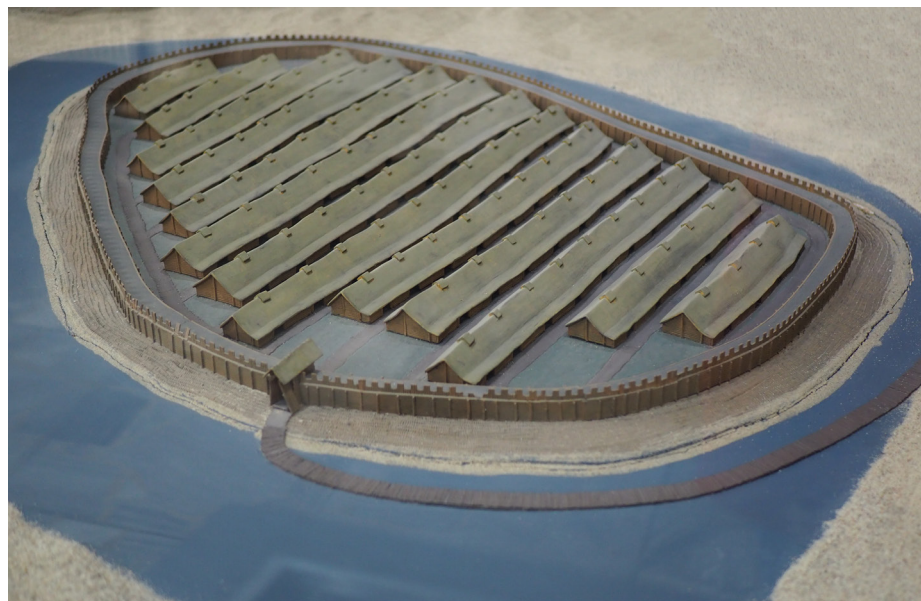
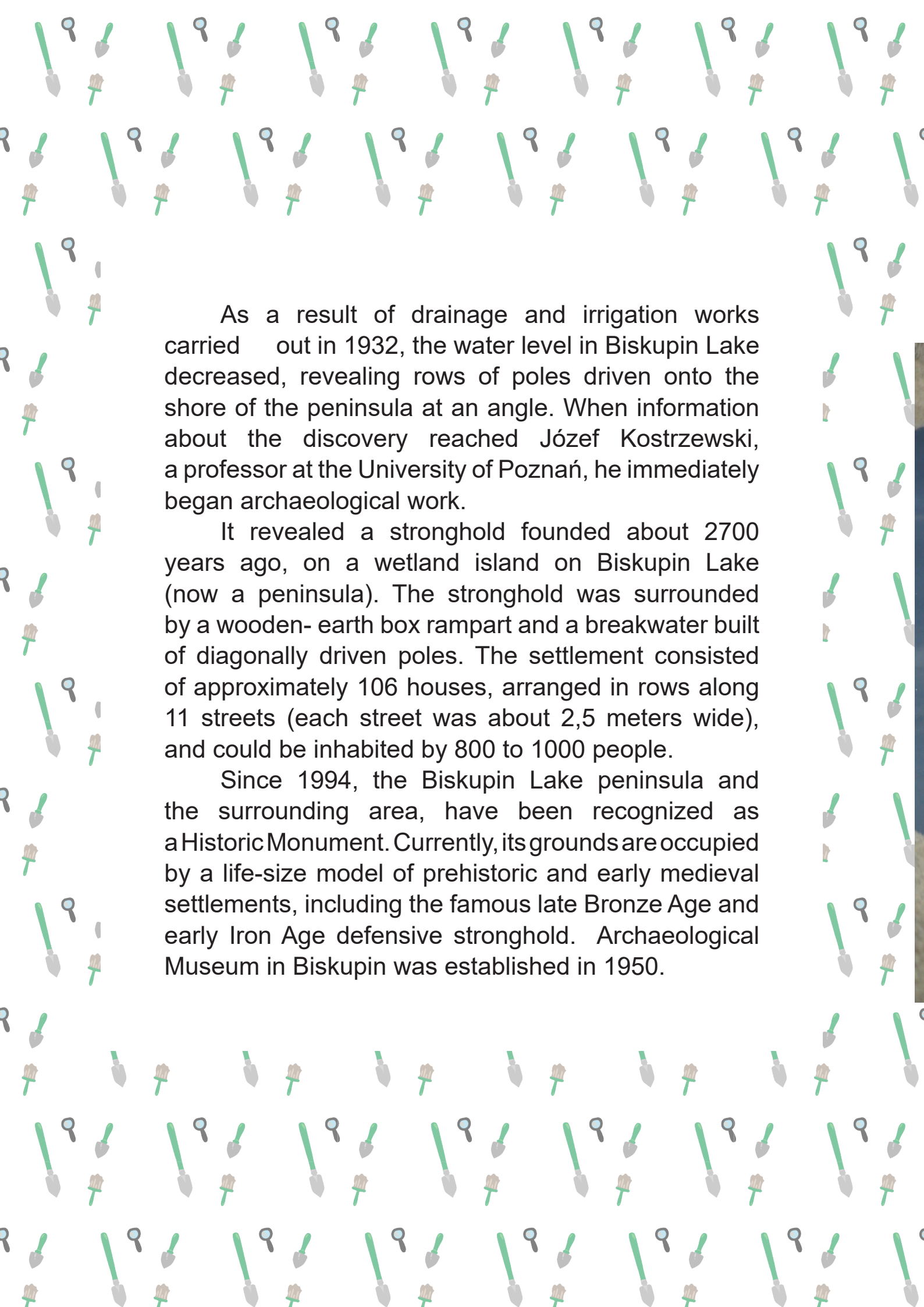


# ARCHAEOLOGICAL RIDDLES

## A DAY IN BISKUPIN





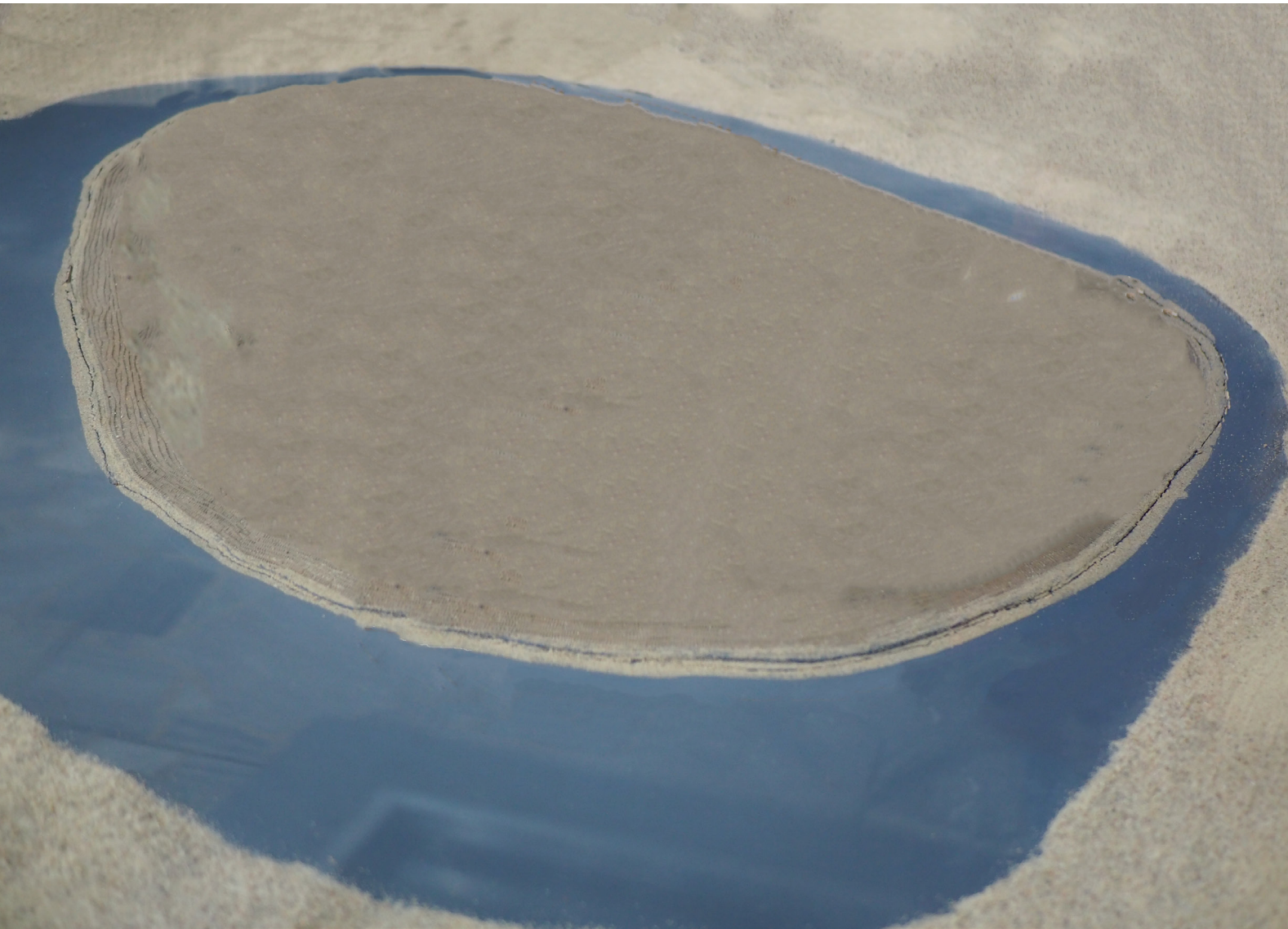
As a result of drainage and irrigation works carried out in 1932, the water level in Biskupin Lake decreased, revealing rows of poles driven onto the shore of the peninsula at an angle. When information about the discovery reached Józef Kostrzewski, a professor at the University of Poznań, he immediately began archaeological work.

It revealed a stronghold founded about 2700 years ago, on a wetland island on Biskupin Lake (now a peninsula). The stronghold was surrounded by a wooden- earth box rampart and a breakwater built of diagonally driven poles. The settlement consisted of approximately 106 houses, arranged in rows along 11 streets (each street was about 2,5 meters wide), and could be inhabited by 800 to 1000 people.

Since 1994, the Biskupin Lake peninsula and the surrounding area, have been recognized as a Historic Monument. Currently, its grounds are occupied by a life-size model of prehistoric and early medieval settlements, including the famous late Bronze Age and early Iron Age defensive stronghold. Archaeological Museum in Biskupin was established in 1950.

## Task 1

The strongholds were defensive settlements built in Poland during the Bronze Age, Early Iron Age (Lusatian culture) and early Middle Ages. Following the example of our ancestors, design your own stronghold.



## Task 2

Many of the objects used by the inhabitants of the strongholds were made by them. We still use some of them today, but they often look a little different, or they are made of a different material. Try to match items from the past (left) with their modern equivalent (right).



## GRAPHIC SOURCES

By Jon Pallbo (Jon.Pallbo@gmail.com) - Praca własna, Domena publiczna, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=1932935>

By Carolus - Praca własna, CC BY 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=11321411>

By FiveRings at English Wikipedia - Transferred from en.wikipedia to Commons by IvanLanin using CommonsHelper., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=4562924>

By Raulfj - Praca własna, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=73990278>

By Luigi Chiesa - Photo taken by Luigi Chiesa, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=869600>

By knoe - Praca własna, CC BY 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=18793809>

The remaining photos and graphics are the property of the Archeological Museum in Poznań



Authors

Olga Adamczyk  
Magdalena Felis  
Lena Głowacka  
Marta Kalisz-Zielińska  
Dorota Kurkowicz  
Anna Wasilewska

Graphic design

Lena Głowacka

Department of Exhibitions and Education