



*Our Meeting for November will be held at  
Holiday Inn Express, Perrysburg  
on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m.*

**Menu** :: We will enjoy an Afternoon Brunch. You may choose either Chicken Breast (smothered in muenster & mushrooms) OR Broiled Orange Roughy. Accompanying the chicken or fish will be: oven roasted red skin potatoes; california blend vegetables; warm rolls & butter; coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade; and peppermint ice cream for dessert.

**Location** :: **Holiday Inn Express** is located in Perrysburg, on Fremont Pike, right next to I-75. **Directions**: From Interstate 75, take exit 193 at US-20 Fremont Pike. Turn east onto Fremont Pike. There are two Holiday Inns at this exit — Holiday Inn EXPRESS is on the right, so take the very first driveway to the right from I-75. If you see Kroger, you've gone too far. We will be in the Great Room.

**Reservations** :: Reservations due by Tuesday, Nov. 6th, (the same day you will go vote). Please Phone or Email Kris Johnson with your **choice** of chicken or fish, your **name** and **number** attending at 419-836-7637 or [cjohnson143@woh.rr.com](mailto:cjohnson143@woh.rr.com). Price is \$22 each, which includes tax and tip.

**Program** :: Program to be announced at meeting.

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## Viking Silver — Gotland, Sweden

SWEDEN — Meanwhile, on **Gotland**, (the largest island in the Baltic), archaeologists have unearthed several thousand silver objects, buried 1,000 years ago.

This is the second substantial hoard to have been found at the site: in 1838, almost 6,000 coins were found in the same field.

Museum of Gotland archaeologists Jonas Paulsson and Per Widerström made the discovery on the final day of a country-wide survey of sites thought to be threatened by looters. The copper bucket, filled with coins and at least one silver bracelet, was packed in a protective plaster case and sent to be x-rayed at the National Heritage Board in Visby.

Conservator Magnus Mårtensson told Current World Archaeology (CWA) the bucket is so densely packed with silver objects that his scans struggled to penetrate it.

"This is only the first research to be undertaken. Further investigation will yield

clearer results," he added.

Per Widerström said that the artifacts were expected to number into the thousands, and that some of the coins had been minted in Cologne during the first half of the 11th century AD.

"So far, two coins have been cleared from the soil," he told CWA. "One of them is a German coin from 1000-1040. The other is also German but its condition makes it difficult to say more."

He added, "There is an organic layer on top of the bucket which might be a leather bag or a wooden lid. If it is a lid, there could be multiple layers in the hoard, as someone might have used it for storage, adding silver over time. But if it is a bag, it is more likely to have been just a pile of stuff in no order. Time will tell."

—from *Current World Archaeology*, #53.

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## Iceland President Re-elected

**Ólafur Ragnar Grimsson** was re-elected for a fifth term as the President of Iceland, at the end of June. The vote makes him the longest-serving president in the country.

Heavily criticized after Iceland's financial crisis for cheerleading for the overheated business sector, Grimsson earned back support and became a symbol of defiance after insisting the state should not foot the bill for the failed online bank Icesave.

The election was somewhat of a referendum on how politically active the president should be. Even though he has the right to refuse to sign bills passed by parliament and trigger a voter referendum, the president has traditionally been seen largely as a figurehead. Grimsson was the first president to wield his political power.

While he took 52.2 % of the vote, the closest challenger, **Thóra Arnórsdóttir**, who believed the president should not have political views or play an active role in promoting business, received 33.8%.

In his new year's address, last January, Grimsson insinuated that he would not seek re-election, but he was encouraged to run again by a petition signed by 30,000 citizens.

—from *Scandinavian Press*, Fall 2012

## The Sovereign Wealth Fund

of **Norway** is 600 Billion dollars. They have all this money from the vast oil reserves they've now discovered in the North Sea, and are now investing it for their Pension Fund.

—from *BBC radio news*. 10-18-2012.

## Bed & Breakfast

[noun]

—accommodation, lodging, place to stay

**Loosely Translated:**

in Norwegian: *Husrom*

in Swedish: *Husrum*

in Danish: *Logi*

in Finnish: *Asunto*

in Icelandic: *Húsnæði*

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