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BARDIC MADNESS

The event was held at a Girl Scout campground, and once you found your way to the site, it was quite nice, but the road to get there was a bit treacherous. It was a nice location with a view of the lake. Attendance was down, compared to previous years, likely due in part to the passing of a well-loved member of the society.

The day was broken into four Fyts, and each Fyt had several challenges. Each challenge had its own patron, who gave a favor to each person who participated in their challenge. I ended up participating in three challenges, and received two different beaded favors and an embroidered tag with the Northshield compass on it. There was quite a variety of things that the patrons gave out-including dirt! Well, the dirt had seeds in it, so it wasn't *just* dirt. I had prepared for one challenge called Mythunderstandings, where you take a period or SCA tradition or item of mysterious origin and present a new myth to explain how it came to be. My entry:

“Most of us have something on our head, some a veil, others a cap, but only those who have been recognized by the king and queen and given an Award of Arms get to wear that band of metal. Have you ever wondered why that is? Well, a long long time ago, there once was a set of siblings, Balthassar, the brother, and Dorothea, the sister. They spent most of their time working of the farm with their parents. As time went on, they grew up and became unhappy with their simple lives. So, they decided to leave home and seek out fortune and fame in the unknown world. They travelled together for a while, until they came to a large city. Dorothea, enthralled with all of the people and shops and different foods she could find there, wanted to stay. Balthassar, however, found it too confined and boring. So they parted ways, promising to meet again in one year's time.

Dorothea became a cook and Balthassar became a soldier. As the year went on, their skills in the respective fields grew and grew. Dorothea's food became famous and Balthassar was becoming a well-respected warrior on the battlefield.

When the year was finally up, the siblings met in the city once again, just like they promised. It just so happened that the king and queen, who were travelling around their country and visiting each city they ruled, were also in town that day. They had heard of the siblings and called them to court. They commended the siblings on their accomplishments so far and wished them much success in the future.

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JUNE 6 MOOT

1:00 Sunday at THL Alex & Janvier's "Artsy Fartsy" Weekend

UPCOMING MOOTS AND PRACTICE

- June 8 at Alex & Janvier's (Artsy Fartsy weekend)
- July 20-work moot for Poor Man's



Duel of Spoons? Guttorm and Katrina at Lamb to Loom

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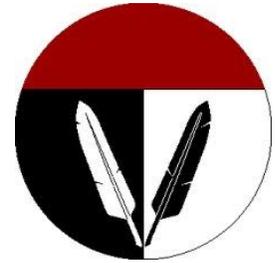
THE CHRONICLER'S QUILL

Greetings from Mistress Ealasaid nic Phearsoinn,

Saturday May 24, Guttorm and I finally had the chance to attend Lamb to Loom. This is a small event hosted by Lady Aoife at her home in Random Lake WI. The theme is fiber arts. We saw a sheep sheering demo. There were several fiber arts classes including nalbinding, knitting, spinning, and fitting of gowns. I had the opportunity to judge the A&S competition. Each contestant had the opportunity to present his or her work, and all judges could ask questions and make comments face-to-face. We used a new judging form developed by the Kingdom MOAS Katrina Unruh. Raven won the judged competition with the Thorsbjorg breeches she hand sewed for her son, and Guttorm, who was not judged, won the populace bean count with his Vinland drop spindle and soapstone whorl. Children and animals (sheep, lambs, dogs, cats etc.) were everywhere all having a great time. Mostly people brought their handwork and just sat and worked and chatted enjoying the beautiful weather. Lunch was communal and there was a potluck feast .

This was more like the small informal events we used to have many years ago and it was a very pleasant day. I would encourage any who can to attend next year.

YIS, Ealasaid



Fighter Practice Summer rotation

June 2-Stratford

June 9 Mosinee

June 16 Rapids

June 23 Stratford

June 30 Mosinee

Please note there is also a Saturday practice schedule in public parks, p3,

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FIGHTER PRACTICE SSUMMER SCHEDULE

Greeting unto the populace of Falcon's keep.

The summer months are upon us. With that we start out summer practice rotation schedule. I am hosting the first week. It is generally skipped by most as a break. I wanted to offer it to any that would like to still practice. This year we are also adding in a Saturday practice. These practices will be held in parks in the Steven's point area as it is a central location. Schedule is as follows.

May 19	Mosinee	May 24	Mead park
May 26	Rapids	May 31	No practice (Mermaids)
June 2	Stratford	June 7	Stratford (Artsy Fartsy Weekend)
June 9	Mosinee	June 14	No practice (Border skirmish)
June 16	Rapids	June 21	Mead park
June 23	Stratford	June 28	Iverson park
June 30	Mosinee	July 5	No practice (holiday weekend)
July 7	Rapids	July 12	No practice (Warriors and Warlords)
July 14	Stratford	July 19	Mead Park
July 21	Mosinee	July 26	Iverson Park
July 28	Rapids	Aug 2	Mead Park
Aug 4	Stratford (prelims)	Aug 9	No practice (Poorman's)
Aug 11	Mosinee	Aug 16	Iverson Park
Aug 18	Rapids	Aug 23	Mead Park
Aug 25	Stratford	Aug 30	Iverson Park

On the Saturdays I marked as "No practice" feel free to practice if you have a marshal. Schedule is subject to change. When the Joint practice schedule is set with Windhaven I will adjust to reflect those changes.

Monday practices will begin at 7 pm and finish when we loose light.
Saturday practices will begin at Noon and will go until we are done.

Driving directions can be found here <http://www.falconskeep.org/pracdir.html>

All practices are subject to weather. In case of inclement weather there may be an alternate site available. Will be assessed and posted as needed.

Any questions concerning Rapier practice, please contact His excellency Baron Janvier.
Questions regarding Armoured practice Please contact me directly.

In addition, Every one is invited to join the Saturday practices at the parks. Bring you're A&S to share or work on, or just come hang out and enjoy the day with friends. It's also a good way for potential new people to learn more about the SCA, Falcon's Keep and Falcon's gate.

In service

Lord Hideyoshi Yoshimitsu
Knights Marshal

May 18 Moot

Lord Rogan and Lady Arianna's house

(Note: due to unforeseen circumstances, the April and May moots were rescheduled.)

OLD BUSINESS

Reviewed minutes from March and April moots.

Open question regarding increasing attendance at moots has no comments thus far.

Artsy-Fartsy Event at Baron Janvier and Baroness Alex's June 6-8. New business regarding this event follows later. Previously noted that this not an official SCA event- this year.

Lady Beatrice believes the banners that are to be a gift to the newly minted Shire of Hvitskogar should be ready by Warriors and Warlords (AKA Dub-Dub).

Griffin Challenge Sept. 19-20, Stratford. New business regarding this event also follows later.

Lady Katherine is now a fully warranted Youth Minister. It was also noted she was awarded the Cygnus at Coronation; this was duly awarded at April's moot by the Kingdom Youth Minister.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal: Alessandro confirmed the Grand Rapids Lions' Club as the site for the 2014 Poorman's Pennsic. A contract was written; it remains to be signed by all interested parties. The insurance coverage for Poorman's also is awaiting submission.

Moot Scheduling:

June 8, Artsy Fartsy (Baron Janvier/Baroness Alex)

July 20, Rapids (Lady Arianna/ Robert the Mailer) WORK MOOT for Poorman's

August moot remains open; may be held in Stevens Point, possibly concurrent with a fighter practice. A firm date and place will be decided in the next moot.

Chatelaine: Lady Kiku was absent; however, Alessandro noted the upcoming School Demo in Nekoosa on May 29, 12-3 pm. All fighters must be authorized to participate. You may contact Lady Kiku for more info.

Exchequer: No new business.

Chronicler: It was noted that Heather Dow submitted a report to the Mewsletter, to the satisfaction of Mistress Ealasaid. She strongly encouraged more submissions. She also would like more subscribers to the Mewsletter and suggested those who knew of others that did not currently get the Mewsletter to volunteer their e-mail addresses- with permission, of course.

Webminister: The website may not be updated for the time being due to software issues. Yoshi is currently working on finding a workaround for this. He is now also the official Webminister.

Rapier: Baron Janvier noted the end of UWSP fighter practices for the summer. He reported a planned practice at his house for May 19. This would be a "Care and Feeding of Rapier" practice - learning how to properly care for the blade.

He also reported the purchase of the blades at Gulf War, as previously approved by the Moot.

Herald: No new Shire business; she reported the consultations of Baldwin at the Crown Tourney.

Arts and Sciences: No new Shire business. Lady Beatrice suggested she may have a project for an upcoming moot, possibly in August.

Knights Marshal: Yoshi reported he has posted a schedule of Summer fighter practices on Facebook and other places. He pointed out an addition of a Saturday practice which would occur if interest and no conflicting SCA events allowed.

Yoshi also reported a “Care and Feeding” practice at his home on Monday, May 19. (Update: the practice was cancelled due to stormy weather.)

NEW BUSINESS

Artsy Fartsy event:

Reminder of the days it was being held (June 7-9). A point of discussion raised to consider making next year’s event into an official SCA event.

Baron Janvier asked for assistance in preparing for the event. This would include clearing land; chopping wood, or other things that needed to be done. Anyone interested should go after 5 PM. Wednesday and Thursday would work best.

Gaming Con Demo, Sept. 6 (tentative):

The organizer of this event saw the demo at Evercon, and would like a similar demo at his convention. More information when it is available.

June 21st “Rusty Blades Challenge” competition:

This is part of an event held by the Shire of Hvitskogar (Over the River and Into the Woods.. Part ‘Tree’). It appears to be similar to the “Iron Chef” competition, only with an SCA flavor.

Mistress Ealasaid requested a third person for the team she was organizing for it, as she had herself and Baron Guttorm. (Note: Lord Pedro volunteered to be the third person, especially after noting the moot’s apparent expectation he would do so...)

Justinian brought a shade fly that he had bought to see if the Shire would desire to purchase them for event use. He thought they might be useful because of their relatively easy and quick setup. He would be able to purchase them for a significant discount. (Note: it was demonstrated after the moot. It performed as expected, especially with weights on the feet.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poorman’s Pennsic

Highlights:

- The event is now on the calendar.
- Archery Marshal needs to be found.
- Bardic Circle participants/volunteers need to be located.
- Brewers/Vintners Competition
- Chili Dump (Friday)
- Potluck (Saturday)
- Jamaican Kitchens needs to be contacted.

Site Fees (subject to change):

\$15 Friday; \$10 Saturday for adults. No participation in events allowed without payment.

\$7 Youth (5-17). 4 year old youth and below free. Maximum \$40 for family.

As previously, no merchant fees.

Site tokens were discussed briefly; there is the possibility of recycling previous years' tokens.

Staff so far:

Autocrat: Baroness Alex.

Chili Feed: Alessandro and Mary.

Potluck: Pedro and Emelye.

Fashion Show: Mistress Ealasaid.

Fire god: Justinian.

Rapier Marshal: Baron Janvier.

Knights Marshal: Yoshi.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Alessandro.

Troll: Emelye.

Random notes:

Potluck: "Donations" will be allowed. Payment for services will not be allowed.

Flyers will be released shortly. It is strongly encouraged that everyone post them in their respective cities.

Griffin Needle Challenge

September 19-20, Stratford Zion Lutheran Church.

\$10 site fee; food cost only. \$5 fee for feast/fashion show ONLY.

Profit from this event will be given away. Where it will go will be discussed at a future moot.

Eithni is handling the website duties.

Kate and Emelye will troll. Doors open at 6 PM; the competition begins at 9 PM.

Volunteers needed for setup/ takedown.

The 'fellowship' room set aside for sleeping; a classroom will be set aside for judging; another for 'event staff' crash space.

A snack will be served in 3 hour intervals (12, 3, 6, etc.). Feast will be served at 6 PM. Results will be announced then.

Haire Affaire

No date yet. The search for the site continues.

Kate reported in more detail on the cost and amenities of the Auburndale High School.

There will be two gyms that may be used, with attendant fees.

There is also a full kitchen on site; however, an employee of the school kitchen would have to be present (and, therefore paid) if it was to be used.

A janitor would also need to be paid, but for his presence only.

It will cost more than the Wausau site, but it will also be more spacious, with more activities. (Note: your obedient scribe failed to write down the total estimated cost. An oversight on his part.)

There was also a question regarding the “profit v. non-profit” pricing structure for the site, and where the Shire would fall in this. Kate promised to perform due diligence on this matter and report her results to the June moot.

A final vote on the site to be chosen for Haire Affaire will be presented at June’s moot.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted there was an event in the planning stages for a Known World Blacksmithing event, possibly in Minnesota. It will happen in August or September of 2015.

As always, any errors, omissions or grammatical and/or spelling errors are the responsibility of your humble scribe, Pedro.

Bardic Madness (continued from page 1)

Balthassar and Dorothea were so elated at being recognized by the king and queen, it felt like they were floating on air, and much to everyone’s surprise, they actually were! They kept getting higher and higher, and soon, Dorothea couldn’t reach the stove and Balthassar’s sword flew over all of his opponents’ heads, out of reach. Something had to be done. The king and queen decided that they needed something to connect them back to the earth, so what better than metal, which isn’t grown on top of the ground, but has to be mined from deep inside of it. They ordered that circlets be made for each of them. When the siblings floated back to court and they managed to get the circlets on each of their heads, they slowly came back to the ground. After witnessing this, the king and queen decreed that when they first recognize the deeds of any person, it should also be accompanied by the gift of a circlet.”

There were two class sessions that day, and my favorite was the limerick class. We paired up and tried our hand at writing a few ourselves. The one that my partner and I wrote that got the best reaction is:

“We went hunting flowers in May/and somehow encountered a fae
It was lovely hued/so I ate some of their food
Now home is forever away.”

The king and queen were in attendance, but only for a short while, so they could also attend the funeral of Doc Jock that day. They were the patron of one event, and from the participants of that challenge, they chose their new bardic champion. At court, they also presented a Black Flame award.

Feast lived up to the name. There was more than enough food for everyone. In fact, there was so much left over that they were planning to donate the useable food to a local homeless shelter or food bank.

There was a bardic circle afterward, but I didn't dare drive on the road to leave the campground in the dark, so I unfortunately wasn't able to participate in it. All in all, it was a fun, if smaller than usual, event.

That ends the recap. Please let me know if it too long or short, or if you want anything else. Also, how can I get the newsletter?

Regards,

Heather Dow (SCA name I'm trying is Isabeau)

EVENT CALENDAR



June 2014

Pas d'Armes Thur-Sun Jun 5-8 Canton of Blachmere (East Bethel MBN)

Border Skirmish Fri-Sun Jun 13-15 Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Elkhorn WI)

Midsommar Fri-Sun June 13-15 Shire of Orlova Dolina (Park Rapids, MN)

Moorish Tavern Thur-Sun Jun19-22 Shire of Midewinde (Bottineau ND)

Over the River & In the Woods Hvitskrogar Sat Jun 21(Ironwood, MI)

Hadrian's Field Fri-Sun Jun 27-29 Shire of Border Downs (Adrian MN)

THATSA Mare Fri-Sun Jun 27-29 Shire of Mare Amethystinium (Kakabeka OPNT)

Western Regional Archery Clinic & Tournament Sat-Sun Jun 28-29 Shire of Korsvag (West Fargo ND)

July 2014

Warriors and Warlords Thu-Sun July 10-13 Barony of Jararvellir

Pirates, Knaves & Idiots Thu-Sun Jun 10-13 Shire of Noiregard (Piedmont SD)

Rabid Yale Fri-Sun July25-27 shire of Coldedernhale (Pierre SD)

Pennsic War 43 Fri July 25-Sat Aug 10 Baronyo of the Debateable Lands (Slippery Rock PA)

August 2014

Poor Man's Pennsic Fri-Sun Aug 8-10 Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids WI)

St Radegund's Fair Fri-Sun Aug 15-17 Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Mankato, MN)

BYOM Sat-Sun Aug 15-17 Shire of Vilku Urvas (Deer River MN)

Crispin's Archery Thingy Fri-Sun Aug 22-24 Barony of Nordskogen (East Bethel MN)

Known World Bardic Congress & Cook's Collegium Aug 29-Sept1 Barony of Jararvellir (Wisc Dells WI)

Battle of Clontarf 1000 Anniversary Fri-Mon Aug 29-Sep1 Baronly of Castel Rouge (Giml MB)

September 2014

Northshield Fall Coronation Sat Sept 13

Bardic Blades Fri-Sun Sept19-21 Shire of Dreibruken (Medora ND)

Hrothgar's Hall Fri-Sun Sept 19-21 Shire of Trewint (Cavour SD)

Griffon Needle Challenge Fri-Sat Sept 19-20 Shire of Falcon's Keep (Stratford WI)

Honor over Glory Sat Sept 27 Shire of Skejrastrond (Iron Moutnain MI)

Rose Tourney Fri-Sun Sept 26-28 Canton of Blachmere (East Bethel MN)

Regional Practice Sun Sept 28 Barony of Jararvellir (Madios WI)

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