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## April, 25, 2009 Moot in Marshfield

At the house of Marie Dudely  
Address is: 615 North Ash, Marshfield, WI  
If lost call house number: 715-387-4203

Same block as Lady Emelye (Tabitha) and the old house of Lady Alex and Lord Janvier

### Directions:

#### From the North (on HWY 97)

Stay on road, turns into Central Ave.  
Turn Left onto Doege Street at stop lights and a State Farm building should be on the corner.  
Road splits, take the left side following the arrow sign. Road turns into Becker Street.  
Drive another block and on the Left will be Ash street, Turn Left onto Ash House is in the middle of the block on the Right. House has gray siding.

#### From the South (on Veterans PKY or HWY 13)

If coming from Veterans PKY take a Right on Central Ave.  
Stay on Central Ave. till Doege Street.  
Turn Right onto Doege Street at stop lights and a State Farm building should be on the corner.  
Road splits, take the left side following the arrow sign. Road turns into Becker Street.  
Drive another block and on the Left will be Ash street, Turn Left onto Ash House is in the middle of the block on the Right. House has gray siding.

Hope to see you there.



## April Fool!

One of the first mentions of a possible “April Fool” is Chaucer’s Nun Priest’s tale of two foolish creatures (Chanticleer and the Fox) which takes place on March 32!

## Web pages of interest:

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)

[www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

[www.falconskeep.org](http://www.falconskeep.org)

[www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm)

## The Chronicler's Quill



Greetings onto the folk  
of the Shire of Falcon's Keep,

Once again I want to thank all contributors to the Mewsletter. This month I had a deadline due to a business trip at the end of March, and it really helped that everyone got their copy to me. For the cover I have once again borrowed from the Tres Riches Houres de Duc du Berry. April shows a betrothal scene. Congratulations to Lady Emelye and Bart on their betrothal!

I would also like to thank everyone who has turned in the form to allow use of your address and other information online and/or in the Mewsletter. If you have not done so you can find the form on the website and print it up and send it to me or to the webminister.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped with the cooking day in preparation for Haire Affaire of the Heart. Many hands make light work! The food that was made looks delicious. I only wish I could be there!

YIS  
Ealasaid

### CALENDAR

#### April 2009

- 4 Spring Coronation [Jararvellir]
- 18 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]
- 18 Road to the Isle XIII [Mistig Waetru-South Range MI]
- 25 Western Regional Melee Practice [Dreibruken-Lincoln ND]

#### May 2009

- 9 Spring Crown [Nordskogen-Chaska MN]
- 16 Beltaine by the Bay [Darkstone-Ashland WI]
- 14-17 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 22-24 Midsummer in the Highlands  
[Treewint-Wessington Springs, SD]
- 22-24 ARRG VIII [Jararvellir-Montello WI]
- 22-25 Castle Fever [Silfren Mere-Preston MN]
- 29-31 Mermaids [Turm an dem See-Valders WI]

#### June 2009

- 6 Silks Needles and More [Korsvag-Fargo ND]
- 6-7 Woodland Romp [Skerjastrond MI]
- 12-14 Border Skirmish [Caer Antherth]
- 20 Shakespearean Midsummer [Castel Rouge-Winnipeg MB]
- 20 Bardic Madness [Border Downs-Sioux Falls SD]
- 25-28 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Borrineau ND]
- 26-28 Thatsa Mare [Mare Amythystium-Thunder Bay ON]

#### July 2009

- 5-9 Arts in the Park [Wynandremer-Brainerd MN]
- 9-12 Warriors and Warlords [Nordskogen-Boscobel WI]
- 17-19 Mad Dogs and Englishmen [Border Dwons-Parker SD]
- 17-19 Hyghsummer [Orlova Dolina-Bemdiji MN]
- 23-26 Rabid Yale Hunt [Coldedernhale-White River SD]
- 24-Aug 9 Pennsic War [Aethelmearc]

#### August 2009

- 7-9 Poor Mans Pennsic [Falcon's Keep-Wisc Rapids WI]
- 7-9 St Radegund's Fair [Rivenwood Tower-Mankato MN]

**Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at 7pm UWSP. It restarted on Jan 26 in the Laird Room after winter break, but the room may be changing. Please check with Vincent.**

Minutes March 7th, 2009

### 1. Officer Reports

a. Senechal- Next moot is April 25th, 2009. In Marshfield at Amandas house. Look for directions and address to be posted on the web. The work moot for Haire Affaire Feast will be Sat March 21st, 10 am at Mistress Ealasaid's home.

b. Chateline- Amanda is taking over as chateline. We inventoried the loaner garb to see what additions we may need as well as what we needed to get rid of.

c. Exchequer- Nothing to report at this time.

d. Chronicler- Please submit your articles on time. We still need additional articles for the newsletter. Anyone who hasn't filled out the information release forms yet please get them filled out and sent to Mistress Ealasaid. These forms are required for officers. If you are an officer make sure Mistress Ealasaid has your contact information. We had some discussion about cover art. Some suggestions were made for how we could do a arts and sciences project to make some cover art that could be used for the newsletter.

e. Web Minister- no report

f. Knights Marshall- Lord Justinian talked about the tournaments for Haire Affaire.

g. Rapier Marshall- Practice is on Monday nights 7pm UWSP, Liard Room. Lord Vincent talked about the possible tourneys for Haire Affaire.

h. Minister of Arts and Sciences- Nothing to report.

2. Haire Affaire- Mistress Ealasaid talked about dishware. Lord Alessandro is going to research the price of platters and bowls. We voted to allow a \$300.00 allowance for the purchase of feast serving dishes. Lady Mary will be accepting contributions for the gift baskets for their Majesty's and their Highnesses. You can get items to her either Friday night before the event or early (prior to 9am) the day of the event. Baron Gutorm is looking for room guards on the day of the event.

3. Poorman's has been put on the calendar for August 7-9, 2009.

See you next time,

Mary of Falcon's Keep

## Anachronists Book Review:

### Lady Eve of Lynn

Getting away from straight history, this month I ordered Bernard Cornwell's *Agincourt* copywrite 2009. A young archer joins a mercenary army in order to avoid being hanged. He survives the massacre at Soissons, later to be again involved in Henry V efforts to gain the crown of France.

Cornwell as always gives the reader an action filled description of the mayhem that occurs amidst the heat of battle.

This is just the book that any SCA fighter would like add to his or her library.

Finding a new to me new author on the mystery section of the new book shelf, had me returning once again to Tudor England.

C.J. Sansom's *Revelations* is not just an evenings read; there is more to it then the average whodunit. The author has crafted a very believable protagonist with Matthew Shardlake. Matthew, a barrister for the court of Lincoln's Inn, has recently been promoted to become one of the two barristers appointed to plead before the Court of Requests where poor men's pleas were heard. A serjeancy had come with the post.

Matthew has taken on the case of a young man placed in Bedlam. He is also investigating the murder of an old friend. Both cases are entwined with the court ship of Henry VIII and Catherine Parr.

My local library does not have the previous books in this series but does have a sound recording of *Sovereign* which is the second book in the series.



## Ask Alex

How can I go SCA camping without bringing everything but the kitchen sink?

Cooking at camping events usually calls for bringing a lot of extra stuff. If there will be lunch or evening meals available to purchase, this may be a good option. Cooking for yourself or your family will take extra time, food safety considerations, something to cook with and something to cook on. For large events, it is a good idea to try to go as a group. That way, different people bring different things, and everything is covered.

For example, at WW or Gulf War, some members of the Shire camp in one group. With a bit of organization and preparation, you don't have to bring everything; the load is split between the entire group. Get together with everyone before the event. Determine who wants to be included. Set limits. Twenty people for a food plan, is a lot to coordinate, and I will not do it again. Sketch out who will do what, when. For example, if someone is going to make burgers over the fire, a tripod and grill is required. If everything is going to be made over the fire, you don't need to bring a stove. You don't need to be real specific when you say what you will make, just a general category. Will it be a soup or stew, something grilled or fried?

The plan you make for the meals will determine what other things you need to bring. For example one person brings fire stuff. This would include a fire extinguisher, shovel, bucket, tripod or grill. Another person could bring a portable grill or stove, and someone else brings all the coffee stuff, including a container for water. Normally, you only need a couple of utensils, pots and pans, so not everyone needs to bring them.

There are several different ways to handle the food. At Gulf War, because of the distance, we buy all the food when we



get there and divide the cost between the participants. We plan for dinner each night, stuff for sandwiches for lunch and breakfast stuff. Individuals make their own breakfast and lunch from the food that was purchased. Dinner is cooked at a specific time. When distance is not such an issue, each person or family could bring the makings for one meal. Don't forget if you are planning on cooking over the fire, the fire must be ready for cooking early enough to have every thing done on time.

Besides dividing up who brings what, remember to also divide up the chores. It is very important to keep a clean camp site to prevent any furry or multi-legged visitors. Depending on the time frame and the number of people, what I have found works well is if one person, or group of people cook one night and clean another night. Don't forget to have someone bring something to wash dishes in, towels and dish soap.

One last piece of advice is to make lists. Make sure everyone involved understands what they are responsible for. There are a lot of things going on at an event. Between fighting, classes, court and socializing it may be tough to work out a schedule. Make this voluntary. If someone must be forced to participate, things may not go smoothly. With planning and organization, you can cut down on the things you bring to an event, although Janvier did bring the kitchen sink to WW one year.....

Alex

Remember that people in period had to travel light because transportation was not as good as it is today. Therefore if you try to pack more like a medieval person (for example choose stuff that does not require a cooler such as beef jerky or summer-sausage, dried fruits, etc) or that can be cooked over the fire with just a single pot (oatmeal for breakfast, stew for dinner) you will save a lot on what you have to bring. Furthermore these one pot meals lend themselves to sharing and using what is available.

Ealasaid