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Monthly Meeting: First or second Sunday of the month at the Nest in Tomah

# BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

*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**

Contact: Roisin igen Ailill (Rebecca Heidelberger) 244-4621, roisin106@aol.com

## **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.

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, kathrynscurly98@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.**

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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**

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

## **Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish.** Call to verify location

Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

## **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

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Greetings unto the Fishy-folk of Jararvellir from Eithni ingen Talorgain!

Just as the winter days seem to drag on for ages, so do the blissful days of summer disobey their proper measure of time and fly by us far too quickly! Already June is behind us and the heat of July has been felt. As many of you know, it was amidst the warmth of one of those very warm June days that our very own Prince Siegfried married Princess Elizabeth in a lovely ceremony, complete with nods to the Princess Bride and love from the couple and the guests swelling the church high to the bursting point. It was a beautiful Northshield faerietale wedding – best wishes to the couple on your impending reign and your long, happy life together!

Happily, July brings more than heat to Jararvellir and I hope to see many of you at Warriors and Warlords. In addition to the usual delights, there will be some new features at WW this year. My very own pet project is the authentic encampment, a space where attempts to produce a period atmosphere will be celebrated. All the folks who are participating in the encampment have agreed to camp in as period a manner as possible and to keep all modern conveniences concealed. There are several options to participate, even if you do not camp with us – there will be a period-appropriate crafts space set up and an open house on Saturday afternoon at 1PM. The encampment will be next to the rapier field, near where Royalty Row was last year - please stop by and see the little corner of magic we will create!

Of course, WW is not all fun and games. Once again, I entreat you to support your Barony by giving generous gifts of your time. A couple hours a day from every member of the Barony lightens the load for all! Meet new people (man the gate)! Learn what's going on on site (volunteer at info point)! Tour the campsite and see all the neat encampments (walk a security shift)! Get front row seating to the best tourneys of the summer (help run the lists)! The options for contributing and, yes, having fun at the same time, are numerous and rewarding. So, play a bit, shop a bit, learn a bit, volunteer a bit – it's like the fiber in your event diet – it's good for you and helps keep the

event running smoothly! I hope to see you there and, if you arrive Thursday morning, I'll be smiling at you from across the troll table!

Yours in Fishy Service,

eithni



## july GENERAL MEETING minutes

*In attendance: Eithni, Paul Wickenden, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger, Annora le Spindlere, Lance Steffen, Iohanna Carracci, James, Duncan, Seonaid, Tatiana McGowan, Sol, and Ivan.*

**High Seat (Eithni):** Go to WW! Be useful!

**Demo Coordinator (Annora):** We recently did a demo for the Boy Scouts and they paid us a stipend of \$200.

**Shade Fly (Iohanna):** We have run into some additional costs for the construction of the shade fly and need an additional \$200 added to our budget to complete the project (I don't want to eat this out of pocket). [Meeting voted to approve another \$200 for the Shade Fly construction]

## JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, July 19 at 11am

Please join us Sunday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m. at lovely Hoyt Park. We'll provide the hot coals and condiments, bring a grillable item for yourself. Feel free to provide something else for people to munch on, though it's not required. Please bring your own feastware. After the BBQ, we will retire to the Stock Pavilion at noon to shoot. You are welcome to join us at one or both locations. Loaner equipment is available.

### 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 (sol1040@gmail.com)



## EVENTS

### OUT AND ABOUT

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

#### 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 Antherth Mawr** (Menomonee Falls WI)

#### October 2009

10—Fall Crown Tourney, **Windhaven** (Fond du Lac WI)  
16-17—Griffin Needle Challenge, **Jararvellir** (Madison WI)

#### November 2009

7—Kingdom SUN, **Jararvellir** (Madison WI)

## LOCAL NEWS

### STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

At press time, the calendars for July and August were not yet posted, but we assume that we have our customary times. Be aware that there will not be practices during WW.

As always, the full schedule can be found at:

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

We will be having another work session on this Tuesday. Come if you can!

**James:** Nothing to report.

**Pursuivant (Duncan for Kristyan):** Kristyan asked me to let you know that she sent in her report.

**Seonaid:** Nothing

**Exchequer (Tatiana):** ARRG made money and the final report should be completed later this week. I will be at the Stock Pavilion this Wednesday if anyone has any business.

**Chronicler (Paul):** Nikolaus recently contacted me to borrow my Dover CDs for his work on the WW pamphlets. However, we do not have any CDs. I suggested he purchase some and we would reimburse him (sorry to not get advance approval but time was short). He purchased five books for approximately \$56. This is the first expense that the office has incurred in some time. **[Meeting voted to approve the reimbursement/purchase of the five Dover books]**

**Archers' Brunch (Sol):** There will be an archers' brunch on July 19th at Hoyt Park.

**Fighter's School (Lance):** Windhaven was pleased with how Fighter School turned out when Jara did it and would like to know if the Barony would like to do it again. Concern was expressed that the event falls too close to Flesh Wound (which is already on the calendar). Eithni spoke to them and suggested that they need to look at other dates (and sites).

**Ivan:** I have nothing to report.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
will be on july 26,  
AT 7PM, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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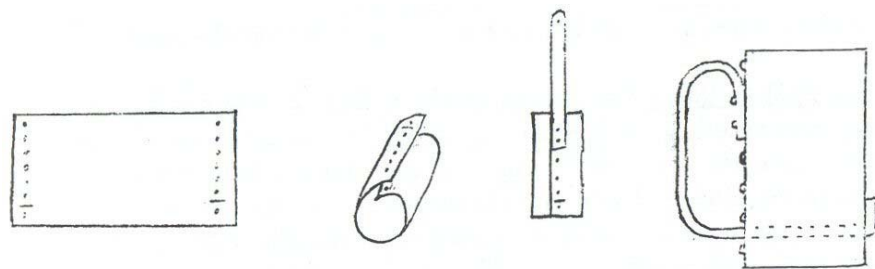
## in just A FEW SHORT WEEKS....

People will be fighting, learning, shopping, relaxing, seeing old friends and making new ones at Warriors and Warlords!

The Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir invite you to attend Warriors and Warlords XVI in Boscobel, WI, July 9-12. The event website address is <http://warriorsandwarlords.org/> and has recently been updated with loads of information - please check it out!

This year's event includes all the usual activities - armored and rapier combat, archery, thrown weapons, classes, great shopping, Artisan's Row, the Baronial Showcase and all the socializing and just hanging out a body cares to do. New additions this year are a rapier School of Defense and an Authentic Encampment. Please visit our website for more details.

For those who wish to learn a little more about WW by helping the event run, volunteer opportunities abound! From taking time at the



To finish assembly, roughen the first 1 1/2" of smooth top-grain on one of the 5" sides, and apply a strong craftsman's cement or glue to it. Flip the rectangle over and apply cement or glue to the other 5" side's first 1 1/2". Let the cement become tacky, and then roll the rectangle into a tube. Take care to align the holes and put rivets in all but the top two holes of the seam. Place the square end of the strap over these two holes, smooth side down, with the majority of the strap hanging off the top end of the tube. Rivet these holes and bend the strap around to feed the rounded end through the slot in the seam, through the interior of the tube, and out the front slot. Fold the end up to line up with the hole already punched in the front and rivet. Ta-da! A period can cooler!

That's all for this month. I'm sure that hated swine...ah, I mean, beloved master will be back

For Scaramouche DelStrago -

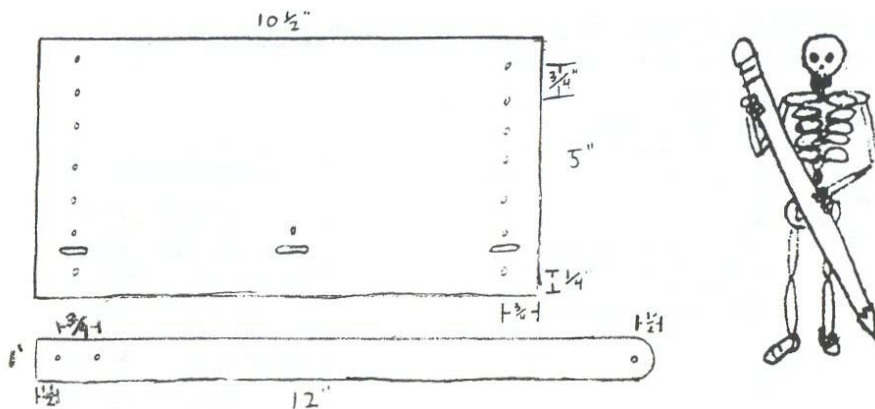
## GRISTLE THE VAINGLORIOUS





off his ill-gotten gain. One day we will rise up and smash his bourgeois power structure! Surprise will be our weapon! We shall keep our secret until...er, nevermind. Forget I said anything.

Moving along, the project for this month is a can cover. What is a can cover, you ask? It is a handy holder for your liquid refreshment, and it will also cover your butt when the authenticity police pass by and you've got a 12 oz cold one open. Now, DelStrago says you should always footnote, so listen to my toe-jam...The source of this info is Fred Nachbar (*Leather Crafters Journal*, July 1995), although I have altered the design somewhat.



You're going to need two pieces of leather (9 oz), 10 1/2" x 5" and 12" x 1". Also a 1/8" hole punch, 8 medium rivets, and a 1" slot punch. Start with the 10 1/2" x 5" rectangle — along the 5" sides you will need to punch seven holes. These holes should be 3/4" from the edge and 3/4" apart. The first and last holes will be about 1/4" from the top and bottom. After punching holes along both sides, take the slot punch and make slots between the first and second holes on each row. This should put the slot 5/8" from the bottom edge. Make a third slot in between these two, halfway down the 10 1/2" side and 5/8" from the bottom. With the 1/8" punch, punch a hole 1/2" above this third slot. Now, take your 12" x 1" strip and round the corners off one end. 1/2" from the top of the rounded end, punch a 1/8" hole. On the other end, punch a hole 1/2" from the end and 3/4" from the first. If you want to dye or paint the holder, now is the time to do it. I would recommend putting your device on either side. If you want it to look really rustic, wet the leather and tap it with a ball peen hammer for a pewter look.

Gate or Information Point (great chance to see who is on site!) to selling cool, refreshing ice and souvenir t-shirts, security (no "bouncing" required, we promise!) and waterbearing (spend a few hours being adored, admired, and appreciated!) there is no shortage of ways to help out AND, most importantly, have fun!

Anyone who wishes to help with site setup and work with Baron Ed the Tall will have the chance to set up camp on site early! Please email Ed (ejilbert \*at\* yahoo \*dot\* com) privately if you wish to help out on setup crew. It's hard work but well-rewarded!

On behalf of the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir, we look forward to seeing many of you at WW!

In service,

**MASTER INGUS MOEN &  
DUCHESS AEA GILSDOTTIR**  
WW Event Stewards

## BARD OF NORTHSHIELD COMPETITION

**Saturday, July 11 at 9pm  
At the Bardic Circle at WW**

Since it is war season, the theme of the competition is songs of War or Epic Feats/Battles. It would be great if they had a certain tempo to them so that the Army could march to them, but ballads and filks are always appreciated as well. The winner of the competition will be named Our Bardic Champion.

In Service,

**QUEEN AILLEANNE**

## SUNDAY FIGHTER PRACTICES

Looking at a calendar:

**Sunday July 5** - I will be at West/ AnTir War in California.  
I suggest taking our turn at travel and visiting CAMilwaukee  
- it's about an hour and a half from campus, and they very often  
visit us. I will not fight in Wisconsin.

**Sunday July 12** - WW. No practice at the stock pavilion.

**Sunday July 19** - Go to CAM depending on weather. If you need a  
ride, let me know!

**Sunday July 26** - Go to CAM depending on weather. If you need a  
ride, let me know!

**Sunday Aug 2** - Pennsic. Go to CAM depending on weather. I will  
not fight in Wisconsin.

Please understand that I will be trying to increase communication  
between Jara and CAM. If the weather is poor, it is best for them to  
come to the Stock Pavilion (as several of them have consistently  
done over the winter and even on Wed nights.) Now that CAM can  
practice in a lovely park outdoors near the lake, they would like to  
stay closer to home. But when two or three people come to practice  
in Jara, and the same numbers come to CAM, it would be much  
more fun to join.

If you have any questions, or desire to share rides, please let me  
know. Feel very free to drop me an e-mail or call my cell phone 608  
346-7569 (Not Mon-Fri, 7-4) to confirm what is going on. I want to  
work with everyone so we all get as much fighting as we want!

Thanks,

Roisin

## BARONIAL AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

If you would like to make a recommendation for Baronial awards to be  
given at WW, please get it to me by the end of the week. Thanks!

eithni



**Editor's Note:** In the 1990s, the *Skein* featured a series of how-to articles on various subjects written by Scaramouche (and his trusty sidekick Gristle). By request (and also because we are short on recent original contributions), I have decided to re-run a number of these articles.

This article (on can covers) originally appeared in the *Skein* in the September XXX (1995) issue.

## SCIENTIFIC JARAVELLIAN (DOWN IN YOUR CUPS, OR COOL HAND DUKE)

Psst, down here! Hey, you big galoot! Watch where yer puttin' those size 12s!! Just cause a falla's only 8" tall don't mean you can walk all over him. Anyhoo, the reason I'm grabbin' yer attention is cause His Nibs — that's Master Scaramouche to you — is taking a vacation this month and leaving his science duties in the undersized yet capable hands of his assistant Gristle. That's me! While he's sunnin' his buns I gotta sweat over this article. Typical! That fascist Pig! Who does he think he is? Keepin' the honest proles down in oppression, livin' high