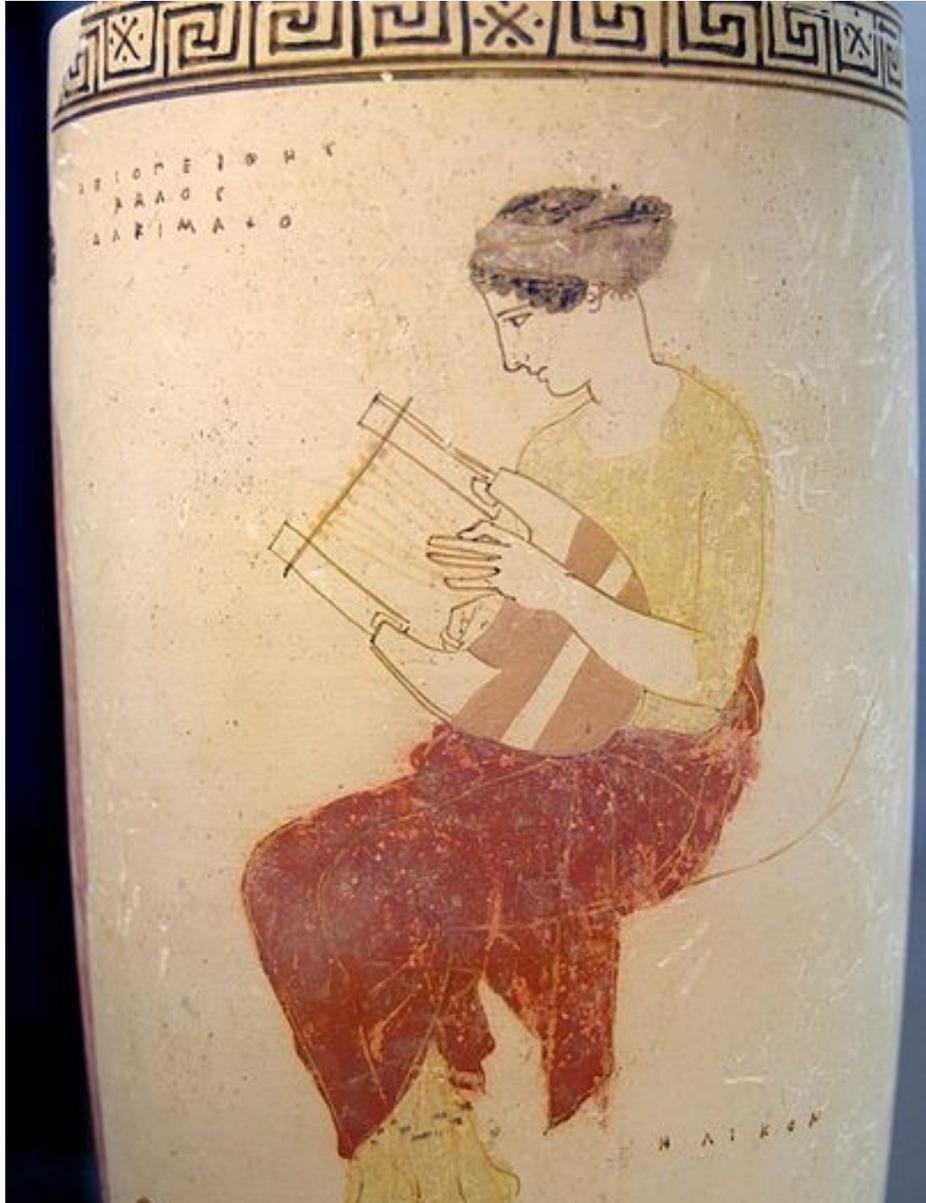


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Cover Story

“Muse playing the lyre.”

The rock on which she is seated bears the inscription ΗΛΙΚΟΝ / Hēlikon. Attic white-ground lekythos, 440–430 BC. Currently on display at the Staatliche Antikensammlungen (State Collections of Antiquities) in the Kunstareal of Munich, Germany.

The phorminx (in Ancient Greek φόρμιγξ) was one of the oldest of the Ancient Greek stringed musical instruments, intermediate between the lyre and the kithara. It consisted of two to seven strings, richly decorated arms and a crescent-shaped sound box. It mostly probably originated from Mesopotamia. While it seems to have been common in Homer's day, accompanying the rhapsodes, it was supplanted in historical times by the seven-stringed kithara. Nevertheless, the term phorminx continued to be used as an archaism in poetry.

The term phorminx is also sometimes used in both ancient and modern writing to refer to all four instruments of the lyre family collectively.

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Sources: “Lyre”; “Phorminx”, Wikipedia

Are Pets Period?

Most people know that the Egyptians made cat mummies 5,000 years ago, but were they pets or objects of worship? While “domesticated cat” may be an oxymoron, there is evidence of a special relationship between humans and cats going back nearly 10,000 years. In Cyprus more than 9,000 years ago, a cat and its human were found in the same grave. Presumably the partnership in which cats hunt mice and thus protect stored grain dates back to the beginning of agriculture, but what about our favorite time and place, Europe in 650-1650? Although there were concerns, especially during the Black Death that cats might carry to plague or be associated with evil there is plenty of evidence that medieval people were ailurophiles.

On the back of a 9th century Irish manuscript an anonymous monk wrote:

I and Pangur Ban, my cat, 'Tis a like task we are at;
Hunting mice is his delight, Hunting words I sit all night.

The smallest feline is a masterpiece. - Leonardo da Vinci 1452-1519

When I play with my cat, how do I know that she is not passing time with me rather than I with her? – Montaigne 1533-1592

The partnership between men and dogs began even earlier because a dog or tame wolf is useful to a hunter. Canines midway between wolves and dogs have been found in caves inhabited by man 30,000 years ago and co-burials of dogs and humans are noted as much as 14, 000 years ago. Medieval hunting, especially for the nobility, usually involved hounds as shown in numerous paintings. The Irish mythical hero Fionn MacCumhaill had two hounds that were the offspring of his aunt Tuiren, transformed into a hound by the sidhe (fairly folk). Hounds are shown on the Bayeux tapestry (1066). Chaucer in the *Book of the Duchess* (Circa 1370) describes a poet (?himself) following a dog into the woods where he meets a knight dressed in black and mourning the loss of his lady. In *MacBeth*, Shakespeare makes it clear that many types of dogs had already been bred:

Ay, in the catalogue ye go for men;
As hounds, and greyhounds, mongrels, spaniels, curs,
Shoughs, water-rugs, and demi-wolves, are 'clept
All by the name of dogs: the valued file
Distinguishes the swift, the slow, the subtle,
The housekeeper, the hunter, every one
According to the gift which bounteous nature
Hath in him closed. (Act III. Scene i)

Other artistic and literary examples of medieval pets include: ferrets and related animals, birds (hawks, jays, larks and magpies), a couple of portraits of women with leashed pet squirrels, and last but not least horses.



The Chronicler's Quill

Saludos hasta el folk de la Comarca
de la Falcon's Keep

(Greetings unto the folk of the Shire of Falcon's Keep)

Once again, it's time to prepare for Haire Af-faire. There will be favors made at the next Moot. Also there is a menu for the feast. I am looking forward to helping to make (and eat!) the dishes. I also tried my hand at a menu presentation that would look period.

You will have noticed the cover, with the Greek lady and the lyre. This is a subtle nod to the Haire Af-faire theme. March and April's covers will have a similar theme tie-in. They will probably not be as subtle...

A point of business: I am aware there are changes being made to the list of Shire officers. If the list in the Mewsletter seems incomplete, or has an error, I would appreciate a notification of it. I will also be mentioning this at the upcoming moot.

Atentamente en el Servicio,
Pedro de Benavides

**Fighting/Rapier and Armored practice is held on Monday
Evenings at 6pm. at UW Stevens Point Quandt Balcony.**

Greetings unto the Shire of Falcon's Keep!

Here are the minutes from the last moot.

Haire Affaire is coming fast. Prices will be \$7 entrance, \$12 feast, and \$15 for merchants (\$10 with a contribution to the silent auction).

Sewing nights are still happening. Check the website for locations. They are rotating between Jennifer, Arianna, and Mary.

Fighter's practice is back at the university. Over break they were on Sunday at the 4 Stools in Wisconsin Rapids.

Marie is putting the finishing touches on the Falcon's Keep contact list. The demo at Evercon went well and was a lot of fun.

Jennifer will now be the deputy Seneschal and will be stepping up sometime after Haire Affaire.

Robert is looking for someone to take over the position of Web Minister. We are also looking at getting a new host for our website. Inquiries are being made into finding a place that will host for no cost.

The shire will be donating \$500 to the endowment fund at Haire Affaire.

If you are interested in donating for the royalty gift baskets, please have it ready for the March moot.

At the February moot we will be starting on making the populace favors for the gifts to royalty. We will also be making circlets to donate. Anyone interested in helping, please attend. As part of the circlets, we will be using either finger weaving or Kumihimo to hold them closed.

The February moot will be on February 13 at the 4 Stools in Wisconsin Rapids. The March moot will be at the home of Mistress Ealasaid and Baron Guttorm in Stratford on March 27. The March moot will be dedicated to cooking for Haire Affaire and finishing the favors.

CALENDAR

February 2011

That Moot Thingy XI Friday February 4-6, 2011
Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)
Fighting in the Shade Saturday February 12, 2011
Barony of Jararvellir (Madison WI)
Tournament of Chivalry Saturday February 19, 2011
Shire of Silfren Mere (West Concord MN)
Fighter School XVI Saturday February 26, 2011
Barony of Windhaven (Kewaunee WI)

March, 2011

Gulf Wars XX Sunday March 13-20, 2011
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton MS)

April, 2011

Liars, Cheats and Thieves...

This is not the Haire Affaire You're Looking For

Saturday April 2, 2011

Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wausau WI)

Northshield Spring Coronation Saturday April 9, 2011

Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Fairmont MN)

Kingdom of Northshield Officers' Day & Newcomer Seminar

Saturday April 16, 2011 Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee WI)

THACO 2 Saturday April 23, 2011

Barony of Nordskogen (St. Paul MN)

Bardic Madness Saturday April 23, 2011

Shire of Schattentor (Rapid City SD)

Silks & Needles Saturday April 30, 2011

Shire of Korsvåg (Fargo ND)

The Games People Played Saturday April 30, 2011

Shire of Rokeclif (La Crosse WI)

May, 2011

Rumble in the Forest 5 Friday May 6-8, 2011 as XLVI (46)

Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)

Northshield Spring Crown Tourney Saturday May 14, 2011 as XLVI (46)

[\(OPEN FOR BIDS \)](#)

Burn, Baby, Burn! Friday May 20-22, 2011 as XLVI (46)

Shire of Shattered Oak (Haugen WI)

Lamb to Loom Saturday May 28, 2011 as XLVI (46)

Shire of Turm an dem See (Random Lake WI)

Liars, Cheats and Thieves Feast of Subtyltes

As brought forth by
Mistress Calasaïd Nicpherson

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Wastrels Yfarced
"Red Deare"
Sallet of "Byrddes"

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"Yrchouns"
"Peascoddes"
Tise of "fysshe" in Gele

Course the Laste

"Eyroun in Lenten"
"Bakkon" of Marchepane
"Brede" Toasted

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“Bakkon” of Marchepane
“Brede” Toasted

Nothing is what it seems, so what are you really eating?

The Orange Omelette is a period recipe, but it does not seem to contain anything to heat the blood as one might expect “for ruffians and brazen harlots”. It contains eggs, orange juice, and sugar garnished with candied ginger and orange peel. The “fyshe” filling in the fritters is made of dried fruit.

Wastrels are loaves of bread stuffed to hide a full serving of vegetables (mushrooms and spinach with eggs and bread crumbs). The “Red Deare” is a period method of cooking marinated beef to resemble venison. The “Byrddes” in the salad are made of vegetables.

The “Yrchouns” are made of spiced pork with almond spines. The “Peascoddes” are made of herb bread. The “Fyshe” in Gele are carved from pears and the base contains gelatin, fruit juice, apples, pears, red cabbage, and raisins.

The “Eyroun” are a period recipe for use in lent made of rice, sugar and almond milk. The “Bakkon” is shaped from marzipan, and the toast is actually a shortbread cookie.

February Moot
Sunday February 13, 1 pm

AT: Four Stools Short
180 2nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-4162

Wausau (From I-39/US-51)

Head west on WI-54 (Plover Road)

Turn right at Washington St

Continue onto Baker Dr

Turn left at E Jackson St

Take the 1st left onto 2nd St N

From Marshfield

Head east on US-10 E

Turn right at WI-34 S

Turn left at W Grand Ave

Continue onto W Jackson St

Turn right to stay on W Jackson St

Take the 3rd left onto 2nd St N

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

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

Facebook Groups:

Shire of Falcon's Keep

Falcon's Gate at UWSP

Falcon's Keep Rapier Fighters

Don't forget to check out our Yahoo group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falconskeep/>

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