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THE JARARVELLIR JARNS

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... AND THANKS
FROM ALL the fish !

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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

Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 244-2845, horsebows@mail.madtown.net

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.

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

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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

Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 846-0859, n_auslander@hotmail.com

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

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Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

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

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

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Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish. Call to verify location

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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 Eithni ingen Talorgain!

This is my last letter to you as Baroness of Jararvellir and yet, it is not a letter of farewell. My time on the High Seat is coming to a close but I will be remaining in the Barony, continuing to serve and eager to participate in the next chapter of Jararvellir's history. Therefore, rather than words of farewell, this is a letter of thanks.

Thanks to all the autocrats, guildmasters, and officers who have served under my tenure, most especially my seneschals: Yseult de Cherbourg, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Robert the Stout and Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky. Compiling reports, running events and otherwise generally herding cats is never terribly glamorous work, but it is your day-to-day service that supports the Barony and ensures that it runs smoothly.

Thanks to those who directly supported me in my role as Baroness. Without your assistance, I could not have been successful in completing my duties or pulling off so many of my crazy schemes. Thanks especially to Baroness Josceline Levesque and Baron Adrien de Troyes who were gracious during the transition, guided me in my new role, and continued to give good counsel throughout my tenure. Thanks to Iohanna Carracci and Jois Corbet who so often were there to give me a helping pair of hands when it was most needed, often on short or late notice. Thanks to Marian for securing the Edgewood site for my Knowne World Costuming Symposium and for so many Baronial Moots. Thanks to Eliane and Colleen for reliably willing to be my Lady-and-Loon-in-Waiting for Baronial Court, even when that meant standing through long Warriors and Warlords Courts. Thanks to Masha for being my Amazing Helper Girl – no matter what I needed or where on site it was, I could count on you to teleport it to my hand! Special thanks to Robert the Stout, Chandler, Ælfguire, Eliane, and Gwyneth for your private kindnesses and support when it was most needed. Thanks to the apprenti – Denis, Elizabeth, and Katlyn – who supported me and helped me feel a little more normal, or at least not alone in my insanities. And thanks to the innumerable others who at some point helped me load or unload my car, who carried, fetched, or created for me – there simply are too many of you to name singly, but your service was no less appreciated and no less critical to my being able to do this job well. I am indeed proud that this list can in no way be complete and inclusive – the Barony as a whole has been amazingly supportive, I would need to thank each and every person in some way for some assistance or kindness.

Thank you to Duncan MacPherson and Seonaid inghean Dhomnaill who put their names forth to be considered for the High Seats. Once the nomination

period was closed, I was content, knowing that whoever was selected would serve well and ably. Special thanks and Congratulations to Kitakaze Tatsu Raito and Æsa Gilesdottir for being willing to take on the challenge of serving on the High Seats as I seek my ease. It is not always an easy job, but it is a most rewarding one and I wish you all the joy and satisfaction of it that I have enjoyed.

Last, but not least, thanks to the Barony as a whole for giving me this great opportunity to serve. It has been my honor and my joy to be your Baroness these past six years. There is no adequate way to express my pride in leading such a great Barony. Your talents, service, and enthusiasm make Jararvellir a shining jewel in the Crown of Northshield and I am so grateful to have had this opportunity. It is not an easy thing to step down from the High Seat, but a right and good thing to see the stewardship of the Barony to pass to others at this time. I will hold the memory of these past years in my heart and treasure them forever. Thank you for a truly special experience.

So, for one last time, I am yours in Fishy Service,

eithni

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Eithni, Lance, Roisin, James Applegate, Kristen Applegate, Jois, Stephen, Cwen, Robert the Stout, Paul Wickenden, Iohanna Carracci, Sol, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Svein Tunheim, Æsa, Raito, and Ivan Rezansky.

Chronicler (Paul): I am still looking for a deputy. I also still need articles for the *Skein* (even more so because the Society Chronicler has indicated that we cannot publish material without explicit permission — no more Scaramouche for the foreseeable future!). I'd like to encourage officers to consider posting messages in the *Skein* (we used to see those a lot more often and it is a more permanent place to make announcements than the Jara-List). Finally, we are approaching the end of the year and it is time to renew subscriptions. Do we need to raise the suggested subscription donation for 2010 (it is one of the lowest in the Kingdom)? **[Meeting voted to keep the suggested donation at \$12 for 2010]**

Historian (Paul): Last month, I announced that I was looking for materials for the Baronial archives. I am still interested in your old stuff!

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 22 at 10:30am

Please join us for the November archers' brunch. Our kind hosts this month are Toussaint de Caluwé and Jois Corbet at 5418 Imagine St (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner archery gear available.

Directions to 5418 Imagine St:

From the Beltline, go south on Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51). Turn left at the first stoplight onto Voges. When Voges deadends, turn right on Marsh. Turn right on Yesterday, entering the Lost Creek neighborhood. Take an immediate left on Honeypie, then turn right onto Imagine. The house is 5418 Imagine, 4th house on the right. The phone is 838-4092.

Questions? Contact Moira (244-1559 or blarose@tds.net)

POTTERY GUILD

Come to the pottery guild! Anyone can make something useful. If you choose to glaze a pre-made item it will only be the cost listed on the tag; all expenses are figured into that price. If you choose to hand build something it will cost you \$6/lb of clay that is in your finished project, and if you want to throw on the wheel there is an additional \$6 flat fee. I would be more than happy to help anyone wanting to throw on the potter's wheel.

Come and join me at Fired Up, on Monday November 9th (or, in December, on the 7th), at 425 B West Cottage Grove Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527. It will be on the left coming in to Cottage Grove. Their phone number is 608-839-5000. If you would like more information about the business here is their website: <http://www.fireduppottery.com/> If you have questions about rides, or the SCA part of the evening, feel free to call me at (608) 438-6530. Thank you and I hope to see you there.

ANNORA

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

December 2009

5—Boar's Head 2009, **Caer Antherth Mawr** (West Bend WI)

January 2010

23—It's Only A Flesh Wound, **Jararvellir** (Jefferson WI)

February 2010

20—Fighter School, **Jararvellir** (Jefferson WI)
27—Bardic Madness XX, **Windhaven** (De Pere WI)

May 2010

15—Beltaine by the Bay, **Darkstone** (Mason WI)

June 2010

4-6—Mermaids Attack XVII, **Turm an dem See** (Valders WI)

LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have our regular times (on Wednesday and Sunday) in November but will probably have a conflict in early December with the annual tree sale.

The full schedule can be found at:

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

Directory (Cwen): I'm looking for replacement but I'll also take address changes until we get someone.

MOAS (Cwen): I've been getting in touch with the guild heads to see how they are doing. The ones I haven't heard back from yet, I will re-contact.

Archer's Brunch (Sol): The brunch this month will be on the 2nd at Jois and Tousaaint's. As a reminder, it's not just for archers. Moira will be coordinating brunch after this month.

Lance: Nothing.

Iohanna: Nothing.

Knights Marshall (Roisin): I'm looking for a replacement. Let me know if you are interested.

Svein: I'm just the new kid and still having good time.

High Seat (Ethni): This is my last General Meeting as baroness but I'm not going away. The changeover will take place at SUN this next weekend.

Griffin's Needle (Eithni): We had the event this past month. Shava showed me numbers but I don't remember the specifics (we did break even at least and probably made around \$150). People came and it was a good time. Iohanna did the lunch and it was well received. Looking forward to next year.

Flesh Wound and Fighter's School (Stephen): I'm still waiting on Jefferson Co Fairgrounds to get us the contracts for Flesh Wound and Fighter's School. The ad for Flesh Wound has gone out. I'm still waiting on confirmation from two teachers for Fighter's School.

Flesh Wound (Robert): I am the autocrat of Flesh Wound. I'm looking for volunteers for helping at the gate and for set-up and break-down.

WW (Robert): I'm also running the gate for WW (for the next two years) and I'm looking for people to help as co-porters.

James: Nothing.

Pursuivant (Kristen): I'm still looking for a deputy. Also, let me know if you need help with a name or device. Finally, I have a person who is interested in silent heraldry (let me know if you know something about this).

Known World Rattan (Kristen): We're still looking for an affordable site closer to the airport. We may not have the details worked out by the December meeting.

SUN Royalty Room (Kristen): I'm in charge of the royalty room for SUN and we need more guards.

SUN (Marian): SUN is happening next weekend. We have lots of classes. We are already comp'ing the royalty. Should we comp the retinue and/or the landed baronage? [Meeting approved comp'ing the royalty plus one retainer each, but will not comp the barons]

Archery and Fletching (Jois): I have money to turn in. Archery is definitely healthy (we have lots of archers, especially on Wednesdays). Fletching is also going well.

TOC (Jois): I would like to borrow the baronial wooden trays for serving soup at TOC (and will also look them over to see about repairing/cleaning them) [Meeting approved] [Eithni brought up that we should probably develop a policy for lending outside of the Barony (not applicable in this case, but it may soon be)]

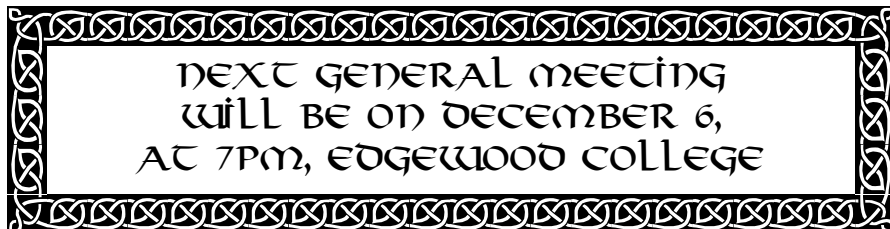
Stock Pavilion (Jois): I have recently become aware that there is a rule that forbids dogs (including working dogs) from being in the Stock Pavilion. I checked with Sheila and she said that they won't raise an issue unless there is a problem. We can probably get permission for working dogs but not for others. [Ivan will post to the Jara list that non-working dogs can't be there and Jois will contact the Chancellor of Agriculture about getting permission for our working dog]

Æsa: Come to our investiture.

Raito: Nothing.

Seneschal (Ivan): Who currently has storage locker keys? (Eithni indicated that she will give her copy to Æsa and Raito, however she asked if she could make a spare copy since she works nearby). Also, I sent a letter of support to Matthias on behalf of the Barony regarding the Canton's desire to become an independent shire.

Borrowing Feast Ware (Iohanna): I am cooking for Chandler and Sara's wedding in December and may want to borrow Baronial feast ware — will that be OK?



The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil presents

A TOURNAMENT OF CHIVALRY

WHACK A KNIGHT-WHACK A KNIGHT-WHACK A KNIGHT

November 14, 2009

Site opens at 7:30 and closes at ?? * Tomah Recreation Park
1625 Butts Ave * Tomah WI 54660

A&S display, Artisan's Row, Informal A&S 50 challenge meeting. Site completely handicap accessible, discretely wet. Waffle breakfast, lunch, and feast available on site. Feast limited to 50 (pre-register early!). Roundtable discussion on fighting during the feast.

Site Fees: (\$3 Non-member surcharge applies): Adults (12 and up) \$10; Children aged 5-12 \$7; Children under 5 FREE. FAMILY MAX SITE FEE \$35

Feast Fees: Adults (12 and up) \$10; Children aged 5-12 \$7; Children under 5 FREE. FAMILY MAX FEAST FEE \$35

ALL PREREGISTRATION ENDS NOVEMBER 7th

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In addition to her services to the Barony, Eithni gained much renown for her devotion to the fabric arts. In the Summer of AS XLI, at WW XIII, she was elevated to a Companion of the Laurel by Lars and Mary. Eithni became a patroness of clothiers. In the Fall of AS XLI, she hosted the Known World Costuming Symposium in Jararvellir. Later, inspired by the Midrealm's Golden Seamstress event (an event at which teams are given 24 hours to create a complete period outfit), she proposed a Northshield equivalent – the Griffin's Needle Challenge event – which has been held successfully here on two occasions.

At the beginning of her sixth year on the High Seat, Eithni decided

not to put herself forward for a third term. Instead, as she herself summed up in her March letter to the *Skein*: "In my heart, I am not quite ready to step down from this post and yet, I believe that the time has indeed come. I would rather step down while it is still a bitter-sweet choice than wait until the coronet has become a heavy thing, rather depart the high seat with a wistful glance than with sighs of relief."

As she leaves this responsibility, she continues with others. Next February, she will be promoted from Deputy Provost to Provost of Bardic Madness and she will also serve as next year's Jararvellir WW Autocrat.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STOCK PAVILION POLICY

It recently came to our attention that the UW College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) has a policy which is more stringent than the normal UW policy regarding dogs and cats. The CALS policy explicitly prohibits dogs and cats from CALS animal facilities, including the Stock Pavilion, without prior written approval. This means that, effective immediately, dogs and cats are not allowed and must not be brought to future practices.

We may be able to obtain approval for *service* animals to continue to attend, but our understanding is that *these also must be approved by CALS in advance* to enter the Stock Pavilion. Anyone with service animals wishing to attend practice please contact me and/or Jois, and we'll determine if your animal can be submitted for approval.

I've included the CALS and UWS regulations below. Please note that this is a UW policy, not a policy of the SCA. As a result, this is not something we have the ability to make exceptions for. Anyone concerned about this ruling and its applicability can contact me directly. Thanks in advance for everyone's understanding.

IVAN MATFEEVICH REZANSKY

Jararvellir Seneschal

CALS ACUC Policy on Dogs and Cats on CALS agricultural stations, farms, and animal facilities. Adopted 14 July 2003, revised 18 July 2009.

Per UWS 18.06(5) (see below), the presence of dogs or cats is prohibited on CALS agricultural stations, farms, and land unless they are on leash, under control of and accompanied by a person or are suitably restrained. *Dogs are not allowed in CALS animal facilities without prior written approval of the chancellor or designee. This prohibition includes "working dogs" unless prior written approval is obtained.* [Ivan: Emphasis added.] Cats owned by the university may be used for rodent control under veterinary supervision and care and are exempted from the restraint requirement. All dogs and cats allowed under this policy must be current with appropriate vaccinations as determined by the CALS Animal Care and Use Committee senior program veterinarian.

UWS 18.06 (5) ANIMALS. *The presence of dogs, cats and other pets is prohibited in all university buildings and in arboretums at all times except as authorized by the chief administrative officer. Dogs specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons, and wearing harnesses or leashes and special capes, shall be exempt from these provisions.* [Ivan: Emphasis added.] The presence of dogs, cats and other pets shall be prohibited on all other university lands unless they are on leash under the control of and accompanied by a person. Any dog, cat or other pet found in violation of this subsection may be impounded and its owner subject to the penalty provisions in UWS 18.07.

eithni ingen TALOGAIN, BARONESS JARARVELLIR (AS XXXVIII– AS XLIV)

by Paul Wickenden of Thanet

Eithni ingen Talorgain came to the Barony of Jararvellir in AS XXXI, at first bearing the name Marion of Jararvellir. In her first seven years as a member of the Barony, she held a number of offices before being moved to apply for the vacancy in the High Seat. Six years later, she leaves that office (as the second-longest serving Baroness of Jararvellir) having shepherded the Barony through both good times and bad. It is only proper that we reflect on that term of service at this moment of transition.



When Their Excellencies Josceline and Adrian announced in the late Winter that began their third year on the High Seats that they wished to solicit bids for their replacements, six parties presented their credentials. Of these, the candidates were reduced to three: Alisdair Lockran and Innokenti Rublyov, Cnut Ragnarsson and Roisin ingen Ailill, and Eithni ingen Talorgan. There was great apprehension about this transition and it was on this occasion that the Barony created a Charter that outlined the responsibilities and terms of office for the position. However, the transition went smoothly and Their Dragon Majesties (lest we forget in which Kingdom we dwelt in those days!) Pieter and Nan Astrid were pleased to announce at WW that Summer that they had chosen Eithni to become Baroness. Her investiture took place at Boar's Head on December 6 AS XXXVIII (2003).

Eithni's first interests focused around invoking a bit of fun into the group (there was a post-revel at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha the night of her investiture) as she announced in her first letter in the *Skein*: "One of my priorities as Baroness is to encourage activities that foster a feeling of community within the Barony." At the time, she had in mind the idea of hosting quarterly moots. While that particular idea did not take off, Eithni has been a fixture at a wide variety of Baronial activities (archery, fencing, needlearts, social practice, etc.).

Another of her early interests was in capital improvements. The Baronial Coronets were replaced in the early days of her reign and she commissioned

the creation of new chairs for the High Seats (the winning bidder Emeric delivered these thrones at Boar's Head in AS XL).

She also contributed to changes in Baronial protocol and precedence by creating an award for continued service to the Barony called the Award of the Wellspring (initially proposed at Yule Moot as the Award of the Fountain). The three premiers of the order (Lord Robert the Stout, Lady Heregyth Kettildottir, and Sir Guillaume Ethos Isaac Le Fort) were created at May Day AS XXXIX.



Eithni gave service to the Kingdom during her reign (and encouraged similar service from her subjects). To honor the birth of the Kingdom of Northshield, she commissioned (and helped to produce) 150 scroll folders that were presented to the new Kingdom at the first coronation. A year later, after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in lands to the south, Eithni led the collection of ten boxes of garb donations which she delivered to Gulf Wars to replace what the victims there had lost. This effort also helped to liquidate the largely out-of-control Baronial "garb closet." In between all of this, she found time to step in as an interim Chronicler for the *Skein* when Tirloch had to suddenly resign the post.

In AS XLI (2006), the Baronial Charter (drafted three years earlier) stated that the High Seats must be opened for new nominations every three years. Eithni announced that she wished to hold the position again and, given the strength of her first reign, this transition was relatively free of rancor but was a source of amusement. Only one candidate besides Eithni declared his intent. This was Fly-Fornication Barbon (an English Puritan never before seen in the Barony who wanted to "celebrate the Middle Ages the way it was meant to be celebrated: without the scourges of alcohol, music, and dancing"). While bearing a striking resemblance to John Chandler of Greyfeather, the link between the two was strongly denied (which was a good thing since Chandler's bid in Crown Tourney that Fall fighting on behalf of Eithni would have complicated matters greatly). While this piece of humor and fun cost the Barony a bit of time and effort to sort through, it reaffirmed the Barony's commitment to Eithni and her commitment to the Barony. Eithni's re-investiture took place at Boar's Head in December (an event which was commemorated in the *Northwatch* by the Barony of Windhaven claiming Jararvellir's lands and titles – another story for another time!).