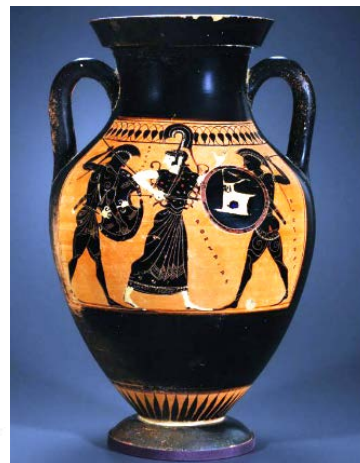
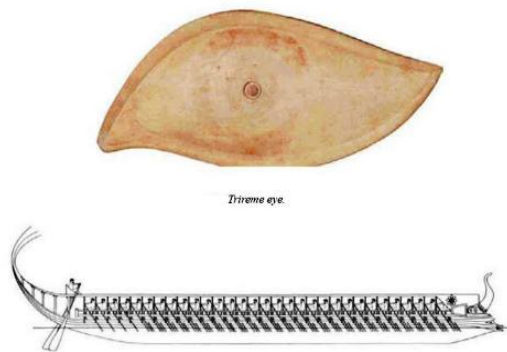


Our Aspis – Hoplon

Small sketch which I have done in order to imagine the way my future shield way look like.



Our Ionian Miletus Shield weights between 5.400 - 5.600 kl.
Length – 93 cm.



New Ionian Miletus Shield

Bronze shield device. Archaeological Museum of Olympia. Elis, Greece. 6CBC.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chigi_vase

Our light Thracian shields cover by stretch leather and one of them with linen textile mpregnate with glue made by boiled cow bones!

When this glue get set the textile getting very hard and elastic.





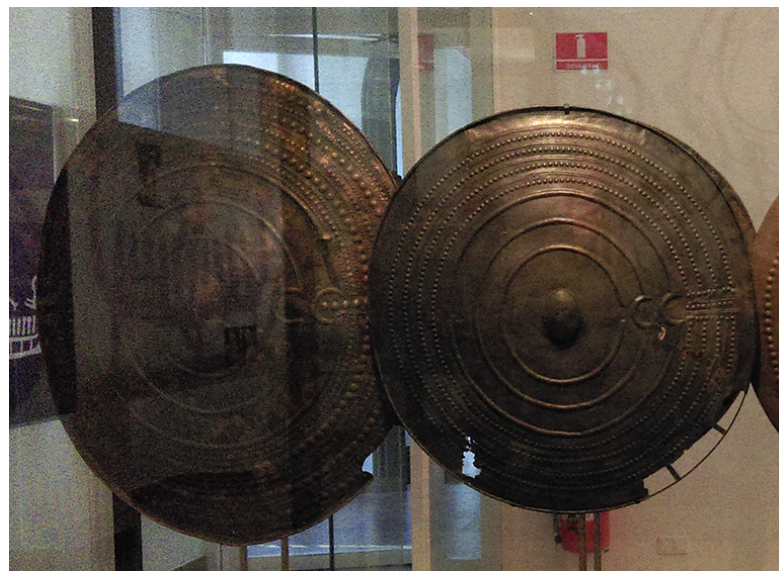
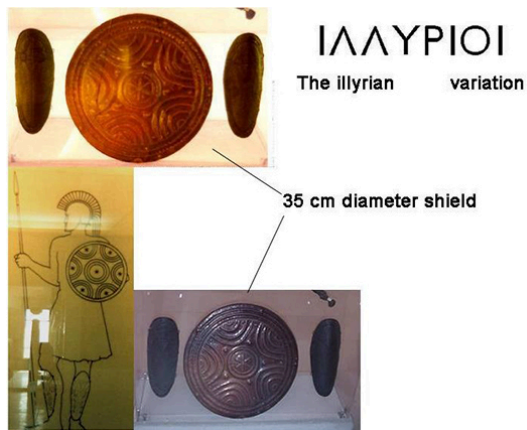
Thracian-Illyrian's shields.
 Perfect produced by Deepeeka from one piece of brass.

Replicas of the Villanovan shield which we use as defensive weapon of the Thracians warriors.

Villanovan's weapons were similar or just the same which Minoan and Thracians had in this historical period.

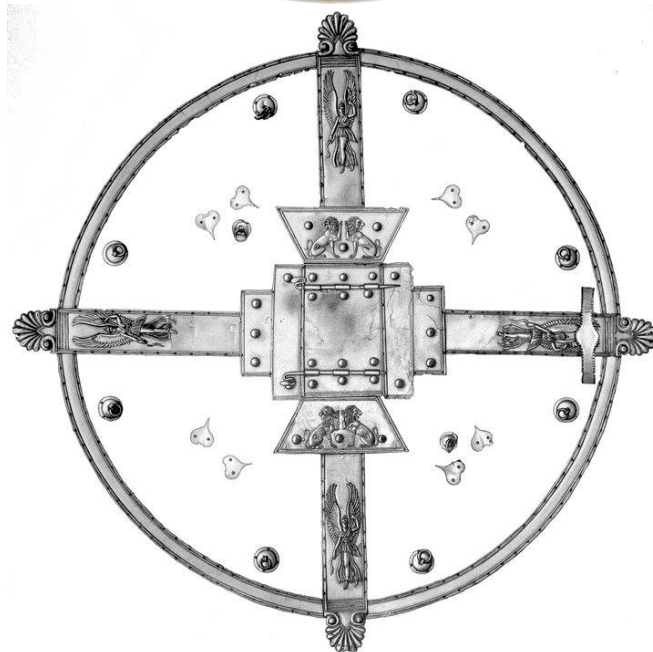
In late historical period Macedonians and Illyrians similar or the same shapes and sizes as the defensive weapons from Apennines were used in Balkan peninsular even the decoration were similar.

Villanovan shield is just one of the many similar shields which has similar shapes and sizes used widely in antiquity by ancient warriors. Since now we are using the replicas of Villanovan shield as parallel in other historical shields.



Porpax of Aspis (Ceremonial shield) Philip II of Macedon. Royal tombs of Vergina, Aegae Greece.
the shield of Philip from a Macedonian tomb.





Detail of the embrace "porpax", of a Greek shield "aspis", with the detail of one of the pins to disassemble it. Possibly this was the system used by the Spartans, which are said to have disassembled and hid the porpax, so that the aspids could not be used in the event that in a revolt of their Ilot slaves, they came to take over them.

Aspis with decoration of Pegasus is probably the only one proven Greek shield device image dedicated to the Victorious battle of Marathon.

Weight of the finished black shield is about 6.5 kg and in diameter is 89.5 cm.



The bigger one Aspis in white and red colors on the photos is 95cm in diameter and about 6 kilograms in weight.

We studied the image of the shield devices depicted to Greco-Persian Wars, which present mythological Pegasus positioned on the (bright background). And I decided to recreate one different image from the artifact well known as: Persian soldier (left) and Greek hoplite (right) depicted fighting, on an ancient kylix, 5th century BC.



We didn't want the image of Pegasus to be black, red or brown just to stand out strongly on the bright background.

So, we choose to paint Ivory background base color and, in this order our Pegasus looks spooky white and slightly magically transparent.





Dye hemp rope for our Aspis.



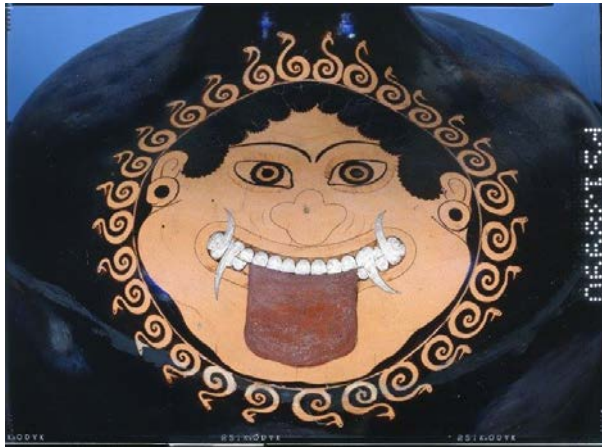
New Aspis hoplon shield is ready and it's in our Association store,
It's looking as brand new, and the basic measurements are:
Only 5 kilograms in weight, and its 91.50cm in length.

And this is the way it is looking now on back site.



We try our best to keep the old image decoration, but after we done some artifact research, we decide to stick closely to the Archaic Greek Medusa expression. So we added eyes pupils, earrings, new canin theet, and longer tongue.





Pretty artist Anelia Grigorova (Анели), which originally decorated the shield some years ago. We are very glad to have her art in our disposals.



Pus new transport case, made from natural materials only: Inside thick wool fabric textile and military water resistant "canvas" for outside.