



# FRIENDS OF THE VIKING SHIP

Membership/Contribution Form  
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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. Since 2007...

- a website was launched (August, 2007)
- a professional assessment of the *Viking* was funded (November, 2007)
- the *Viking* was awarded a grant of \$52,000 toward its preservation by American Express (November, 2007)
- "Friends of the Viking Ship, N.F.P." (FOVS), was incorporated (August, 2008)
- a new viewing platform was constructed (September 2008)

## 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
- Reconstruction/fabrication of missing items

Though the ship's mast, oars and rudder remain, and her dragon, head and tail are stored at the Museum of Science and Industry, many parts of the *Viking* have disappeared.

We appeal to those who might know of their whereabouts and request their return. We are accepting donations of items and memorabilia relating to the *Viking*. Items will be carefully cataloged and may be used as a part of the Viking ship exhibit.

## "Rescue a Rivet"

*Viking's* thousands of rivets need to be cleaned and treated with a preservative. Some must be replaced. **The need is urgent.** Consider "rescuing a rivet", at **\$10.00 each**, in honor of parents, self, spouse, children, grandchildren, or others. The possibilities are limitless.

**PLEASE JOIN US** by filling in the  
Membership Form below and mailing it to:

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

Member benefits: free admission to the current exhibit on  
scheduled dates, e-newsletter, annual meeting

## Membership Dues

Individual .....\$20.00  
Family .....\$30.00  
Student .....\$10.00

## Membership Form (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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General Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## "Rescue a Rivet"

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at \$10.00 each:

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_