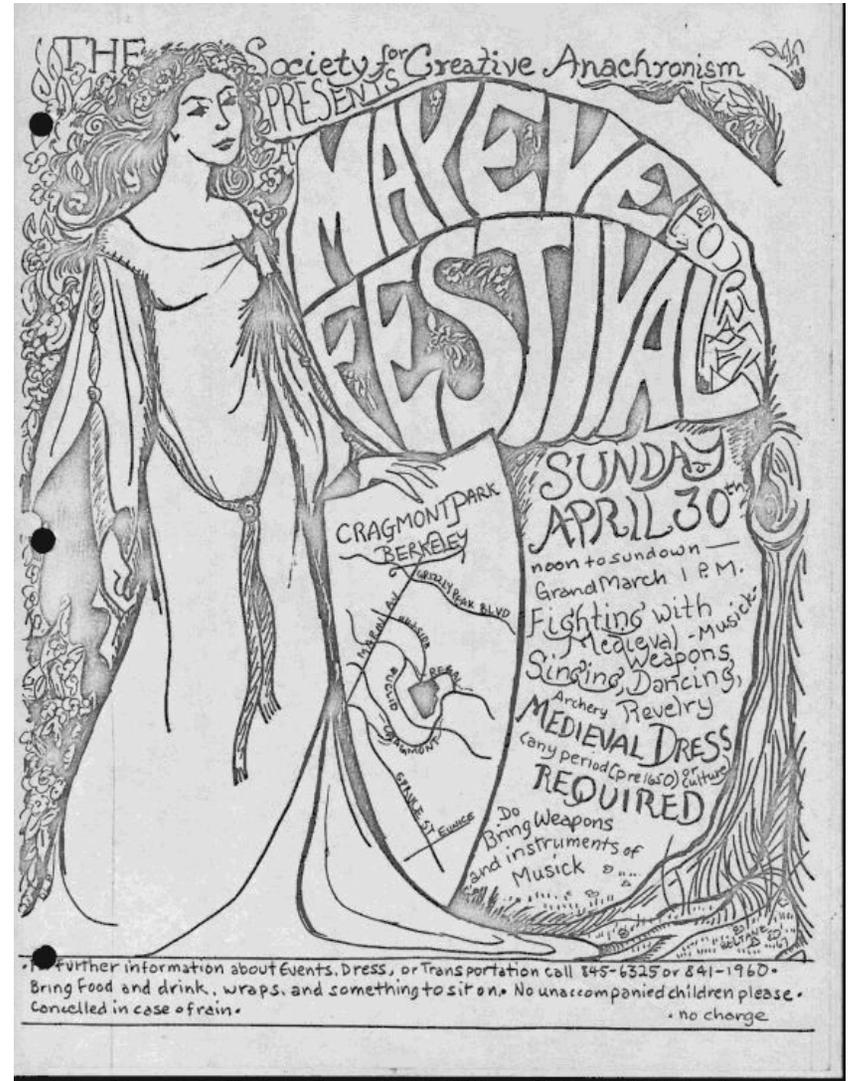


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May Moot

Sunday May 17

Meet at 11 am to tour Poor Man's Pennsic Site
Lions Club Wisconsin Rapids
Moot at 1pm, potluck to follow

Please note that the Lions Club is currently not plottable on Google or Yahoo Maps. These are the easiest directions I can come up with

From Marshfield

Take Hwy 10 E. Turn Right on Hwy 34. When you reach Wisconsin Rapids continue straight onto the Riverview Expressway. Keep following that all the way through town. When you see Home Depot on the left...the Lion's Club will be on the right shortly thereafter. Look for the Billboard and the fenced in area.

From Wausau/Steven's Point

Take 51 S. Take exit 153 towards Plover. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Continue straight through Plover and onto Hwy 54 West. Continue on Hwy 54 into Rapids. Turn left at the second stoplight. Home Depot should be on your left. The Lions Club will be on the right shortly thereafter. Look for the Billboard and the fenced in area.

If you get lost please call 213-2069

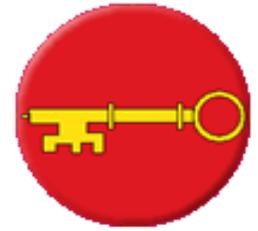
Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm



Greetings from the Seneschal

As spring finally approaches I hope that all your thoughts turn to events you plan on attending. Hurray! Camping season is here again! May 9th our friend Lord Jonns Gunnarson (a former Falcon's Keeper formerly known as Lord Jon Of the Jade Phoenix or Little Jon) is fighting in crown tourney! I hope you all attend to help cheer him on.

The moot in May will be in Rapids and hopefully we can schedule a walk through for interested persons to see our new Poorman's site without snow. I ask all of us to come up with ideas for classes, contests, auctions, and events that we may be able to present to the public this year. Please contact me, or the Autocrats, Mary and Asli with any and all ideas you may have. We have an interesting challenge this year to make this demo as well-attended as previous years.

See you next time!

Arianna

COVER ART:

On this month's cover is a copy of the flier for the first Coronation tournament held in Berkeley April 30, ASI (1967) from the History of the Kingdom of the West.

The Chronicler's Quill



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

Thanks to all who worked to make the Haire Affaire of the Heart a success! I only wish I could have been there. I would like to give a special thanks to Lord Alessandro, Baron Guttorm, Zsolt, Bart, and all who worked in the kitchen.

While on the topic of thanks, I would like to thank those who contributed to this Mewsletter and especially those who regularly contribute. I can still use more material, especially cover art, event write ups and Arts and Sciences articles. This is your chance to be a published artist or author.

Happy Birthday to the SCA. Did you notice that it is now AS XLIV? The SCA started at a May Day celebration in Berkeley CA in 1966. There were 4 tournaments in the first year and each winner crowned his lady the Queen of Love and Beauty. The cover of this Mewsletter shows the flier for the 5th tournament held at the end of AS I. This was the first time Coronation was separated from Crown Tournament. Now, at least in Northshield, they will be once again combined as in the very beginning. It is interesting how things move full circle. No, I was not there. My first event was St Bunstable's AS IX in AnTir, which was at the time a Principality of the West.

YIS
Ealasaid

CALENDAR

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]
11-14 Pirates, Knaves & Idiots [Noiregarde-Beulah WY]
12-14 Border Skirmish [Caer Antherth-Kenosha WI]
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 Midsumar [Orlova Dolina-Bemidji 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]
14-16 BYOM [Vuilku Urvas- Deer River MN]
21-23 Schutzenfest [Nordskogen, MN]
27-30 Ages of War [Silfren Mere-Charles City IA]

Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at 7pm UWSP through May 11. After a 1 week break rotation of outdoor sites will begin. Please check with Vincent.

Minutes April 25th, 2009

1. Reviewed minutes from last meeting.

2. Officer Reports

a. Senechal- Next moot will be May 17th in WI Rapids. We will have another walk thru of the new Poorman's site at 11 am for all those interested in seeing the site (with out the snow). June moot will be at Lord Janvier and Lady Alex's house. July will be tentatively in Schofield. That may change depending on what still needs to be done for Poorman's. We still need some one to host the August moot.

b. Chateline- Nothing to report.

c. Exchequer- Gross income for Haire Affaire \$1839

Expenses so far \$1139

Rough net income \$ 700

d. Chronicler- Please get last minute articles to Mistress Ealasaid tonight. We still need art and articles for future editions of the newsletter.

e. Web Minister- Robert the Mailer will be taking over as web minister for the shire. Thank you Reina for all you time and effort.

f. Knights Marshall- At the next practice Justinian will be holding the preliminary shire championship for heavy.

g. Rapier Marshall- The two individuals that will compete for shire rapier champion will be Asli and Ysebella. Their final match will be at Poorman's. Last practice at the College is May 11th. Then there will be a week off and the summer rotation between houses will start.

h. Minister of Arts and Sciences- A weaving class was done at the gate last thursday. The demo at the gate went well. Emelye is looking for a deputy.

3. Update on Poorman's- We discussed having Bob Charron from St. Martins Academy of Medieval Arms come and teach a class at Poorman's. We would need to cover his travel expenses and provide a small donation to his school for him to come. It was decided that we would cover his expenses and make the donation as his class would be well worth the cost. We will be looking into whether we will have to rent dumpsters or if we can just use a large trailer for garbage removal at Poorman's. We will need approximately 1200 flyers for advertising Poorman's this year, so if you can print any please let Mary know at venom@charter.net or 715-297-1230. We are looking for individuals to teach classes at Poorman's. I will be putting together a tentative schedule by June 1st. So please contact me if you are interested. We will be doing some morning radio shows in Wausau and WI Rapids. I will be contacting WSAU and Asli will be contacting the radio morning show in rapids. Due to the new site we need to make sure everyone is aware of some new rules.

1. No swimming

2. No pets

3. Above ground fires only

4. No stakes in the ground by the large grandstand building.

5. No early camping.

Site will open at 8am on Friday Aug 7th for merchants, 10 am for all others. Site will close on Sunday at noon. We will have set up on thursday. We will have at least one shower for use during the event. If you have any other questions please contact me at the above listed information.

4. There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned.

Lady Mary of Falcon's Keep

Anachronists Book Review:

Lady Eve of Lynn

Stephen R. Lawhead's *Tuck* hit the New Bookshelf this last February. I was very pleased to get my hands on it so soon. The familiar tale of Robin Hood is placed in an earlier century and far from Sherwood Forest. In all, the King Raven Trilogy consisting of *Hood*, *Scarlet & Tuck*, gives the reader a different view of the tale. By placing the story in Wales during the reign of William II, we get a better look at Wales after the conquest. The story actually makes more sense. I hope you like it as much as I do.

A new book by Karen Harper was also on the New Bookshelf on my last visit. *Mistress Shakespeare* is proving to be a very interesting read. The story is based on the possibility that there were two Ann's in Will Shakespeare's life. Ann Hathaway living in Stratford, and Anne Whateley making a life with him in London.

I was very pleased with Larry N. Knutson's journal titled, *Life of A Norseman; Persona of Karl Torgeir*. It was well researched and a pleasure to read. Presenting his tale as a journal allows for expansion. I personally would like to know more of his boyhood and what it was like to grow up with his brothers and sisters. If you get a chance to read this persona I am sure you will enjoy it as much as I did.



Ask Alex

What do I wear when I go camping?

Camping season is starting soon. What kinds of garb should I take? That kind of depends on the event. If it is a Friday through Sunday event, you will not need as much, or the variety of garb as you do for WW.

Most people set up and tear down in civilian clothes. Wear what is comfortable and you can work in. Personally, I do not want to set up camp wearing skirts and long flowing sleeves! If you arrive to the event on Friday night, chances are it will be dark either when you are done setting up, or before you get there. I usually have something easy to put on after set up so I can see who is on site, and help if I can. A t-tunic works well. Make sure you have a cloak or something warm. It can get pretty cold in the evening.

Wear what is appropriate for the activities you are going to be involved in. If you are a fighter, you will probably be in armor most of the day. If you are a black smith or are planning on working around fire, your garb should be made of heavier natural fiber, preferably wool. If you are planning on spending the day shopping, wear what will be comfortable for the weather. I have known individuals who had to buy garb at the event because everything they had was too warm. Long flowing sleeves look very nice, for both men and women, but if you will be working in a kitchen, they are not real practical; unless they are long enough you can tie them behind you.

If there is a Court, it is not uncommon for people to wear fancier garb. This can run from full Elizabethan to a clean t-tunic, depending on what you have. I will wear more complicated garb to court, and change immediately afterward.

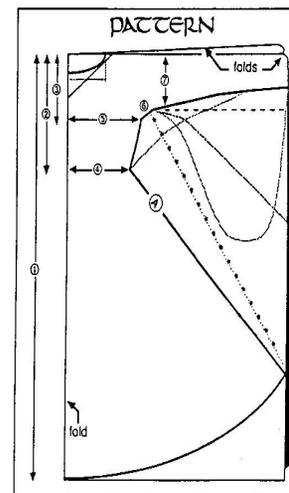


T-tunics are great for camping. You can dress them up with trim, do many different things with sleeves and necklines, or layer them for a completely different look. They work for both men and women and are not that difficult to make. It is a good starting place for newer people, and make great camping garb. They work well when roaming at night, or doing heavy work in the afternoon.

Be very aware of the weather when packing for a camping event. My first event was Poor Man's Pennsic, the first Saturday in August. I froze that night. I was wearing a blanket as I walked around the camp. WW in July can be very hot. Bring a cloak, but also bring lightweight garb for during the day.

My advice for garb when camping is to bring what is easy to pack and comfortable. Bring a couple of warm things and a couple of light hot weather pieces. If you have garb that can be layered, you can shed layers as the day gets warmer. Bring a couple of pairs of shoes. If your only pair of footwear gets soaked by the morning dew, it can lead to a very uncomfortable day. The first camping event of the season is Mermaids, and is coming up soon. Hope to see you at many events this summer!

Alexandra der Wasserman



Very basic T- tunic

Fold the fabric crosswise, then lengthwise so it is now 4 layers total.

Either measure your self and add several inches extra or use a loose fitting shirt as a model. In the drawing at the left, back lacing will be necessary. If you want to pull it on, the waist cannot be smaller than the chest.

Note several sleeve and neckline options. Remember the neck must be higher in back than in front Sew sides, hem neck, sleeves and bottom.