



the skein

wherein ARE WOUND
The JARARVELLIR JARNS



The Skein
Paul Goldschmidt
5625 Highland Way
Middleton WI 53562



OCTOBER 2009 A.S. XLiv



BARONESS:

Her Excellency Eithni ingen Talorgain (*Jean Hetzel*) 4934
 Goldfinch Dr, Madison WI 53714, 628-7782, 226-0846,
 baronesseithni@yahoo.com

BARONIAL OFFICERS



Archery Captain: Lady Jois Corbet (*Deena Thompson*) 226-0846,
 corvusjoyous@gmail.com



Chatelaine: Eliane Halevy (*Jennifer Friedman*) 238-7627,
 jennifer-friedman@sbcglobal.net



Chirurgion: Lady Fiona (*Lyn Andreasen*) 445-4622,
 tskrangsangel@lycos.com

Chronicler: Paul Wickenden of Thanet (*Paul Goldschmidt*) 827-
 6891 goldschp@tds.net

Demo Coordinator: Annora le Spindlere (*Vicki Spindler*) 835-2617,
 democoordinator@jararvellir.org

Directory: Cwenthryth wine (*Toni Sumner-Beebe*) 285-5404
 cwen@uwalumni.com



Exchequer: Lady Tatiana McGowan (*Dawn Brueggemann*) 989-
 493-9019, exchequer@jararvellir.org

Historian: Paul Wickenden of Thanet (*Paul Goldschmidt*) 827-6891,
 goldschp@tds.net



Knight Marshal: Roisin igen Ailill (*Rebecca Heidelberg*) 244-4621,
 roisin106@aol.com



Minister of Arts & Sciences: Cwenthryth wine (*Toni Sumner-
 Beebe*) 285-5404 cwen@uwalumni.com



Pursuivant: Kristyan Applegate (*Kristen Bird*) 715-760-0603,
 kristyanapplegate@gmail.com

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



Seneschal: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (*John Beebe*) 628-0103,
 rezansky@sbcglobal.net

UW Reservations: Amy of Jararvellir (*Amy Dee*) 715-559-3653,
 uwreservations@jararvellir.org



Web Minister: James (*James Krot*) 989-493-1953,
 jamesjkrot@yahoo.com

Baronial Mailing Address: PO Box 259537, Madison, WI 53725-9537
 Baronial Web Page: <http://www.jararvellir.org>
 Baronial Email list: jararvellir@minstrel.com

LEGALESE: This is *The Skein*, a publication of the Barony of Jararvellir in the Kingdom of Northshield of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. *The Skein* is available from Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562 . It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and does not delineate SCA policies.

The Skein is Copyright © 2009 Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), Inc. - Barony of Jararvellir. Except where otherwise stated, all articles in this publication may be reprinted without special permission in newsletters and other publications of branches of the SCA, Inc., subject to the following conditions: A) The text must be printed in its entirety, without additions or changes. B) The author's name and an original publication credit must be printed with the text. C) You must send a letter to the editor of this newsletter, stating the articles you have used and in what publication the material has been reprinted.

SUBMISSIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2009 are free, but there is a recommended donation of \$1 per issue to cover postage and copying (Full year =\$12). Submissions will be edited for grammar and spelling. Anything that is in poor taste or violates SCA publication guidelines or copyright law will not be published. *The Skein* is published monthly on the first Wednesday after General Meeting. The submission deadline for each issue is the Friday before the General Meeting of the publishing month. Submissions are accepted in any (legible!) format and via e-mail. Please also include any publication restrictions beyond those of this newsletter.

ART CREDITS: The cover art is taken from Paul Lacroix, *Medieval Life and People* (Mineola, NY: Dover, 2007). Filler art comes from the archives.

CANTON OF COILLE STOIRMEIL

(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)

<http://www.coillestoirmeilonline.org>

Seneschal: Matthias of Rolling Oaks (Matt Schwall)

23149 State Hwy 21, Tomah WI 54660

limos112@hotmail.com, (608) 372-5445

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

Contact: Lady Jois (Deena) 226-0846

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, kathrynsully98@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

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

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

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

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Lady Helena Caxton (Sara Andrews) 414-507-5872, lostvirtue76@yahoo.com

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

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

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir from Eithni ingen Talorgain!

I am most pleased to announce that the Barony has successfully completed another Baronial poll and their Majesties Siegfried and Elizabeth have chosen the couple to next sit the Jararvellir High Seats. Congratulations to Æsa Gilesdottir and Kitakaze Tatsu Raito, our next Baron and Baroness! Greatest thanks to Duncan MacPherson with Seonaid inghean Dhomnaill, who were enthusiastic and gracious participants in this process and who also would have represented the Barony well had they been selected.

While the selection of a new Baron and Baroness looks long into the future of the Barony, there are several exciting events on the more immediate horizon. First, in a few short weeks, I will be hosting the Griffin's Needle Challenge. For those of you not familiar with the event, this is an all-night sewing competition with the goal of producing an entire outfit in a single session. This year, we have ten teams registered, so it looks like the competition will be fierce and impressive. It's scheduled insanity, and I am very much looking forward to it! Consider coming down to watch the madness, even if you are not interested in participating.

And just a month from this weekend, Jararvellir will also be hosting the Stellar University of the Northshield (SUN). In addition to the myriad of classes and educational activities, it will also be the date of the Baronial succession, so I strongly encourage all of you to attend. Come learn something new or deepen your understanding of topics of interest and welcome your new Baron and Baroness! I hope to see most of you there!

Once again, greatest thanks to Duncan and Seonaid and congratulations to Æsa and Raito!

Yours in Fishy Service,

eithni

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Eithni, Paul Wickenden, Annora le Spindlere, Iohanna Carracci, Tatiana McGowan, Sol, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Tegan, Sionag, Matthias, Edward the Tall, Jehan, Svein Tunheim, Æsa, Raito, and Ivan Rezansky.

Chronicler (Paul): I am still looking for a deputy. I need one for two reasons: to cover months when I'm not able to make it to General Meeting and also because I have now held this job for over four years so it is time to start thinking about a replacement. Please contact me if you are interested or know someone who would be.

Historian (Paul): As I have worked through the Baronial archives, I have begun to realize that we do not have much in the way of old files. I'd like to encourage officers to give files that they no longer need to the Baronial archives. Naturally, this would not include anything that you need to hold on to (or stuff which is confidential). Guilds could also consider donating older materials.

Exchequer (Tatiana): The third quarter report is done. We lost some money, but only about \$400. We had donations from the Canton and from the park. We had money going out for the shade fly. We do not yet have the income from WW.

Ed: Nothing to report.

Coille Stormeil (Matthias): The Canton has been working for several months on becoming a shire (and independent group). After 28 years as a Canton, it is about time to go. It's not just a matter about time, but also a sense that the two groups have grown apart. Our membership is sufficient (although we do tend to have low numbers) and stable enough (despite high turnover from Fort McCoy). We maintain about 10-15 active members (some of which are paid members; and we also have paid members who are not active).
[Some concern about lack of depth of officers and need to build up base, but no other objections from the meeting]

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, October 18 at 10:30am

Please join us for the first indoor archers' brunch of the season, starting at 10:30 am. Our kind hostess this month is HL Moira nic Connell the Strongbow at 2821 Myrtle Street (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 2821 Myrtle Street:

Take your best route to East Washington Ave.

From the west turn left (north) onto North St., from the east turn right onto North St.

Follow North until it deadends at Myrtle St. and turn right.

Follow Myrtle 4 blocks until just before it dead ends and look for the house on the right with the white picket fence and Moira's banner.

Questions? Contact Sol (sol1040@gmail.com)

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.

I was thinking about offering to teach individuals one or two at a time in a series of nights. I would start with a bowl and another would be a plate. From there I would teach people more, if they are interested. I was thinking it would be a way you could make your own feast gear or gifts for others. I would appreciate any feed back you might have.

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>).

October 2009

10—Fall Crown Tourney,
Windhaven (Fond du Lac
WI)

December 2009

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

January 2010

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

February 2010

20—Fighter School, **Jararvellir**
(Jefferson WI)

June 2010

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

LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have our regular times (on Wednesday and Sunday) in October and November.

The full schedule can be found at:

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

Coille Stormeil Support (Ivan): I've been asked to write a letter of support for the Canton's bid to become a shire. Does the Barony have any problem with my creating such a letter? [**Meeting approved**]

Coille Stormeil Events (Iohanna to Matthias): What types of events will you host as a shire? (We might do some events with other shires in the area in order to make hosting a kingdom-level event feasible)

Baronial Succession (Sol): I have a receipt from Lance to cover additional postage.

Archers' Brunch (Sol): There will be an archers' brunch on October 18th at Moira's. This is our first indoor brunch of the season and I am looking for volunteers to host future brunches. You don't have to be an archer.

Demos (Annora): Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Library Mall demo. At present, we have no demos planned for the future. However, we might do something in the Spring. We could repeat an on-campus demo to grab people when things are not so hectic, or we might look into doing a demo in town to attract non-student participants.

Iohanna: Nothing.

Griffin's Needle (Eithni): The event is in two weeks. For those of you unfamiliar with the event format, it is a sewing competition that starts at 10pm on Friday and ends at 6pm on Saturday. Everything is going great as far as planning. There are now ten full teams signed up. We should break even (or slightly better) based on the numbers. The site cost is \$500 (I need to get a check tonight to give to the site). Iohanna has arranged (non-period) snack foods to keep folks going through the night.

Baronial Succession (Eithni): The Baronial polling ended and a decision was reached. Thank you to everyone for helping with the process and being so supportive. It feels like a great way to be leaving things.

Jehan: I'm from Borders Downs and just came down to help Svein.

Svein: I'm your newest member (just moved here from Border Downs). I've been in the SCA since 1994.

Æsa: Nothing to report (except for just having a few more days as WW autocrat).

Baronial Succession (Raito): I want to thank everyone for their support. I've been through all but one of the changeovers and this was one of the most pleasant.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): Our guild has new member — a harpist who transferred in from Ansteorra. We are looking for music to use with her. I need to contact TRM about performing at SUN.

SUN (Marian): The event website should be up soon (maybe tonight). Shava is looking for volunteers for porter.

Yule Moot and General Meetings (Ivan): I'd like to propose January 17th for the Yule Moot [Meeting approved]. We'll need an autocrat for it. The January/February (combined) meeting will be held there. The March meeting will be on March 7th and April on April 4th. We'll plan the rest of the year early next year.

Baronial Succession (Ivan): I'd also like to congratulate Æsa and Raito. Lance told me that we had a 40-45% return rate on the poll (very impressive!). The transition will take place at SUN.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Deputy Chronicler — The Deputy Chronicler helps with the production of the *Skein* and other print publications, as needed. The primary responsibility is helping the Chronicler with taking minutes at the General Meeting or publishing and distributing the *Skein* during periods when the Chronicler cannot do it. Familiarity with desktop publishing, strong communication skills, and ability to meet tight deadlines a plus. If you are interested in the position (or wish to learn more about its requirements), please contact Paul Wickenden at goldschp@tds.net.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
will be on NOVEMBER 1,
AT 7PM, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

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

Merchant Coordinator

Ingrid the Crafty

wwmerchantocrat@gmail.com

Pre-Reg Questions & Concerns

Ld Br Matthias of Rolling Oaks

(Matt Schwall)

23149 Hwy 21

Tomah WI 54660

608-797-5466 (before 9pm)

limos112@hotmail.com

www.coillestoirmeilonline.com

The Barony of Jararvellir presents

STELLAR UNIVERSITY OF NORTHSHIELD

November 7, 2009

Site opens at 8:00 and closes at 6:00 * Edgewood College
1000 Edgewood College Drive * Madison WI 53711

A day of classes and practicums sponsored by the Stellar University
of the Northshield. Classes Start at 9:00. Last class starts at 4:00.
Lunch break from noon to 1:00

Site Autocrat

Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger
(Mary Hoffman)
124 Murray Street
DeForest WI 53532
608-575-2679 (cell)
608-846-0859 (home)
mhoffman@edgewood.edu

SUN Chancellor

Katlin Laurana Sewall
(Katherine Adkins)
1117 S 47th Street
Milwaukee WI 53214
262-649-3286 (home)
steeliemom@yahoo.com

Class Coordinator

Lyulf - lyulf@pitel.net

Site Fees

Adults \$10 (includes a \$1.00 SUN fee)
Children aged 10-17 \$5
Children Under 10 Free

Please add the non-Member Surcharge \$3.00 (does not apply to
youths under 18). Please have pre-reservations arrive by October 31st
to the site autocrat for inclusion in the roster. Reservations received
after then will be processed at the door. Please make checks payable
to "SCA-Barony of Jararvellir"

Site is dry, and smoking is not allowed indoors. Edgewood College is
handicapped accessible. Food service options are available on site. No
feast will be provided.

BARONIAL SUCCESSION

Unto Our fellow residents of Jararvellir come greetings Siegfried &
Elizabeth, King and Queen of Northshield.

All of your counsel has been read and tallied. While we're sure many
of you would like us to cut to the chase we feel compelled to inform
you of some of details regarding the polls that left Us immensely
proud of this Barony.

- Nary a disparaging word was offered regarding any of the
candidates. Polls were filled with praise and kind regard.
- Even when a preference was given, a large number of the polls said
that they would be happy with either set of candidates.
- Many of you wished Us good luck with a very hard choice, as both
couples were well qualified and each held in high esteem.
- The commentary was insightful, considerate, and thorough.
- Polls were returned by a broad swath of the Barony, from the most
established of members to the very new and very young.

In the end as the scale tipped in one direction and We let your will be
done. We are proud to announce that Jararvellir's next Baron and
Baroness will be Duke Raito and Duchess Æsa. We thank them for
taking on the lengthy commitment the High Seat demands. We also
thank Sir Duncan and Mistress Seonaid for offering to shoulder
this burden as well.

The dedication to this Barony by both couples did not go unnoticed,
nor did the good will the Barony has for each of them. Finally, We
thank everyone who took part in this process. Jararvellir's future will
be the better for it.

SIEGFRIED & ELIZABETH

Rex et Regina, Northshield

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 caps of maintenance) originally appeared in the *Skein* in the August XXXI (1996) issue.

SCIENTIFIC JARAVELLIAN

(or, keep it under your hat)

Huzzah and welcome, fellow SCAdians, to yet another abusive installment of how-to fro you-know-who. Never fear, my diminutive assistant is securely locked up (Oops! Who left the cage open?) and should give us no guff. This month I will inspire you with instructions for a useful item no fighter should be without — the cap of maintenance. Normally worn under a helm to keep one's hair out of the way, this cap was eventually stylized and worn as a badge of office or symbol of rank. However, I will concentrate on its more practical application — under the helmet.

Even though it won't be visible while fighting, most people prefer to use cloth that matches their device or armor. Also, try to select a fabric that won't shrink or bleed when washed (oh yes, please wash your cap as often as possible). Cut your cloth into two 16" x 5 1/2" rectangles and four 7" x 9" rectangles with one corner rounded. You will also need two 10" cords.

Sew each larger rectangle to two of the smaller, aligning the long side of the larger with the two sides of the smaller that meet along the curve. Use a 1/4" seam allowance. This gives you two caps. Put one inside the other with the rough seams pointing away from each other. Put the two cords between the caps, with only 1" sticking out at the two free corners of the smaller rectangles. Sew around the entire edge, except for 3" at the back of the neck. Turn the cap inside-out through this gap and sew around the edge again, closing the gap as you cross it. Also, sew a stitch line diagonally across the free corners to anchor the cords securely.

If you need a little more padding for your head, you can put it in your cap — just sandwich an inner layer of batting inside and quilt the cap when done with a grid of stitch lines.

That's all I have time for this month, kiddies. Keep your eyes open for the next article — it just might try to sneak up on you from behind,

SCARAMOUCHE DELSTRAGO

Hosted by the Barony of Jararvellir

GRIFFIN NEEDLE CHALLENGE

October 16-17, 2009

Rodeway Inn South * 4916 E Broadway * Madison WI 53716
Hotel website: <http://tinyurl.com/2phqe3>

The Griffin Needle Challenge is a costuming competition, open to teams or individuals, where the goal is to create a complete outfit in just 20 hours! Site will open at 6PM on Friday and the competition will begin at 10PM. Needles down will be called at 6PM on Saturday night, with the judging to follow immediately. There are four divisions to accommodate any skill level, all the way from Novice to the Pyxis' Pleasure (where the goal is to create an outfit and accessories that is as accurate and documentable as possible), so grab some friends and grab some fabric and come sew with us!

The major changes for this year include:

- * No need to draft patterns on site - we would rather you produce a quality garment than show how fast you can drape a pattern.
- * The site is in a hotel and so completely climate controlled
- * The site is in a hotel, so those desiring a "real" bed can reserve a room for the night.
- * However, due to site constraints, we will not have a separate communal napping room. Bring an eye mask and earplugs if you plan to nap at your station.

Please see the website (<http://tinyurl.com/2phqe3>) for details, rules, and more information as it becomes available.

Since site is smaller this year, space will be limited - please register your team as soon as possible by sending the following information to Eithni: Team Name, Team Captain, Captain's email address, Captain's phone number, Division: (Novice, Intermediate, Advances or Pyxis' Pleasure), Period and culture of entry (optional), and Estimated number of team members.

<http://tinyurl.com/2phqe3>