

# Ancestral Homes: Paintings inspired by the Viking Age

**Now on display in Seattle, USA**

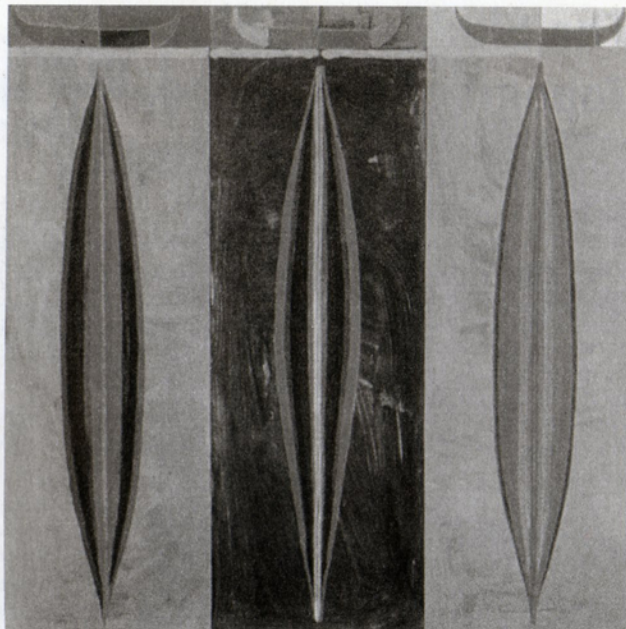
The artist Scott MacLeod will be presenting his Ancestral Homes exhibition at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, USA, from February 24 to June 2003.

At the same time the "Full Circle: First Contact – Vikings in Newfoundland and Labrador" exhibition (see VHM 2/00) will be on display at the same museum. In addition there will also be a lot of activities on the Viking theme taking place in the museum.

**The "Ancestral Homes" exhibition** was inspired by Scott MacLeod's Scottish and Norse Vikings origins.

In 1999 MacLeod was the recipient of the William Blair Bruce European Travel Scholarship from The Canadian Scandinavian Foundation. This enabled MacLeod to travel to Scandinavia and Scotland in search for his

*Vessels II.  
Painting by  
Scott  
MacLeod.  
(Original in  
colour.)*



*Many of the graves in the Viking-Age cemetery at Limfjord in Jutland are marked by stones arranged in the form of a ship, a substitute for the Scandinavian custom of ship-burial*



roots. His journey inspired a series of about 50 paintings and drawings in various media. In his work, there is a sense of fascination with the past and of longing for origins and home.

MacLeod is integrating heritage and history into contemporary art and in this way he indicates that heritage studies can help us to understand our identity; who we are in the present day world.

The ancestral home MacLeod uncovered through his research was a complex dynamic civilization, with intercultural mixing and constantly changing conceptions of ethnic and national identity. For example his ancestors came from the Outer Hebrides of Northern Scotland that were colonized by Vikings from Scandinavia. Several of the works in "Ancestral Homes" explore the similarities of Scandinavian and Scottish archetypes and symbols, evidence of the overlapping of cultures.

*Ship Grave Limfjord,  
Jutland. Charcoal on  
paper.  
By Scott MacLeod.*

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