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Summary of May 2010 Moot

The Nekoosa school demo will be held on Tuesday, May 25 from 12:30 – 2. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lady Marie.

We are looking at doing a group project. One of the ideas is a period style shelter that could be used for Troll at Poor Man's or any other event or garb for a royal.

Mistress Ealasaid will soon be contributing an article for the Mewsletter called, "Is it Period?". The idea is to figure out what would be period for your persona, not just if it would be used during the SCA time period.

Fighter practices will be rotating between Stratford, Wisconsin Rapids, and Wausau for the summer. Check the website for dates and locations.

Poor Man's is coming up very quickly. Fees will be decided when we have worked things out with the site. We need to start planning now if we are going to be having a fashion show during the event. Also, the archery set up needs a new backdrop. If you have any ideas for classes or would like to teach something, please let one of the autocrats know.

The June moot will be held at Lord Vincent's home in Wausau on Saturday, June 19th. The July moot will be on Saturday, July 31st in Wisconsin Rapids at The Momma's House. This moot will be a work moot, so no garb is necessary.

June Moot

Saturday June 19

Lord Vincent Palmer's house
Moot at 1pm, potluck to follow

From the Highway:

Take the 192 exit towards Wausau. Start driving to the mall. The intersection just before the mall you'll take the right that curves around the mall. Follow this straight into the intersection that crosses Grand Avenue. When you go through the intersection the Gas station will be on your left and Olson Tire will be on your right; you'll be on Forest St. At the next intersection take a right, then take another right then you'll be on Kickbush. The house will be on the right and the address is 630 Kickbush.

If you come from Schofield, you'll take Grand Avenue into Wausau. St. Mary's Church will be on your right and its second street to your right is Kickbush. The house will be on the left of the street.

COVER STORY:

The Stora Hammar Stone, one of over four hundred image stones found throughout Sweden. The dates for which they were thought to be made range from 400 to 1100 AD. Depending on their age and location, they will depict a wide range of subjects. Early stones have simple designs of people, ships and animals. Later stones are larger and more complex. Some depict scenes from Norse mythology; others may be depicting an individual's accomplishments.

While it is uncertain as to their exact origin, it has been agreed that they are memorial stones of some kind. Many depict scenes a Viking of the time would no doubt instantly recognize. However, there is little information beyond the pictures themselves for present day scholars. What writing has been found only relates to whom the stones are memorials for.

It would not be unreasonable to believe that they are forerunners of today's gravestones. The early stones were placed in grave fields, but not by the graves themselves. Similarly, there is a tradition on the Isle of Man. Norse patterns, with Celtic influences, were made for graves at about the same time as the later Norse stones. Most later image stones in Sweden, in contrast, were erected in places near roads and bridges.

Though they have been proven to be difficult to decipher, they do depict Viking warriors and longboats; most useful knowledge for archaeologists and others.

A more detailed analysis of the Hammar stone and a selection of similar stones can be found here:

<http://timothystephany.com/gotland.html>

Sources: "Picture stone", Wikipedia; "Manx Runestones", Wikipedia.

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),

It appears as though it will be a very interesting summer. There is the usual anticipation for WW; the usual preparation for our own event, Poorman's; and various projects.

There is a new event that I was made aware of: the Butterfest demo in Sparta. It would be ideal for the gentles long on zeal for events, but short on cash. The Butterfest demo may also lead to a larger event in the future if enough people participate.

Also, there is the matter of the difficulty regarding the non-profit status of the SCA in Wisconsin. I will not go into detail, in the interests of space. I will provide the link to the web page on the Border Skirmish website that explains the important details, as well as a plan for action, for those interested:

<http://caeranterth.northshield.org/Calendar/BorderSkirmish/2010/exchequers.php>

In my opinion, I believe it to be an unnecessary hardship on a thriving organization. I also believe that this organization can beat that hardship.

Atentamente en el Servicio,
(yours in service)
Pedro de Benavides

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE, 2010

- Mermaids Attacks XVII - We're Tired of Retreating!** Friday June 4-6, 2010
Shire of Turm an dem See (Valders WI)
- Rumble in the Forest 4** Friday June 4-6, 2010
Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Camp Douglas WI)
- Lilies War** Friday June 11-20, 2010
Kingdom of Calontir (Smithville MO)
- Border Skirmish** Friday June 11-13, 2010
Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Kenosha WI)
- Sparta Butterfest Demo** Saturday June 12, 2010
Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Sparta WI)
- Rabid Yale Hunt XI** Thursday June 17-20, 2010
Shire of Coldedernhale (White River SD)

JULY, 2010

- Warriors and Warlords XVII** Thursday July 8-11, 2010
Barony of Nordskogen (Boscobel WI)
- Pirate, Knaves and Idiots V** Friday July 16-19, 2010
Shire of Noiregarde (Beulah WY)
- Battle of Urdhr's Well** Friday July 23-25, 2010
Shire of Schattentor (Piedmont SD)
- Midsumar II** Friday July 23-25, 2010
Village of Orlova Dolina (Bemidji MN)
- Regional Fighters Practice** Saturday July 24-25, 2010
Shire of Border Downs (Adrian MN)
- Pennsic War** Friday July 30 - Sunday August 15, 2010
Kingdom of Æthelmearc (Slippery Rock PA)

AUGUST, 2010

- Poorman's Pennsic XVIII** Friday August 13-15, 2010
Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids WI)
- St. Radegund's Fair** Friday August 20-22, 2010
Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)
- BYOM VIII** Friday August 27-29, 2010
Shire of Vilku Urvas (Deer River MN)
- Ages of War** Friday August 27-29, 2010
Shire of Silfren Mere (Preston MN)

SEPTEMBER, 2010

- Autumn Rose Sweet 16(th Century)** Friday September 3-5, 2010
Shire of Rokeclif (Galesville WI)
- Castel Rouge 40th Anniversary Feast and Celebration**
Friday September 3-6, 2010
Barony of Castel Rouge (Gimli MB)

Drink Like A Viking: Wooden Stopper

I could not resist: I burned three decorative lines in the head of the stopper.

Incised lines (as decoration) have been found on stoppers, as well as incised carved interlaces, scrolls, and clipped leaves. Alternatively, objects could be branded with either maker's or owner's marks. Burned decorative lines, however, were not found on the York stoppers. (I have heard of one reference to burned lines, but I do not have that reference in hand yet.)

Isn't it great, how simple turned utilitarian objects can lead us through a quick trek back through 1000 years?

Hilsen, Owen

¹ Carole A. Morris, "Wood and Woodworking in Anglo-Scandinavian and Medieval York," Published for the York Archaeological Trust by the Council for British Archaeology, Vol 17: The Small Finds, Fasc. 13. Craft, Industry, and Everyday Life, ISBN 1 902771 10 9, 2000, pages 2265-2266.

² Ibid.

Baron Guttorm has graciously allowed me to use his series on "___ Like A Viking" for the Mewsletter. I have several more installments for the coming months. Soon, you can eat and count like a Viking too!

Also, coming soon: "Is It Period?", wherein Mistress Ealasaid discusses and advises about various personas and their historical accuracy.

Members in the Candle Light

By: Marie Dudely

SCA Name: Alessandro Ramealdo da Firenze

Modern Name: Jason Welker

Years in SCA: 6 Years

Awards Earned: Award of Arms

Offices Held: Chatelaine



Fighting/A&S Preference: He likes Rapier fighting, putter casting, and venting.

How you found out about the SCA: Jason went to the Wausau Renaissance Fair where Alex and Janvier were doing a Rapier fighting demo. He talked to the do people doing the demo and was invited to a practice at the university.

What do you like about the SCA: He says, "it is a social organization". In the group you get to meet new people, gain new friends, and "get to share with other people".

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

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

Facebook Groups:

Falcon's Gate at UWSP

Falcon's Keep Rapier Fighters

Drink Like A Viking: Wooden Stopper

By **Baron Guttorm Arnesson**

Kjaere Venner,

Often simple utilitarian objects can lead us through a trek back through history. This replica stopper for a leather water bottle is based on a stopper from 10th century England. And you thought that Vikings only drank ale, whey, and mead.

My friend Janvier asked me if I would turn a stopper for his leather water bottle. Of course I said yes. There are several small wooden stoppers or bungs, both Anglo-Scandinavian and medieval, found in York.

The stopper most closely resembling one to fit Janvier's leather bottle is York #9193. "The 10th century stopper 9193 from 22 Piccadilly had a large bulbous head which could have been used as a grip to remove it from a vessel such as a leather bottle."

The York stopper is 3 5/8" high, with the lower body 1.8" long and 1" in diameter and the head is 1.8" high and 1 3/4" in diameter. My replica stopper is 4 1/2" high, with the lower body 2 1/2" long and 1 1/4" in diameter, and the head is 2" high and 1 7/8" in diameter. My replica stopper is fitted to Janvier's leather bottle, so its dimensions are slightly different than those of the York stopper.

My stopper is made out of maple, and is unfinished to allow the water in the bottle to cause the wood to swell and seal the joint between the stopper and the leather bottle.

York #9193 stopper		
Overall Length or Height	3 5/8" high	
Lower Body	1.8" long	1" in diameter
Head	1.8" high	1 3/4" in diameter
My Replica Stopper		
Overall Length or Height	4 1/2" high	
Lower Body	2 1/2" long	1 1/4" in diameter
Head	2" high	1 7/8" in diameter

Here is my replica stopper.



And here is the stopper in the leather bottle.

