



## Even more artefacts

I have had some positive response from different persons about showing some of the artefacts we have found this year at our excavation at Fröjel, on the island of Gotland. Even this report will give examples of some of the artefacts we have found. Once again, I will stress that what we can show at the moment is just a tiny portion of all the about 14000 artefacts all together that we have found at Fröjel.

In my last report, I said that I will try to have some of the papers by the students on the home page in the form of pdf files, readable with the help of Acrobat Reader. That program can be downloaded for free at [www.adobe.com/acrobat](http://www.adobe.com/acrobat). They are in Swedish, so I will only display them on the Swedish part of the home page. But I shall try to have the English summary.

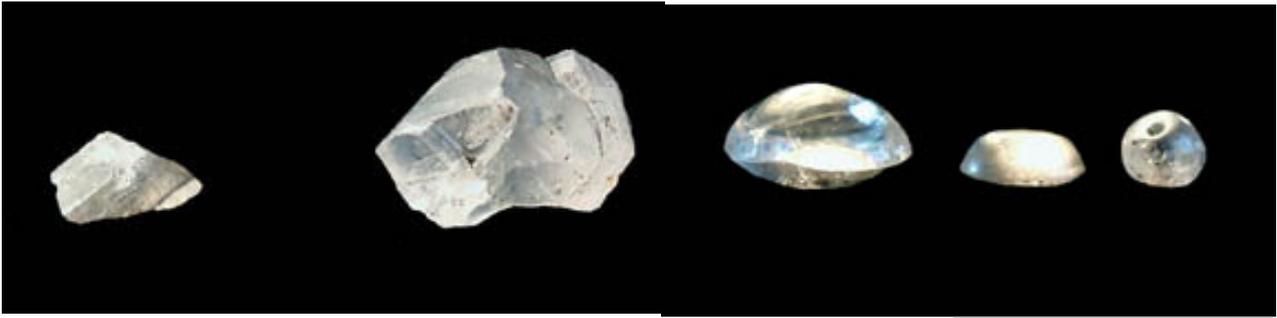
This will be the last report concerning artefacts for a while. My next report will deal with the question of the necessity to inform the public about our work.

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Above are some of the beads we have found during the excavation this summer. Most of the beads are monochrome glass beads of different colours. But we have also found other kinds of beads, like the one to the left in the top row. That has been a gold plated bead, where the gold has fallen off. Below that one (furthest to the left in the lower row) is a bead of carnelian, and to the right a specific form of a Rosary bead made of bone, then a small bead of amber and finally a blue glass bead. Most of the beads are from the Viking Age, 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> century. The conical red bead at the top row is from 8<sup>th</sup> century, what is called Vendel Period in Sweden. The Rosary bead is from the 12<sup>th</sup> century.



Pieces of rock crystal, both in the form of raw material, half finished beads, lenses and well made faceted beads have been found at Fröjel during the excavation. This summer, we found something like 4 or 5 crystal lenses and several beads, and it all points to the conclusion that rock crystal was imported to Fröjel and used for making beads as well as lenses.

To the right is a piece of a Viking Age glass vessel, made of light green glass decorated with elevated strings of glass. Photo D. Carlsson.



Artefacts made of bone are found in rather huge quantities, not at least pins and needles in very many different forms and sizes. The needle to the right is broken in both ends, but well decorated. To the left is a piece of a comb, the holes for two rivets can be seen in each end of the piece. Scale about 2:1. Photo D. Carlsson.

Some of the artefacts from the man's world. The small piece in the upper left corner is the middle part of a sword scabbage, made in the form of a falcon. This kind of wording falcon has been found on Gotland and in the middle part of Sweden, not at least at Birka, the famous Viking Age town west of Stockholm. Scale about 2:1

In the lower left corner of the photo is a typical, though rather small, ring needle of bronze from the 11th century. Scale about 1:1.



To the right, there is a well ornated belt buckle of bronze and of a type that we have found earlier in our excavations at Fröjel. It can be dated to the 11th century. Scale about 2:1.

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