

Forward into the Past XXI - April 2, 2011

Class: Norse Jewellery ... NO - not the bead guy ...

Type: Hands On Workshop

Time: 2 hours

Speaker: Sam Falzone

This class will be about Norse stamp-pattern silver jewellery. Participants will learn and discuss various topics regarding this unique form of jewellery found in abundance in Norse-era silver hoards. Photos of various well documented silver hoards such as the Cuerdale Hoard, the Huxley Hoard, the Vale of York Hoard, the Harrowgate Hoard, the Wieringen Hoard and others will be examined with special attention given to the styles, motifs and patterns used in these extant examples of stamped jewellery. We will also discuss the importance of silver as a trade commodity in the Norse-era. Participants will have a chance to examine some contemporary examples of stamped jewellery, the stamps used to make them and receive instruction on the process of making this style of jewellery and the stamps used in the process. Participants will then have an opportunity to make their own stamped bracelet or Thor's hammer using copper sheet. Tools, safety glasses and materials will be provided - participants are not required to bring their own unless personal safety glasses are preferred. Please wear natural fibre clothing (i.e. cottons, wool, etc.) as a propane torch will be used to anneal the projects. Participants are warned that this class will involve working with potentially high temperature metal.

Information Resources

PDF Documents

▶ **Reasons for hiding Viking Age hack silver hoards**

http://www.mcu.es/museos/docs/MC/ActasNumis/Reasons_for_hiding_Viking_Age.pdf

▶ **A hoard of Hiberno-Viking arm-rings, probably from Scotland**

http://mycoinpage.com/SCA/ArmRings/Scottish_ArmRings.pdf

▶ **The Viking-age silver and gold hoards of Scandinavian character from Scotland**

http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_107/107_114_135.pdf

▶ **Two Large Silver Hoards From Ocksarve On Gotland:**

<http://mycoinpage.com/SCA/ArmRings/SilverHoardsFromGotland.pdf>

▶ **Evidence For Viking Period Trade And Warfare In The Baltic Region**

-Two Viking-Age Silver Ingots From Ditchingham And Hindringham, Norfolk: The First East Anglian Ingot Finds

http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/arch-769-1/ahds/dissemination/pdf/vol37/37_222_224.pdf

▶ **The Huxley Hoard – Viking Silver Unearthed**

http://www.archeurope.com/_texts/00023a.pdf

Hoard Websites

Cuerdale Hoard

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/vikings/cuerdale_01.shtml

http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_mla/t/the_cuerdale_hoard.aspx

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuerdale_Hoard

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cuerdale_hoard_viking_silver_british_museum.JPG

http://web.mac.com/ianuk/Ianuk/Silver_Hoard_files/10th%20Century%20Viking%20Silver%20Hoardfinal.pdf

Vale of York (Harrogate) Hoard

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vale_of_York_Hoard

<http://www.yorkshireregionmuseum.org.uk/Page/ViewNewsArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22>

http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe/v/vale_of_york_hoard.aspx

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23737363-british-museum-buys-viking-treasures.do>

Spillings Hoard

<http://www.frojel.com/Documents/Document09.html>

Storr Hoard

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/trade_and_exploration/

Wieringen Hoard

<http://www.missgien.net/vikings/tressure.html>

Huxley Hoard

<http://www.archeurope.com/index.php?page=huxley-hoard>

<http://www.archeurope.com/texts/00023a.pdf>

Angelsey Hoard

National Museums & Galleries of Wales (Item reference: 28.215)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/25639089@N08/2429467558>

<http://www.gtj.org.uk/en/small/item/GTJ31612/>

http://mycoinpage.com/SCA/viking_arm_rings.htm

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/251/>

Ocksarve Hoard

<http://mycoinpage.com/SCA/ArmRings/SilverHoardsFromGotland.pdf>

Other Websites

General

http://www.hurstwic.org/history/articles/daily_living/text/Towns.htm

Source of Silver

http://oldtiden.natmus.dk/udstillingen/vikingetiden/vikingernes_soelvskatte/soelvets_vej_til_danmark/lan_guage/uk/