



You are invited to attend the

Ontario Archaeological Society Toronto Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
7:30 pm

19 Russell Street, Department of Anthropology
University of Toronto, St. George Campus
2nd Floor Boardroom, Rm. 246

There will be a speaker, light refreshments, and time to socialize with other members.

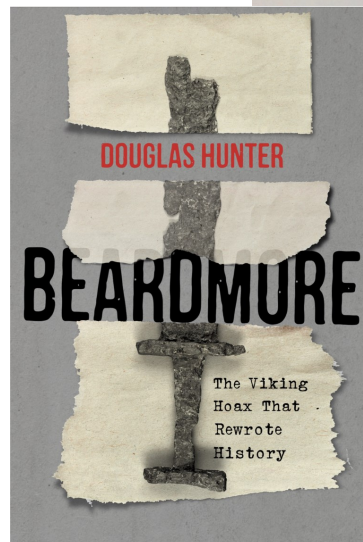


Douglas Hunter, award-winning author, PhD. (history) York University

Beardmore: The Viking Hoax that Scandalized the Royal Ontario Museum

For some twenty years, a Viking grave purportedly discovered by an itinerant prospector in northern Ontario marred our understanding of the original European outreach to the Americas. Acquired in 1936 by Charles Trick Currelly, the celebrated director of the ROM's archaeology division, the Beardmore relics were only exposed as a clumsy hoax in 1956.

In his book *Beardmore* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2018), Douglas Hunter unravels the complex case and shows how power can be exercised across professional networks in ways that are hostile to arriving at the truth.



Beardmore sword, axe, and "shield handle," 1937 (B/W negative ROMA 1989; rom2018_16184_4)

We encourage all interested persons to attend Toronto Chapter meetings free of charge and invite you to become a member of the OAS and the Chapter. Bring a friend!