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Baronial Meetings, Guilds, and Contacts

Please call the contact person to verify when & where an activity is held!

Archery Practice UW Stock Pavilion Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM.
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Armoured Combat UW Stock Pavilion Wed. 7-10PM, Sunday 2-4PM
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Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue
Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 244-2845, horsebows@mail.madtown.net

Bardic Night: 4th Sun, of month, 6-8PM, Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson St
Contact Ingrid the Crafty (Ingrid Stark) 249-8795, ingridthecrafty@yahoo.com; or
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Brewing & Vinting 3rd Monday. Various locations (call for info)
Contact: Robert the Stout (Robert Trefz) 441-6150, rtrefz@tds.net

Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM at Eile's
Contact: Lady Eile (Alicia Cronk) 250-4595, leleth.faery@yahoo.com

Clothier's Guild 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location.
Contact: Iohanna (A. Rebecca Turner) 628-7638, rturner@library.wisc.edu

Cordial Guild First Tuesday 7:30PM Contact for location
Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 846-8008, cianna@teadame.com

Equestrian (not currently active but information available)
Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433, alissende@centurytel.net

European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TTTU for room.
Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 17 Vinje Ct.
Contact: Lady Jois Corbet (Deena Thompson) 221-1061

Fool's Guild Alternate Wednesday 6:30PMish, UW Stock Pavilion.
Contact: Lady Aliénor Hathaway (Mariessa Dobrick) 658-8941, reesa83@aol.com

General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College,
Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.
Contact: Lady Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager (Mary Hoffman) 846-0859

Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.
UW Campus—Check TTTU
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Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:15pm, UW Stock Pavilion
Contact: Lady Kenya (Heather Cushing) 298-0103, evilkenya@tds.net

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location
Contact: Ivan (John Beebe) 298-0918

Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion
Contact: Don Mateo Montero de Madrid (Andrew Heinrich) 442-0247,

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish Irish Waters on University Ave
Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons 1st and 3rd (after brunch) Sundays Noon, 2nd Wednesdays 7PM,
UW Stock Pavilion.
Contact: Michael O'Ciaragain (Michael T Combs) 235-2293

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TTTU
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August General Meeting Minutes

In attendance: David Meyer, Ann-Marie Meyer, Reinholdt von Trolenhagen, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Iohanna Carracci, Robert the Stout, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Stephen Ward, Roibeard O'Brien, Roisin, Jois Corbet, Jagiello Ladislaw, Ysuel de Cherborg, Seraphina de la Warr, Delphine de la Fontaine, Cwenthryth wine, Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky, Josceline Levesque, Aesa Gilsdottir, Sol, Cianna Kharleen, Drachon, Kenya, and Ingrid the Crafty.

Aesa: nothing.

Known World Costuming Symposium (Eithni): I have put together a bid for a Known World Costuming Symposium to be held over Thanksgiving weekend. The costs of the event are minimal and the site fee includes a binder with class handouts and lunch. There is no way we can lose money as long as we get at least 25 people through the door (the proposed break even of 213 can be reduced if the pre-registrations are not sufficient). At other symposia, it has been popular to combine with a fighting event (which Roisin has agreed to run). There will probably be no feast (people generally go out for dinner). House Greyfeather will be taking care of lunch. I am currently looking for someone to run the dessert revel and someone to coordinate children's activities. Seraphina has volunteered to coordinate guides for dining out on Saturday evening. **[Meeting approved event proposal]**

High Seat (Eithni): Thank you to everyone for helping out and supporting WW this past month.

Marian: nothing.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): we will perform at Coronation and possibly at Crown. We are also talking with the Boar's Head staff about performing there as well.

Josceline: nothing.

Needle Arts (Ivan): we are continuing to meet regularly in people's homes. Any new people who are interested can contact me for information on where we are meeting.

Cwenthryth: nothing.

Garb (Iohnanna): garb making is also continuing to meet. Contact me if interested in attending.

Local News

Stock Pavilion Schedule

The Stock Pavilion Schedule has been published through September. We have our accustomed dates and times (Wed 6-10PM, Sun Noon-4PM) for August.

At present, we are NOT reserved for any dates in September, due to the floor resurfacing. The official schedule can be found at:

<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

Jararbellir Artillery Brunch

Sunday, August 20 at 10:30am

You are invited to attend the August Archers' BBQ. We'll provide the hot coals and condiments, bring a grillable item for yourself. We'll be ready to cook at 10:45. Feel free to provide something else for people to munch on, though it's not required. And now that we are picnicking, please bring your own feastware. We will be meeting at **Hoyt Park** for the BBQ, then retiring to the Stock Pavilion at noon for archery and thrown weapons practices. Loaner equipment is available. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. Thrown Weapons will also be set up starting around noon.

Directions to Hoyt Park:

From the east side of town--take your best route to Regent St. Head west on Regent, keep going past West High School and the cemeteries. Continue on Regent, it will take you into Hoyt Park. Across from the scenic overlook you will see stone BBQ grills scattered on the lawn, we'll be at one of them. Parking is available at the overlook, otherwise it can be found just after Hoyt School on your right as you enter the park.

From the west side of town--take your best route to Midvale Blvd. Turn onto Hillcrest, located halfway between the Mineral Point and Regent intersections. Go several blocks on Hillcrest and turn left onto Owen Parkway (note that you will pass Owen Dr. along the way). Owen Parkway will take you up into Hoyt Park and turn into Regent St. Look for the lawn with stone BBQ's on your right and the scenic pullout on your left.

Questions? Contact Sol (233 5433 or fula_chris@yahoo.com)

August 26, 1071 - Battle of Manzikert: The Seljuk Turks defeat the Byzantine Empire at Manzikert
 1429 - Joan of Arc enters Paris.
 1498 - Michelangelo commissioned to carve the Pietà.
 August 28, 489 - Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths defeats Odoacer at the Battle of Isonzo, forcing his way into Italy.
 1542 - Reinforced with at least 600 arquebusiers and cavalry, Imam Ahmad Gragh attacks the Portuguese camp in the Battle of Wofla. The Portuguese are scattered, their leader Christovão da Gama captured and afterwards executed.
 August 29, 1521 - The Ottoman Turks capture Nándorfehérvár, now known as Belgrade.
 1526 - Battle of Mohács: The Ottoman Turks led by Suleiman the Magnificent defeat and kill the last Jagiellonian king of Hungary and Bohemia.

Events

Out and About

For more information visit the individual group's website (easily accessed from <http://www.northshield.org/events/>).

August 2006

4-20—**Pennsic War** (Slippery Rock PA)

September 2006

1-3—**Autumn Rose**, Rokeclif (Galesville WI)
 1-3—**Middle Kingdom Academy of Defense**, Ravenslake (Lakemoor IL)
 29-1—**Siege the Day Again**, Shattered Oak (Hixton WI)
 30—**Baronial Championships & Michaelmas Court**, Caer Anterth Mawr (Menomonee Falls WI)

October 2006

7 —**Day of Arbeau**, Rockwall (Janesville WI)

December 2006

9—**Boar's Head**, Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)

February 2007

3—**An Artful Haire Affaire**, Falcon's Keep (Marshfield WI)

Cordials (Cianna): I have new email address [see back of *Skein* for update]. We missed holding a meeting in August. Our next gathering will be in September.

Drachon: nothing (I'm with Cianna!).

Jagiello, Yseult, and Jois: nothing.

A&S (Roisin): things are fine. Arts and sciences are happening.

Fools (Roibeard): thank you for showing up at the moot. The event made \$51.13. We would like to have \$25 set aside for the Fools Guild. **[Meeting approved]**

Knights Marshall (Stephen): since there will be no Stock Pavilion in September, we are planning on meeting at random city parks on Sundays. Two of the Wednesday practices will be cancelled because of the Library demos. And we are proposing that fighters go to Thursday practices at CAM the other two weeks. Raito has also offered the use of his place for practices. Also, please note that I am working a lot of overtime through the end of the year so please allow extra time for responses to email.

Exchequer (Fiona): we lost money in second quarter, but WW puts us back in good shape for the third quarter. The Stock Pavilion fund is OK for now, but keep on contributing to it so we have enough money when the next payment comes due.

Ann-Marie, David, and Chronicler (Paul): nothing.

Archer's Brunch (Sol): the August brunch will be held on August 20th.

Brewing and Vintning (Robert): we will do beer (and sausage) appreciation on Thursday August 10th at Barriques on Monroe at 7pm. Cost is \$6 per person.

Baronial Succession (Robert): I would like to have a Baronial Meet-and-Greet Moot on September 24th from 1-6pm to allow questions and answers from the candidates. Candidate bios are due to the Chronicler by **August 25th** [note corrected date from last month] and produced on a flyer that will be inserted in the *Skein* and distributed for general consumption. The mailing of the ballots to the membership by the Kingdom will be charged back to the Barony. Since this is non-negotiable expense, we will "approve" it and pay it when we are invoiced. No need to vote because it is non-budgeted.

WW Domain Name (Robert): the domain name for WW is expiring at end of month. In the past, the Barony appears to have paid for it, but we were probably supposed to be reimbursed. Notice will be forwarded to WW staff and they will take care of it.

Kenya: Nothing.

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): we have the Stock Pavilion on Saturday after Thanksgiving if we want it (for Symposium fighting). Looking into alternate sites for September, I found that a pavilion at a city park is \$70 for 4 hours, which is probably not worth it. We don't know when exactly the flooring will go in and if we will still be able to use the Pavilion for archery once it is in place. I will investigate more.

Warriors and Warlords (Seraphina): the event itself went pretty much as usual, with a profit of \$3282 per Barony (after paying NMS and Kingdom surcharge). The total may be more because sums do not include bad checks. We had no ambulance or police visits and only three trips to the hospital that we know about.

WW Site Issues (Seraphina): we have had problems with the site. There was a special party on Friday by the owner. But more serious is land ownership problems. The land has a large balloon payment in Spring that owner may not be able to make, raising possibility that site may not be available in Summer. But if we go with a different site, we would have to break our 5 year contract and pay penalty. May not know outcome until April or May. To prepare, we will be forming an alternate site committee to look for and arrange a back-up site for the next two years, and look for options for long term alternatives. The committee will include autocrats, seneschals, and an additional member [(checking if Ed the Tall will serve)]. In addition, we need help from the populace in scouting for sites.

WW Storage/Insurance Issues (Seraphina): we need insurance to cover the items in storage on the site (we now have a complete inventory). We also need to consider if we want to continue to store the stuff there. Moving stuff to different location could be done, but we would have to eat storage costs. Need to do insurance now, and have plan by end of January to move things before March (if necessary). Robert will work with Seraphina on insurance.

WW Contingency Fund (Robert): I would like to have \$1000 of our profits to go back into a contingency fund that stays within the Barony's account (not in the WW account). I will check with Nordskogen to see if they would do the same thing. It might be used for storage, defaults, or other issues that might come up and would be for the next year only. Robert will work on the details and bring a proposal to the next meeting. **[Issue tabled until September meeting]**

The September General Meeting will be held on **August 27th** at 7pm at Predolin Hall, Edgewood College

begin to sail home. Only 67 of the original 130 ships will later reach Spain and most of these will be in poor condition.

August 9, 1173 - Construction of the (Leaning) Tower of Pisa begins, and it takes two centuries to complete.

1483 - Opening of the Sistine Chapel

August 10, 1519 - Ferdinand Magellan's five ships set sail from Seville to circumnavigate the globe.

August 12, 1099 - The First Crusade concluded with a decisive victory in the Battle of Ascalon over Fatimid forces under Al-Afdal Shahanshah.

1323 - Treaty of Nöteborg - Sweden and Novgorod (Russia) regulates the border for the first time

August 13, 1315 - Louis X of France marries Clemence d'Anjou.

1326 - Aradia de Toscano, according to legend/folklore, is initiated into a Dianic witchcraft cult, subsequently founds the tradition of Stregheria later known as the Malandanti.

1536 - Buddhist monks from Kyoto's Enryaku Temple set fire to 21 Nichiren temples throughout Kyoto in the Tenbun Hokke Disturbance. (Traditional Japanese date: July 27, 1536).

August 14, 1040 - King Duncan I of Scotland is killed in battle against his cousin and successor Macbeth

August 15, 927 - The Saracens conquered and destroyed Taranto

1057 - King MacBeth of Scotland is killed during the Battle of Lumphanan by the forces of King Malcolm III.

August 18, 1201 - The town of Riga founded.

1541 - A Portuguese ship drifts ashore in the ancient Japanese province of Higo (modern day Kumamoto Prefecture). (Traditional Japanese date: July 27, 1541)

August 20, 917 - Battle of Anchialus: Tsar Simeon I of Bulgaria invades Thrace and drives the Byzantines out.

August 21, 1192 - Minamoto Yoritomo becomes Sei Tai Shōgun and the de facto ruler of Japan. (Traditional Japanese date: July 12, 1192)

August 22, 1559 - Bartholome de Carranza, Spanish archbishop, is arrested for heresy

August 23, 1305 - William Wallace is executed.

1328 - Battle of Kassel: French troops stop an uprising of Flemish farmers

August 24, 1215 - Pope Innocent III declares the Magna Carta invalid.

1349 - Six thousand Jews are killed in Mainz because they are blamed for the bubonic plague.

1511 - Alfonso de Albuquerque of Portugal conquers the Sultanate of Malacca.

1572: St.Bartholomew's Day Massacre. The massacre of Huguenots in Paris by Catholic noblemen and other citizens focused the attention of all Europe on the wars of religion that beset 16th-century France.

The Anti -Calendar

(A listing of events that have already happened)
Compiled by Reinholdt von Trollenhagen

August 1, In English-speaking countries, August 1 is Lammas Day (loaf-mass day), the festival of the first wheat harvest of the year. On this day it was customary to bring to church a loaf made from the new crop. In many parts of England, tenants were bound to present freshly harvested wheat to their landlords on or before the first day of August. In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, where it is referred to regularly, it is called "the feast of first fruits." It is one of the Scottish quarter days (days on which servants were hired, and rents and rates were due) and an English cross-quarter day (a holiday derived from the Celtic calendar).

August 3, 1492: Columbus sets sail from Spain. Christopher Columbus and his small fleet consisting of the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria left the port of Palos, Spain, where they had been fitted out, and headed for the Canary Islands, where they would pick up northeast trade winds. Six weeks later, they would leave the Canaries, and three months later, they would bump into the Americas.

1492 - The Jews of Spain are expelled by the Catholic Monarchs.

August 4, 1265 - The Battle of Evesham of the Second Barons' War is fought in Worcestershire, with the army of future King Edward I of England defeating the forces of rebellious barons led by Simon de Montfort, 6th Earl of Leicester and killing de Montfort and many of his allies. This is sometimes considered the death of chivalry in England.

August 5, 642 - Battle of Maserfeld - Penda of Mercia defeats and kills Oswald of Bernicia

1583 - Sir Humphrey Gilbert establishes first English colony in North America, at what is now St John's, Newfoundland.

August 6, 1538 - Bogota, Colombia founded by Gonzalo Jimenez de Quesada.

August 7, 936: Otto the Great elected. King Otto was nominated by his father Henry I, king of the Liudolfing dynasty in Germany, to be his successor. A month after Henry's death, he was elected king by the German dukes at Aachen and crowned by the archbishops of Mainz and Cologne. Later, Otto would become the first Holy Roman Emperor since Charlemagne.

August 8, 1588 - Battle of Gravelines ends - Defeated by the English during an invasion attempt, the surviving parts of the Spanish Armada

Epistle from the Baroness

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir from Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain!

Greetings on this sunny August day. This is always a magical time of year – a few scorching weeks tucked away between the wonderful events that are Warriors and Warlords and the Pennsic War.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make WW XIII a success. Most especially I would like to thank Seraphina and Rosanore, our lovely autocrats, and their fine band of tireless crew chiefs whose dedicated work made this event possible. Of course, however wonderful and energetic those gentles may be, they cannot do this alone, and so thanks are also due to all the volunteers, from Jara, Nordskogen, and so many, many other places. Thank you for taking the time out of your playtime to make this event happen! A special thank you to all those who personally helped me out in my official duties over the course of the weekend or during my vigil. WW is always a special and enjoyable event, and your help made this year even more special.

Shortly after WW, the Jararvellir Fools' Guild held their annual Fools' Moot. As usual, it was an evening filled with zany fun! There was an A&S activity center and tin hat making contest, a truly hideous anti-raffle, delicious deserts, and wonderful performances by the music guild, choir, and fools' guild. Special thanks to the choir for their performance of a captioned song – it was absolutely delightful! I am happy to announce that a new Baronial Fool has been chosen – Congratulations to Sarah the Fool!

Now we must turn our eyes east to observe the activities of the great Pennsic War. I know there are quite a few Jara folk planning to attend this year and I will look forward to seeing you there. Please remember all the kindness shown by those who, although only visiting on our lands, volunteered at WW and repay that kindness by picking up some volunteer shifts at Pennsic. There are the usual opportunities like Security and Troll, but also others like at Chatelaine's Point, so seek out an activity that is suited to your tastes and abilities. You may also want to check with the chamberlains of Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses to see if they have need of retinue. As always, play smart and take care of yourself in the heat! I look forward to seeing many of you at the War!

Yours in Fishy Service~

Eithni ingen Talorgain

Dear Trystan

*Dear Trystan,
How do I survive my first SCA camping event?
— In the Dark*

Dear In the Dark,

First of all, the purpose of an SCA camping event has nothing to do with survival. If survival were all that you were interested in you'd stay home where you only run into people you know and the water doesn't give you the scoots. The purpose of an SCA camping event is to be able to get shamelessly hammered within walking distance of where you were planning on sleeping. Survival is an outcome to be hoped for, certainly, but it's actually rather far down on the list—usually somewhere after “Make sure everyone in the Barony sees my fabulous new pavilion.” Still, amidst all the other preparations that these events necessitate, some safety precautions are in order.

First of all, as a beginner, I counsel you to bear with you an ample supply of alcoholic beverages at all times. The reasons for this are manifold:

- 1) These commodities may be bartered for the things you forgot when you were packing. As you are a beginner, this could be a real lifesaver. A beer may be traded for a warm blanket or a fresh pair of socks—two beers can buy your way into a badly needed meal while a good bottle of wine might readily be traded for a shot of insulin or a morning-after pill.
- 2) They may be offered in compensation for slights of honor or mishaps on the list field. “Mop your brow, newbie! Sir Holds-a-grudge just accepted your 80 proof apology. Whew!”
- 3) If you already have a drink in your hand, you are in a better position to politely refuse offers of Apricot Death or Basement Scrumpy. These potent brews have their place, but internal usage should definitely be left to professionals. And while we're on the subject remember that by the time it gets to you 30% of what's left in that hip flask is backwash. probably from some gentle nicknamed “Leprous Ted.”

- 4) It gives you a nice, sterile alternative to campground water. Never drink the water. I think we covered this above.

Second piece of advice: buy and use sunscreen. Liberally. As a newbie in the SCA, odds are that your skin tone stands somewhere between fish-belly white and a shade of ultra-violet. Too many times I've seen those colors exchanged for cooked-lobster red by the second day of an event. While it may be somewhat amusing to watch overly ambitious, sun-scorched combatants learning that a good solid blow will leave them yakking through their face-grills, for the sake of your comfort and the morale of our surgeons trust me on the sunscreen.

Third piece of advice: choose the proper camp. If you are the early-to-bed, early-to-rise type, it is very important that you avoid camping with groups that plan to party until dawn. This is particularly important because that's where I will be found come evening time and I don't want to have to hear you bellyaching. On the other hand, if you are a lord or lady who enjoys reveling until the wee hours, you may not want to pitch your tent in the quiet half of the encampment. This is especially true for those with a tendency to return from parties accompanied. Your neighbors will appreciate being spared the sound of inebriate giggling followed by your amateurish and completely ineffective attempts to consummate your activities in silence. Zero background noise = zero plausible deniability.

And in this vein, for god's sake learn to maneuver in the dark if you find yourself involved in said evening time shenanigans. One flashlight + one very small tent = incriminating puppet show. You have been warned.

In service, the gentle who has made all these mistakes so you don't have to ~

**The honorable Lord Sheriff Trystan der
Fackeltrager**

Do you have a question for Trystan? Or maybe a good bottle of wine? Send it to him c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, chronicler@jararvellir.org).