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### NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE AFA ONLINE STORE!

We have added five new titles to our online store. You can find them at <http://runestone.org/flash/store/index.htm>!

*\_Tyr #1\_* and *\_Tyr #2\_* are now on our list. This annual, book-length journal celebrates the pre-Christian myth, culture, and social institutions of Europe. Issue number one contains 286 pages, and number two expands to 421 pages, adding a music CD in the process! You'll find authors like Nigel Pennick, Dr. Stephen Flowers, Michael Moynihan, Alain de Benoist, and even Stephen McNallen!

*\_The One-Eyed God: Odin and the (Indo) Germanic Mannerbund\_* is a scholarly look at Odin as leader of the primeval war band. This study, a monograph of the *Journal for Indo-European Studies*, looks not only to Germania but to other Indo-European cultures for perspective.

*\_Essays in Germanic Religion\_* by Dr. Edgar Polome is next on the list. Polome, one of the great contemporary professors in our field of interest, discourses on the names of the divine, Germanic religion in general, and stanzas of the *Havamal*.

*\_Germanic Mythology\_* by Jakob Grimm is a classic work which, despite the modifications of more recent scholars, still constitutes an important contribution to our lore. This is the only English translation of this significant volume.

*\_The Indo-Europeans\_* by Professor Jean Hardry of the University of Lyon is a good, if somewhat scholarly, overview of the Indo-European worldview and institutions.

### AFA AT UPCOMING EVENTS

The next couple of weeks are intense ones for us, with a presence at two events in addition to our scheduled study group:

Steve and Sheila will be at a Rune and Havamal study session in Roseville, near Sacramento, California on the evening of Friday, September 10. Contact the AFA for details.

Steve and Sheila, as well as other AFA supporters, will also help man a booth at the Pagan Pride Day in Sparks, Nevada on Sunday, September 12. More information on the event can be found at <http://www.paganpridenevada.org/>.

Steve and Sheila will be attending the Althing of the Asatru Alliance near Payson, Arizona, on September 17 and 18.

## VIKING BURIAL SITE DISCOVERED IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND

LONDON - Archaeologists in northwestern England have found a burial site of six Viking men and women, complete with swords, spears, jewelry, fire-making materials and riding equipment, officials said Monday.

The site, discovered near Cumwhitton, is believed to date to the early 10th century, and archaeologists working there called it the first Viking burial ground found in Britain.

Local metal specialist Peter Adams made the find at the end of March and reported it to the Portable Antiquities Scheme, which is run by the Museums, Libraries and Archive Council.

"This is tremendous news, a unique discovery which will improve people's understanding of the area and its history," council chairman Mark Wood said.

The burial ground was unearthed when Adams found two copper brooches. The grave of a Viking woman was found underneath, and further excavation led to the discovery of the graves of another woman and four men.

Among the items found in the graves were weapons, spurs, a bridle and a drinking horn, as well as a jet bracelet and a copper alloy belt fitting.

Adams described it as "the find of a lifetime."

Complete article: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5926726/>

## ODIN LIVES! SPONSORS CONCERT IN OHIO!

*Odin Lives!* Radio is please to announce that Väsen will be appearing in the Holland Theater, Bellefontaine, Ohio, on Monday, September 20th, 2004 at 7pm EDT.

Väsen is \*the\* premier Swedish folk music ensemble. Featuring Olov Johansson playing the Swedish keyed fiddle (nyckelharpa), Roger Tallroth on guitar, Mikael Marin, viola and percussionist André Ferarri, Väsen helped launch the Nordic Roots revival in Scandinavia and the United States.

Tickets are only \$15 in advance, and can be purchased directly from *Odin Lives!* Radio by visiting the events page at:

<http://www.odinlives.org/events.html>

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 8 - Day of Remembrance for Erik the Red. Erik was the stouthearted father of Leif Erikson, and a dedicated follower of Thor. Hot-headed and clever, Erik made his mark on history by organizing the Viking settlement of Greenland. Raise a toast to this rascal, or read from his saga, in honor of his intrepid spirit.

October 9 - Leif Erikson Day. This holiday was first officially proclaimed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. Remind your friends of the Norse presence in North America more than a thousand years ago!

September 9 - Day of Remembrance for Herman of the Cherusci. Herman learned the art of war under the Romans, then deserted the Imperial eagles to lead his tribe in revolt against the Mediterranean intruders. In the fall of the year 9 CE, he annihilated three legions in the Teutobergerwald, a victory which saved Germania from Roman occupation. Plant an oak tree, eat in a German restaurant, and remember Herman with a glass of fine beer from the Fatherland!

September 22 - Winter Finding. This, the fall equinox, is the time when day and night are of equal length. This is one of the times the harvest may be celebrated in the Northlands, and you can observe it with a meal giving thanks for the powers of the soil. Raise a horn of your favorite drink to our God and Goddess of fertility and prosperity - Freya, and her brother Frey!

Hail the Holy Ones!

Hail the AFA!

Stephen A. McNallen  
Asatru Folk Assembly

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