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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

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Bardic Night: Fourth Sunday, 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 & Vintning Third Monday. Various locations (call for info)

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Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location

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Clothier's Guild Alternate Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location and dates.

Contact: Iohanna (A. Rebekah Turner) 957-9072, arebekah@gmail.com

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)

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European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TITU for room.

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 5418 Imagine

Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 838-4092

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.

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Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.

UW Campus—Check TITU

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Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:15pm, UW Stock Pavilion

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Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion

Contact: Rosa de la Mer

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Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon, Second Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.

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Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

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EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

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

June has passed most quickly in a flurry of activity, much of it surrounding Warriors and Warlords XIV and the move to a new site. Please pass the word to all attendees that the new site is just outside of Eau Claire at the Chippewa Valley Music Festival Grounds, 24447 County Highway S, Cadott, WI, 54727. There has been a lot of discussion about the site. While it will be a different format from the previous site, all the accustomed activities will take place. An excellent feature of the new site is that since all the activities will be held in the same central place, it will be easy to navigate the site and to find our friends and kinsmen. I look forward to seeing you all on the field, in the classrooms, and shopping in the merchants!

A few important notes - please review the WW website for updates and read the new site rules. Please plan on bringing sunshades, plenty of sunscreen, and water bottles. You will not be able to attach hoses to the water spigots, so large water storage containers are a good idea too. Please also remember to make a special effort to volunteer in order to make the burden in our amazing staff as light as possible. The autocrat team and staff have been working tirelessly to make this a successful and enjoyable event, greatest thanks to them!

Looking past WW for a moment, the Pennsic War also draws nigh. It will be occurring a week earlier this year, so the time between WW and War will be shorter than usual. I hope many of you will travel with me to support the griffon on that foreign field. This year we are once again allied with our mother Midrealm and so will march forth against the forces of the east. Whether on the field as combatants or as support staff, do your part to support the army and bring glory to Northshield's name!

Now, off to pack for Warriors and Warlords! I look forward to seeing you all there and spending a joyful weekend with kinsmen from near and far!

Yours in Fishy Service~

eithni ingen TALORGAIN

july GENERAL meeting minutes

In attendance: Robert the Stout, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Annora le Spindlere, Iohanna Carracci, Stephen du Bois, Cianna Kharleen, Drachon, Rosemary, Tatiana McGowan, James, Fiona the Younger, Dueces, Elizabeth Wren, Yseult de Cherbourg, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Aurora, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Sol

Demo Coordinator (Robert): Annora volunteered to take this position, and after a last call for other candidates, the group voted. **[No other candidates, Annora voted as new demo coordinator]**

Web Minister (Robert): We have two candidates, Drachon, who has been filling in the last couple of months, and James, who has ideas for a site redesign. Each candidate has a statement about his intentions and goals.

James: I hope to bring the site up to date and make the group the focal point of the website, more about who we are, highlighting WW with a historical photo gallery, and so on. I am proposing to design a new website using a content management system, which will make it easier now and in the future to manage the site because it will lay out templates, and maintenance will consist of changing text and photos only. The site redesign will take about 3 months, or 100 hours.

Drachon: I am interested in maintaining the current site, which does need a redesign. I am happy to leave that project to the other people who have expressed an interest in it. My goals for the website are that it be updated, useful, reliable, and usable, not fancy but punctual.

[After a discussion about the nature of the content management system, potential issues and concerns, and the possible roles of the candidates, the group voted James the new web minister. Robert thanked Drachon for his service to the group as interim webminister]

Exchequer (Fiona): Will be stepping down October 1. Tatiana expressed an interest in taking over and I am recommending her as the only candidate. I will write a description of the job duties for the Skein after consulting with higher authorities about the wording.

Dueces: nothing

Chatelaine (Wren): I've had a few inquiries in the last month, one with an interest in archery. Some of them have been trying to make it to practices. I will be helping with the Newcomers Breakfast on Saturday at WW and I will also be at Info Point. **[Nikolaus recommended that such items be submitted to the Privy Press during WW]**

LOCAL news

STOCK PAVILION schedule

We have the Stock Pavilion for all of our regular dates and times, except on July 4th. In addition, there will be no practices on July 1st or July 8th because of WW.

The official schedule can be found at:
<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, July 22 at 11am

Please join us for the first Archers' barbecue of the season, starting at 11:00 a.m. in Hoyt Park. We'll provide the hot coals and condiments, bring a grillable item for yourself. We'll be ready to cook at 11:00. Feel free to provide something else for people to munch on, though it's not required. Please bring your own feastware since we don't provide dishes. At noon we will retire to the Stock Pavilion for archery practice. Loaner archery equipment is available. You are welcome to join us at one or both locations.

Directions to Hoyt Park:

FROM THE EAST--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. Keep driving past the sign for the park and the parking lot for the large park shelter (on your right), continue down the street as it meanders along. Eventually the houses on the left give way to an expanse of lawn with picnic tables and stone fireplaces. On the right, the woods with picnic tables and stone fireplaces drop away and a scenic overlook with parking for several cars appears just before the road starts to meander downhill. Park there. Go across the street to the table with the SCA people sitting at a table with a tablecloth.

FROM THE WEST--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). The street sign is hard to see, but if you reach Westmoreland you went 1 block too far. 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. You can park in the pullout, or continue down the street to a lot on your left as you leave the park.

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

sadly, be entirely wrong in this. We are a vain and foolhardy species and whenever we find our lives becoming sane or tranquil we inevitably invent ways to complicate them. It may be that we do this to distract ourselves from the truth that one day the only ones interested in a relationship with us will be the invertebrates living in our local cemetery, but this is beside the point.

Post-puberty, frustration with the opposite sex is a universal phenomenon, but none are so vocal about this, so apt to bemoan the cruelty of fate, as the unrequited lovers. 'Tis only to be expected- in their minds the judgments of the object of their affection loom far more potent, more monumental, than their own frail egos. Add to this a society steeped in social inhibition and we find it far easier to remain silent and dream about what might have been than to confess that we might possess the same emotional and biological imperatives as every other species on the planet. But you hope to learn how to keep an opening line from becoming a socially crippling episode.... Hmmmm.

In truth I suspect it matters less what you say than to whom you say it. Flirtatious conversation, an invitation to a social opportunity, poorly conceived love poems- all of these things may be perceived as adorable when issued by someone who fits the lady's pre-existing mental construct of a "suitable mate". When proffered by one who doesn't measure up to their scrutiny, however, these advances are less welcome than a Klingon at a Renaissance Faire. I strongly recommend pursuing a course of light and casual conversation until the lady's preferences may be divined! Deferred gratification may not be in vogue these days but here it may serve you well.

Prithiee, in these matters proceed with realistic expectations! Frustration and despair result when one's expectations conflict with reality—and it is safe to say that nowhere is this conflict more pronounced than within the fantasy/escapist communities (for those who may object to this characterization: please examine the entries for both "fantasy" and "escapist" in your handy dictionary). If you happen to be a doughy, unemployed mama's boy who plays video-games all day you may want to adjust your sights a tad. Lady Delicieux Filsoutabodice might not be swept off her feet by your unparalleled proficiency with imaginary digital armaments.

Still, in all cases there remains hope: If your cause seems to be otherwise lost, try saying this: "Excuse me my dear lady, I find you very pleasing and I am ridiculously wealthy."

In service,

**TRYSTAN DER FACHELTRAEGER,
SHERIFF OF JARARVELLIR AND
OFFICIAL GUILTY PLEASURE OF ITS
DAMSELS**

Lonely? Do you have a question for Trystan? Let him know, write to Trystan c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, chronicler@jararvellir.org).

Warriors & Warlords (Yseult): It is scant weeks away. We need volunteers. Volunteer as a group for more fun. The website has been updated with the FAQ, site rules, map, schedules for everything except archery. This is a new adventure, so please stay flexible. We have tried to plan for everything, but surprises can happen.

Shade and Shadeflies at WW (Yseult/Reonholdt): Some people are worried the new site will be a desert, but we will have just as many shadeflies as in the past for the public area, as well as the existing park shelters. People will need to bring shadeflies for the camp areas. Shadeflies will be allowed along the battlefield, more information about this will be available on site, and maybe on the website if it can be updated in time.

Ice at WW (Iohanna): There is no store on site, but Yseult negotiated to have ice available at \$3 for a 20 lb. bag. The ice will be located in 18 freezers scattered around the site. Sales will be handled at the T-shirt sales tent. Upon purchase, the buyer will receive a lovely token (provided by her Excellency Eithni), which can then be used to receive a bag of ice at the designated time and place. The ice lockers will be opened for pickups for two hours each morning and two hours evening. It is possible if more people volunteer for T-shirt sales (since two have to be present at all times to handle both T-shirt and ice sales) to have longer pickup times.

Firewood at WW (Yseult): Firewood will not be available on site. People will have to bring it with them, but please respect the DNR restriction on transporting firewood more than 50 miles. This is intended to prevent the spread of gypsy moth and emerald ash borer. This means you can't bring firewood from the Madison area to the event.

Minions (Eithni): I am looking for minions to help with both official and unofficial activities. Be warned that a sign will be posted at gate stating that whining can result in being sentenced to time in the stocks. False allegations are allowed as long as they are amusing. Fundraising options are being explored with this.

Archers' Brunch (Sol): It will be held Sunday, July 22.

Marian: nothing

Music Guild (Nikolaus): We have had three new people join us in the last few weeks. I have contact information for two of them. We are currently getting ready for WW, which is probably the worst time for new musicians, but we are doing our best to accommodate them.

Privy Press (Nikolaus): I will be the eyes and mouth of the Autocrats at WW through the Privy Press.

Demos (Annora/Tatiana): Reinholdt will finish out the currently scheduled demos, including the Harry Potter live chess match at Barnes & Noble East on July 20. It will begin at 9:30 in the food court after it closes at 9. The store has already created a brochure which includes brief information about the SCA.

Media Coverage (Robert): The Capitol Times contacted me and Heinrich, since they are writing an article about reenactors. I have an interview with them tomorrow.

Aurora: nothing

Knight Marshal (Stephen): Fight practice will not be held Sunday July 1, Wednesday July 4, or Sunday July 8. Practice will be held this Wednesday (June 27). Notice of these cancellations has already been posted to the Jara list. Quarterly report was filed June 1. I am still seeking a replacement when I step down in December.

Heraldry (Reinholdt): Promised research will be done by Wednesday, before you read this. A partial report was filed last week, a full report will be filed after WW.

Iohanna: I will be bringing craft supplies to give away this Wednesday at fight practice. It is the second tier items that required more thought before discarding. And we need more volunteers at WW, especially for gate, T-shirts, and security.

Cordials (Cianna): No July meeting since we will be holding a libation maker's gathering at WW. Cwenthryth will coordinate that activity, but since she is also in charge of troll, additional assistance would be appreciated.

Drachon: Thank you for my opportunity to serve the barony for a short while.

Tatiana: I am interested in becoming exchequer again. This time I will be sticking around, since I just bought a condo.

James: Just a suggestion for future event scheduling: I did not volunteer for some things because the 2-hour volunteer time blocks overlapped with not one but two different activities that I was interested in.

Brewing & Vintning (Robert): We'll see after WW.

Non-member surcharge of \$3 will apply to those without proof of membership. All adults must bring a valid state driver's license/photo id. ID for minors will be their filled-out registration form. Adult site fees include \$1.00 kingdom surcharge.

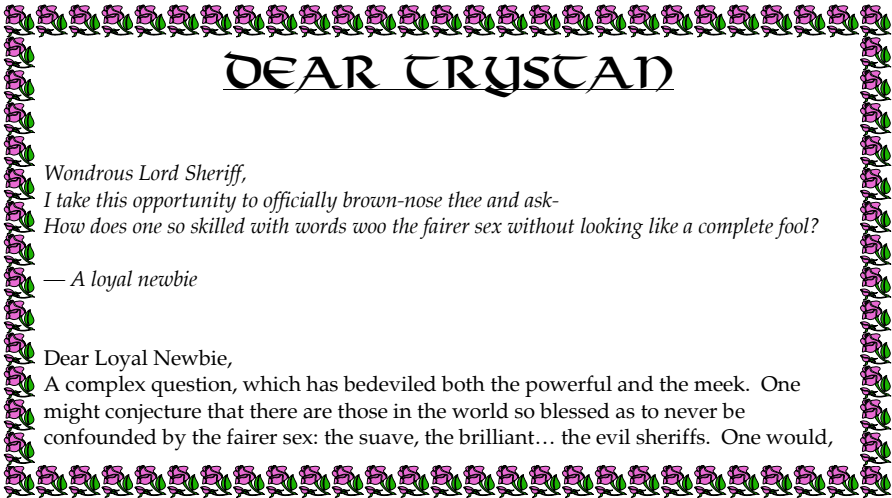
Merchant Fee: \$20 paid in advance, site fee to be paid at gate.

SITE FEES Site fees change at 4am	Arrival		
	Thur	Fri	Sat
Adults	\$28	\$24	\$16
Minor (ages 6-18)	\$14	\$12	\$8
Minor (ages 5 and under)	FREE		
Family	\$84	\$72	\$48

More information on registration info, merchant forms, and FAQ, go to:
<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org/registration.html>

More info about site rules is at:
<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org/rules.html>

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WARRIORS AND WARLORDS

WARRIORS AND WARLORDS XIV

July 5-8, 2006

New Site!!

Chippewa Valley Music Festivals
24447 County Highway S
Cadott WI 54727

Site is open 9 am Thursday - 1 pm Sunday

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Directions: The site is located five miles North of Cadott, WI. Take I-94 to Highway 29 West, and then west 2 miles on County Road S.

Come join us for a weekend filled with fighting, classes, and pageantry! The MiC has dubbed the weekend games "WW: Total War", and will include a modular castle structure. Take part in Iron Chef Medieval or any one of our other exciting activities or classes. Shop the Merchant Quarter for a wonderful selection of goods. Visit Artisans' Row for an up close and personal view of various crafts. New people may enjoy our Chatelaine's Meet and Greet. Enjoy a sampling of offerings from cooks in the baronies at the Baronial Festival. Be dazzled as firelight reflects off armor during the Torchlight Tourney!

Alcohol is allowed. Legal drinking age in WI is 21; expect to be carded.
There is no pre-reg this year — except for merchants, who *must* pre-register.

Checks payable to SCA Inc — Barony of Jararvellir

ROSEMARY - BRINGING THE MEDITERRANEAN TO YOUR GARDEN AND TABLE

by Lady Cianna Kharleen (aka Carrie B. Wilkey)

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) is native to the Mediterranean region, where it grows wild as a small tree. Rosemary is an upright shrubby perennial that can grow to three feet tall or more, making it look like a miniature fir tree. Its leaves are small, dark green needles, about one-inch long. The flowers bloom in early summer and are small and pale blue, pink, purple or white. Rosemary is a member of the mint family *Lamiaceae*, which includes many other herbs.

Its botanical name, *Rosmarinus*, is derived from Latin meaning "dew" and *marinus*, meaning "of the sea," since it was found near seashores. Major producers of rosemary for export include Yugoslavia, France, Spain and Portugal.

Popular Cultivars

Some varieties of the species *Rosmarinus officinalis* include:

Common Rosemary – Great for cooking, and has light blue flowers.

Arp – Gray-green spreading foliage that grows 3-5 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide. Can be hardy to -10°F (zone 6).

Albiflorus – grows up to 4 feet tall with white flowers.

Benenden Blue – Fine leaves and rich blue flowers on twisting stems. Also sold as "pine-scented" and "Angustissimus". Used for potpourris.

Blue Boy – Compact, slow growing, good in pots; better used for landscaping than cooking.

Corsican Blue – tall and highly aromatic with rich porcelain blue flowers.

Cuban – heirloom variety, withstands high heat and humidity. Less prone to powdery mildew in the home.

Joyce DeBaggio (Golden Rain Rosemary) – Striking rosemary with yellow streaking that is most prominent on newer growth in cooler weather. Beautiful in a mixed herb container.

Gorizia – upright, with long straight branches that produce showy clusters of light blue flowers in summer. Gentle, sweet gingery aroma.

Irene – low mounding, prostrate variety with intense blue flowers. Outstanding choice for hanging baskets and containers, easily drapes over edge of pot or rock walls.

Logee Blue – upright, robust grower with dense forest-green leaves and abundant deep blue flowers. Does well indoors, less prone to powdery mildew.

Logee White – a white flower version of Logee Blue.

Majora Pink (Spanish Rosemary) – has amethyst-pink flowers. Often called “shish kebob rosemary” since its stems can be stripped of leaves and used as skewers on the grill.

Miss Jessup’s Upright – Tall and columnar; one of the hardiest forms and free-flowering of the species.

Nancy Howard – a creeping version with small blue flowers.

Prostratus – Prostrate, i.e. lying flat. Also sold as creeping rosemary, Kenneth Prostrate, Santa Barbara, Lockwood de Forest, Golden Prostrate and Huntington Carpet.

Tuscan Blue – good for landscaping around rocks and to use as a hedge. Has dark blue flowers.

Cultivation

Rosemary may be propagated by seeds, cuttings, and division of roots. Starting rosemary from seed can be difficult, so try taking cuttings from an existing plant or buy one from a reputable source. Rosemary can also be rooted in a glass of water.

To take cuttings, clip a 2-3-inch stem from new growth on an established plant. Remove the bottom leaves and dip the bottom 1/4-inch into hormone rooting powder. Place cuttings into a container with good quality potting soil. Keep cuttings moist until roots develop 14-21 days later. Then, transplant to a larger pot or to your garden.

Leave at least 2 feet all around your garden rosemary plant to ensure that it has plenty of room to grow. Keep the soil moist, but do not over-water.

Rosemary thrives in a sunny location in light, well-drained, and neutral to alkaline soil. Lighten up heavy soils with sand and peat before planting in the garden. In warm climates, the plant can remain in the same location for years. In colder climates, where freezing temperatures are expected, rosemary does not over-winter well and should be brought inside during the winter months.

Rosemary is a good companion plant for cabbage, beans, carrots and sage. It helps deter cabbage moths, bean beetles and carrot flies.

If growing rosemary indoors, be careful not to over-water. Excess water will damage the roots and cause the plant to die. Rosemary needs a southern exposure with plenty of sunlight when grown indoors. Rotate the plant weekly so all sides of the plant receive sunlight. Prune plants to encourage bushiness.

July 17, 1429: Charles VII anointed King of France. With considerable help from Joan of Arc, the Dauphin gained popular and noble support as the next king at a time when the Hundred Years' War had thoroughly disrupted France. After Joan's victory at Orléans, Charles made his way to Reims, where tradition had it that kings had to be crowned for their kingship to be true.

July 18, 1536: The authority of the Pope is declared void in England.

July 19, 1333: Battle of Halidon Hill. In Scotland's extended war for independence from England, the Battle of Halidon Hill was a significant setback for the Scots, who were routed in an attempt to relieve the siege of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

July 20, 1304: English King Edward I of England takes the last rebel stronghold in the Wars of Scottish Independence, Stirling Castle.

July 21, 1298: Battle of Falkirk: King Edward I of England defeats Scottish rebels led by William Wallace.

1568: Battle of Jemmingen: Fernando Álvarez de Toledo, Duke of Alba defeats Louis of Nassau

1579: Our Lady of Kazan, a holy icon of the Russian Orthodox Church, was discovered underground in the city of Kazan, Tatarstan.

July 22, 1499: Battle of Dornach - The Swiss decisively defeat the Imperial army of Emperor Maximilian I.

July 24, 1216: Cencio Savelli is consecrated as Pope Honorius III

1411: Battle of Harlaw, one of the bloodiest battles on Scottish soil.

1567: Mary Queen of Scots is deposed and replaced by her 1 year old son King James VI. He would later become King James I of England upon the death of his cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

July 25, 1261: Michael VIII Palaeologus captures Constantinople. For more than fifty years, the Byzantine capital had been in the hands of western Crusaders. Nicaean emperor Michael Palaeologus regained the city and established the lengthiest dynasty of Byzantine Emperors.

1593: Henry IV of France publicly converts from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.

July 26, 1139: Afonso, then a count, is proclaimed first king of Portugal and declares independence from Castile

1469: Battle of Edgecote Moor

1581: Plakkaat van Verlatinghe (Oath of Abjuration). The declaration of independence of the northern Low Countries from the Spanish king, Philip II.

July 27, 1214: Battle of Bouvines. King Philip II of France won a decisive victory over the forces of Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV, King John of England, and several French vassals in this battle, thus strengthening the position of the French monarchy.

July 28, 1540: Thomas Cromwell, is executed on order from Henry VIII of England on charges of treason. Henry marries his fifth wife, Catherine Howard, on the same day.

July 29, 1014: Battle of Kleidion: Byzantine emperor Basil II inflicts a decisive defeat on the Bulgarian army, but his subsequent savage treatment of 15,000 prisoners reportedly causes Tsar Samuil of Bulgaria to die of shock.

1588: Battle of Gravelines: The Spanish Armada is defeated by an English naval force under command of Lord Charles Howard and Sir Francis Drake off the coast of Gravelines, France.

July 31, 1498: On his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus becomes the first European to discover the island of Trinidad.

THE ANTI-CALENDAR

(A listing of events that have already happened)

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- July 1, 1569: The Union of Lublin. This pact between Poland and Lithuania, signed in Lublin, Poland, united the two countries into a single state.
- July 3, 1250: Louis IX of France is captured by Baibars' Mamluk army at the Battle of Fariskur while he is in Egypt conducting the Seventh Crusade; he later has to ransom himself.
- July 6, 1484: Portuguese sea captain Diogo Cão finds the mouth of Congo River.
- 1495: Charles VIII fights in the Battle of Fornovo against the Holy League, ending his attempted conquest of Italy.
- 1560: The Treaty of Edinburgh is signed by Scotland and England.
- July 7, 1307: Edward II crowned King of England.
- 1456 - Joan of Arc is acquitted of heresy (having been executed in 1431).
- July 8, 1283: Battle of Malta
- July 9, 1357: Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor assisted laying the foundation stone of Charles Bridge in Prague
- 1553: Lady Jane Grey told she is Queen of England. Lady Jane had been ill for some days when King Edward VI died on July 6. Though Edward's sister Mary Tudor was next in line for the crown, Jane's father plotted to put his very Protestant daughter on the throne. Jane was not happy with this development and fell to the floor upon hearing the news. Her status as queen was officially declared the next day. Jane Grey would serve as monarch of England for only nine days. Although Mary Tudor was a Catholic in a predominantly Protestant land, because she was the late king's sister the populace supported her as the next ruler. Mary became queen, and Jane was arrested. She was imprisoned and, when her father engaged in another plot, she was beheaded in February of 1554.
- July 10, 1584: William I of Orange was assassinated in his home in Delft, Holland by Balthasar Gérard.
- July 11, 1302: Battle of the Golden Spurs (Guldensporenslag in Dutch) - the Flemish cities beat the king of France.
- 1405: Chinese fleet commander Zheng set sail to explore the world.
- 1533: King Henry VIII of England is excommunicated.
- July 12, 1573: Spanish forces under the Duke of Alva capture Haarlem after a seven month siege.
- July 13, 1558: Battle of Gravelines: In France, Spanish forces led by Count Lamoral of Egmont defeat the French forces of Marshal Paul des Thermes at Gravelines.
- July 15, 1207: John of England expels Canterbury monks for supporting Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton
- 1381: John Ball, a leader in the Peasants' Revolt, hanged, drawn and quartered in the presence of Richard II of England.
- 1410: Battle of Tannenberg. Also called the Battle of Grünfelde or Grunwald, this encounter in northeastern Poland was a major victory over the Teutonic Knights, marking the beginning of its decline in power.
- July 16, 622: Hijrah begins. Muhammad and some of his followers emigrated from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. This event marks the beginning of the Muslim calendar.
- 1377: Richard II crowned King of England

Rosemary leaves may be harvested any time, and are best when used fresh. The peak time for flavor and fragrance is just before the plants flower.

To dry your own rosemary, simply hang a small bundle of freshly clipped sprigs upside down until thoroughly dried. You may also dry rosemary in a food dehydrator according to the manufacturer's instructions. Store your dried herbs in glass or plastic jars, away from direct sunlight. Don't store them on top of your oven or stove.

History of Rosemary Uses

For centuries, rosemary has been used as a symbol of friendship, love, loyalty, and remembrance. It was traditionally carried by mourners at funerals and brides during their weddings. Some Greek scholars are said to have worn garlands of rosemary when taking tests to improve their memory. In the thirteenth century, Queen Elizabeth of Hungary supposedly regained her beauty and strength by drinking rosemary water. The Spanish revered rosemary as the bush that sheltered the Virgin Mary on her flight to Egypt. Legend says that as she spread her cloak over the herb, the white flowers turned blue.

In ancient times, sprigs of rosemary were placed under pillows to ward off evil spirits and bad dreams. In Europe during Medieval times, unmarried women looking for a husband often used rosemary to help them find a man. Rosemary placed under a maiden's pillow was said to induce dreams that would reveal a future husband's identity. The wood from rosemary plants was used for making lutes and other musical instruments. Rosemary has also been used in sick rooms to "purify" the air and protect against the Plague. In more modern times, rosemary and juniper were burned during World War II in French hospitals to protect against germs. Today, rosemary is used in potpourris to freshen the air, and in shampoos, lotions, disinfectants and some cosmetics. An infusion of rosemary can be used as a rinse to lighten blond hair and to condition all hair. Add rosemary to baths to strengthen and refresh yourself, especially following an illness.

Use dried rosemary leaves as potpourri and in sachets to scent clothing and linens, as well as deter moths. In some parts of the Mediterranean, rosemary continues to be used as a scent for linens. Freshly washed items are spread on rosemary bushes to dry, where they absorb the fragrance.

Culinary Uses / Cooking with Rosemary

Rosemary has long been used as a digestive and condiment, and is popular in flavoring soups, stews, meat, sausages, stuffing, and tea. Rosemary is widely used in Mediterranean cooking. The flowers are also edible and may be added to salads.

Rosemary, like some other herbs, does not lose its flavor by long cooking. And, it maintains its flavor when dried. Rosemary combines well with other herbs, but its flavor tends to dominate. It combines especially well with garlic. Bruise leaves with a mortar and pestle or crush by hand before using to get the most flavors from this herb.

Consider melting butter with rosemary for a delicious topping on roasted or mashed potatoes and freshly steamed or stir-fried vegetables. This herb is also used in jams, jellies, biscuits, cordials, vinegars and wines. Full sprigs of rosemary make a wonderful garnish for serving platters or individual plates.

Use rosemary for fish, meat – especially poultry, and vegetables. Probably the most popular combination is with lamb. When roasting, slit the meat and tuck in sprigs of rosemary. For grilling, use larger sprigs on lamb chops and sprinkle directly on hot coals for added fragrance, or strip the leaves and use the stem as a skewer for shish kebob. Rosemary is also delicious in rice or potato dishes.

Medicinal Uses

There is an ancient belief that rosemary strengthens the memory and sharpens the senses. Rosemary is used to stimulate circulation, enhance digestion, and ease pain and anxiety. Because it helps improve circulation, rosemary is thought to help restore a youthful glow to skin.

As an antiseptic, rosemary cleanses the blood and helps to control pathogens. Its antiseptic qualities make it a fine gargle and mouthwash. Some recent studies of rosemary are shown to prevent the development of cancerous tumors in lab animals. Other rosemary medicinal properties include antifungal, antibacterial, antiviral, antispasmodic, antioxidant, analgesic, and anti-inflammatory.

Pregnant woman should not use rosemary in therapeutic doses since it is a uterine stimulant and promotes menstruation.

Rosemary Tea

Drink this at bedtime to aid digestion and induce sleep. Add 1 tablespoon of crushed rosemary to 1 cup of boiling water. Steep for five minutes, strain and drink.

Rosemary Butter

Combine 1 tablespoon of minced fresh rosemary with 1/2 cup of softened butter. Wrap butter in plastic wrap and store in refrigerator up to one month, or in your freezer for up to three months. Use on breads, vegetables, poultry and fish.

Rosemary Bath

Make a strong tea from the leaves and add it to your bath water. Rosemary stimulates the skin and can feel refreshing as a bath or steam facial.

Hair Conditioner

Rosemary, used as a hair conditioner, helps control dandruff and is said to aid hair growth. Take a bunch of fresh rosemary and crush the leaves. Add about 1/2 cup of boiling water and allow to stand for one hour. Use as a final rinse on hair, after washing.

Landscaping with Rosemary

Rosemary is a tender, aromatic and ornamental evergreen. In landscaping, rosemary is a wonderful border and accent plant. In certain parts of the country, it can be trained into shapes to create a topiary garden or hedge. Low-growing varieties are good for rock gardens and to cascade over stone walls.

Be sure to choose a good location for your rosemary and do not intend to move it – it resents being transplanted.

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

July 2007

21—**River Revel II: Oenaech**, Stromfels (River Falls WI)
27-12—**Pennsic War 36** (Slippery Rock PA)

August 2007

3-5—**Poorman's Pennsic XV** (Pittsville, WI)
31-2—**Autumn Rose**, Rokeclif (Galesville WI)

September 2007

8—**Northshield Fall Coronation**, Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids WI)
21-23—**Siege the Day III**, Shattered Oak (Hixton WI)
29—**30th Baronial Birthday Celebration**, Windhaven (Green Bay WI)