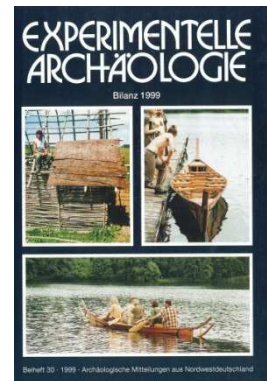


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Every year over the last five years a new volume appeared in the series 'Experimental Archaeology in Germany'. The book published in 2000 gives a review of some lectures given in 1998. It contains as well some articles especially written for this book. All essays are dealing with experiments or reviews about experiments conducted by others. The 'Bilanz' is written in German and some of the articles have an English summary. *Banghard* writes about the use of bark as thatching material for late Neolithic houses in southern Germany and Switzerland. They have tried it on some newly built Neolithic houses in the Federseemuseum. *Bodensteiner* is telling of the building of a replica of the Hjortspringboat in a pleasant way. With a couple of enthusiastic people during three years a 1:2 scale boat was built.



The article of *Heinze* concerns the production of salt out of peat which grows along the seashore. *Böttcher* has been experimenting with ceramics. He has been mixing the clay with several materials, trying to replicate the quality and composition of clay and ceramics from mediaeval pottery. *Paardekooper* is writing on the profit of rebuilding ships from (pre-)historic periods. Archaeologists do not take enough advantage from the outcome of the shipbuilding, although they are very helpful during the period of construction. In the article of *Böttcher* two modern caps made in a 'Needle binding technology' are presented. Through observation, drawings and actual sewing attempts she describes how the caps are made. *Todtenhaupt* and *Kurzweil* give a review of some research done by other archaeologists. The experiments and subjects of research are dealing with the production of wood-tar, melting-adhesives and glass. The reconstruction of the shoes of the ice-man "Ötzi" is the subject of the article by *Reichert*. She made several replicas and even tried to walk with them.

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