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## Dancing around the Maypole in Sweden

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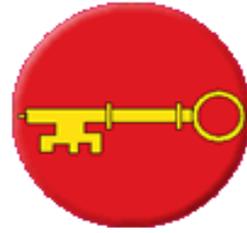
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## *Greetings from your Seneschal!*



Greetings Keepers,

We have finished our first event for the year and I am happy to say it was a success. We are looking for a bigger venue next year, as space was a little close this last event. If anyone has suggestions for a site we would appreciate them greatly. I would like to say thank you to the Autocrat for Haire Affaire Conrad. I would also like to thank Mistress Ealasaid and her kitchen crew Maeb and Alessandro for the wonderful feast. Thank you Lord Janvier for facilitating the vigil. Thank you also Isabeau and your food service team for the lunch. Lastly I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success. Thank you!

As April turns to May, so do we, as we prepare for our next event. At the May moot we will start preparation for Poorman's Pensic. If you have any thoughts in these early stages please come to the next moot on Sunday May 4th, 1pm. The moot will be in Marshfield at Brahm Park. If weather is not cooperative it will be at Lady Emily's house. Hope to see you there.

I would also like to thank those who helped out at the Leigh Yawkey Musuem for taking the time to be there.

Hope to see you at the next moot,

Mary of Falcon's Keep



### **A warning from the Exchequer**

Unfortunately while we try to have controls in place, there are always some things that might slip by us. Please be aware of counterfeit bills. It might be wise to have each group buy one of those markers that can detect most counterfeit bills. However these markers don't work on all counterfeit bills. There are some fake \$100 bills going around that the markers don't work on. But it will help. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do if you deposit the money into the bank and the bank tells you it's counterfeit. Your group is out the money. Record it as 'Bad Debt' with a comment about what it is.

Please pass this message on to all your branches.

Thanks! Alysia Society Exchequer

## The Chronicler's Quill

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



Thanks to all who helped at Haire Affaireski! I especially want to thank Maeb and Alessandro as well as the wonderful servers from Falcons Gate. With friends like these and the others I lack space to name, it is really fun to spend the day in the kitchen.

For those who noticed the vigil at Haire Affaireski but were unable to attend Coronation, the knighting of Roisin (27th female KSCA) was a spectacular event. Dressed in embroidered white linen, she came forward beneath an archway of crossed swords, her knight Sir Caiden requested her red belt back since she no longer needed it. Peers and populace spoke of her prowess in all fields of endeavor. The Queen cut Roisin's hair. Rois was given the spurs worn by Sir Trudie, the 1st female knight who received the accolade 31 years ago, a white belt tied on by her mother, a fine sword, 3 golden chains one of which has been worn only by female knights, a hound (stuffed) which was bigger than the young girl who presented it to Roisin, a fine cloak and a beautiful celtic shield which served as a scroll with the story of her knighthood written upon it. By the time his Majesty Hagan dubbed her knight there was not a dry eye in the hall.

Even if you were unable to attend the opening of the Age of Armor Exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum, or to help with the educational program April 26, you may want to try to attend the exhibit since there are some wonderful pieces of armor on display through June 22. I had hoped to put a photo of some of us at the museum on the May cover, but it did not arrive in time, so you will see it next month.

As always I am looking for material for the Mewsletter. I appreciate all the regular contributors, but I still need other articles, more about your personnas or A&S, or events you have attended, and especially cover art.

Yours in service, ealasaïd

## Anachronists Book Review:

### Lady Eve of Lynn

I am always happy to see books pertaining to our time period by male authors. They do not seem to think that steaming sex related passages are needed as an aid to the selling of their books. The two authors below are very good when it comes to scenes of passion. Sex is there but it does not overwhelm the plot.

Stephen R. Lawhead has given a fine example of how I feel sex should be (in my opinion) dealt with. I would love to add the passage to this column but there is not time enough to receive permission to copy the passage. You will have to read the book to find out what I am referring to. Check out the last two paragraphs on page 409, in Lawheads latest work *Scarlet* It is the second book in the *King Raven Trilogy* the first was *Hood* The third book *Tuck* will be available in 2009. It seemed strange at first to read this twist on the familiar tale of Robin Hood but it seems fit well in the eleventh century.

*A Prayer for the Damned* is a mystery of ancient Ireland by Peter Tremayne. This is a Sister Fidelma story, which I have been following for over ten years. I still have *Absolution by Murder* the first paperback in the series; it was given to me by Mark Sawyer a former Chronicler of the Mewsletter to review. At the time he did not know that the job of Chronicler would soon be his. Peter Tremayne is the Nom de plume of historian Peter Berresford Ellis.



## Ask Alex

We are going on a multi-day camping event. What do I do about food?

First of all, there are a few questions you need to ask.

- How many people will you be providing food for?
- Are ground fires permitted? Are you taking a grill or stove?
- Is everyone in your party a fighter?
- Do you have a designated 'cook'?
- Is running water available for clean up?



The answers to these questions will determine what kind of food to take, and what kind of preparation you can do. For example, if everyone in your party are fighters, in my experience, they want meat, and want to get to the list field early and leave late. This does not leave a lot of time for cooking and cleaning up.

If no fire or grills are available, you will want to bring things that are pre-cooked or do not require cooking. Also if clean up will be a problem, meat on a stick is good option. You can make your meat and then use your stick for tinder. If you make up tin foil meals, they can be tossed on the fire or on the grill and throw away the foil afterwards. Tin foil meals are small chunks of meat and vegetables, seasoned and with butter, wrapped securely in foil. The smaller the pieces, the faster it will cook.

If you have a designated cook and fire, quite lavish meals are possible. On several occasions, I have had steak, baked potatoes and corn that are as good as or better than anything I have at home. If you are lucky enough to be in this situation, treat the cook well. They are giving up part of their event to keep everyone fed.

Keep refrigeration in mind. Have a good cooler for meat and dairy and make sure there is always ice in it. When you plan your meals, use the most perishable items first. Freeze meat that will not be used in the first day or two. Normally it will be mostly thawed by the time it will be used.

Make sure you have a meal and preparation planned for your first meal. Normally, people are setting up or need to be somewhere, and there is not a lot of time for cooking. I usually have something quick and easy.

- Things that can be made ahead of time:  
Scottish eggs, chicken (always good cold), tin foil meals with meat & veggies.
- Breakfast stuff:  
Granola/breakfast bars, instant oatmeal if you have hot water, boiled eggs
- Quick and easy:  
Sandwich stuff, meat sticks, raw veggies.
- Meat on a stick:  
Hot dogs, cubes of chicken or beef.
- Things to have on hand (in case you can't/don't want to cook:  
Fruit you peel (banana, oranges, apples), dried fruit, trail mix, meat sticks

## **Ask Calasaid about period cooking**

Is that what medieval travelers ate?

Actually it's not far off. Medieval travelers had the same worries: How many mouths do I have to feed?, Can I make a fire?, Do I have to feed an army? Especially in an all male group, who cooks?, Is there clean water?

They also had many of the same solutions:

Meat, fish, etc were dried or smoked (much like meat sticks)

Some fruits and vegetables were also dried.

No dishes? Cook your game on a stick over the fire.

Make it ahead if you can (bread, hard cheese, meat pies/pasties)

Use foods that don't need cooking (raw fruit and veggies, etc.)

One major difference. There was a lot of one pot cooking. Porridge, soup, and stew require boiling and thus are safe even if the water or food is a bit questionable. These dishes also allow you to use inexpensive readily available foods that require long cooking like grains and beans.

But camping was not as different from daily life as it is now. When the medieval traveler got home, he STILL had no fridge, stove, or dishwasher.

## Arts and Sciences News



Greetings unto the good gentles of the Shire of Falcon's Keep from Emelye.

I'm writing this missive concerning the Society-wide Arts and Sciences challenge. As many of you know the SCA will be 50 years old in 2015. In celebration, they are putting out a personal challenge to members to learn more arts and sciences.

The basic challenge is researching and creating 50 items for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can choose to do Depth, or all 50 in the same discipline, Breadth, which would be 50 different crafts, or Persona, 50 items that a person would have used, known about, or made in a specific time period. These items must have been started after May 1, 2007 and must be completed by May 1, 2015.

Lady Sorcha inghean Maille from the Shire of Silfren Mere is coordinating this challenge for the Kingdom of Northshield. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, please contact me, and I will forward the information on to her. You may reach me by email the easiest at [emilyambrose@charter.net](mailto:emilyambrose@charter.net)

Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will get the answers for you.

As a personal note, I'm thinking of doing 50 different types of weaving. Let me know what you are thinking. This should be fun, and you have 7 years to work on everything.

Yours in service,

Lady Emelye Ambroys

**CALENDAR****May 2008**

- 3 Western Regional Melee Practice [Dreibruken-Lincoln ND]
- 3 35th Anniversary [Jararvellir-Stoughton WI]
- 10 Crown Tournament [Caer Anterth Mawr-Waukesha WI]
- 15-18 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 16-18 Lusty Day in May [Western Keep-Sisseton SD]
- 23-26 Ages of War Italian Wars [Silfren Mere, Austin MN]
- 23-26 Midsummers Eve in the Highlands [Treewint-Wessington Springs SD]
- 24-26 AARG VII [Jararvellir-Montello WI]
- 30-1 Mermaids [Turn am dem See-Valders WI]
- 31 Tournament of Chivalry [Blachmere-Francis MN]

**June 2008**

- 5-8 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Bottineau ND]
- 6-8 Castel Fever [Silfren Mere-Oronoco MN]
- 13-15 Border Skirmish [Menominee Falls WI]
- 14-15 Beltaine [Darkstone-Ashland WI]
- 27-29 Thatsa Mare [Mare Amethystinum-Thunder Bay ON]
- 28-29 Butt I am a Merry Man [Castel Rouge-Sanford, MB]
- 27-29 Mad Dogs [Border Downs-Parker SD]

**July 2008**

- 6 Art in the Park [Wynandremer-Brainerd MN]
- 10-13 Warriors & Warlords [Jara&Nordskogen-Boscobel WI]
- 17-20 Rabid Yale Hunt [Colderdale-White River SD]
- 19 River Revel III [Stromfels-River Falls, WI]

**August 2008**

- 1-3 Poor Man's Pennsic [Falcon's Keep-Arpin WI]
- 16-16 BYOM VI [Vilku Urvas-Deer River MN]
- 22-23 Griffin's Needle Challenge [Jararvellir-Jefferson WI]
- 23 Day of Fencing [Silfren Mere-Rochester WI]
- 29-31 Autumn Rose [Rokecliff-Galesville WI]
- 29-1 Village Fair [Castel Rouge-Gimli WI]

**Fighter practices for both Rapier and Armored will be held on Monday night at UWSP in the Quandt Gym balcony and Room 154. See the website for directions.**

**May Moot****Sunday May 4, 1 pm****at Brahm Park, Marshfield**

**Potluck as usual but no kitchen, Please make sure you're not counting on being able to plug in your crockpot. Also please bring feast gear. You may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs too.**

Directions to the park:

If coming in on 97 from the Stratford/Wausau area, follow Central Ave until Ives St (McDonald's and Burger King). Take a left on Ives. Take the very next right on Ives St, which is Maple St. The park is on your left hand side after the skatepark. If coming in off Veteran's Parkway, follow Central Ave until Ives St (McDonald's and Burger King). Take a right on Ives and follow the directions above.

Rain site is the home of Emelye Ambroys:620 Ash, Marshfield

From Hwy 97, go into town until you get to Franklin (just past Family Video) and turn left. Go 4 blocks.

From Hwy 13, take Veterans Parkway until Vine (stoplight after you go over Peach). Go right until Becker, take a right until Ash, and Take left to the end of the block.

**Web pages of interest:**

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)

[www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

[www.falconskeep.org](http://www.falconskeep.org)

[www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm)

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