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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)

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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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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 TITU for room.

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 5418 Imagine

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Fool's Guild Alternate Wednesday 6:30PMish, UW Stock Pavilion.

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General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College,

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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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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

Unto the populace of Jararvellir does Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain send greetings!

Summer has come to the Kingdom with wild, drenching storms and hot, sunny days. I've heard only few reports of damage from those in our lands and while transportation in the area was disrupted for some time, the roads will soon clear for us to venture forth on our summertime travels.

Once again, Jararvellir and Nordskogen will host Warriors and Warlords, and welcome our friends from across the Kingdom. This year, WW will be held at a new site, Kronshage Park in Boscobel, WI. This new site is a beautiful city park, with large expanses of grass, some permanent facilities, and, yes, *trees*. (Eighty-one trees, by one account.) Finding a new home for this great event was no small task and the autocrat team, along with their staff and supporters, deserve great praise for finding us such a wonderful location. Vivant to you all! While the move alone was a gigantic task, now comes the challenge of actually running the event. Please remember that this is a Baronial event and your help is needed to staff many of the departments. Please see the event website (<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org>) not only to plan your activities and classes, but to also plan your volunteer time. Please also remember that with a new site come new challenges. If you see something you think is amiss or that could be improved, consider whether it is an immediate need or whether it is better phrased as a suggestion for further years. Immediate needs should be directed to the activity chairperson or the autocrats while on site, but general comments are best reserved until after the event. I would challenge you to present the autocrats not only with concerns but also with suggestions about how the need could be better met. I, however, am confident that things will go quite smoothly and I look forward to seeing all of you there as we enjoy this beautiful new site!

Soon after WW, War will call us East to the Debatable Lands. Pennsic has been moved one week earlier to accommodate the changing trend in school start dates, so hopefully there will be some in attendance who have not previously been able to participate. Come support your King and Prince at War! There are many delights of the war –

Fighting! Classes! Shopping! Early Britain Symposium! (See Eithni for details) Classic Japanese Battle! (See HRH Raito for details) Parties! As always, Pennsic promises to be a good time, but don't forget to schedule some time to serve your Prince, your Kingdom, or the event while you are there.

But first, I'll see many of you soon at Warriors and Warlords!

Yours in Fishy Service,

eithni

july GENERAL meeting minutes

In attendance: Ermina, Wren, Tatiana, James, Nikolaus der Auslander, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlagen, Aesa, Kristen Bird, James Bird, Iohanna, Reinholdt, and Ivan

Next Meeting (Marion): Will check the date for the July 27 general meeting.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): The music guild is preparing for the WW ball. They have a new member, Megan, who will be joining the guild in their performances at WW. They've asked His Excellency Christian to sit in as well. The guild has been invited to Autumn Rose, and are considering it.

Exchequer (Tatiana): The reports are ready to go in on time. June was profitable.

Webminister (James): has renewed the subscription to Go Daddy, so we won't have to worry about that for 9 years. Itasca is now set up but we haven't yet received their invoice. They bill after the service at \$25 per quarter.

Grove. Their phone number is 608-839-5000. If you would like more information about the business, see their website: <http://www.fireduppottery.com/>

If you have questions about rides, or the SCA part of the evening, feel free to call Annora at (608) 438-6530. Hope to see you there. Our August meeting will be on August 11th.

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, July 20 at 11am

Please join us Sunday, July 20 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.

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

July 2008

19—**River Revel III**, Stromfels
(River Falls WI)

22-23—**Griffin's Needle**

Challenge, Jararvellir (Jefferson
WI)

23—**Central Area Regional**

Fighter Practice and Moot, Inner
Sea (Superior WI)

29-31—**Autumn Rose**, Rokeclif
(Galesville WI)

August 2008

1-3—**Poor Man's Pennsic**,
Falcon's Keep (Arpin WI)

LOCAL NEWS

POTTERY GUILD MEETING

Sunday, July 7 at 6pm

Want to learn how to make a cup or mug? Want to make your own feast gear? Want to recreate a period plate or clay goblet?

Come to 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 \$6.00/lb of clay that is in your finished project, and if you want to throw on the wheel there is an additional \$6.00 flat fee. We would be more than happy to help anyone wanting to throw on the potter's wheel.

Come and join us at Fired Up at 425 B West Cottage Grove Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527. It will be on the left coming in to Cottage

Some, not all, guild leaders have access to the calendars on our website, and are updating it energetically. There will be a new members area on the website sometime in August. For the website, James is looking for digital copies of iconic images that "say" SCA.

Guild Cancellations (James): The Archers Guild and Fletchers Guild will not be meeting on the Sunday of WW, the Wednesday after, or the Sunday after that. See the website for other calendar updates.

Chatelaine (Wren): Rosenor is making "welcome newcomer" brochures for during WW. We'll bring back the extras. There'll be no personal email addresses in the brochure; instead, there will be Chatelaine@Jararvellir.org.

Sewing Moot: There'll be a sewing moot for this fall in the same room as used by the general meeting at Edgewood, October 5. People will be encouraged to bring sewing machines, snacks, projects and fabrics. There will be coaches and coordination so you can come away with progress on garb.

Needlearts (Ermina): There will be no 2nd Tuesday at Ermina's the month of July due to WW. We'll resume in August.

Pursuivant (Kristyan): Suggests making a bunch of scroll blanks (meaning illuminations only for later calligraphy). See article elsewhere describing the workshop at Ermina's on August 16. Iohanna suggested setting a goal, and putting the call out on the Jararvellir list for people who draw and for people who paint, or who are willing to learn how.

WW (Æsa): WW will happen! Reinholdt was at the site during the peak of that rainy patch, and there was no problem. The site is approximately 1 ½ hour travel time from Madison. The site is 3-4 blocks long, and 2 blocks wide. There are 82 trees of various sizes. Campsites are 1st come 1st served, so come early.

WW (Reinholdt): if you're not on the setup crew list, don't come before Thursday morning, 9 a.m. because you will be turned away. Nothing personal, that's just the way it is.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING CANCELLATIONS

We **will NOT** have archery practice for the next two Sundays, and the Wednesday between them. (July 6th, 9th, and 13th.)

Fletching is canceled on July 11.

THROWN WEAPONS CHAMPIONSHIP AT WW

Hear ye, hear ye!

Her Most Piscine Excellency, Eithni ingen Talorgain, will be holding a Thrown Weapons tournament to select a new Champion in Thrown Weapons for the Barony of Jararvellir. This tournament will be held at Warriors and Warlords, on Thursday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Residents of Jararvellir are encouraged to enter and compete; others may enter and/or compete at the discretion of Her Excellency. So that you may prepare yourselves, know that the tournament will test each contestant's skills in knife, axe, and spear. Contestants who do not have their own weapons will be allowed to use weapons from the Barony's "loaner" stock, or to share weapons of other contestants, if they are willing.

The tournament will start with an Elimination Round, where throwers will show their skill with axe, knife, and spear. Her Excellency will then select those who will continue to later rounds, based on skill, chivalry or whatever other criteria she deems suitable.

The thrown weapons field will be open at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the tournament, so that contestants may practice and familiarize themselves with the field.

If you have any questions, please contact the Marshal In Charge, THL John Bartholomew of Flanders (jbf@pobox.com)

WARRIORS AND WARLORDS



<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org>

WW will be hosted at Kronshage Park in lovely Boscobel, WI. Come join us for a weekend of fighting, frolicking, and festivities.

Site: Kronshage Park, 1500 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, WI

Site is open: 9am Thurs – 12pm Sun

Site fees: \$20 adult
\$10 minor
\$50 family maximum (2 adults + more than 1 child)
\$30 additional fee for Merchants.

Merchants must be registered with Merchant Coordinator by June 15. There is no pre-reg this year.

Please be sure to check the website for more site information and event updates!

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LAVENDER RECIPES

by Lady Cianna Kharleen

All Purpose Household Cleaner

1/4 c. white vinegar
2 tsp. Borax
1/4 c. liquid soap
32 oz. hot water
20 drops lavender or other essential oil
sturdy spray bottle

Mix vinegar and Borax together. Add this and warm (not hot) water to bottle and shake until mixed well. Add liquid soap and lavender essential oil. Spray and wipe with a paper towel. Lavender is antimicrobial, antifungal, and antibacterial naturally.

Lavender Butter

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, softened
1 T. lemon juice
1 T. finely chopped fresh chives
1 tsp. ground dried lavender flowers
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper

Using a pastry blender or food processor, combine the butter, lemon juice, chives, lavender, salt and pepper in a bowl. Spoon the mixture into small ramekins and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to a day. Let soften at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving. Makes about 1/2 cup. Serve on scones, toast, muffins, and pancakes.

Lavender Liqueur

1 part chamomile flowers
3 parts lemon grass
1 part rose hips
1 part sugar
3 parts lemon balm
1 part lavender flowers
1 part hop flowers (optional)
Brandy or vodka

Mix all ingredients together and slightly pack in a glass jar. Fill jar with brandy or vodka just enough to cover herbs. Cover tightly with lid and set in a dark and cool place for three months. Strain and rebottle. Makes a great holiday gift.

FIRST AID/CPR COURSES AT UWM

We will be offering a First Aid/CPR certification class at WW! Cost is \$30.00, and class size limit is 15 people. Contact Mikkell (wma2@uwm.edu) for more information or to sign up.

GUILD CALENDAR online

There is now an online calendar for the guilds at the Jararvellir website. The location is <http://www.jararvellir.org/guilds.php>. Click on the link near the top to switch to calendar view.

Right now I just have it setup to be a Google calendar that only I can access. I am debating adding the guild leaders to the calendar so they could edit their meetings. They would not have access to the website but just the calendar to keep their events updated. So if Archery in canceled you could remove it from the calendar for that week. Or if we didn't have the Stock Pavilion for a weekend the fighting could be removed. I could do this as well by email requests but it is something that I would not be able to keep up to date with on a weekly basis.

To summarize, if you are a head of a guild and would like access to the calendar just email me and let me know what email address you want me to send the access to; you would need to setup a Google account, which isn't a big deal.

<http://www.jararvellir.org/guilds.php?calendar=y>

JAMES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
will be on july 27,
AT 7PM, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

35 YEARS OF Fishiness: AN ODD MAP

by Paul Wickenden of Thanet

History is full of many questions and the historian must accept that sometimes the fragments that are found reveal more mysteries than answers.

While looking through old Baronial files, I came across an odd map of the state of Wisconsin (and a chunk of northeastern Illinois) divided into two sections: the left half for Jara and the right for *Caer Anterth Mawr*. To an untrained eye, it looked like some sort of Current Middle Ages version of the Treaty of Tordesillas (the Papal Bull from 1494 where Pope Alexander divided the New World between Spain and Portugal). Was there a plan to divide the state in two between its baronies?

As Arnbjorn (CAM's historian) pointed out to me: if that was the case, it could not possibly have been done when CAM was first set up. For, while Jara is very much involved in CAM's creation (there is a record that Baron Toltunger confirmed the existence and independence of the *Shire* of *Caer Anterth Mawr* in a Baronial Court in September 1975), the question of land is not mentioned at all. Furthermore, CAM's earliest members were students at UWM (many without vehicles) whose "horizons would only extend as far as the county buses ran or they could carpool to."

Since the map refers to the *Barony* of *Caer Anterth Mawr* and also shows a number of other groups in the area, its origins are much later. In fact, given the groups that it does show, we can determine that the map was probably drawn around the early 1980s.

It does not correspond to any zip code map of the official assignment of territory by the Imperium. So, what was its purpose? Was it intended to show areas of influence? Was it just an elaborate joke?

If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

[Credits: My thanks to Arnbjorn for his insights on early CAM history.]

