waterford, Ireland (described in the last AFA Update) turned out to be larger than anyone imagined. Aerial photography reveals a town stretching more than a kilometer along the Suir River that may have been home to as many as four thousand people, and a sizeable fleet of ships may have regularly moored there. The National Museum is calling it "the find of the century."

Martin Cullen, Minister for the Environment, says he will soon order that the location be excavated.

Details can be found at <http://www.rte.ie/news/2004/0605/viking.html>

MARK MIRABELLO ON “ODIN LIVES!” RADIO

Odin Lives! Radio will broadcast an interview with Dr. Mark Mirabello, author of The Odin Brotherhood, this Thursday evening. You won't want to miss this program!

Odin Lives! is broadcast every Thursday night at 8 PM Eastern Time on a frequency of 7.415 MHz. This broadcast is repeated the next Tuesday morning at 12:15 AM on the same frequency.

You can also listen on the Internet. For information on programs, times, and how to tune in, go to <http://www.odinlives.org/index.html>.

WANTED: ARTIST FOR ASATRU-RELATED BOOK PROJECT

The AFA got a call yesterday from Bob Courtney, a long-time friend and Asa-man living in Alaska. Bob has written a book on the organizational aspects of local Asatru-type communities, and he needs someone to help his concept for the book cover come to life. Artists who would like to have their work considered should contact Bob at (907) 357-9441.

ADVISOR NEEDED FOR VIRGINIA PRISON PROGRAM

This morning we heard from Chaplain Loggins of the Federal prison at Petersburg, Virginia (near Richmond). He was calling on behalf of Rodney Williams, one of the inmates there. The institution has a faith-based “Life Connections” program which prepares men for integration into the outside world prior to their release, and Asatruar are among the participants.

Mr. Williams, the prisoner taking the lead in this endeavor, spoke highly of the program and of Chaplain Loggins' dedication to seeing that the Asatruar there get what they need on the same basis as any other religion. Williams himself sounded articulate and capable, and I think this may be a program deserving support.

I know Virginia has many followers of the Germanic Way. Would any of you care to visit the Petersburg facility from time to time and be the advisor required by this program? If so, please send me an email for more information!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 9 - Day of Remembrance for Sigurd the Volsung. No Germanic hero outshines Sigmund's noble son. His courage and nobility won him fame shining through the centuries. Recall his glory by listening to Wagner's Ring operas, or by doing something generous, or by slaying one of your own private dragons.

June 21 - Midsummer. This is the sun's moment of greatest glory, and the time of longest daylight. After today, the sun's decline begins. Decorate your house with sunwheels. Build a bonfire, or if that's not possible, burn a candle in her honor.

Hail the Holy Ones!

Hail the AFA!

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