



Membership Join and Renew/Contribution Form

Friends of the Viking Ship, NFP



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Mission Statement

The purpose of "Friends of the Viking Ship, N.F.P." (FOVS) is: to facilitate the preservation of the 1893 Viking Ship -- an important artifact from the Columbian Exposition, and to advocate its public display in a permanent museum setting with adequate security and climate control. To accomplish this goal, FOVS will raise funds for its protection and preservation, and for interpretation of its history. FOVS will also seek appropriate partners who share our mission of securing a permanent home for this magnificent ship.



Accomplishments

Seeing the plight of this historic treasure, "friends" rallied around the Viking and decided this "first ever" replica Viking ship needed to be preserved. Some of our accomplishments since 2007...

- a website launched (August 2007)
- a professional assessment of the *VIKING* completed (November 2007)
- a grant of \$52,000 awarded by American Express (2007) toward its stabilization (2008)
- visitor viewing platform erected (September 2008)
- regularly scheduled visitor's days (ongoing)
- educational posters showing brief history of the Viking installed (April 2010)
- security enhancements (May 2009 - September 2010)
- additional shelter enhancements (September 2011 and April 2012)
- cleaning and archiving of the *VIKING*'S deck boards (August 2011, 2012 and 2014)
- obtained ownership of the Viking ship from the Chicago Park District (September 2012)
- professional assessment by Norwegian Viking ship builder, Gunnar Eldjarn (November 2013)
- oars and flagpoles placed in racks; new deck board boxes constructed (2014)
- additional keel supports installed (October 2014)
- additional hull supports, and "pillows" installed (October 2015)
- and much more!

Goals

To Preserve the *VIKING* for future generations, the ship requires further restoration and must be housed in a climate-controlled facility. Funding is needed for:

Continued preservation • Permanent housing • Perpetual care

PLEASE JOIN WITH US!

Complete the form below and mail it to:

Friends of the Viking Ship, N.F.P.
P. O. Box 3571
St. Charles, IL 60174

2021 Member Benefits:

- **NEW! One free copy of "VIKING from Norway to America" by R.E. Rasmussen.**
- Free admission to the current exhibit on scheduled Open Days
- Ship to Shore newsletter
- Invitation to the Annual Meeting

Friends of the Viking Ship is a 501 (c) (3) organization

2021 Membership/Contribution Form

Please Print Clearly:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Country _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Annual Membership Dues

Individual.....\$35.00
Family.....\$50.00

Contribution

\$ _____
(optional) in honor of:

Please print clearly.

Yes, I would like to receive communications via email.

Yes, please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities.

Total \$ _____
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