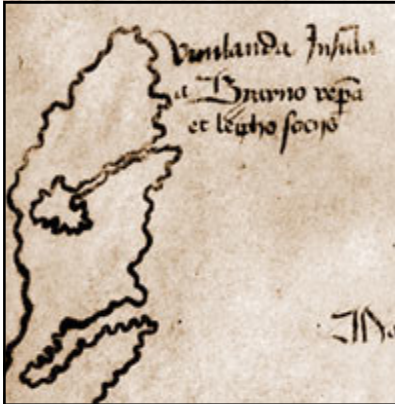


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## The Vinland Map

On the eve of Columbus Day, 1965, Yale University announced the acquisition of a previously unknown map that showed a large island labeled "Vinland" in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The map supposedly dated from about 1440, half a century before Columbus made his first voyage to America. Was this proof that the Vikings discovered the New World and that perhaps their knowledge guided Columbus? NOVA weighs the evidence on "The Viking Deception."

Unquestionably, the Vikings were the most audacious and accomplished voyagers of the medieval world. Their sleek, clinker-built longships and bulkier cargo boats had reached Iceland during the 9th century A.D. and Greenland during the 10th, leading to permanent colonies and regular trade with the Scandinavian homelands. Beginning in 1961, the excavation of longhouses and typical Norse artifacts at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland proved that Greenland settlers had reached North America, just as the tales of Vinland in the Icelandic sagas had always claimed. But however accomplished their seamanship, the Vikings never seem to have charted the coastlines they explored. Despite the detailed navigational texts and abundant geographical references in the sagas, no Norse cartographic drawing or engraving has survived. They don't appear to have been mapmakers at all.

Behind the map's wrinkled parchment and faded ink lies a tale of ancient explorers, learned priests, shady book dealers, skeptical scholars, and dueling scientists. In the four decades since its public debut, the Vinland Map has been tested and retested. Many experts are convinced it is a fake, but others just as fervently think it's genuine. Some of the world's foremost authorities on the subject help NOVA sort out the issues.

Is the Vinland Map a priceless depiction of the New World made before Columbus' voyage, or a 20th century fake? Decide for yourself on Norwegian Night, May 20, when the Scandinavian Club presents this intriguing NOVA program.

Excerpt from the NOVA website: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/vinland/>

## The Scandinavian Club needs YOU!



The club is seeking nominees for the Board of Directors. Board offices and responsibilities are outlined in the club By-Laws, which can be found in your Member Roster. If you have some great ideas and would love to be a part of the club management, please consider serving on the Board. It is a great opportunity to make great things happen. Please feel free to call President Marilyn Flor Smith at 875-4566 if you are interested. She will be happy to answer any questions.

Visit our website at [www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/](http://www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/)

### NEXT MEETING

### Norwegian Evening

- **When:** Saturday, May 20
- **Time:** Social hour @ 6:00; dinner @ 7:00; program @ 8:00.
- **Where:** Covenant Presbyterian Church
- **Cost:** \$10 member adults; \$15 guest adults; \$6 OSU ScandiClub members and guest children; \$4 member children; under 5 free.

**Skandi-Kaffe Group will meet Thurs. May 25 at La Chatelaine, 627 High Street in Worthington from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Come join us!**



**Does anyone know this person?** For more photos of our Oscar-worthy Hans Christian Andersen Players, turn to page 3!

## Letter from Our President



Danish Night was a fun program thanks to our talented folk — Gail Svendsen and Inger Gilbert! Thank you again for using your ideas and talent to entertain us. We appreciate you very much and already are looking forward to the next big show. The meal was wonderful and how great to see the Jensen's, John and Brenda. The pork roast was yummy and enjoyed by all.

I attended the Viking Festival on Saturday and saw several Scandinavians I knew, and some I did not know. Marian Clover was on the Viking boat when it was launched! How about that! This was the first year I had attended but I can assure you, it will not be the last. I even bought two mugs from The Sons of Norway.

The next big event will be the Norwegian Flag raising on Friday May 12, 11:30 at the Statehouse. Plan on going to lunch with us. If you need a ride or have questions,

please do not hesitate to give me a call or e-mail. I hope to see some of you, in your Bunads if possible. A group from The Sons of Norway from Cincinnati plan to attend and their drive will be a bit longer than ours.

Sadly, I report that the third Board member has not come forward. I have tried to be President to the best of my ability and am not taking this as a personnel thing, but must admit a bit of frustration.

Were you able to pull the April edition of the ScandiNews off the Internet ? Cool, huh. Those pictures that Ake Hellstrom filed were great also. Thank you Ake, you are one clever, valuable Swede.

Hope to see you all Saturday May 20, for Norwegian night. I plan to "do" the 5K Race for the Cure that day, but as a hearty, tough Norwegian, I know I can do it.

Fondly,

*Marilyn Flor Smith*  
President 2005-06

### ***The Norwegian Night Dinner Committee...***

#### **Captains: Kevin and Debbie Skarsten**

Ruth & Trygve Skarsten  
Karsten & Dorothy Adison  
Tom & Connie Grimstad  
Morten & Kristine Haugland  
Renee Mobeck  
Marilyn Paulsen

Geir Sigbjorn & Paulette Hamel Nyhus  
Jean & Sven Lundstedt  
Sara & Andy Garnes  
Bill & Marolyn Halverson

### ***And a big THANK YOU to our Danish night cooks...***

#### **Captains: John and Brenda Jensen**

Helen McBride  
Frank & Birgit Andersen  
Ken & Wilma Johnsen  
Charles & Harriet Carlson  
Sine-Marie & John Ayres  
Ruth Stewart  
Margaret & Stuart Wright  
Barbara Pierson  
Alan & Sigrid Lubell



**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

**NORWEGIANS  
VIKINGS  
SCANDINAVIANS**

The flag of the Kingdom of Norway will be raised and flown over the Ohio Statehouse in honor of

### **Syttende Mai – Norway's Constitution Day**

Come and attend the flag raising ceremony, hosted by the Governor's Office on **Friday, May 12, 2006**. Meet at 11:30 in the West end of the Capitol rotunda. The Flag will be flown for the weekend (Friday noon until Monday morning). Tell a friend about this special event! Arrange a carpool with a friend! After the ceremony, we will all go to lunch together. For any questions or details contact: Esther Charlton from the Sons of Norway, 513/923-3798, or at [Esthersofn@aol.com](mailto:Esthersofn@aol.com). Or contact Scandinavian Club President Marilyn Smith.

### **Midsommar Picnic – June 24, 2006**

This year's Midsommar picnic will be held on June 24 at the Venice Club. Watch for more details in next month's ScandiNews!



NORWAY

View of the Lofoten Islands from space

Kathy Sullivan

## FROM VIKINGS TO ASTRONAUTS:

**What do Outer Space, Columbus, and Norway have in common? KATHY SULLIVAN!**

Kathy Sullivan joined NASA in 1978 as one of 35 astronauts in the first space shuttle class, the first group to include women and minorities. She is the veteran of three shuttle missions and is the first American woman to walk in space.

Her passion for education led her to Columbus in 1996 to serve as the President and CEO of Ohio's Center of Science & Industry (COSI), one of the United States' premiere centers of hands-on science learning. After a decade at the helm, Sullivan shifted to the role of Science Advisor at COSI, in order to focus her efforts on national policy and major change initiatives in science education. Dr. Sullivan has received innumerable honors and awards, among them induction into the Astronaut Hall of Fame (2004). She is a passionate scuba diver, avid reader and very un-serious golfer. Kathy spent her third year of college studying at the University of Bergen, Norway, and still speaks fluent Norwegian.

Norwegian Coastal Voyage invites you to discover the cultural and natural treasures of Norway hosted by Dr. Kathy Sullivan, the first American woman walking in space. On this special 12-day themed program from June 29 — July 11 you'll cruise along Norway's breathtaking coast visiting places such as the Geirangerfjord and the Lofoten Islands. On board Dr. Sullivan will share with you her experiences from space and knowledge of sea.

**For more information, contact:**

Norwegian Coastal Voyage Inc., (800) 323-7436 or (212) 319-1300; fax (212) 319-1390;  
for brochures, (800) 666-2374, 24 hours a day;  
[www.norwegiancoastalvoyage.us](http://www.norwegiancoastalvoyage.us)

## Danish Night Gets Rave Reviews!



Our HCA Players were fabulous in performing *It is Perfectly True*. Thanks to our directors, Inger Gilbert and Gail Svendsen. A special thank you to Ann Beal, who bravely stepped in at the last minute to play the piano! Wasn't our baby owl, Margo Svendsen Whipps, just adorable?

## What's With the Purple Box?

If you have chosen to get the ScandiNews via e-mail or view it on the club website, you know that this article is contained in a purple box! See pictures from club events as they should be — doesn't everyone look better in color?

Getting the ScandiNews via e-mail is easy. It is sent as an attachment PDF file. This software is free and is standard on most computers. Viewing it on the club website is even easier. Just go to the site at: <http://www.netwalk.com/~scandiclub/> and click on the ScandiNews link.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to Tammy Carl, ScandiNews editor, at [ttc@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ttc@columbus.rr.com) to be taken off the paper copy mailing list. This will help cut printing and mailing costs for the club, and will also save a few trees!

# Scandinavian Club Board Minutes

## Scandinavian Club Board Minutes

Sunday April 23, 2006

Place: Home of Åke Hellström

Meeting opened by President Marilyn Smith

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Smith, Risto Petman, Päivi Rajala-Schultz, Bob Holm, Åke Hellström, Tammy Carl, Dianne Clark, Ben Kaster and Ed Kidwell.

The minutes of the March 19 meeting were approved.

### REPORTS

**Program:** Risto Petman reported that he continues to work on the program for Norwegian night in May. We discussed the June Midsommar event and if and how games for children should be organized.

**Secretary's Report:** Bob Holm had sent a sympathy card to the family of Laura Anderson. Laura was a former president of the Scandinavian Club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Kidwell reported that we had 128 people at Saturday's dinner. There was a net gain of \$453.96 for the dinner.

**Membership:** Päivi Rajala-Schultz nominated Carol Waters from Lancaster for membership. Membership was approved.

**Calling Committee:** Ben Kaster said all calls were made. Turn-out was the largest of the year.

**Property:** Åke Hellström expressed appreciation to the dinner committees for working down the supplies we have had in storage.

**ScandiNews:** Tammy Carl said she had mailed the same number of newsletters as last month. (about 130). Board members expressed praise for the appearance of the *ScandiNews* sent by email and at the Scandinavian Club website. Members will continue to be given the opportunity to receive the *ScandiNews* by email. Marilyn Smith praised the appearance of the email newsletter, which is in color.

**Dinner Committee:** Dianne Clark described the Saturday dinner as very successful and gave praise to the dinner committee. She said the dish washers are willing to continue next year.

**Unfinished Business:** We discussed election of new Board members. We have two candidates so far, for three openings. Marilyn will continue to try to recruit a third candidate. We discussed whether the length of terms should be two years, instead of three. No action was taken to change length of terms. Åke expressed appreciation to the Andersen Players for their performance Saturday evening!

**New Business:** The Norwegian flag raising ceremony will be Friday, May 12, 2006. We will meet at the Capitol Rotunda at 11:30 AM. Those attending may join for lunch after the ceremony, with each paying for their own lunches.

Åke moved and Tammy seconded that we invite members of the Viking Club to the Midsommar event. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM. Next Board meeting will be on Sunday, May 21 at 1 PM at Ben Kaster's, 6045 Langton Circle, Westerville, OH 43082.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Holm, Secretary



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It was great to see so many ScandiClub members at the Viking Festival in Ashville! Some lucky people even got to "oar" the boat! The festival was great. Many thanks to the Lost Viking's Hoard for their dedication to keeping the Viking spirit alive!

### Officers of the Board 2005-2006

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