

Editorial

This issue of the *Journal of Nordic Archaeological Science* is dedicated to the memory of the Swedish ethnologist Gertrud Grenander Nyberg (†2003), and includes an obituary by Professor Birgit Arrhenius and a special article on scythes written in her honour by one of her former colleagues, Professor Janken Myrdal. I am also convinced that the article on padlocks by Ny Björn Gustafsson would have been greatly to her liking.

The article by Milton Núñez and Jari Okkonen is a “leftover” from the previous issue and was part of its Neolithic focus. Botanical, organico-chemical and geophysical methods are all discussed and/or applied in the papers by Ann-Marie Hansson (on buried plants), Barbara Sageidet (on Bronze Age cultivation), Anders Nord et al. (on bone deterioration) and Kjell Persson (on archaeological prospecting). We continue with a new feature, “Debate”, in which previous articles can be commented on and replied to, represented in this case by a discussion on rock art preservation between John Coles and Ulf Bertilsson.

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