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BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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Archery Practice Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM. UW Stock Pavilion

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Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

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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

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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

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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,

Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.

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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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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

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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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EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

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

What a perfectly splendid Warriors and Warlords XV! Thank you to the all the staff, volunteers, and attendees for making this one of the best WWs to date. Other than some wild weather on Friday night, the event went beautifully. The residents of Boscobel were most welcoming and Kronshage Park was a lovely site. Being right in town had several great advantages, including the proximity to such essentials as the lumber yard, grocery store, and hospital. Happily, we made only minimal use of the last facility. However, there was plenty of room and opportunity for fighting, shopping, learning, and playing. I hope you all had as good a time as I did! While attendance was down this year, it looks promising that we will return to the same site next year, so tell your friends and those who were not able to attend about the joys of the site and all the fun to be had at Warriors and Warlords! Special thanks and congratulations to our fearless autocrats, Terra and Her Highness Æsa, and also to the site search committee. Vivant!

By the time this is published, the Pennsic War will have begun and many gentles will already be on site. Soon I will travel East to join them and support the Griffin at War. If you can't make it to Pennsic, there will be another excellent martial event in the vicinity to look forward to – Border Skirmish (take two) will be the weekend after War in CAM. If a sewing competition is more your speed, please join me at the Griffin's Needle Challenge the following week right here in Jararvellir (see details at <https://mywebpace.wisc.edu/jshetzel/web/griffinsneedle/>). And then, quite soon thereafter, I hope many of you are able to join me in traveling west to witness the Coronation of Their Highnesses Raito and Æsa! From a busy summer to a busy autumn... so it goes. May your travels be safe and your events joyful!

Yours in Fishy Service,

eithni

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Ermina, Wren, Tatiana, James, Nikolaus der Ausländer, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlagen, Æsa, Kristyan Applegate, James Applegate, Iohanna, Reinholdt, Sol, Cwen, Eliane Halevy, Annora, Paul Wickenden, and Ivan

Cwen: Nothing.

Exchequer (Tatiana): Our 2-Year CD is coming due soon. It is currently at Associated (earning 3.9%, but the rate at renewal is currently only 2.9%). We can get a better rate at Summit CU (4%), where we have our other accounts. Should we move it? **[Meeting voted to move it]** The WW numbers won't be available until next month.

Webminister (James): I am planning on making changes to the way that emails display on the website (going to images or another approach) but have been waiting to hear back from Rocket. Itasca has much better filtering so it may address some/all of our problems from spam and the use of our emails by spammers.

WW (Æsa): WW went really well. We have no final numbers back yet, but we probably did well financially. We had about 806 attendees (without counting the merchants—so maybe 830 total?). This is down from 953 last year, but we budgeted to break even at 800. I would like to suggest that we make a donation to the City of Boscobel (a 501C organization) and their parks department (since we didn't pay for the site itself). The City is happy with us and wants to know if we want to come back. We probably will. No contract, but they will reserve shelters for us now if we let them know.

High Seat (Eithni): WW happened in a happy and successful manner. We have the Griffin Needle Seamstress event shortly after War. Show up and compete. Volunteers are welcome to help with table and food set-up. After that, there is Raito and Æsa's coronation coming up. I hope to see you there.

MoAS (Ermina): Nothing.

Reinholdt: Nothing for me.

Instrumental Music Guild (Nikolaus): The guild is settling into "Summer mode," where we have time to pick up new instruments and teach newcomers who want to learn. It is a good time to join if you are interested.

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 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.

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, August 24 at 11am

Please join us Sunday, August 24 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) or Jois (226-0846).

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

August 2008

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

15-17—**Border Skirmish V**, Caer Antherth Mawr and Ravenslake (Menomonee Falls WI)

23—**Central Area Regional Fighter Practice and Moot**, Inner Sea (Superior WI)

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

September 2008

5-7—**Siege the Day 2008**, Shattered Oak (Hixton WI)

December 2008

13—**Boar's Head**, Caer Antherth Mawr (West Bend WI)

LOCAL NEWS

POTTERY GUILD MEETING

Sunday, August 11 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.

We meet on Monday evenings at 7pm. Our next public performance will probably be at Boar's Head.

Marian: Nothing.

Flesh Wound (Kristyan): Nothing on the next flesh wound yet.

Spring 2009 Coronation (Kristyan): I would like to put out a bid for Spring Coronation 2009. We would hold it at Fireman's Park in Waterloo WI on April 11. We got a discount on the site fee (was \$650, but they will rent to us for 500). If we charge \$6 for the site, we can break even on 150 attendees (50 people for feast break even at \$12/feast). But we do not need to have set the site fee before bidding on the event. **[Meeting approved proposal to send in bid for event, but we will finalize the fee schedule for site later]**

James: Nothing.

Demo Coordinator (Annora): Westgate Mall is planning to do a Ren Faire-type event. Unfortunately, they have scheduled it for the same weekend as Boar's Head, so it is unlikely that many would come. However, if anyone is around and wants to go, they would be welcome. The event will include accommodation for fighting and archery. Given the potential low attendance, there will be no "official" SCA presence at the demo.

Library Mall Demos (Annora): What do we want to do this year? We have typically done two Wednesdays in September. And we need to get this set up soon. The most likely dates would be the 3rd and 10th (although we may consider the 17th if those dates don't work). We need to check with our student coordinator (Amy) to make sure we are set up as a student organization before we request to use the site. We also need to find out when the Organization Fair is so we can plan our dates for the outdoor demos. **[Ivan will follow up with Amy]**

Iohanna: Nothing.

Eliane: Hi.

Sol: Nothing.

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): The online schedule is not showing we are at the Stock Pavilion at our usual times, but we do have the space. We will post cancellations and changes to the web page.

Practice Cancellations (James): If any meetings/practices/events are being cancelled because of Pennsic, please let me know. I am updating the webpage as needed.

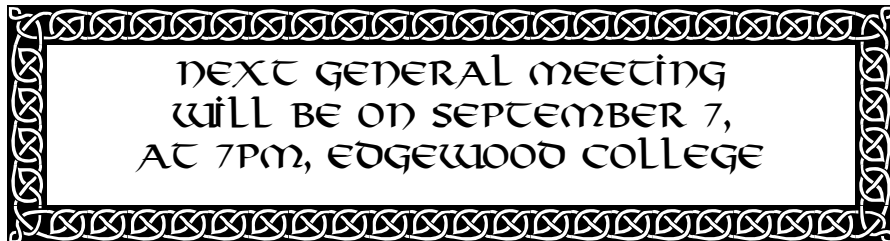
Chronicler (Paul): As always, we are looking for submissions for the *Skein*. By request, I am running re-runs of old Scaramouche columns.

Directory (Paul): Given my lack of availability, I need to find a replacement for the Directory Coordinator position. The database is now solidly back in Access and is fairly easy to maintain. Contact me if you are interested in the position. The job is not terribly taxing, and mostly involves work in the Fall.

Baronial OP (Kristyan): I have been asked to send a revised Baronial OP to the Kingdom to help them cross-reference awards lists (and to add Baronial awards to the Kingdom OP). However, it needs to be updated. The Excel version is three years out of date (but we have an updated Word version). I will combine these but before I send these to Kingdom, I will bring copies to meetings and practices for review.

Chatelaine (Wren): We had some UW-M people at WW and they were excited. October 5th (before the General Meeting) we will be having a sewing moot. I'm looking for knowledgeable people to help.

Seneschal (Ivan): Nothing.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Directory Coordinator — the directory coordinator produces the Baronial directory once a year (usually around November/December). Most of the work occurs during the Fall, when the information on the Directory is updated. This mostly involves showing people the current information and processing updates. The data itself is stored in MS Access but can be converted to other formats as needed/desired. The director coordinator also publishes and sells the directory. If you are interested in the position contact Paul Wickenden (the current directory coordinator) or the Seneschal.

GRIFFIN'S NEEDLE CHALLENGE

August 22-23, 2008

Site opens 4PM Friday, Site closes at 10PM Saturday

Jefferson County Fair Park

503 N Jackson Ave, Jefferson, WI 53549

www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com

Please join us for an exciting costuming challenge - Teams of up to six members each begin at 10PM Friday night and have until 6PM on Saturday evening to complete an entire outfit in an all-night sewing extravaganza! Please see the competition division and rules pages for more information. Grab a few friends, register a team, and come take on the Griffin's Needle Challenge! See full rules at the website!

Site Fees:

\$12 per person for Friday and Saturday, including Saturday breakfast

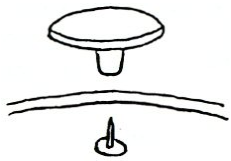
\$5 donation requested after noon on Saturday

\$3 non-member surcharge will apply

Site is handicapped accessible. Sorry, there is no room for merchants at this site. Site is dry. No monetary preregistration - teams should preregister since there are limited spaces and tables available.

Event Steward - Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain - Jean Hetzel - 608-628-7782 - baronesseithni@yahoo.com

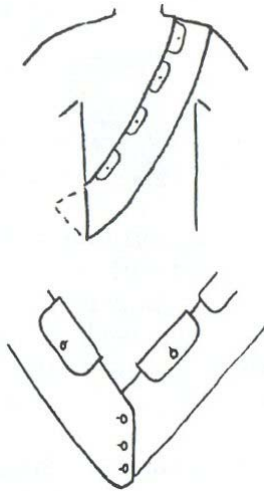
<http://mywebpace.wisc.edu/jshetzel/web/griffinsneedle>



with a tack that gets driven through the leather and into the button. Pockets wider than 6" can be used, but I'd recommend using two buttons to hold down the flaps.

Fill the strip with pockets, leaving the last 8" on each side empty. Drape the bandoleer over your shoulder and bring the two empty ends together. Cut each strap end at a diagonal, leaving about 1/2" of overlap. Install two or three buttons and holes to join the ends.

The completes the basic bandoleer, but you can make yours with fringe, dagger sheaths, your device painted or embroidered on it, antler buttons, rod and loop button frogs, contrasting colors or materials, hidden pockets, shoulder scabbard for a sword, mounted D-rings for tie-ons, locking clasps, back quiver, hip quiver, etc.



Time to put Gristle back in his box. See you all next month.

In service to the Forces of Chaos,

**SCARAMOUCHE
DELSTRAGO**

Editor's Note: In the late 90s, 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 in future issues.

This article (on how to create a breastplate) originally appeared in the *Skein* in July XXXI (1996). The second one (on making a "pocket bandoleer") appeared on December XXXIII (1998).

SCIENTIFIC JARAVELLIAN

by Gristle the Vainglorious (for Scaramouche DelStrago)

"... pssst! ... pssst! Down 'ere! Hey! Yea, me the short skinny guy wit' da pale complexion. M'name's Gristle. I doz the illy-straighten round here for His Nibs. Uhh ... dats mista Scary-mooze De-strega-summthin' to you. Yea, betcha didn't know this, but I do most a' the work sirree, not a crumb. One day dat fascist oppressor-dog will push me too far! The downtrodden proletariat will rise up and seize the reins of power from the unsuspecting fat-cat! Surprise shall be the tool of the people! Never will he suspect..."

"Uhh, never mind. Ferget I said anything. Anyhoo, His Nibs dropped this month's article into my small lap *again*, so's I'm gonna tell ya all about how ta make a simple armor breastplate.

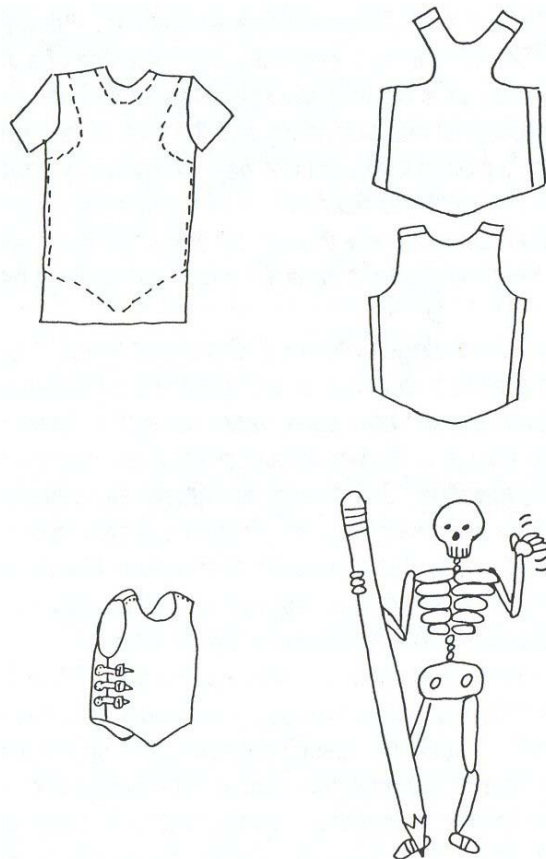
"Ta start, you'll need a padded undershirt or gamb-i-zon. Don't have one? Get one. I dizn't care how ya "acquire" it, ya needs one. An' wash it regular-like. Please.

"OK, find a cheap XXXL T-shirt and put it on *over* the padding. Find one large enough so it won't be stretching while being worn. Now have a friend wrap you round with duct tape. Yea, da handy man's sekrit weapon. Now have your friend draw on the duct tape body glove with a black marker — nice, open circles around the neck and arms. You should have about 3 1/2" between circles on the shoulder, and the arm circles should be large enough to let you move your arm flat across your chest. Draw the bottom just below where your hips are widest, and have it dip a little lower in front and back than on the sides. Now you can draw lines straight up the sides and across the shoulders. *Carefully* cut off the shirt on these lines and lay flat. Add 1 1/2" to each piece on the sides and shoulders so the panels will overlap.

"This is your pattern, sized to fit you and your undershirt. You can make the armor itself out of a number of materials: leather, plastic, industrial carpet padding, conveyer-beltting, or other sturdy but flexible substance. This can be reinforced with metal plates, plastic panels or other more rigid small sections riveted, sewn on, or slid into pockets into the suit. You can fasten the shoulders together permanently or with removable closures. For the sides I recommend buckles, but put them on the armor in a place you can get at while wearing it.

"This pattern lends itself easily to modification, decoration, and most important—personalization! Your armor should be recognizable out there in any group melee. Add devices and personal touches. Paint it pink for all I care. Jus' make it unique!

"Anyway, dats all fer this month. I'll be seein' you later. When ya least expects it."

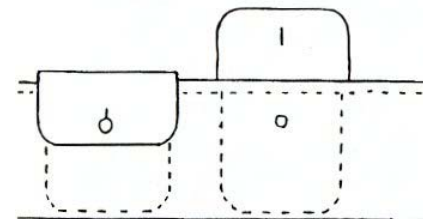
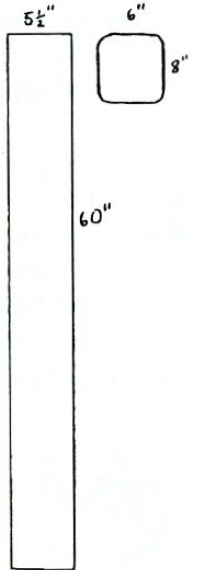


SCIENTIFIC JARAVELLIAN (OR CROSS MY HEART WITH LEATHER)

Welcome, gentle scadians, to another how-to from you-know-who. You know, the one limiting factor of most garb is the absence of pockets. We live in a material world, and many of us like to carry a lot of our stuff around with us—but period patterns simply don't allow for pockets. So instead we carry sporans, belt pouches, neck pouches, drawstring pouches, and shoulder bags. Well, this month I'm going to add to this list and tell you how to make the pocket bandoleer.

Like a sash or a baldric, the bandoleer is worn diagonally across one shoulder, supporting a row of pockets. As always, free free to alter or customize my designs to suit your own needs. This bandoleer will be made from 2 to 3 oz soft flexible leather.

Start with a 5 1/2" wide strap, 60" long. This can be made out of two or three sections sewn together, or from one long hide. Roll one edge over about 3/8" and sew it down. This will be the "inside" edge. The outside edge doesn't need to be hemmed, and if you like the rough, rustic look, you can leave the ragged natural edge of the hide along this side. The pockets can be made out of 6" x 8" rectangles, with the corners rounded off.



Place the pocket panels on the underside of the long strip, rough side to rough side, with about 3" overhang on the inside edge. Sew a "U" shaped line just inside the edges of the pocket, leaving the mouth open. Folding the excess over to the top side, cut a 3/4" slit

in the flap, perpendicular to the edge and 1/2" from it.

Mark the top side where this slit lies. This is where you will need to mount a button-stud (like the button on most jeans and overalls), which you can find at fabric and hobby craft stores. These mount