

Re: Kensington runestone in the Scandinavian press

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> <snip>

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>>>In addition, harvesting the bark is not something that can be
>>>done easily (as would be necessary, one might imagine, for
>>>beginners such as the Norse)

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>> Beginners ?? I dont understand. A pack of fat bishops or
>> spoiled tax collectors , OK, but what prevent presence
>> of a carpenter that know how to build a small boat
>> or experienced sailors that know how to swing an axe?
>> Bark was used in Scandinavia on many places for
>> various pupouses during a wide time span.

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> Was bark commonly used for canoes or other small boats?

I would not say that it was common, but there are a few findings.

One is found in Horred, Västergötland but I have no usefull
information.Sorry. I live in Östergötland and don't mind
go to Linköping for looking at a house with a cross,
but going Göteborg for finding out about a boat that may
not even be of relevance is a bit to much for me.

My -79 G20 Beauville is to thirsty :-[

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> If not, then these guys might or might not have been neophytes
> in removing bark; but they would certainly have been beginners at
> bark canoe building. It is a very skilled craft filled with
> not-immediately-obvious pitfalls and specialized techniques.

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I can not see a band of Nordic explorers/tax collectors building bark canoes. If they built something for use on water it would most likely be made of wood.

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> >>at just any time of year. In the

> >>cold weather, it breaks easily; in summer, it holds very tightly

> >>to the wood and tends to tear when trying to work the wooden spud

> >>under it to 'skin' it. Only in the spring, when the sap is

> >>running, is it relatively easy to remove the bark.

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> >>Here is a link to studies of northern hemisphere climate studies

> >>for the last 1000 years, including a graph showing temperatures

> >>adduced by various studies. Older studies are in blue; newer

> >>studies are in red. Studies in the last ca. century and a half

> >>are in black:

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> >><http://tinyurl.com/cgzvn>

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> >>From the graph, it appears that the 1906 study of northern

> >>limits of forest trees is likely to show trees somewhat north of

> >>their 14th century limits. IOW, using the 1906 map to estimate

> >>the kinds of trees available to notional Norse small boat makers

> >>is being very, very generous.

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> > There is that possibility that they had small boats onboard a

> > a few seagoing vessels. Or that they got some canoes from

> > friendly natives.

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> Either seems possible. What do you make of Inger's assertion

> that remains of a clinker-built of pre-Columbian vintage was

> found in Canada?

If there is two clinker built boats in a museum I trust that the museum knows what it is they have. There is nothing that will make me thrust Inger E Johansson.

>Do you have the references that she is not giving?

No. Don't you guys on the other side have access to information.

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> Tom McDonald

> <http://ahwhatdoiknow.blogspot.com/>

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