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## Baronial Meetings, Guilds, and Contacts

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

- Archery Practice** UW Stock Pavilion Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM.  
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- Armoured Combat** UW Stock Pavilion Wed. 7-10PM, Sunday 2-4PM  
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- Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue**  
Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 244-2845, horsebows@mail.madtown.net
- Bardic Night: 4th Sun, of month, 6-8PM, Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson St**  
Contact Ingrid the Crafty (Ingrid Stark) 249-8795, ingridthecrafty@yahoo.com; or Reinholdt von Trollenhagen (Mark Doyle) 338-5895, mark.doyle@win-na.com
- Brewing & Vinting 3rd Monday. Various locations (call for info)**  
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- Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location**  
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- Clothier's Guild Alternate Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location and dates.**  
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- Cordial Guild First Tuesday 7:30PM** Contact for location  
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- Equestrian** (not currently active but information available)  
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- European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TTTU for room.**  
Contact: Lady Thea
- Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 17 Vinje Ct.**  
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- General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College, Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.**  
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UW Campus—Check TTTU  
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- Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion**  
Contact: Rosa de la Mer
- Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish Irish Waters on University Ave**  
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- Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon, 2nd Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.**  
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## December General Meeting Minutes

*In attendance: Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Robert the Stout, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Stephen du Bois, Tatiana McGowan, Æsa Gilsdottir, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Edward the Tall, Cianna Kharleen, Drachon, James, Alienor Hathaway, Josceline, Thea of Jararvellir, Colmor, and Dana.*

**Josceline:** Nothing.

**Chornicler (Paul):** All *Skein* subscriptions expire at the end of December. Renew your *Skein*!

**Directory (Paul):** I have directories for \$1 each. I will be at Wed (12/6), but not at 12/13.

**War College (Æsa):** I was pursuing the idea of having a war college but have decided that it's too many events. We will focus on TOC instead. If anyone else wants to hold a War College, that's fine.

**KWCS (Eithni):** We have over 200 adults, 20 students, and some kids. The event made a profit of just under \$280. We are still getting requests for copies of the proceedings and will be getting some profit through that (there will be some more expenses for copying but they will be offset by sales). We never negotiated with society to share costs, but is that something we want to do? **[Meeting expressed no interest in proposal]** Do we want to send an even \$250 to Kingdom (we would otherwise send \$208)? **[Meeting approved]** Everyone was happy with the event. There were compliments on lunch and on the site.

**Fletching Reimbursement (Eithni):** Deana has asked if she could get her gas reimbursed for a trip she took up to MN to buy supplies. It would have cost more to ship them and, by being there, she was able to pick out better merchandise. Robert is checking if this sort of reimbursement is allowed. If so, Robert would like to write up proposal about conditions for reimbursement. Part of guidelines can be how far in advance it should be? Concerns that there was a lack of advanced request. Expenses would come from fletchers fund, not general funds (paid for by archers when they build arrows). **[Robert will write guidelines; issue tabled until January meeting]**

**Boar's Head (Eithni):** there will be an affirmation of my office at Boar's Head and an investiture of the new CAM High Seat. I hope you can make it. I'm still looking for donations for a basket.

**Webminister (Osyth):** Nothing.

**Dana and Isa:** Not quite sure how we ended up here. ☺

**Chatelaine (Alienor):** I'm stepping down this month. Wren is the only candidate and has my support. Wren is not able to be present, but has expressed her interest. **[Meeting voted and approved her as new chatelaine]**

**Newcomer's Feast (Alienor):** the event went well. We had 30 people come (about half old, and half new). Thank you to Reinholdt for the excellent feast. The choir and music guild performed. Interest was high as a result of the event. No event report has been filed yet (Reinholdt will take care of report).

**James:** Nothing.

**Gift Wrapping (Tatiana):** We have a date set at the East Towne Barnes and Noble on 12/18 4-10pm. We have quite a few volunteers and should be covered. Wrappers can come in garb. We can offer candy/cookies. We must have at least 2 people there at all times. Music guild can perform music.

## Coille Stoirmeil Fighter Practice

Sundays December 10

Wilton Community Hall, 400 East St, Wilton WI 54670

The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil invites you to join us at our Fight Practice. Fight practice is inside the building in the winter months and rain days. When it's nice weather we fight outside out in the back behind the building. We also have permission to hold evening torchlight practices if there is interest.

There is no site fee but donations will be accepted. Feel free to bring a pell if you have a portable one. Rapier marshal wanted, for all the welcomed rapier fighters. For more information please contact James de Hagehorn (aka Hawthorn Silverwolf) or Kori Redjohan (James and Corriene Cameron), (608)823-7863, [cte71259@centurytel.net](mailto:cte71259@centurytel.net)

## Stock Pavilion Schedule

We have our usual Wednesdays and Sundays through the end of the year. The official schedule can be found at:

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

## Tarabellir Artillery Brunch

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am

To everyone who flings things at targets, or who just wants to visit with people like that, please join us for the Archers' Brunch. Our host is Toussaint de Caluwe, 5418 Imagine (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner gear available.

### Directions to 5418 Imagine:

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 Sol (233-5433 or [fula\\_chris@yahoo.com](mailto:fula_chris@yahoo.com))

## Events

### Out and About

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

#### December 2006

9—**Boar's Head: Kristkindlmarkt**,  
Caer Antherth Mawr (West Bend WI)

#### January 2006

6—**Rumble in the Forest**, Coille  
Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)

#### March 2007

3—**An Artful Haire Affaire**,  
Falcon's Keep (Marshfield WI)

23-25—**Bardic Madness**, Caer  
Antherth Mawr (Wautoma WI)

#### April 2007

20-22—**Silver Forest Ball**, Coille  
Stormeil (Tomah WI)

#### June 2007

22-24—**Border Skirmish IV**, Caer  
Antherth Mawr (Lakemoor IL)

## Local News

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Thrown Weapons Marshall** — the Thrown Weapons Marshal is responsible for the safe set up and operation of the Barony's thrown weapon practices. The Marshal is also responsible for the Barony's thrown weapon equipment. You must either be a TW Marshal or MIT (or willing to become one) in order to hold this position. If interested, please contact Michaeus, John Bartholomew of Flanders (Jack), or Robert the Stout.

### Calligraphy and Illumination

I will be unable to host C&I during the months of December and January. If someone else would like to take over on hosting during that time, they would be quite welcome to do so. If not, C&I meetings will resume in Feb and another announcement will be sent out at that time to remind any interested that it will again be available for attendance. Until then, enjoy winter! - Eile

**Tournament of Chivalry (Ed):** Event is on track. The ad went in for the January *Northwatch*. There will be an A&S display at the event. The date is 2/3.

**Knights Marshal (Stephen):** Regional practice went well and we had 27 fighters. I got my marshal's doomday in early. I am half way through my term so I have begun looking for a deputy.

**Cordial Guild (Cianna):** We are alive and kicking and had a potluck last night (including food from our cordials).

**Drachon:** Nothing

**Colmar:** Sorry we missed KWCS!

**Marian:** Nothing (Just here to bring the money back!).

**Music Guild (Nikolaus):** We performed at the ball at KWCS. We are slated to perform at Boar's Head. We are also playing for Attic Angels on the night after Boar's Head, and probably for the Dance Symposium (see below) in April.

**Northshield Dance Symposium (Thea):** I would like to propose that the Barony host the Dance Symposium. We last hosted it in '99 or '00. We have approval to use the Deming Way campus (in Edgewood) on 4/28. We are estimating \$700 for expenses, an \$8 site fee, and expect about 100 attenders. The Dance Steward runs the actual dancing, but I will autocrat the site. The expenses were determined based on a site fee of \$500, \$100 in fees to kingdom, and \$100 for site tokens and some minor copying. There will be no feast. Lunch will be self-supporting, but need volunteers to bring desserts. Proposal to hold fighter practice at same time in Stock Pavilion. Stephen will be MiC during the day, and asked Raito for assistance. **[Meeting approved proposal]** Thea will send a written expense estimate to Robert.

**Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt):** there were some trees there today and archery did not happen. Heavy fighters fought though.

**Pursuivant (Reinholdt):** I have not had heraldry open house recently, but hope to rectify that soon. Next month, I would like to get Barony's badges/orders in order.

**Archery Backstop (Ed):** I have another round of target backstops ready for Wednesday.

**Brewing and Vintning (Robert):** Not much happening in the guild. I will be hosting a tasting at the Ale Asylum this month. I will send out details later.

**Electronic Format for Directory (Paul):** As a non-SCA publication, the directory can be released in whatever format we choose. E-copy will be available on request in any reasonable format. We will limit distribution to people who appear in Directory (or who submit their information in order to appear).



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# Announcements

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## From Their Royal Majesties

Unto the Barony of Jararvellir, her citizens and populace,  
Greetings and salutations from Siegfried and Gwyneth, Rightful King and  
Queen of Northshield.

We wish to confirm what many of you already know, that We have  
confirmed Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain for another term as your  
Baroness. We thank all of you for your comments and opinions on this tran-  
sition, and for helping Us to make this decision. We have been remiss in not  
announcing this formally sooner, and hope this has not caused difficulty for  
anyone in the Barony.

We will confirm this in Our Court at Boar's Head in Caer Anterth on  
December 9th, and We hope that as many of you as possible will be  
there to share this with Us and Her Excellency.

With warm regards,

**Siegfried and Gwyneth**  
**Rex et Regina Northshield**

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## Epistle from the Baroness

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Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir!

December is here and made its presence felt with snow on the very first day  
of the month! I hope that this is not an omen for the rest of the long  
Northshield winter!

I would like to thank all of you who made the Knowne World Costuming  
Symposium such an enjoyable and memorable experience. Thank you to all  
the Royals who traveled from near and far to support the arts and sciences.



Over Thanksgiving weekend, Jararvellir hosted the Knowne World Costuming Symposium at Edgewood College. Thirty-one teachers offered 87 hours of instruction (48 classes) over three days and the event drew about 240 attendees. Other activities over the weekend included an A&S Display, Walk Through History, Costumers' Social, and Dance Ball and Dessert Revel. Plus, for those more inclined to pick up a sword than a needle, Martial Activities were held just off site at the UW Stock Pavilion.

# Knowne World Costuming Symposium



Photos: Elashava bas Riva



Thank you to all the wonderful teachers who gave up the opportunity to take classes in order to share their knowledge with others. All told, there were eighty-five hours of classes offered in up to eleven class tracks! Thank you to my most excellent staff, whose tireless efforts made this event possible. I would most especially like to thank Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, my excellent troll-lady and site liaison. She made it possible to get our wonderful site and then was there from site open to site close to ensure that everything went smoothly. Also deserving of high praise is Iohanna Carracci, our class scheduler, and Paul Wickenden of Thanet, our proceedings editor. They took those dozens of classes and organized them to produce a coherent schedule and a most pleasing proceedings handout. Another special thanks to Leona Talbot, my fantastic webmistress who was so patient and prompt to comply with my multitude of updates, changes, and assorted whims. It was a blessing to have such a pleasing, complete and up-to-date resource available to all the attendees from across the Knowne World as they planned for the event. Thanks also to Cassandra Antonelli, Josceline Levesque, Yseult de Cherbourg, House Greyfeather and Heregyth, Elizabeth Wren, Jose Sao Pacien, and Reinholdt von Trollenhagen who provided instrumental support throughout the event. Thanks also to the many, many folks who stepped in to work at troll, sat a shift as a royalty guard, or otherwise made themselves useful wherever needed. It is often the unsung multitude of hands who make the difference in an event such as this, and you all have my thanks.

Next weekend at Boar's Head will mark my third anniversary as Baroness and will be the event where I will be affirmed as the continuing Baroness of Jararvellir. This has been an amazing experience and I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving the Barony. Caer Anterth Mawr will also be celebrating the end of their transition process with the investiture of a new Baron and Baroness, Alisdair and Katryn. I hope you will join us on this most happy day!

Looking further ahead, please remember that there are a number of events in Coille Stoirmeil early in 2007CE. Please consider attending or volunteering for the Rumble in the Forest (January 6), The Tournament of Chivalry (February 3) and the Silver Forest Ball (April 20-22).

Happy Holidays to all, may your winter festivities all be bright and ring loudly with good cheer!

Yours in Fishy Service~

**Eithni ingen Talorgain**



## Dear Trystan

Dear Trystan,

*I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SKEIN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?*

— Virginia

Dear Virginia,

You pose an interesting and awkward question, yet I think I am up to the task of handling this in a way that won't get my lynched by the massed parents of Jararvellir. First know that beyond being a Christian saint and a jolly gift-giver, Santa Claus is the amalgamated personification of our cultural holiday ideals. This means he represents concepts and associations that most people are too intellectually lazy to be bothered to think about.

As I am your guide in this matter I shall endeavor to explain: Santa Claus stands for something I like to call "The Spirit of Getting." Consider: Santa employs a workforce of highly skilled and experienced slave labor to manufacture his wares. He headquarters his factory in a locale without property taxes or fees covering mineral and lumbering rights, reducing his bottom line to practically nothing. He exchanges his stockpile of presents for millions of plates of cookies and cubic liters of milk on an annual basis, and furthermore cashes in on lucrative endorsement contracts with cola producers. Truly a role-model for entrepreneurship.

"The Spirit of Getting" that I mentioned is itself a wondrous and magical phenomenon- a triumph of our

current middle-age's ruling doctrine of capitalism, yet it simultaneously serves as an open-ended indulgence for avarice. While greed drives stock markets and real estate speculation and serves as the guiding star for most of our elected officials, its purity is frequently adulterated by lingering sentiments of guilt and remorse. Fortunately, through the miracle of the Spirit of Getting, we are free to wallow in white-knuckled acquisitiveness for several weeks out of the year essentially guilt-free.

Now, if you wish to get in touch with the true spirit of St. Nick, Virginia, quite frankly you have to get in the game. First take stock of your liabilities and resources. If you were naughty this year, for instance, this is a liability and might impact your capacity to attract the big-ticket items that you naturally hope for. With a little luck, however, your liabilities may be counter-balanced with native resources that you can shamelessly exploit: a cherubic pout, a guileless demeanor, or an equally naughty sibling that you can roll over on to score some serious points.

If you play your cards right and optimize the interplay of these market forces upon your familial benefactors, I can guarantee that Santa Claus, and the Spirit of Getting, will be very very real for you indeed. Merry Christmas!

## Trystan der Fackeltrager The Puletide Sheriff of Jararvellir

Do you have a question for Trystan? Have you been good this year? Do you mind if he enters your home on Christmas Eve and eats your plate of cookies? Let him know, write to Trystan c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, [chronicler@jararvellir.org](mailto:chronicler@jararvellir.org)).