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**Vikings: Invaders, Raiders, Settlers and Traders**  
**a presentation by Dr. Leigh Symonds**  
**on Sunday January 13, 2008 at 2 pm.**

The Vikings are famous for their raiding and trading in the North Atlantic and Baltic regions. Their activities provided a catalyst to urban renewal and political consolidation in northern Europe. They were intrepid mariners and travelers who reached the shores of North American in the West and the markets of Baghdad in the East. The artistry produced by these people found inspiration from their rich pagan heritage and in their conversion to Christianity. The Viking Age is time of heroes and saints, of myths and legends. It was bloody, bold and beautiful: an era of battle, of enterprise and of craftsmanship. Come and explore this exciting time and meet these enterprising people.

**Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives,**  
**Museum Drive, 300 Hunter Street East, Peterborough,**  
**Tickets for Vikings: Invaders, Raiders, Settlers and Traders**  
**are available in advance \$5 each, 705-743-5180.**

Dr. Leigh Symonds is an early medieval archaeologist whose work is based on the Isle of Man. She is particularly interested in island landscapes, cultural interaction and religious conversion. She is currently a member of the Anthropology Department at Trent University where she teaches courses on archaeological theory and methodology and introductory courses in archaeology.

*(Note – this lecture was originally scheduled for Nov 18/07)*

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