

Dear Readers,

Another year has passed. We hope you have all been able to appreciate freedom to participate in conferences in person and to travel to sites and museums to enjoy first-hand experiences. In this issue, we offer reports from many interesting conferences, not least the impressive European Association of Archaeologists' conference which has a growing contingent of textile researchers, demonstrating the important integration of textile research with all other archaeological subjects and research themes.

The constant flow of new project reports demonstrates a flourishing field with researchers who attract impressive funding and resources for textile studies. We are proud to help share this knowledge between our different communities and we hope to see more of this in the future. Our aim is to generate many interesting future papers for the *Archaeological Textiles*

Review (ATR) and for other journals. Since 2021, all *Archaeological Textiles Newsletter* (ATN) and ATR issues have been available online at the ATN website, where we note a growing interest in our articles. If you publish with us, your work will reach researchers and other interested parties across the world – from east to west and from north to south. It is still possible to order a printed copy of ATR from the web shop at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark (www.webshophum-en.ku.dk/shop/archaeological-textiles-664s1.html), but authors will no longer receive a printed copy.

It is time-consuming to run a journal up to modern publication standards. Since 2021, when the current editors started working together, we have been developing a workflow that should be more efficient in the long term. However, the editorial process is

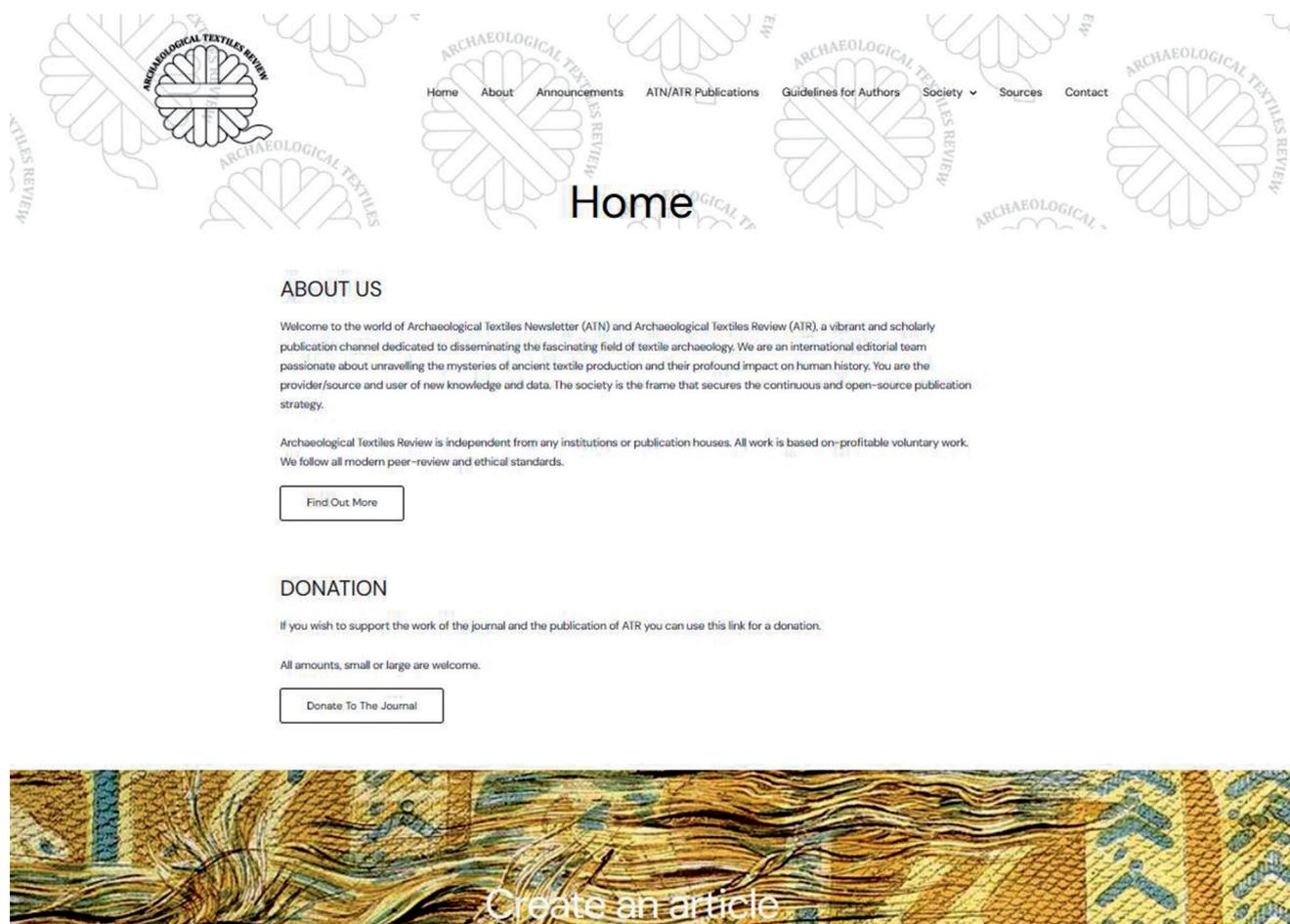


Fig. 1: Screenshot of the ATR webpage, <https://atnfriends.com/> (Image: Ulla Mannering)



still very time-consuming, and we face considerable hurdles each year. We ask that contributors please send articles in good time for the annual deadlines and conform to the editorial guidelines. The editors, who are all volunteers, spend a lot of time correcting typos, mistakes in the bibliographies and citations, and revising language. It is nice that we have English as our common language, but as this is not the first language of most authors, we work closely with the peer reviewers to improve the wording and the meaning of the texts. We hope the authors and the readers appreciate these hidden efforts, and we ask that all contributors consult a skilled native English speaker before submitting their work.

In the editorial group this year, we have renewed the website (atnfriends.com), and thanks to the keen, competent, and voluntary work of Jens Christian, Ulla Mannering's son, we now have a much better internet presence. It has the same features as the old website but presented in a more user-friendly format. We thank our previous website manager, Kenneth Jensen, who has kept the website running since its creation in 2007, for his constant and devoted efforts. We can see from the web statistics that the issues are widely read and downloaded.

A new feature on the website is the possibility to support the society running ATR, the Friends of ATN, through a donation. The GoFundMe solution has already been used by some of our supporters, but we would appreciate it if more readers would support the journal in this way. The editors have all their meetings online because they are located in different countries (Denmark, the UK and Austria). However, the other costs of maintaining the organisation in an up-to-date legal fashion are still considerable. If you have suggestions for, or problems with, the website, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In October 2023, the Friends of ATN, which is the legal institution behind the newsletter/review, held the annual general meetings for 2017 to 2022. Due to the simplicity of the society, and the European General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), the society no longer has external members, and is run by the ATN board in collaboration with the journal's editorial board and its scientific committee. The minutes from the meeting and the changes to the statutes agreed at it are available on the website.

This year's issue contains a mix of articles that range from the Neolithic to the present day. Sadly, we also report the loss of three textile pioneers, Karen-Hanne Stærmoose Nielsen from Denmark, Penelope Walton Rogers from the UK, and Jana Jones from Australia. These women have each in their own way made an invaluable contribution to the development of textile research. Several of the editorial team have met these powerful women in person, as mentors, teachers or collaborators, and they will continue to be remembered for their scientific contributions, but also their strong personalities. We honour their memories.

The deadline for articles for every issue is 1 May each year. We appreciate receiving project reports before the summer and conference reports immediately after the event is over and no later than November, and likewise all other announcements (the award of doctorates, honours and information about new publications etc).

Enjoy reading this issue of ATR and please do spread the word about it. The editorial team wishes you a fruitful new academic year in 2024.

The Editors