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ANNA Z PERNSTEJNA AT BOAR'S HEAD A&S PENT

At Boar's Head, our Equestrian Marshall THL Anna z Pernstejna, presented several amazing entries and was rewarded with first places for her saddle, farsetto (a protective garment) and jewelery. I particularly admired the purse which did not win its class, but must have been close. Anna is shown below with a friend modeling the red farsetto.



Italian Saddle 1400-1460 THL Anna z Pernstejna



The inspiration for this saddle came from the works of Benozzo Gozzoli's *Procession of the Magi*. In this fresco there are several examples of a saddle with a tree where the pommel (front) is high and rounded, the cantle (back) almost wraps around like a chair, and the skirts (sides) are large and rounded.



Here is another example from an Italian artist from 1437. As you can see there is significant decoration on the saddle itself, often in varied colors.



As this was my first saddle project, I utilized the help of the *Encyclopedia of Saddlemaking* by Al Stohlman. While the series specifically covers construction of a modern western saddle, the basics of forming and tooling leather, methods of rigging (connecting the saddle to the horse) and general concepts of manufacturing a treed saddle are ancient.

I began by ordering a wooden western tree without a horn from a supplier. The width of the tree was wide to fit my half Friesian mare. (Most of the horses depicted wearing these saddles appear to be of substantial build.) Wooden trees are covered to protect them from moisture, and I ordered mine with a fiberglass coat, as working with rawhide is a skill all its own. I then modified the tree by shaving back the bars (wooden sides resting on the horse's back) and adding pine to the pommel and cantle to reproduce the shape I needed. I then fiberglassed over the portions I changed.

As for construction of the saddle itself, I tried to follow the directions in the books as closely as possible. Some modifications I made involved changing the size of the jockeys and skirts. I used a side of skirting weight oak tanned leather (13-14 oz) and a side of shearing. All of the stamped designs on the leather are my own, using themes found in Italian art, such as geometrics and curling vines. The leather was dyed red, the gold embellishments were painted on with metallic gold paint.

More at Anna's website:
www.medievalhorseandclothing.com

MARCH 24 MOOT

The next moot will be held at 1pm at the home of Lady Emelye and Lord Pedro (Tabitha and Bart Forman) 1614 E Arnold St, Marshfield

Directions:

Wausau and Stratford: Follow 97 south into Marshfield, then continue on Central Avenue. Turn left on E. Doege St. Do not follow the curve where it becomes E. Becker. From Doege, turn right

onto Peach. Make a left onto Blodgett. Follow Blodgett to Willow Avenue. Turn right on Willow, then turn left onto Arnold Street. Look for the house with the long driveway on the right, near the end of the street.

Wisc Rapids/Stevens Pt: Follow US 10 or Highway A to Marshfield. For those on the new 10, it will be Exit .Follow the Boulevard, then make right turn

onto Vine. Turn right again on Arnold St. Then, make a left turn onto Peach. Go one block, and then turn right onto Blodgett. Follow Blodgett to Willow avenue. Turn right on Willow, then turn left onto Arnold street. Look for the house with the long driveway on the right, near the end of the street. Note: it is acceptable to park on the driveway.

UPCOMING MOOTS AND PRACTICES

- *March Moot 3/24*
Hosts: Pedro & Emelye
Marshfield
- *April Work Moot 4/21*
Cooking for Bardic Madness Ealasaid & Guttorm
Stratford
- *Fighter & Rapier Practice*
Mondays at 7pm UW SP



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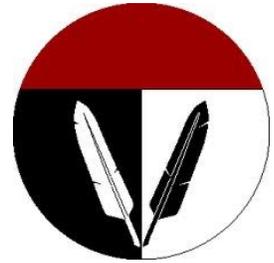
THE CHRONICLER'S QUILL

Greetings from Mistress Ealasaid nic Phearsoinn,

This is my second issue and I have not received many comments, so I don't really know if anyone is reading the Mewsletter. My goal is to make it as useful as possible providing a place where you can get timely information about upcoming events, moots, and practices, as well as the calendar and officer list. The electronic format makes page limits obsolete, so I can include other things that may be of interest to the folk of Falcon's Keep and Falcon's Gate. This time I decided to highlight the incredible mostly equestrian-related A&S work of THL Anna z Pernstejna. If you are aware of anything that might be of interest to others (events you attended, A&S projects, history, etc, just write it up and I will be happy to include it. . If you are offended by the woefully inadequate event report below, please send more information next time. If you have comments on the format or things you would like to see added please let me know.

Yours in service,

Ealasaid



HAIRE AFFAIRE: A COOK'S EYE VIEW

I love to cook, so I had a great day despite seeing very little outside the kitchen. I want to thank my chief assistant, Pedro de Benavides, without whom I would not have been able to do it. The Japanese theme gave me the opportunity to try a new cuisine, and with the help of a crew of enthusiastic servers and kitchen helpers we were able to get everything individually plated which added to the atmosphere and also reduced dishwashing. The site tokens and feast tokens were beautiful.

I had meant to tell you more about the rest of the event, but to tell the truth I didn't see it and most of those I asked for information about who won the tourneys, awards, etc had not replied at press time. So here is what I do know. There were 3 rapier tournaments. The Bear Pit and the Speed Tourney were both won by Warden Cy while Don Tomas was victorious in the Valhalla Tournament. Unfortunately I know nothing of the outcome of the heavy tournament(s). At court, I know that Katherine de Saint Denis received her AOA, Pedro de Benavides received a beautiful antique oak plaque for his Cygnus, and Ysabella de Muerte received the Queen's Glove. I know there were more, and apologize to those I missed.

Ealasaid

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February 17, Moot

At the home of Lord Alessandro and Lady Mary
Minutes compiled by Lord Pedro de Benavides

Officer Reports:

Chatelaine: Lady Marie's final moot as Chatelaine; transfer of loaner garb to Kiku for the upcoming Haire Affaire. Otherwise, no new business.

Arts and Sciences: Lady Emelye has purchased a new container for Troll, and showed the container to the Moot. Otherwise, no new business.

Chronicler: Paperwork for transfer of office needs completing. (Side note: this was accomplished the Tuesday after the Moot.) E-Mail address list needs updating; anyone who wishes to update should contact Mistress Ealasaïd. There was also a sign up sheet offered at the Moot for anyone there to update their e-mail if they wished. Mistress Ealasaïd also noted the February Mewsletter was not currently on the website.

Youth Minister: No new general business. Katherine did offer the moot her plans for Haire Affaire, however.

Exchequer: no new business.

Thrown Weapons: no new business.

Falcon's Gate (via Kiku): Friday evening demo 5p-9p at UWSP. Also, Falcon's Gate will provide tickets for free admission into Haire Affaire at the demo. They would be responsible for paying the fee later. Plans for a masquerade were discussed for the Gate. Initial planning would schedule it in the first week of April. There is a possibility that other SCA groups in the UW system would be invited to this event as well.

Herald: Lady Alex passed around the Order of Precedence she had compiled and requested the Moot to update it at their leisure before the moot had begun. This updated list would then be applied to the list of gentles appearing on the Falcons Keep website. She noted that it was several years old, and therefore may include those who no longer were in the Keep or even in the SCA.

Rapier: Lord Janvier noted that turnout for fighter practice had increased, much to his pleasure.

Heavy Weapons: Yoshi-san concurred enthusiastically to Lord Janvier's assessment of fighter practice attendance: "Ditto!"

Haire Affaire Planning:

Entry for set-up will be at 7:00 AM.

Youth Events: Katherine has a list of classes and activities for the youth at the event. They include:

Learning Japanese games, such as Go; paper projects; making spinning drums; kid-friendly kumihimo.

She will have a table in the merchant's area for youth events.

Royal Liaison: Marie questioned if a special luncheon would be necessary for royalty. She also asked the Moot for contributions to the Royalty basket.

Lord Janvier plans to have a Speed Tourney for rapier. To wit: Two minute bouts for competitors. If the bout ends without a winner, both con-

testants lose. Contestants are permitted one minute to respond to being summoned, or risk a forfeit.

Kiku plans to finish site tokens by Friday.

Kitchen help and servers would be needed. Lord Pedro volunteered to be Head Server.

A list was circulated at the moot for the availability of needed appliances- Nescos; Fry Pans; Teapots; and Rice Cookers. This was enthusiastically filled by the Moot.

A request was made for space for a WW staff meeting at Haire Affaire, tentatively scheduled for 2:00-3:30 PM. (Note: It is unclear if this meeting took place.)

Lunch plans were finalized by Lady Mary and Lady Arianna.

The Falcon's Keep group photo was planned to take place at @ 4:00 PM. Individual photos were encouraged as well; these would all go to the Keep website.

Bardic Madness:

Insurance payment needed.

Alessandro requested assistance for set-up and tear down. Those who wish to assist in the tear down should be aware that it will take place around 2 AM.

Important staff vacancies have been filled.

Alessandro will give a detailed report regarding staff and other important event related items at the March moot.

Other business:

The topic of SCA Demo's was raised. Though this would technically belong in the Chatelaine's report, it was raised as a separate issue. The discussion varied; there were two points that stood out (this means they were in my notes):

- 1.) Encourage more demos for schools. This may include sending letters to appropriate school officials. Otherwise, an effort should be made to maintain those schools that already have had a demo in the recent past.
- 2.) A possible demo at Marshfield's DairyFest. This may include walking in the parade and/or a fighting demo in the area afterward.

There was some interest in #2; a further discussion will take place at a future moot.

Notetaker's Final Note: As Haire Affaire took place less than a week after this moot, with various gentles receiving awards, I thought it best to refrain from mentioning them, as well as any "late developments", in this space. As always, all omissions, misinterpretations, and general spelling errors are the sole responsibility of the notetaker.

Yours in Service,

Lord Pedro de Benavides

EVENT CALENDAR



March, 2013

Lupercalia Saturday March 2, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)

Gulf Wars XXII Sunday March 10-17, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton MS)

That Moot Thingy XIII: OMG a Teenager! Fri-Sun March 15-17, Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah WI)

Tournament of Chivalry/Ides of March, Saturday March 23, Shire of Trewint (Brookings SD)

April, 2013

Spring Coronation Saturday April 13, Shire of Trewint (Mitchell SD)

THACO 4 - The Armored Combat Outing Saturday April 20, Barony of Nordskogen (St. Paul MN)

Provost Challenge, Fri-Sun April 26-28, Shire of ColdeFort Pierre SD)dernhale (

Bardic Madness XXIII Sat-Sun April 27-28, Shire of Falcon's Keep (Marshfield WI)

May, 2013

Spring Crown, Saturday May 11, Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton, WI)

Quest for Camelot, Thur-Sun May 16-19, Shire of Schattentor (Sturgis, SD)

Lamb to Loom, Saturday May 18, Shire of Trum an dem See (Random Lake, WI)

Raid the Kitchen, Fri-Sat May 24-25, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)

ARRG XII, Fri-Sun May 24-26, Barony of Jararvellir (Montello, WI)

Silks and Needles , Saturday May 25, Shire of Korsvag (Fargo, ND)

Mermaids XX, Fri-Sun May 31-Jun 2, Shire of Turm an dem See (Valders, WI)

June, 2013

Border Skirmish, Fri-Sun Jun7-9, Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Elkhorn, WI)

Moorish Tavern, Fri-Sun June 21-23, Shire of Midewind (Bottineau ND)

Thatsa Mare XIX The Norse Go A Viking, Fri-Sun June 21-23, Mare Amethystinum (Slate River Ont)

Over the River and in the Woods, Sat Jun 29, Village of Hvitskogar (Ironwood, MI)

Rockhaven Archery Reloaded Too, Sat June 29 Shire of Rockhaven (St Augusta MN)

July 2013

Warriors and Warlords XX, Thur-Sun July 11-14, Barony of Jararvellir (Boscobel WI)

Pennsic 42, July 19-Aug 3, Kingdom of Aethelmearc (Slippery Rock, PA)

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