

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB COLORADO CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 MEETING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

Steve McGill regrets that our annual holiday party at his home will be re-scheduled for some time during 2024 – details to be announced at a later date. Instead, we will have a regular meeting this Saturday at RMPL. In lieu of a program speaker, we will have an extended “Show-and-Tell” session with the topics being “here’s the stamp or item that started me stamp collecting” and “Nordic Christmas-related items in my collection.” Members are reminded to submit scans to Even Brande (evenbrande@gmail.com) who will prepare them for presentation on RMPL’s large screen. If time permits, the Show-and-Tell will be followed by a “Buy, Sell, or Swap” session, so bring any stuff you want to get rid of and we’ll be in for a time of bargaining and negotiating. Bagels and breakfast sweets will be provided.

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SCC Chapter 27 November 4, 2023 Meeting Summary

Vice President Even Brande called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with eight members in attendance. Roger Cichorz gave the Treasurer’s report (\$1378.59 then-current treasury balance with \$515.41 cash-on-hand). Steve McGill expressed apologies that he would not be able to host our holiday party in December but will do it sometime during 2024. Meeting attendees decided to hold a regular monthly meeting in December, with another extended show-and-tell session whose themes will be the first or an early item acquired that got me into stamp collecting and some Nordic Christmas-related items in my collection. Other old and new business was discussed, but, sorry, your Editor managed to misplace his meeting notes, so these will not be mentioned here. The meeting program was an extended “Show-and-Tell” session with Even presenting members’ submitted scans on RMPL’s large screen while members discussed their items. Show-and-Tell items presented were:

- Clark Lyda showed his postally used example of Norway *Scott #218 (NKK #272)*, the 50 øre “V” overprint, the rarest and most expensive stamp of this 1941 issue set (*Scott @ \$600*), considerably more postally used than unused @ \$200 and therefore an easy subject for a fake postmark). It has a partial 2-ring cancel with “P.N.” but no readable town name. It came with a Harald Tysland certificate attesting it being genuine but no details are given by Tysland regarding the postmark. Clark submitted it to APEX (APS’s expert committee) for certification, but it came back with a “no opinion” certificate. Clark was seeking further clarification. After he received Clark’s scan, Even got involved with showing it to some Norwegian experts and doing some detective work. What is known about these 50 øre stamps is that they were used only on the East side of Oslo, but what is the significance of the “P.N.”? It turns out that the “P.N.” stands for “Posto Notering/Oslo” and the full “Oslo/P.N.” postmark is well-known and documented. Posto Notering was a service in Oslo that accepted one’s unstamped mail and would frank it with postage and service it for a fee. The inevitable conclusion here is that the stamp is indeed a genuine postally used example with “P.N.” being a legitimate Oslo postmark. Clark asked if he should resubmit it to APEX along with the “P.N.” information unearthed after its initial submission? The consensus was that he would probably now get a revised APEX certificate indicating the stamp and postmark are genuine in all respects, but how much respect does an APEX certificate carry among Nordic stamp experts and it’s probably better to submit it to an expert committee that specializes with Scandinavian countries. (This presentation was sufficiently interesting and generated enough discussion to be equivalent to an entire program!)
- Jeff Modesitt showed two of his album pages of Denmark “back-of-the-book” official and soldier’s stamps.
- Steve Nadler purchased from the RMPL a large lot of worldwide metered envelopes all addressed to the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. He culled out and showed various Danish and Norwegian covers from this lot. Unfortunately, all were without contents and there was much discussion about what these mostly commercial covers may have contained.
- Roger showed three recent auction purchases, a 1900 plain cover from the Faroes to Copenhagen franked with a Danish 8 øre bicolor definitive tied by a Torshavn bridge-type circular datestamp, and a 1935 imported-goods invoice from Germany to Iceland franked with ten Iceland 10kr definitives tied by Tollur (duty fee) cancels (with an accompanying Nielsen certificate).
- Evan continued Steve’s metered mail theme by showing a Swedish 1945 commercial cover with a machine slogan postmark along with a page of Swedish meter mail indicia from *The International Postage Meter Stamp Catalog*. (*Editor’s note: SCC Library has many specialized books on the franking machine cancels and meter indicia of all the Nordic countries. For example, see DEN B281 to DEN B287; FAR B16 to FARB21 & FAR B35; GRE B17; FIN B133-2002 & FIN B145; NOR B196, NOR B199, & NOR B218; and SWE 206, SWE B208, & SWE B209*). The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM, but was followed by a brief informal “Buy, Sell, or Swap” session that included offerings of unsold lots from recent Chapter and Library auctions.

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer's Report

\$1387.54 Previous Treasury Balance (10/12/23)

+\$10.00 one 2024 dues payment

-\$15.55 breakfast sweets for November 4 meeting

-\$3.40 printing costs for November 2023 Newsletters

\$1388.59 Current Treasury Balance (11/5/23)

\$525.41 Cash on Hand (11/5/23)

\$843.18 12-month Certificate of Deposit at Elevations Credit Union, Boulder, CO (ECUBC)
CD was reinvested at @ 1.50% per annum interest and has a projected value of
~\$856.30 on its maturity date of 2/9/24.

Prepared by Roger Cichorz, 11/5/23

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SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Schedule and Membership Dues for Calendar Year 2024

Be prepared to sign up to give a program in 2024. VP Even Brande is anxious to hear from you and will beat the bushes at Saturday's meeting to begin filling up next year's schedule, which, with any luck at all, will be published in the next Newsletter. Note also that 2024 membership dues of \$10 will become due by January 31, so why not get ahead of the game and give Roger your \$10 at the December 4 meeting.

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Chapter 27 Members' Classified Advertisements

As a no-cost service to all Chapter 27 members, your "buy, sell, or trade" classified ads can appear in future Meeting Notifications. Submit your copy to Roger at rcichorz@comcast.net. Also, take a look at the listing of Chapter members' collecting interests on the next page as you may have unwanted items others may be interested in!

For Sale: My entire holdings of worldwide stamps and postal history (countries include Åland, Danish West Indies, Denmark with emphasis on star cancels & postmarks, Faroes, Finland with emphasis on village cancels, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden with emphasis on postmarks – also many non-Nordic countries) – worldwide postal history of various specialties and topics (including advertising, airmail & zeppelins, auxiliary markings, censored, consular, DOX, maps, military, perfins, pneumatic, postage dues, propaganda, RPOs/TPOs, ship mail) – U.S. postal history (including advertising, Colorado towns and RPOs, Doane cancels, expositions, foreign destinations, machine cancels with emphasis on flags, overrun nations, postal stationery, registered/insured, RFD, special deliveries and town cancels by State) – miscellaneous (used and unused postcards, trade cards, "Dear Doctor" cards). I probably have some of the items you are looking for! Contact me to arrange for an appointment at my home. Steve Nadler, 9730 East 32nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80238, 303-638-3755 (cell phone), or schlomoX@msn.com.

For Sale: Roger Cichorz conducts regular quarterly auctions for the SCC Library, and all Chapter 27 members are on his auction distribution list. Roger will gladly accept literature and stamp donations to SCCL – SCCL is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity that will formally acknowledge donations, which may be to your tax advantage. In-progress SCCL Auction #70 that will close October 31, 2023, has 100 lots with cumulative starting bids of \$2115. These include 25 Scandinavian literature lots, 25 non-Scandinavian literature lots, and 50 stamps, covers, and ephemera lots, all of which are Nordic-related items. All Chapter 27 members are on Roger's auction distribution list and have already received the text and lot pictures for SCCL Auction #70.

Free Offer: Jay Smith sends via e-mail distribution a weekly Philatelic E-News that is chock full of stamp, cover, and literature offers available from his extensive stock. Also included in each issue is a "Behind the Scenes" Commentary, several of which have been reprinted in our SCC Chapter 27 Newsletters. Jay reminds members that these are available to you free upon request, so contact Jay at js@jaysmith.com and give him your name and e-mail address to start receiving issues of these weekly Philatelic E-News.

Wanted: Socked-on-the-nose Ålborg (Aalborg) and Denmark numeral "4" cancellations on stamps and stamps on piece, incoming and outgoing Ålborg covers/postal history, and other Ålborg-related items. Contact Eugene Brink, 1920 2nd Ave. SE, Waterton, SD 57201-3983 (new address), 1-417-559-2496, or geno4huskers@suddenlink.net.

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Chapter 27 Members' Philatelic-Related Collecting Interests

List your collecting interests (all, not just Scandinavian) here for members to be aware of what you collect and possibly help with or bring attention to items of interest! **Contact Roger at rcichorz@comcast.net to amend your listing.**

- **Paul Albright:** Greenland, and runs of worldwide correspondence to use as historical research material
- **Peter Bergh:** Denmark (in particular the bi-colors and 1882-1905 coat-of-arms series), Malmö and Lund locals, Ireland, and Great Britain QE2 predecimals and KGV Silver Jubilee
- **Even Brande:** Norway 1855 to the present cancelled & mint stamps, airmail covers to the U.S., FDCs, and U.S.A. 1847 to the present canceled & mint stamps, airmail covers, first-flight covers, FDCs, and Wyoming & Colorado covers
- **Geno Brink:** worldwide postally used up to 1970, Denmark used errors and varieties, and Aalborg (cancels on stamps, covers, by post, Christmas seals, and other items related to Aalborg)
- **Eric Carlson:** United States, certain Great Britain (Wildings, Machins, and earlier sets of British Royalty), Sweden, Finland mint Wasa/Vasa issue (*Scott #111-18*), various sets of Denmark, Finland, and Norway, and lighthouses, golf, and baseball as topicals/thematics
- **Roger Cichorz:** Åland and Faroes postal history and revenue stamps, Iceland stamps and revenues, Denmark and Danish West Indies stamps, Lundy and Herm Island (stamps, postal history, and postcards), Abbott Pentothal "Dear Doctor" ad postcards, *HMS Montagu* postcards, and bonsai and puffin items as topicals/thematics
- **Jerry Eggleston:** primary interests = used Denmark, Danish West Indies, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway; secondary interests = Austria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, and Sweden; postal history interests = Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Summit County, Colorado
- **Jim Fredlund:** early Finland used stamps & 1980 to the present, and used Scandinavian & worldwide stamps 1985 to the present
- **Jim Kilbane:** Iowa and Colorado postal history, registered package envelopes, United States Post Office Department envelopes, revenues, cinderellas, and other miscellaneous
- **Severt Kvamme:** post-2002 used stamps of Åland, Faroes, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway
- **Sergio Lugo:**
- **Clark Lyda:** Norway, United States, Canada, and Europa
- **Steve McGill:** Great Britain Machins and GB postal mechanization (specialist level) and Antarctic, Austria, China (Republic and PCR), Faroes, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Sweden, and United States (fun-to-collect level)
- **Jeff Modesitt:** Denmark (general, postal stationery, and booklets, primary), Åland, Danish West Indies, Faroes, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden (secondary), Great Britain (general, postal stationery), New Zealand (general, penny universals, QEII, 1960 and 1980 definitives), and United States postal stationery
- **Steve Nadler:** all Scandinavian postal history (covers and postmarks), Colorado postal history, U.S.A. States (streetcar postmarks and covers, flag machine cancels, and advertising covers), worldwide (airmails, perfins on and off cover, pneumatic mail, overrun nations covers, and military mail), Afghanistan, France, Israel, Monaco, and Palestine
- **Randy Nilson:** WWII German SS and police mail, Finnish military mail, Colorado POW/internment camps, and WWII censored airmail/suspended service covers
- **Harry Pedersen:** United States (including revenues), U.S. Possessions, and 1840-1940 worldwide (including Scandinavia)
- **David Petersen:** Danish West Indies and Hawaii
- **Jay Smith:** France Merson issue – bicolored high-denomination stamps used in the 1900-1930 era and North Carolina postal history and postmarks from the beginning until the day after tomorrow.
- **Tonny van Loij:** Colorado, Colorado Territory, and Kansas Territory postal history, classical music (Bach, Beethoven, Mozart), opera buildings (stamps and postcards), European Union, NATO, European Security Council (KSZE), Thurn & Taxis European postal service from 1499 to 1864 (specializing in foreign destinations), and Scandinavian destinations handled by Thurn & Taxis during 1854-1867

Source: "Paper Money" column by Benjamin Swagerty in the August 2023 issue of The Numismatist

RUGGED PARADISE

A 2001 Danish bank note highlights the stark beauty of the Faroe Islands, a self-governing territory of Denmark.

While the world has been waking up and many have resumed traveling after the COVID-19 closures, I am still limited in my travels. I am staying close to home not for the sake of my health, but because of budget and schedule restrictions. One place I definitely want to visit someday is the Faroe Islands. It is far from where I live, but I know the long trip would be worth it. Having grown up in a region of the United States that possesses a stark and often-unappreciated spartan beauty (southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle), I find myself surprisingly nostalgic for places around the world with a similar feel.

The note I want to share with you illustrates this isolated beauty so well. It is a 50 *krónur* of the Faroe Islands. At first glance, the note's design is simple. Windswept and sparse, you might find yourself shivering when you see this cool-colored masterpiece with its mysterious ram's horn, steep cliffs, and barren coastline.

I have always loved this design, but what is it all about? I was not expecting to find much when I started researching the 50 *krónur*, but I was happy to find enough background information to satisfy my fascination with this note.

Let's get the technicalities out of the way. This black, gray, and blue note was first issued on

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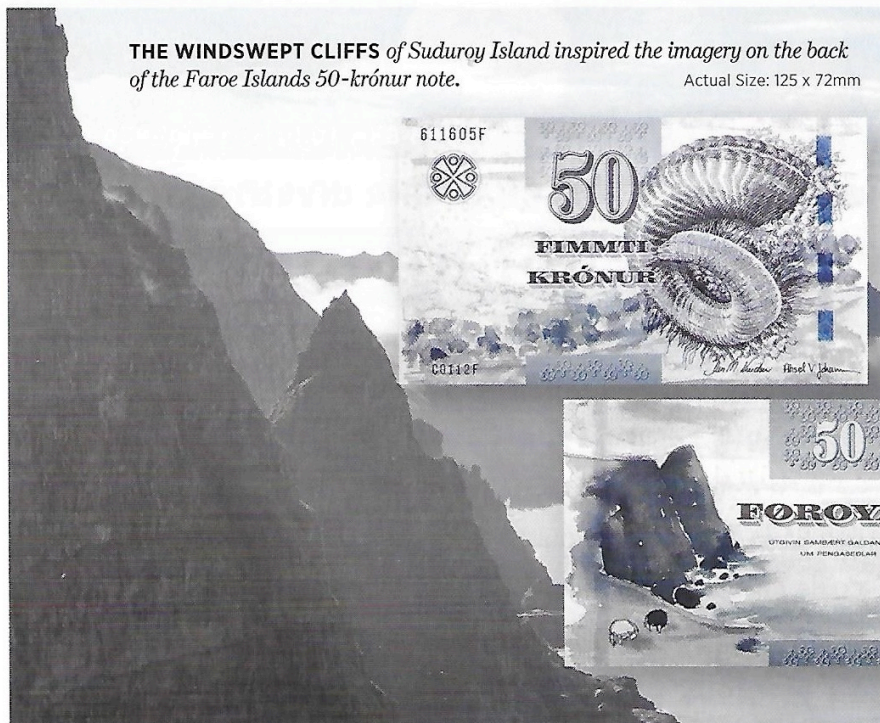
Windswept and sparse, you might find yourself shivering when you see this cool-colored masterpiece with its mysterious ram's horn, steep cliffs, and barren coastline.

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July 3, 2001, by Danmarks Nationalbank Banknote Printing Works. (This date is easy for me to remember because it is my younger sister's birthday. And it's fitting since she is as stubborn as a ram!) The note has two security strips, a solid one on the right and a segmented one with a demetalized "50 KR" that is repeated on the strip from top to bottom. A watermark and a consecration cross on the left balance out the partial ram's head vignette seen to the right, with the denomination, FIMMTI KRÓNUR, printed in the middle. All of this appears in front of a bucolic landscape with a stone wall, and a scattering of Omron rings (a pattern of small, usually yellow circles that serve as an anti-counterfeiting device on bank notes). The back depicts a hillside with grazing sheep in front of steep cliffs and a rocky shore.

I get a sense of a haunting and persistent beauty when I see this note

THE WINDSWEPT CLIFFS of Suduroy Island inspired the imagery on the back of the Faroe Islands 50-krónur note. Actual Size: 125 x 72mm

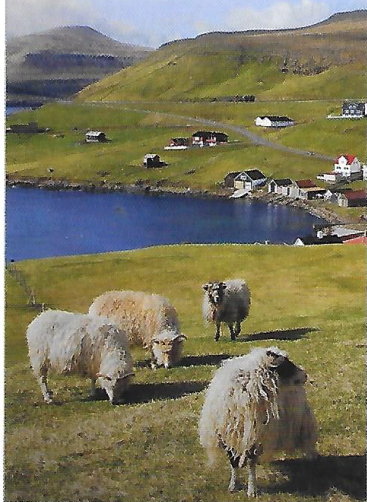


PHOTOS: DANMARKS NATIONALBANK (NOTE) & GETTY IMAGES/CHRISTOPHER HEIL

Article continues on the following page.

THE SHEEP on Suduroy Island outnumber its human population, which is about 4,600 people.

PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS/ERIK CHRISTENSEN



and its remarkable imagery. And interestingly enough, one of the first things I discovered is that this note, front and back, bears the skilled artwork of Zacharias Henesen. His impressive illustrations depict key places from Suduroy Island, the southernmost island of the Faroes that is only 63 square miles and has a population of about 4,600 people. The back of the note depicts Beinisdvord, the well-known “bird cliff” located near the town of Sumba, with a population of 350 people. Beinisdvord is a historic nesting ground for several species of seabirds. Local residents used to rappel down the cliff to harvest eggs and capture birds, but this endeavor was dangerous, and some people lost their lives.

The grassy shoreline alludes to a small island, Sumbiarholmur, where the locals take their sheep in the summer to fatten them up. When the plump sheep are brought home after feasting on the green grass, they are said to be more “toothsome.”

When I shared this bank note on my YouTube channel, “Numismatic Notes with Benjamin,” viewers told me that you can expect cool weather in the region, even in July, and that the 18 islands of the Faroes are well worth the visit. They warned me, however, that you should avoid venturing too close to the cliffs’ edge, because you might feel like the strong winds will push you over the side to the ocean below! Another viewer shared with me that the language on the note is Faroese, which is quite a bit different from Danish. Its written form is similar to Icelandic, while it sounds more like Norwegian when spoken.

This remarkable note acts as a welcoming postcard for me of the rural beauty that I hope to experience when I am able to travel to the Faroe Islands. Please feel free to contact me to cuss or discuss this lovely bank note. Have a jewel of a day!

swagerty@money.org

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Dave Kent’s World

Iceland Stamps!

Iceland Post announced back in 2020 that it had no plans to issue any more stamps, but apparently they have run out of some denominations and need more. A new miniature sheet celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first Icelandic stamps, released in 1873. The minisheet has four self-adhesive stamps that are each worth 50g and 100g and may be used for correspondence

both inside and outside of Europe. The sheet is priced at 1950 krona (US\$ 14.80)

The pictures on the stamps were taken by drone. “We believe they will be popular in tourist destinations as a reminder of a trip to Iceland, and stamp collectors are ecstatic that Pósturinn is celebrating this anniversary with the issue of these stamps,” says the Iceland post office.

The minisheet has four stamps:

50g to Europe—Shows wetlands or floods at Holtsós under Eyjaföllum in Rangárþing eystra. Only a narrow ridge separates Holtsós from the turbulent Atlantic Ocean.

100g to Europe—Shows an aurora corona. In the corona, the aurora borealis appears to originate at a single point with rays in all directions, and they are always fluctuating and colorful. The picture was taken in Kolgrafarfirði on the northern side of Snæfellsnesi.

100g outside of Europe—A view into the crater and the lava river from the Merardala eruption near Fagradalsfjalli in Reykjanesi. Volcanic eruptions in Reykjanes began in 2021 with an eruption in Fagradalsfjalli.

50g outside of Europe—View from the Svinafellsjökull, battered and torn above Freysnes in Óræfum (Hotel Skaftafell). The glacier falls west southwest from Óræfajökull.



Faroes and Greenland Astronaut

In late August European Space Agency astronaut Andreas Mogensen flew to the International Space Station. His mission has been named Huginn, a name from Norse mythology. A joint issue from the Faroe Islands and Greenland celebrates his venture.

Andreas will spend half a year on the space station. He will carry out a large group of scientific experiments, including ten experiments from Denmark, ranging from virtual reality and sleep to climate science.

Huginn, the name chosen by Andreas for the mission, originates in Norse mythology with Huginn and Muninn—the two raven accomplices of the god Odin. The two symbolize the human mind, with Huginn representing thought and Muninn, memory. The two ravens flew into the world at dawn and gathered information from the farthest corners of the world to bring back news to Odin. The Huginn mission will see Andreas



fly to Earth’s orbiting outpost to run experiments at the edge of our planet and bring knowledge to humankind back on Earth.

The stamp features a raven with its wings extended, set against a backdrop that includes Greenland, the Faroe Islands, and Denmark, collectively known as the Kingdom of Denmark. Both Greenland and the Faroe Islands are autonomous regions within the Kingdom, with their own governments.

Greenland shares its heritage with the Inuit culture, which includes Canada, Greenland, and Alaska. The Faroe Islands have a shared heritage with the Nordic countries and has the Faeroese name for the Faroe Islands, “Føroyar,” appearing bottom left of the stamp while the International Space Station, where Andreas will spend six months, is on the opposite corner.

Retreating Ice Spills Secrets

Source: "Newscripts" column by Sydney Smith, *Chemical & Engineering News*, Sept. 4, 2023, page 39.

Thanks to climate change, glacial archaeology is a burgeoning field. It involves rescuing artifacts, the past's secrets, as they melt out of high-mountain ice. You might call it a new icy frontier.

Each year, from August through September—peak melt season, as hikers may know—a group of hardy archaeologists and trusted helpers based in Innlandet, Norway, makes a strenuous and chilly trek into the Norwegian highlands for a project called Secrets of the Ice. The team backpacks to remote areas, sometimes enlisting pack horses to carry equipment but otherwise toting it themselves. The group uses Ever-

est-rated camping gear, wears crampons, and watches vigilantly for blizzards.

While surveying, team members walk back and forth for hours—at times near 2,000 m elevation at a 30-degree slope over loose rocks, says Lars Pilø, archaeologist and codirector of Secrets of the Ice.

But it's all part of the thrill of expedition.

Over the years, the team has

made incredible finds. These include many arrows, the oldest dating back 5,700–6,200 years; a walking stick with a runic inscription; a 3,300-year-old complete bow; a well-preserved pair of prehistoric skis; a 1,600–1,800-year-old tunic; a woven mitten; and even ancient horse dung.

Such discoveries reveal that humans used high-mountain areas more extensively than originally thought, and these long-lost belongings give us glimpses of their daily life (*J. Field Archaeol.* 2021, DOI: 10.1080/00934690.2021.2012330).

Pilø tells *Newscripts* that his favorite find was a "small, blunt arrow, only 26 cm

long" dating to 600 CE. The arrow was most likely a toy "lost in the snow in the [mountain] pass by a child, who was practicing bow-and-arrow," he says. "Such finds really make you feel the connection to people from the past."

Fieldwork began Aug. 17 this year, and multiple scaring sticks, likely used for reindeer hunting, have already been found. *Newscripts* wishes the team luck as it searches for human secrets revealed by the retreating ice—before the snow soon begins to fall again.



Icy artifacts: The team used lukewarm water to tenderly thaw the still-frozen front end of this circa 500 CE arrow.

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FREE RANGE: By Bill Whitehead



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