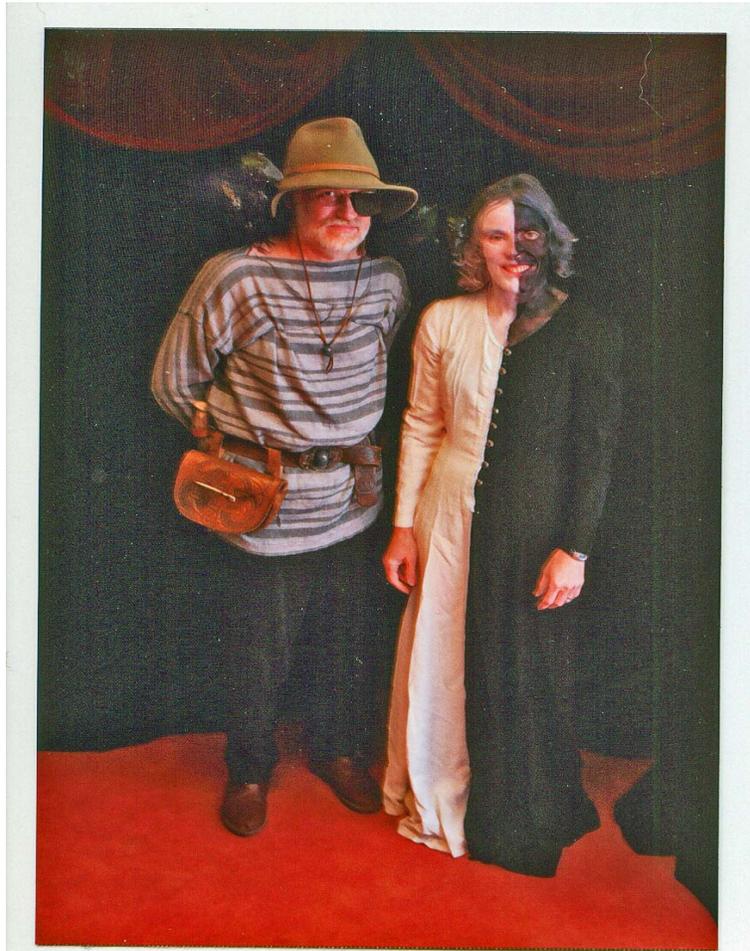


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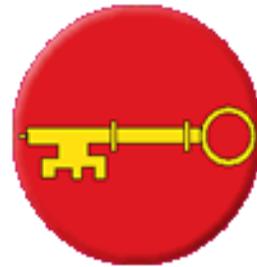
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Greetings from your Seneschal!



Greeting Keepers-

The gentle summer breezes have turned into the blustery weather of fall. The long summer days have turned into chilly dark nights. The longer nights can also give us more time to work on our hearth skills. After our next moot we will be leather working. So whether you are a beginner or expert we hope to see you at the moot. You can bring your leather or just bring yourself.

At the last moot we voted to purchase a new exchequer guide. The site for the Haire Affaire will be the youth building at Marathon Park. We are trying to determine if the office of MOAS is vacant. We discussed expectations for officers and all are invited to bring ideas to the next moot which will be November 4th, 1pm at Baron Guttorm and Mistress Ealasaid's home. The cooking challenge item is apples. The next newcomers meeting will be November 11th at 1pm. The focus of the meeting will be illumination and calligraphy. If you wish to help please contact Lord Alessandro at e-mail address chaosgeneral@charter.net

YIS. Lady Mary, Seneschal of Falcon's Keep

COVER STORY:

Samhaim is a time when the wall between the realms of the living and the dead is said to weaken. Here we see some figures from the Norse worlds of the dead. Odin with his eyepatch and his ravens perched on his shoulders presides over Valhalla where heroes fallen in battle fight all day and feast all night. Hel, a crone who is dark on one side and light on the other, presides over the Hall of Hel where those who die of illness or any cause other than battle are destined to spend a peaceful but dull eternity with no feasts and no torments. The truly evil may find themselves being punished in Niflheim the realm of frozen fog where a great serpent gnaws at roots of the World Tree.

The Chronicler's Quill

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



With coronation behind us, we are free to start planning for the future. The next local event will be the Polish Haire Affaire on March 29. Planning is already underway and if you would like to help, you should contact the event steward, Conrad.

It is also time for all officers to think about our office and whether we can improve our performance. If any are unable to continue, it is time to be selecting a replacement. We have a change in the Rapier Marshall with THL Alex being promoted to the Kingdom level and Lord Vincent will be assuming the local position. The office of Minister of Arts and Sciences currently appears vacant and any interested in assuming that position should apply by the next moot. Also officers are encouraged to bring a brief description of their duties to the next moot and shire members who have opinions about the role of any of the officers are encouraged to present them. By developing job descriptions we hope to help current officers serve the Shire better and potential volunteers understand the office so that they can decide if it is within their ability. If you have ideas for the Mewsletter, please let me know.

As the end of the year approaches, it is necessary to check all contact information and for you to reaffirm if you are willing to have your information published on paper or electronically. Lady Reina has devised a form and will be distributing it again at the next moot. If you are unable to attend moots, you still need to obtain and complete the form. If you are an officer, event steward or even host a moot at your home, it is of course necessary to publish the information and it creates a major inconvenience if you have not signed the permission in advance.

Yours in service, ealasaid

PS: As always I need contributions in addition to the regular columns, especially persona stories, event reports, and cover art.

Anachronist's Book Reviews

I would like to thank the gentle people that have taken the time to give me some feedback on my column. It makes it easier to write this, knowing that someone actually reads it. So this is my personal list of books to order for my older Grandchildren this year.

For the ladies I have chosen two books that cover the later years of Henry the VIII.

Philippa Gregory's *The Boleyn Inheritance* is written in the first person voice of three women, Ann of Cleves the fourth wife of an unpredictable king, Katherine Howard his fifth wife, and the woman who betrayed them both, Jane Rochford, whose testimony had sent her husband George Boleyn and sister-in-law Ann to their deaths.

The Last Wife of Henry VIII written by the historian turned novelist Carolly Erickson. This is her second work of fiction. Her previous efforts are works of nonfiction. Including the biographies *Great Harry*, *Mistress Ann*, *Bloody Mary* and last but not least *The First Elizabeth*.

For two of my grandsons I have chosen to get them started on Jack Whyte's *Knights of the Black and White*. It is the first of his new Knights Templar trilogy.

The other will be getting Bernard Cornwell's latest installment of the Saxon Tales series. *Lords of the North*, which continues Uhtred's tale began in *The Last Kingdom* and continued with *The Pale Horseman*.

Lady Eve

Ask Alex

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I have heard peoples talk about their 'persona'. What exactly is this, and should I have one?



A persona is simply who you would like to have been if you lived before 1600. Some people have a very detailed story line; other personas are just a when and a where. Most people will pick a name before developing a persona, although the two can be linked together quite closely, you do not have to pick a name right away. However if you have a modern name that just does not work in the SCA, it might be a good idea to pick one before your first event.

I encourage you to find a name, try it out, if it doesn't feel right, change it. The name you pick, doesn't have to last forever. Some people have had several names in their SCA career; in fact, some people actually have more than one name and persona, at the same time. For example, my lord husband has two personas. When he is on the rapier field, he is Janvier der Wasserman, from 1570. On the armored field he is Janoush der Wasserman, who has just returned from the first crusade.

So, how do you pick one? You could pick a name & history based on what you want to do in the SCA. Another thing to consider is your own roots. If your ancestors came from Germany, you may want to be a German, and find out more about how they lived. Or, if you want to know more about other regions, you could do something completely different than German, like Japanese.

There are several good sources for names and some not so good. If you want to register your name with the SCA, it must be documented as being used before 1600, and the parts of the name must 'fit' together. For example, a German first name and a Japanese last name has a good possibility of not passing. A baby name book is generally not a good source. A book that documents names and the year it is from is much better. While this sounds rather complicated, the Shire had several books and people who can

help you. The SCA has what is called a 'holding name'. This would be like using Alexandra of Falcon's Keep. This way you can register a name and come back with the rest at a later time. This is what I started with, and the der Wassermann part came much later.

So talk to the other members in the Shire, do a little research and try a new name on for size!

Alex

Some additional comments about names and personnas:

A persona should be an imaginary person who could have lived in a specific time and place, usually 600 to 1600, though there are notable exceptions (their Majesties' personnas are in 5th to 6th century Ireland). In the SCA we do not play the roles of actual historic persons such as Richard Lionhart, fictional characters such as Sir Launcelot du Lac, or mythical beings such as elves. You can make up a story if you wish, but it is not required. Eventually you should try to dress as your persona would have dressed, develop skills your persona would have had, and act as your persona would have done. Of course you can choose your persona to fit what you want to do. If you're a woman who wants to fight, pick a time and place where a woman at least might have a chance to do so. If you play Renaissance music, remember a Viking will look silly playing a lute.

Your name is the only part of your persona that you are required to have. A name is not necessary at your first event, but as you get involved in the SCA people need to call you something. If you get an award, it is usually a scroll with your name, and though you are allowed to change names even after getting awards, it is a little awkward, so it is better to pick an name in your first few months in the SCA. You want a first name that was known in the time and place of your persona. The last name is often a patronimic ("mac", *son, ben, etc), occupational (Smith, Cooper, Chandler, etc), or descriptive (the Black if you are dark haired or Dubh which means black in Gaelic if you are a dark haired Celt), or a place name (of Falcons Keep, or of Shaftsbury if that's where your persona lives).

Ealasaid

From the Webminister

Greetings Keepers,

This has proved to be a very challenging and busy year for us all. Since starting the new website, www.falconskeep.org, I have added lots of information for all shire members and will continue to do so in the upcoming year. I am always open to ideas for new pages or content, so please feel free to contact me if you have anything you would like to see online. Of course we provide a lot of information online which brings me to our newest update.

As an organization we do have to follow certain publishing guidelines regarding personal information. As you know, last year many of you signed consent forms giving permission to publish this information. This year I have revised the form to only one page. As of November 1st the members page will be unavailable until January 1st. All members of Falcon's Keep should fill out the 'Permission to Publish' form and return it to the Webminister by January 1st if they would like to be listed on this page. This form is mandatory for all officers and/or event stewards as well as any who host moots or other group meetings at their homes. Copies of the form may be received from the Webminister at meetings or located in the members link of the webpage starting November 1st. You may return the form to me by email or at our monthly moot.

If you do not wish or need to be listed on the members page of the Falcon's Keep website or to have personal information published in the Mewsletter, you do not need to fill out the form.

I am sure that everyone will try to be prompt and diligent in getting these important documents in.

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Yours in Service,
Lady Reina Gunnora

CALENDAR

October 2007

- 13 Fall Crown Tournament [Noiregarde-Lead SD]
- 20 Otsukimi-Japanese Event [Tor aerie-Roseville, MN]
- 27 Masquerade II [Dreibruken-Bismarck, ND]

November 2007

- 3 St Katherine's [Shire of Western Keep-Volga, SD]
- 16-18 Fogmoon (A Norse Event)[Silfren Mere-Altura MN]
- 30-Dec2 Known World Academy of Rapier
[Nordskogen-Mpls MN]

December 2007

- 8 Boar's Head-A Boar's Tale [Caer Anterth-West Bend WI]

January 2008

- 5 Twelfth Night [Schattentor-Rapid City SD]
- 12 Dutch Treat [Castel Rouge- Winnipeg, MB]
- 19 Twelfth Night [Nordskogen-Bloomington, MN]
- 26 It's only a flesh wound [Jararvellir-Jefferson, WI]

February 2008

- 2 Shattered Oak Celebrates 20 Yrs! [Chippewa Falls, WI]
- 9 Hertzkreig XIV [Svaty' Sebesta-Vermillion SD]
- 16 Lupercalia [Rivenwood Tower-Nicollet, MN]
- 16-17 Une Fete d'Amour [Midewinde-Minot ND]
- 26 Fighter's School [Windhaven, Kimberly, WI]

March 2008

- 9-16 Gulf Wars XVII [Lumberton, MS]
- 29 A Polish Haire Affaire

April 2008

- 12 Coronation [site to be determined]
- 26 Need Meat? [Rokeclif-Trempeleau, 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.

November Moot
Sunday November 4, 1 pm
at the home of
Mistress Ealasaïd and Baron Guttorm
C3808 Heartland Hills Rd, Stratford

Please bring a dish to share. The ingredient for this month is apples, but all contributions, whether or not they contain apples, are welcome.

Following the moot and potluck, those who wish can stay for a leatherwork session. This is the time to learn how you can make your own leather items such as belts, pouches or sheathes. We will have some materials available for those just getting started and any who have work to show off or tools to share are encouraged to bring them.

Directions to the home of Mistress Ealasaïd and Lord Guttorm

From Marshfield: take 97 North toward Stratford, turn right on C toward Rozelville, then in town turn left onto M. #Follow M as it turns suddenly to the right, but then as M turns to the left, you will continue straight onto Balsam Rd (gravel). After about 1 mile turn right onto Heartland Hills Rd. *You will come to a Y where you can go either way as we are at the bottom of the loop in a cedar home with red doors.

From Wausau: take 153 west toward Stratford. Turn left onto H (there is a strip club on the right), then right onto Balsam, cross the bridge and turn left onto Heartland Hills Rd., then follow from * above.

From Wisconsin Rapids: from 13 take 186 north through Arpin and Vesper. Turn right onto 10 and after overpass left onto M, then follow from # above.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

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

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