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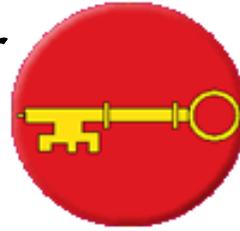
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Greetings from your Seneschal!



Greeting Keepers-

With the site booked, and an autocrat, we are well on our way to our next event, "A Haire Affaire of the Heart". The theme will be French. As we are in the beginning stages there are many openings for volunteers who may want to help. If you are interested in helping in any area please contact Lady Emelye. emilyambrose@charter.net

We will be discussing Poor Man's sites at November's moot. We have some information for sites in Marathon County and will have updates on the Wood County site. We are still looking for information on possible other sites as well. If you have gathered information on a site you wish to be considered please bring the information to the next moot.

Thank you for your time and see you at the next moot!

Mary of Falcon's Keep

Meet the new Deputy Seneschal

Greetings to all! My name is Arianna...My husband Rogan and I have been in the SCA for 8 years. My mother, Judith, and I run a merchant shop (Lady M Designs) at most local events. We're also active members of Shadewe's Company. Perhaps some of you have seen us. :) I welcome this opportunity to become Seneschal for Falcon's Keep. I hope I can do as good a job as our Mary has done these last years.

Arianna da Lucca
Deputy Seneschal
Shire of Falcon's Keep

The Chronicler's Quill



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

I have created this issue of the Mewsletter on a trial version of Microsoft Publisher 2007 and I am really excited about it. It is already easier than the old version even though I am still learning. For example, the cover photo which is from the September 13 demo was much easier to add since I could create an empty picture frame and just paste it in. I have high hopes that the conversion to electronic will also be easier.

One thing the new program will NOT do is create copy. I still need people to submit material for the Mewsletter. Thank you to those who do submit regular column and also to those who have made occasional contributions. I always need new material, especially cover art, event reports and A&S articles.

As of January, we will no longer have subscriptions to the Mewsletter. Instead it will be on the website, and if you provide your email address, I can put you on the list to be notified when a new issue comes out. If you do not have email access and still need to receive a print version you can do so at no cost (contributions are welcome of course to help cover postage) . You do need to give me your address and let me know you need a paper copy.

As usual we will need to update our contact information and sign new releases to have it used in the Mewsletter and on the website. Remember that if you are an officer , autocrat an event or host a moot at your home, you must be willing to provide contact information.

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Anachronists Book Review:

Lady Eve of Lynn

Not having found any new books pertaining to our time period, I was forced to fall back on the tales of Ancient Rome as presented by Steven Saylor in *Roma, The Novel of Ancient Rome*. This novel takes us back to the founding of Rome. Saylor follows the shifting fortunes of two families for over 1,000 years.

I first found Saylor's work in the mystery section of the New Bookshelf of my local library. *The Triumph of Caesar*; is the 12th book in this series that features the mystery solving skills of Gordianus the Finder. The author has a way of making one believe that you are actually there in ancient Rome.

Colleen McCullough is another author that has given new life to the bare bones of history. With *Antony and Cleopatra*, the follow up to *The October Horse*, McCullough continues the tale of the fall of the Republic in this captivating saga. The Author's scholarship and larger than life characters puts new life in ancient Rome.



Ask Alex

There is a 'demo' going on this weekend. What is a demo?

A demo is a chance for us to show the outside world a bit of what we do. There are many types of demos. Poor Man's Pennsic is a very large demo. It lasts an entire day and we have a lot of space available. The goal of Poor Man's is to recruit new members. To do this, we have a wide array of activities and SCA folk from all parts of the Kingdom. Falcon's Gate has sponsored dance demos. For one evening, there will be people available to teach period dances. There is music, refreshments & a lot of fun. The goal here is also recruitment, but there is a very specific activity going on. At a school demo, there will be 4 or 5 members from the local group in a gym talking to a bunch of 6th graders for an hour or so. The goal here is education. We try to relate to the students what it would have been like to have lived in Europe before 1600.

Ideally, there should be enough people participating in the demo to have some type of activity going on at all times. This may be fighting, making chain mail, playing period games, weaving or doing some thing that can be observed by a person walking by. While the public cannot participate in the fighting, they may be encouraged to try Celtic knot work, mailing or weaving. This is our chance to try to get the public interested in what we do. If they enjoy it or like what they see, we may have a new member!

One thing to know about fighting at a demo, anyone in garb is, by default, a safety person. Everyone should keep an eye on the edges of the list field and the public. Fighting at a demo is different than fighting at an event. In fact, it is called 'demo fighting'. This applies to both armored and rapier. You are not out there to win; you are out there to look good. Pace yourself, so you can fight for the entire time (if that is what is scheduled). Do obvious blocks and parries. Slow down a bit, so someone who has never seen combat before can see what is happening. It can be very discouraging for a new person to have two fighters go out onto the field, and before they know it the fighters are walking away. Fall down when you die. Put on a show, and have fun!



If you are helping out at a demo, wear garb. If you don't feel like you have any skills to demonstrate, you can still be a valuable resource. You can talk to people about why you joined, you can learn to play a new game, or try out the things other people are demonstrating. You can keep an eye on people when there is fighting going on. If you don't feel comfortable talking to people, just come and have a good time. When you bring something for display at a demo, expect it to be touched. The best things to display are items that an individual can pick up, try on, or participate in. Many people in the SCA got their first taste while watching a demo. Someone in the crowd may be our next member.

Alex

Falcon's Feed

Here are the recipes for the food we cooked over a fire at a recent Falcon's Gate moot. These are recipes the Vikings could have made. Since Viking cookbooks do not exist, the recipes are based on archeological evidence for what the Vikings ate combined with more modern Scendinavian recipes.

Honey Glazed Root Vegetables

1 rutabaga	}	chop and boil in lightly salted water 5 minutes
3 carrots	}	drain and then cook in butter in a dutch oven.
3 parsnips	}	
1/2 cabbage	}	

When nearly tender add 2 leeks chopped, continue cooking adding honey, salt and papper to taste.

Flatbread

Oatmeal	2 cups
Whole wheat flour	1 cup
Unbleached white flour	1 cup
Honey	2 Tbsp
Salt	1 tsp
Melted butter	1/2 cup
Water as needed to make dough	

Mix all ingredients (with your hands) adding water as needed. Form egg-sized balls and roll out to about 1/8inch. Cook on griddle, or on an iron heated in the fire. When edges look dry turn. Serve with butter and honey.

Minutes 10-13-08

1. The next moot will be November 2nd, 2008 at the Shoppes at Wood Ridge Mall. This will be a demo event with fighting. Please dress your best. Contact Lord Vincent or Lady Emelye if interested to learn more about this meeting/Demo. Please bring any current projects you may be working on to share with others.
2. December's Moot will be at the home of Auden and Anatolia on Sunday December 7th, 2008.
3. The Gate is putting on a demo at Daishu Con November 21-23. If you are interested in helping out please contact Natalia from the gate for more information.
4. Justinian is looking at taking over the heavy marshall position. In the next year we may need to spend \$500-\$650 on heavy equipment for the fighters.
5. We discussed moving the color printer to the office of the herald. We will discuss this further in the future.
6. We discussed the donation of monies to the Kingdom. The final we came up with after vote by all present was as follows. The total amount of funds to be used totals \$1000. \$500 is to go to the endowment fund, \$200 to sponsor a Northwatch edition, and \$300 to be used to put on a regional fight practice.
7. The Youth Building has been reserved for our 2009 Hair Affaire. Lady Emelye volunteered to Autocrat the event.

See you next time, Mary of Falcon's Keep

Falcon's Gate News

The student group has been doing various activities each week. We have done chainmailing, cooked a wonderful vegetable stew and Viking flat bread over a campfire, learned about Bards, learned about creating a persona, and also made glass beads. We will be learning about apothecary and making soap as well this month.

Emelye

CALENDAR

November 2008

- 1 Heraldic&Scribal Symposium [Coldedernhale, Pierre, SD]
- 2 St Katherine's Day demo [Western Keep-Brookings SD]
- 7-9 Knowm World Academy of Rapier [Midrealm]
- 8 Clothiers Seminar North [Nordskogen-Coon Rapids MN]
- 8 Rhythm and Bruise [Korsvag-Moorhead MN]
- 22 Bardic Madness [Gray Gargoyles-Chicago, Midrealm]

December 2008

- 13 Boars Head[Caer Anterth Mawr-West Band WI]

January 2009

- 10 Twelfth Night [Nordskogen-Columbia Heights, MN]
- 31 It's Only a Flesh Wound [Jararvellir-Jefferson WI]

February 2009

- 6-8 that Moot Thingy [Coil Stormeill-Tomah WI]
- 7 Herzkreig [Svaty Sebesta-Vermillion SD]
- 14-15 Un Fete d'Amor [Midewinde- Minot ND]
- 21 Lupercalia [Rivenwood Tower-Nicollet MN]

March 2009

- 15-22 Gulf Wars
- 28 Ides of March [Trewint- Huron SD]

April 2009

- 4 Spring Coronation [Jararvellir]
- 18 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]

May 2009

- 9 Spring Crown
- 14-17 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 22-24 Midsummer in the Highlands
[Trewint-Wessington Springs SD]
- 29-31 Mermaids [Turm an dem See-Valders WI]

**Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at 7pm
UWSP Quandt Gym Balcony and adjacent room. Please see
website for directions.**

November Moot

Sunday November 2

The Shoppes at Wood Ridge Mall

503 East Ives St, Marshfield

(The moot is in a room near Younkens).

This is sort of like a mini-demo. We hope the public might drop by. There will be fencing starting at 11:30 followed by the meeting and potluck. Non-fighters are encouraged to bring projects for display or demonstration.

Directions:

From the North—take 153 to 97 South, When you enter Marshfield it becomes Central Ave. After you pass Walmart and festival Foods on your left, look for the WoodRidge Mall sign. Park and enter near Younkens.

From the south—take your best route to 13 North. Turn right onto 97 North/Central Ave. After you cross the railroad track start watching for the Wood Ridge Mall sign on your right (about 5 blocks). Park and enter near Younkens.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

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