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# FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

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Greetings!

The contest to determine who would stand as our Thrown Weapons Champion was held in mid-June. We are most pleased to announce that Ragnar Bergthorson is our new Thrown Weapons Champion. Our thanks to John Bartholomew of Flanders both for serving as Thrown Weapons champion and for arranging for a great competition that tested the mettle of all who would enter. Everyone had a wonderful time and we were impressed with the comportment and skill of the competitors. Ragnar cinched the championship when he was the only one to hit all of the targets in a spontaneous "sudden-death" final round of the competition.

WW is just around the corner! It looks to be another event full of fighting, shopping, socializing, fighting and learning; WW truly does have something for anyone. As most of you know, this is Northshield's largest event and a great chance for the Barony to show its hospitality. Now that event schedules are up, please take some time to find a volunteer slot or two (or more!) to fill. Volunteering is easy, fun, and makes the event more enjoyable for everyone.

We will hold Baronial Court with Nordskogen at WW on Friday night at 7pm. This is later than in previous years, and the Baronial Open House will follow immediately after court. The Open House will also coincide with the performance and food entries of the A&S competition, so please try to take some time to stop by and enjoy the food and company.

After WW things will be relatively quiet in the Barony as some of our people will travel to Pennsic to support Northshield's army. All of you leave us with our confidence in the honor of our warriors and our wishes for a safe trip home.

In service,

**RAITO AND ÆSA**

# july GENERAL MEETING minutes

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*In attendance: Eithni, Paul Wickenden, Iohanna Carracci, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Sol, Annora le Spindlere, Æsa, Marian, Tegan, Eleni, Jason Moon, Tatiana McGowan, Eliane, and Ivan Rezansky.*

**Baronial Pavilion (Eithni):** Every year, we haul the Baronial pavilion out to WW and haul it back here. It's very difficult to move and we never use it the rest of the year. Could we just leave it at the site storage out there? If we ever needed it, we could bring it back (but that probably won't happen). **[Meeting voted to approve proposal]**

**Chatelaine (Eliane):** I'm working with Rosenore to run tours for the general public at WW. These are scheduled for 1pm on Friday and Saturday and we need volunteers to help guide people around. Please sign up to help (and show up at 12:30 for preparation time).

**Northshield Choir (Eliane):** I am director of the Northshield Choir. We'll be doing four songs about birds this time. The concert will take place a half hour before court (and be held at the same location as court).

**Bardic (Eliane):** I would like to see lots of people at the bardic circle at WW. To get people in the mood, I'm hosting a bardic warm up at my house this Tuesday night (June 29th).

**NPR Publicity (Eliane):** Aubrey Ralph from NPR came to the Stock Pavilion and interviewed several people and collected some good "sounds" (he was also at Giles's for armoring). He said that he was quite pleased and had lots of footage to work with. He will let us know when the specials run and they will be available online later as well.

**Instrumental Music Guild (Nikolaus):** The Guild is part of the WW dance band, which will be performing Saturday night after court.

**Edgewood Demo (Marian):** We're not really sure about when the Library Mall demos will be so we have decided to look at doing an

Edgewood demo on September 26 (which is a Sunday). It would probably take place at the Washburn Room and outside on the patio. I will contact Edgewood with the date and see if it works for them.

**Stock Pavilion (Sol):** I have not heard back from the Stock Pavilion people about the dates for the cleaning in September that usually guides us in determining when the Library Mall demos should be. We also are not on the calendar yet past June. I did check on the rental rates and while we can currently use the site for \$10 as a student organization, the rate for non-student commercial groups would be \$1500!

**Iohanna :** Nothing

**Eleni:** Nothing.

**Æsa:** Please volunteer at WW!

**UW Student Rep (Ivan):** I contacted Hannah (the person we thought would make a good student rep) and she is interested in the job but she isn't here during the summer and only can do so much remotely (she did put in a request for rooms at the Union for choir and the instrumental music guild).

**Library Mall Demo and Student Org Fair (Annora):** Even though we don't know when the Stock Pavilion will be unavailable in September, I have started to work on when the Mall demos could be done. Our options are the 8th and the 15th or the 15th and the 22nd. The UW student org fair is on September 18 and a student rep must register for it by August 24. In addition, we must have a student to man the table the entire time (or we risk being banned from the fair next year). They have a booklet for the fair and will provide us space for a free B&W ad, but we must have it to them by August 30. So, it all hinges on having UW students to help out.

**Outgoing Exchequer (Tatiana):** I'm almost done. As soon as I get all the money deposited, I will hand over the books to Annora (no later than by WW).

**Incoming Exchequer (Annora):** The articles of incorporation for SCA-Wisconsin are almost done. Once they are completed, we can apply for the new tax ID and complete the bylaws. This should all be done

by the deadline (July 31), but we are trying to pay everything in July just in case. If you have filed any documents using the old Tax ID, they will need to be redone.

**Jason:** Hi, I'm new here.

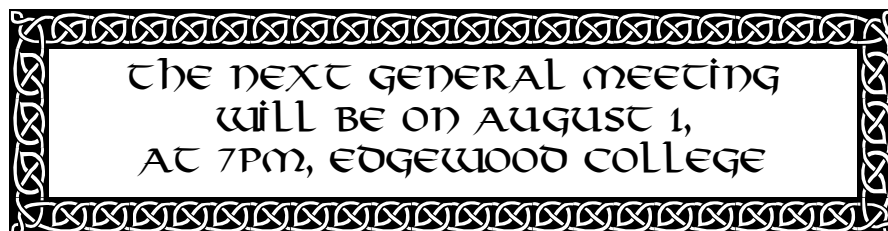
**Chronicler (Paul):** I will be unable to publish the September Skein and Robert the Stout will be doing it. To learn more about the process, he will be shadowing me on the August *Skein*.

**Tegan:** Nothing.

**New Rapier Marshal (Ivan):** Last month, Cosimo nominated Nikolaus to be the rapier marshal. There are no other nominations.  
[Meeting voted to approve Nikolaus as the Rapier Marshal]

**Next Meeting (Ivan):** Our next general meeting will be on August 1, but the September meeting will be held a week early — on August 29 — to avoid the Labor Day weekend.

**Griffin Needle Challenge (Ivan):** It now appears to be definite that we have lost the original site, so we are looking for a new one. One possibility is the Goodman Community Center but we don't know if they will let us stay overnight. The likely date will be in late February.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...

I invited all interested parties to discuss the attraction and retention of new people at the Stock Pavilion. However, lots of activities were going on so we turned the discussion into a helping session for a new person who had a number of questions. We covered what periods and cultures the SCA encompasses, how to behave respectfully to a person with a shiny hat, where to start research into your own persona and a number of other topics. And, we made sure that she knew that it was OK to approach us and ask questions anytime she was around. Thanks very much to Sol, Grainne, Seamus, Cyneburg and the others passing by who participated in the conversation. Most especially thanks to Louise for being brave and talking to us all despite her natural shyness and our exuberance.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**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](mailto:goldschp@tds.net).

## TOWARDS A HISTORY OF THE BARONY: RENAISSANCE MARKET-FAIRE

By Paul Wickenden of Thanet

While the Feast of St Bunstable was traditionally the Barony's flagship event, there were many other events that were regular fixtures on the Kingdom's calendar. The annual Renaissance Market-Faire, which was held on the Library Mall during the mid-1980s, was one of those. Gisele recalls: "I actually was introduced to the SCA at one of these. I do remember it being in mid-September, early October or so. One of the fighters, whose name I can't accurately recall, fought for me in a mock tourney being held, and it was quite charming at the time."

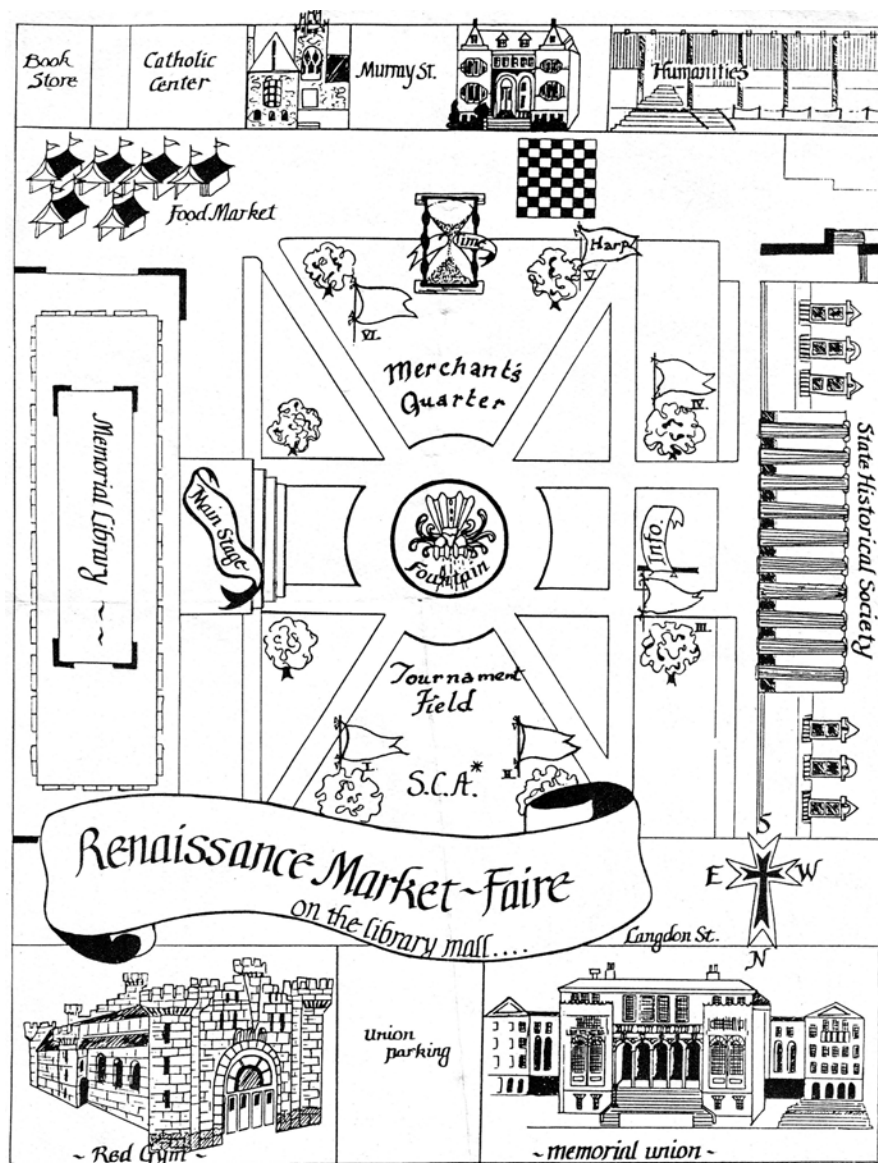
The event, initially sponsored by the Memorial Union and the City of Madison, included the participation of a variety of local businesses and organizations, the Barony chief among them. Always held on a Saturday, the event began in July and moved later to the second week of September (making it the spiritual predecessor of the modern Library Mall demos). In 1987, the city stopped sponsoring the event (the Union likewise withdrew their involvement as well at some point).

While the specifics varied from year to year, the typical event began with an opening procession, followed by a tourney, several demos from the dancing and music guilds, human chess, and strolling performers. Throughout the day, merchants sold goods on the south side and were joined by various craftsmen showing off their skills (Guillaume brought his forge and smithed onsite). Bronwyn noted: "The number of skills that were exhibited was pretty amazing....Moir, with a couple of friends, sitting and embroidering; I'd bring an inkle loom and let people try their hand; I think, once in a while, there were a couple of folk doing simple armoring and knitting chainmail.... The Music Guild had about 10 people, and played nonstop. Dancing was a big draw...."

Bronwyn also recalled the incredible drawing power of the demo: "These demos were our biggest recruitment functions (Music Guild was the second biggest).... If someone showed an interest in something special, we'd escort him or her over to the 'expert' in that subject. We had discovered that finding someone who shared an interest was the best recruiter."

In the evening, the demo was followed by a feast and revel at a different site (Union South, St Andrews, etc.) to polish off the day.





[Credits: My thanks to Bronwyn, Guillaume, and Gisele for their recollections and to Ingrid for permission to reproduce her original artwork]



# WARRIORS & WARLORDS



July 8-11, 2010

WW will be hosted at Kronshage Park (1500 Wisconsin Ave) in lovely Boscobel, WI. Join us for combat, classes, archery, arts, shopping, and many other opportunities for fun!

Site opens July 8th at 8am and closes July 11th at noon (those who have pre-volunteered to work shifts may arrive after 6pm on July 7th — see website for details).

The site is an outdoor public park and handicapped-accessible, but with limited facilities. Discreetly wet.

## Site Fees

Thu/Fri Arrival:       \$20 adult  
                              \$10 children 6-17  
                              Free children 0-5  
                              \$50 family max (2 adults + more than 1 child)

Sat Arrival:       \$10 adult  
                      \$5 children 6-17  
                      Free children 0-5  
                      No family maximum

Non-member surcharge of \$5 applies. No pre-registrations (except for merchants — see website for details).

## Event Stewards

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More information can be found online at the event website:

<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org>

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The WW Website is up and running with schedules, class descriptions, merchant lists, and more. So, now that you know what time you are taking classes, when you will be out on the lists, and how much time you need to budget for shopping, won't you please also stop over by the Volunteer page?

We still need a lot of volunteers for security and gate and there are shifts open for all of the departments. Please take the time to have a look and volunteer some time to support your Barony!

<http://warriorsandwarlords.org/volunteers.html>

Thank you all!

**eithni**

## BARDIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Their Excellencies, Aesa Gilsdottir and Kitakaze Tatsu Raito, will be selecting their Bardic Champion at WW this year. If you think you have what it takes, bring your best work on the theme of inspiration to the Bardic Circle on Saturday, July 10 at 9pm. You may interpret the theme however you wish, but please include words in your submission. Anyone interested in the bardic arts is encouraged to participate.

## BAD BARONESS TOURNEY

All Baronesses, landed or not; Bad, Good or somewhere in between, are invited to bring a champion to the Bad Baroness Tournament. Being a bad Baroness is not required to sponsor a fighter, though it is encouraged.

Baronesses, register your champion at Information Point before 4pm Friday. Note that this is a change from previous years - one Baroness, one fighter, and you must register in advance. At 4pm Friday Our Collective Excellencies of Jararvellir and Nordskogen will determine the format of the tournament based on the number of entrants. The tournament will commence at 5 pm Friday on the Open Commons.

If you have any questions about the tournament, feel free to contact us.

In service,

**ÆSA & RAITO, JARARVELLIR**  
**SARAIÐH & ILYA, NORDSKOGEN**

## EVENTS

### OUT AND ABOUT

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

#### August 2010

13-15—Poorman's Pennsic  
XVII, **Falcon's Keep**  
(Wisconsin Rapids WI)

#### September 2010

3-5—Autumn Rose Sweet 16  
(th Century), **Rokeclif**  
(Galesville WI)  
24-26—Windhaven's Fall  
Fest, **Windhaven** (Oconto  
WI)

#### October 2010

2—Novices, Neophytes &  
Knives, **Turm an dem See**  
(Sheboygan WI)  
15-17—The Youth Get a  
Castle, the Adults Get a Tent!,  
**Caer Anterth Mawr** (Kiel WI)

#### November 2011

6—Early Period Symposium,  
**Jararvellir** (Madison WI)





# LOCAL NEWS



## STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We will not be using the Stock Pavilion on July 11th because of WW, but otherwise plan to have our customary Wednesday and Sunday dates in July.

The full schedule can be found at:

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

### JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, July 18 at 10:30am

Please join us Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. at lovely Burrow's Park for the archers' brunch. We'll provide the hot coals and condiments, bring a grillable item for yourself. Should the weather prove inclement, we will meet at Moira's home at 2821 Myrtle St.

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

From the south & west - take your best route to E Johnson St. Turn left on to Fordem Ave. Turn left on to Sherman Ave and then an immediate right onto Burrows Rd. If you wind up on N Sherman Ave, you went too far (turn around and go back).

From the east & north - take best route to Commercial Ave. At Packers Ave go west on Commercial until it ends. Turn left on N Sherman Ave and then right on Sherman Ave, and right again on to Burrows Rd.

Questions? Contact Moira (244-1559 or [blarose@tds.net](mailto:blarose@tds.net))

# BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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

**Archery Practice Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-8PM. 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

**Brewing & Vintning 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**

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**Equestrian (not currently active but information available)**

Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433,  
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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**

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

Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 846-0859,  
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**Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming**

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, helenacaxton@gmail.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: Mistress Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

**Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon. UW Stock Pavilion.**

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

**Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU**

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**WhatNot Sundays 7pm. Knuckledown Saloon, 2513 Seiferth Rd., Madison WI 53716**

Contact: Elizabeth von Kalmbach.

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