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

Archery Practice Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM. UW Stock Pavilion

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Armoured Combat Wed. 7-10PM, Sunday 2-4PM. UW Stock Pavilion

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Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

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Bardic Arts (not currently active)

Contact: Vacant

Brewing & Vintning Third Monday. Various locations (call for info)

Contact: Robert the Stout (Robert Trefz) 441-6150, rtrefz@tds.net

Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location

Contact: Lady Eile (Alicia Cronk) 250-4595, leleth.faery@yahoo.com

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)

Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433, alissende@centurytel.net

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

Contact: Lady Genevieve Elisabeth Dumas (Jenny Becker) 206-9330, kathrynscully98@aol.com

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.

Contact: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (John Beebe) 298-0918, rezansky@sbcglobal.net

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.

Contact: Lady Kenya (Heather Cushing) 298-0103, evilkenya@tds.net

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

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Pottery Guild First or second Monday (alternating with Clothier's), Fired Up Pottery.

Contact: Annora (Wendy Nelson) 438-6530, wendybyrd42@yahoo.com

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

Contact: Cosimo de Cellini (Joe Ordaz) 274-0997, jordaz@netzero.com

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish. Call to verify location

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

Contact: John "Jack" Bartholomew of Flanders (David Thompson-Hall) 257-1082

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

Contact: Lady Aliénor Hathaway (Mariessa Dobrick) 658-8941, reesa83@aol.com

EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir from Eithni ingen Talorgain!

What a fine Spring we have been having in the Barony, and every gentle as busy as a bee! Spring is a time of renewal and changes and so the competitions to help determine the new Baronial Champions were held over the last few weeks. I am pleased to here announce the results of those competitions.

Dondinas de la Croix, a gentle relatively new to us but long in the Society, competed in the Armored Combat Tourney at May Day and was asked to be the new Armored Combat Champion. (He then promptly changed his name, to Lothar de la Croix, so don't be surprised to hear another name associated with the post!) That same day, I held a Rapier Tournament and I asked Trystan der Facheltrager to be my Rapier Champion, not because he won the tournament (as he so often does), but because of his endless enthusiasm on the field and his willingness to make good on a boast, thereby entertaining the assembled crowd. Of the archers who participated in my archery competition, I chose Manigarm to be the Archery Champion both for her skill with the bow and for her service to the archery community. While the Evil Sherriff Trystan won the most points in the Thrown Weapons challenge, I frown upon the hording of championships and so smiled on the runner-up, John Bartholomew of Flanders (called Jack), long a mainstay of the Thrown Weapons community and a fine Champion. Last, but not least, I exercised a great deal of Baronial discretion in choosing my Arts and Sciences Champion. While generally Champions are expected to stand court and be involved in other official business, there has been a lady in the Barony who has long impressed me with her scholarly work, her cooking prowess, and her attempts to keep a period persona and camp, but I knew she did not enter competitions for Baronial Championships because of personal restraints on the court-related functions. Therefore, I have excused her from such duties and the lovely and talented Sol has graciously agreed to be my Arts and Sciences Champion for the remainder of my tenure.

Vivant to the Champions and to all the competitors in these contests of skill and prowess! And so my complement of Baronial Champions is

complete, save that of Baronial Bard, to be determined at the Saturday night fire at WW.

Speaking of WW, it is a topic that now looms large on the summer calendar. By the time you receive this missive, there will scarcely be four weeks to the event! Please, please, please – volunteer early and often. This is our chance to shine as host to the Kingdom and the Knowne World, but that takes a great deal of effort by many, many hands! Do your part and lighten the burden for all. Most, if not all, the staff positions are filled at this point, but plenty of volunteer opportunities remain. Check out the website, ask a staff person, or check at Information Point on site to see where help is needed. Of course, as important as the work of the event is, do take time to peruse the schedules and take advantage of the myriad opportunities for learning and fun! I look forward to seeing all of you in classes, on the field, volunteering, and celebrating! Let's go Fish!

Yours in Fishy Service,

eithni

JUNE GENERAL MEETING minutes

In attendance: Eithni, Æsa, Raito, Paul Wickenden, Tegan, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger, Kristen Bird, James Bird, Reinholdt, Cwen, and Ivan.

Chronicler (Paul): Nothing to report.

Tegan: Nothing.

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

There will be no Brunch during the month of June.

NIBS AND NEEDLES

Announcing Nibs & Needles! We tried combining our weekly needlearts and calligraphy/illumination group meetings last month with great success, so we have decided to repeat this event monthly, on every third Tuesday (it takes the place of the needlearts and calligraphy meetings for that week).

Newcomers, beginners, and experienced crafters welcome. There are people who'd be happy to help beginners in either needlearts or illumination/calligraphy. Don't be afraid to bring a project you don't think quite fits in with those categories. We're not strict.

We meet at Helena & Damian's house at 3318 Ridgeway Avenue Madison, WI 53704, which is just a block off of East Washington (near Aberg) (located immediately next to a certain blue and yellow house that some of you may be familiar with).

Allergy warning: There are two cats that live in this house; however, we have hardwood floors and clean well (and run an air filter) before meetings. People without extreme allergies seem to do all right here.

For directions, questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Helena/Sara (414-507-5872 or lostvirtue76@yahoo.com).

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BEER APPRECIATION

Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30pm

It's been a while since we had a beer appreciation class. The subject of this class will be Trappist ales. Trappist ales are ales that are brewed by Trappist monks. Styles vary from monastery to monastery. There are only 6 authentic Trappist brewers left. For those of you who don't like beer, the Malt House also has cider, mead, and whisky. Please email me (rtrefz@tds.net) if you plan on attending.

ROBERT the STOUT

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

June 2009

12-14—Border Skirmish VI,
Caer Anterth Mawr (WI/IL
Border)

July 2009

9-12—Warriors and
Warlords, **Nordskogen and
Jararvellir** (Boscobel WI)

August 2009

7-9—Poor Man's Pennsic
XVII, **Falcon's Keep**
(Wisconsin Rapids WI)

September 2009

4-6—Autumn Rose, **Rokeclif**
(Galesville WI)

25-27—30th Baronial
Anniversary and Baronial
Championship, **Caer Anterth
Mawr** (Menomonee Falls WI)

LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have our usual dates and times through the end of June (the calendars for July and August are not posted as of this moment). As always, the full schedule can be found at:

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

WW (Æsa): WW is going well. We are well-staffed. But a reminder to please volunteer and help out.

WW (Raito): I've already volunteered to do all the stuff that Æsa shouldn't be doing

Marian: Nothing.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): We will be performing at WW (with help from other musicians in the Kingdom). Today, I was out at the WW site for a walk-through (there's new set of playground equipment next to battleground, which thankfully doesn't interfere). As for the guild, let me know if you are interested in learning to play.

Pursuivant (Kristen): I've had the job for a year, so I've decided that it is time to start looking for a deputy.

James: I'm ok.

Ermina's Offices (Reinholdt): Ermina departed to Ansteorra on Monday. I have the MoAS and Directory stuff, which I am handing over to Cwen.

Quartermaster (Reinholdt): We have been cleaning up the storage shed and have organized and inventoried what is there. We re-numbered the tubs, inventoried their contents, and took pictures of them. I am compiling all of this information onto spreadsheets. I'd also like to start collecting list of items that are in people's possession. I will be sending out a call for folks to contact me and let me know what they have.

Cwen: Nothing.

Exchequer (Ivan for Tatiana): Tatiana can't be here tonight, so if you need anything, contact her in the next day or two. She can be at this Wednesday's fighter practice to handle anything that comes up.

Baronial Succession (Ivan): Both of the two sets of baronial candidates have returned questionnaires and their responses will appear in this month's *Skein*. The first Meet and Greet will be held at fighter practice at the Stock Pavilion on 6/17 at 7pm.

Baronial Shade Flies (Ivan for Iohanna): Next Sunday, from 10am-6pm, there will be work day for building the Baronial shade flies. It will take place here at Edgewood, up the hill in the new dorm (directions will be sent to list).

Baronial Serving Gear (Ivan for Iohanna): Iohanna would like to borrow the Baronial serving equipment for use at Siegfried and Liz's wedding. She only needs them for the day. [Concern was raised about how requests for use of the Barony's gear for non-SCA activities should be handled, but the Meeting approved the loan]

New MoAS (Ivan): At the last meeting, Ermina nominated Cwen to be her replacement. No other potential candidates have stepped forward in the interim. [Meeting approved Cwen to replace Ermina as MoAS]

High Seat (Eithni): Please both show up and volunteer to help out at WW. I will be running the authentic encampment. As for other events, ARRG went well but we do not have a report yet.



NEW BARONIAL ADDRESS

The Baronial post office box has moved. Mail should be forwarded from the old address to the new one, but to prevent delays, please use the new address from now on:

SCA Inc, Barony of Jararvellir
PO Box 259537
Madison, WI 53725-9537

2. Describe what you see as the role of the high seat for the Barony, its Canton, and the Crown.

We see the role of the High seat as voice of the crown in the Barony and conversely the voice of the populace in communication with the Crown. The Baron/Baroness should help encourage not only participation at the local level but on a Kingdom level as well. They are here to lead by example and help to unify and encourage the populace of the Barony and Canton. The Baron and Baroness should serve the Barony and Canton to the best of their ability.

3. What inspires you to become the next Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir?

We have seen the great many people and diverse talents that make up the Barony and are impressed by the skills and potential we have witnessed. It is our hope that we as Baron and Baroness continue the tradition of being an inspiration to those who would like to excel at their chosen path as well as strive to be as medieval in their presentation as they can. It is the people of the barony that inspire us to do better and to be there to help encourage others. And we would like to have a chance to give back the kindness that many in this barony have shown to us.

4. What new projects or directions would you like to see the Barony pursue over the next 2 years?

We would like to work to increase Baronial unity and identity. One way we can see doing this would be continuation and perhaps increase of large baronial moots to discuss the state of the barony and projects we could work on as a group.

Along with the moots we would like to see monthly "classes," where one or more of the baronial members or guild representatives would come to talk about their interests or research. We think that this would help spread knowledge among the barony. We believe that knowledge is the wealth of the SCA. The more people spread the knowledge, the better we become as an organization.

4. What new projects or directions would you like to see the Barony pursue over the next 2 years?

Jararvellir is a very healthy barony — we have people participating in a wide range of activities that are self-sustaining. However, one slight downside to having so many guilds is that we don't know each other as well as we could. We would like to re-examine some of the older baronial traditions to see if they make sense in the modern 'modern middle ages,' as well as seek out new opportunities for the current citizenry to establish traditions that will be meaningful to them. Jararvellir is already great, and we'd like to help make it greater.

REPLIES OF SEONAIÐ & DUNCAN

1. Introduce yourself to the Barony.

We are Sir Duncan MacPherson and Mistress Seonaid inghen Dhomnaill and we have decided to put our names forth for the next Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir

Duncan has been in the SCA for almost 20 years, three of which have been here in Jararvellir and the rest in Calontir. My skills and interests go beyond fighting. I have been a feast steward and cook for many events. I also make my own clothing and have been a leather worker for many years. Over the years I have held many offices in groups large and small.

Seonaid has been in the SCA for 9 years. She received her Laurel in the art of European dance. She also enjoys research, costuming and is newly interested in tapestry and weaving. During her SCA career she has served as exchequer both at the shire level and for Lilies War in Calontir.

Though we have been in the kingdom but a few years, we consider Northshield and the Barony of Jararvellir our home and appreciate having the chance at serving both in the capacity of the Baron and Baroness. We hope during this process to get to know those who we have met better and meet those we have not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERING AT PENNSIC

Greetings, everyone! As you may have heard at some point or another, volunteer rates have been declining over the last few years at Pennsic. This is putting more and more of a burden on those who do volunteer (and we are tremendously grateful for all of them who do) as we strive to provide a wonderful Current Middle Ages vacation for everyone who attends.

To the end of increasing volunteerism at Pennsic, Mistress Jessa of Avondale (East) and I have spearheaded an effort to publicize Pennsic volunteering needs before the War so that people can see the need and decide where they can contribute. A preliminary (in-progress) page has been added to the www.pennsicwar.org website. More information is being added every day. It can be accessed at <http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38/GENERAL/volunteers.html>.

Please consult this page and make plans to join us. Please disseminate this URL widely -- to dependents, to local groups, to SCA chat lists to which you belong. I'm a firm believer in the old adages "Many hands make light work" and "The more the merrier!" Those of you who have volunteered at Pennsic know that volunteering is a great way to have fun, make lots of new friends and have the rewarding feeling of having contributed to the good of our whole SCA community as gathered at the War.

Fell free to contact me (rosamund99@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

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BARONIAL SHADE FLY

Sunday, June 14, 10am-6pm

There will be a Baronial Shade Fly work day at Edgewood College on Sunday, June 14 from 10am-6pm. We will be meeting at the Dominican Hall in one of the classrooms on the first floor. Call 608-957-9072 if you arrive and can't find us.

Please come and help if you have time and interest. Additional equipment that would be useful to bring includes: Sturdy sewing machine, sharp

scissors, chalk, long pins, measuring implements, hammers, and an end grain wood block (to pound grommets into).

RSVPs are appreciated, but aren't required. Thanks!

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BARONIAL SUCCESSION

MEET AND GREET

Wednesday June 17 at 7pm

I'd like to announce our first "Meet and Greet" with the candidates to answer questions from the populace in an informal setting. It will be held at Fighter Practice in the Stock Pavilion.

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QUESTIONNAIRES

Each of the candidates for the office were sent a questionnaire and asked to answer four questions:

1. Introduce yourself to the Barony.
2. Describe what you see as the role of the high seat for the Barony, its Canton, and the Crown.
3. What inspires you to become the next Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir?
4. What new projects or directions would you like to see the Barony pursue over the next 2 years?

Their answers to the questions are reproduced below.

REPLIES OF ÆSA & RAITO

1. Introduce yourself to the Barony.

Æsa is a 10th century Norsewoman living in the Danelaw. She spends her time tending to her family and, when she gets time, card weaving, sewing and making beads. Angie is a chemical process engineer who grew up in Minnesota and joined the SCA in 1999 while in college at UW-Madison. She has spent most of her time doing service but also enjoys some of the fiber arts and fences less often than she would like. Raito is a late 16th century samurai from the north of Japan. He is the fencing master of a small clan. Neil is a software engineer who grew up in Madison, Wisconsin. He's been in the SCA 32 years, all but three of them in Jararvellir. He fights and makes things. Having been in this long, he's done most everything at least once (except autocrat an event). Raito and Æsa (and Neil and Angie, for that matter) have been together for 9 years. We have had the honor to serve twice as the Crown of Northshield.

2. Describe what you see as the role of the high seat for the Barony, its Canton, and the Crown.

One of the high seat's functions is to represent the Crown to the Barony, and to represent the Barony to the Crown. Often this is a pleasant task. When it is not, however, we feel that the high seat's job is to deal with the unpleasantness so that others do not have to, or to minimize the negative impact to the barony. Put another way, we deal with the ugly to help make other people's game more fun. Another function of the high seat is to represent what the people want. It's not about what *we* want, it's about what our people want and our job is to help make that happen, whatever it may be.

3. What inspires you to become the next Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir?

This is our home group. What we know of the SCA on a local level comes nearly exclusively from Jararvellir. We love the barony and feel that we can pay it back (only partially) by taking on the responsibilities of the High Seat.