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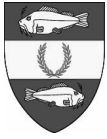
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Baronial Meetings, Guilds, and Contacts

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

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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

Brewing & Vintning 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.

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)

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European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TITU for room.

Contact: Lady Genevieve Elisabeth Dumas (Jenny Becker) 206-9330, kathrynscurly98@aol.com

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.

Contact: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (John Beebe) 298-0918, rezansky@sbcglobal.net

Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.

UW Campus—Check TITU

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Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming

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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. Contact:

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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.

from their Excellencies

Greetings!

Summer is coming to a close, and with fall just around the corner, this month brings us the Library Mall demos. As of this writing, they are tentatively scheduled for September 15 and 22 from 5-7 pm. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate heavy and rapier combat, demonstrate arts or sciences, and show up in garb. These demos are traditionally well-attended because they are a lot of fun and a great chance to show all the aspects of the Barony and SCA to potential new members. Please join us!

A little later in September, Sunday the 26th to be exact, we will host our first demo at Edgewood College. This will be another great opportunity to meet and educate the students and staff of Edgewood who have been most excellent hosts for various Baronial moots and events over the last several years.

Farther afield, in just a few days our cousins in Castel Rouge will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Castel Rouge at the Gimli event. While we will be unable to attend, we will send our congratulations and best wishes to the good people of Castel Rouge.

Shortly thereafter our Prince and Princess, Hrodir and Anne, will ascend the Griffin Thrones in the newly-made Shire of Orlova Dolina. We have said this before and it is worth repeating – if you can take the time for this journey, we highly recommend doing so! It is a lovely and relaxing trip capped well by the hospitality and joy of the people of Orlova Dolina. We hope that you can avail yourselves of opportunities to travel within the Barony and across the Kingdom!

September General Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Eithni, Iohanna Carracci, Aesa, Marian, Eliane, Robert the Stout, Eile, and Ivan Rezansky.

Aesa (Baroness): Hi everyone. We need items for coronation gift basket.

Iohanna: Fall moot will be Edgewood. Location is at the Dominican multipurpose room. Will have both indoor and outdoor space. Will make flyers with maps. Day will begin with the Archer's brunch, and will have potluck for dinner (4:00 Pm ish). Have site from 10AM-6PM. Sunday 10/17.

Marion: Edgewood Demo on Sunday 9/26 1PM – 3PM. On Regina hall terrace. Need people for the demo. Plan to have both Marshal and non-Marshall activities.

Niklaus is requesting money for rapier loaner gear. Need nut driver (\$7) 2 duffel bags (\$40) 2 pairs of gloves (\$26) Total \$73. he is getting pricing for other equipment (masks and gorgets). Approved to withdraw \$100 from rapier fund for equipment.

Eithni (WW): Have WW numbers. Made money this year. \$2897 profit. Flags went over budget. Bardic was over budget. Booklets were under budget. Want to spend \$45 of profit to renewing budget for Tournaments Illuminated for the library. Want to split the rest between the Baronies (\$1000 to Boscobel and \$691 to Northshield was already included in the budget). Was approved.

Post-mortem analysis: things went well. Need lots of people for setup in 2011.

Early Period Symposium: Desperately need more classes. Problem is that the event is the week before SUN. Eithni is putting out another call for teachers.

Robert (Chronicler for this issue): Looking for volunteers for printing this month's newsletter. Otherwise, we have to hold off on printing the newsletter. Eliane has volunteered.

Fletchers and Thrown Weapons

Fletching Cancellations

Fletching will be canceled the following days: September 3, September 10, September 17, October 8, and October 29. We may be open on some Tuesday or Thursday evenings. We will post the list with details.

Thrown Weapons Schedule

Here is the thrown weapons schedule through the end of the year: September 26, October 17, November 7, December 5, December 19. I will be updating the Jara calendar shortly.

Toussant

Jararvellir Artillery Brunch

Sunday, September 19 at 10:30am

Please join us Sunday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m. at lovely Burrow's Park for the last outdoor archers' brunch of the season! 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)

giving us a sense of how the Russians were seen from Western Europe. And the portrait, unflattering as it is, does more to actually expose the world of Elizabethan England even as it never directly comments on affairs at home. Through Fletcher’s writing we see what the West considered “normal” and proper far more than what the Russians might have been like as actual people.

Eliane Halevy: Chatelaine stuff is happening. Need people for UW demos, and Edgewood demos.

Having Bardic night on Monday, Sep 6th.

Aile: Want to schedule for Sunday, Sep 19 11AM – 6PM at Eliane’s house. Cost to be no more than \$50. Targeting 100 cases. \$50 approved by the meeting for materials.

Ivan: Getting campus demos scheduled for 9/15 and 9/22. Alternate dates TBD, if needed. Approached for boy scout demo in November. Details TBD.

Next meeting on 10/3.



Events



Out and About

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

September 2010

24-26—Windhaven’s Fall Fest,
Windhaven (Oconto WI)

15-17—The Youth Get a Castle,
the Adults Get a Tent!, **Caer**
Anterth Mawr (Kiel WI)

October 2010

2—Novices, Neophytes &
Knives, **Turm an dem See**
(Sheboygan WI)

November 2010

6—Early Period Symposium,
Jararvellir (Madison WI)



Local News



Stock Pavilion Schedule

We have all of our regular dates through the end of the year, except for September 15th. The full schedule can be found at:
<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

Giles Fletcher and the Russians (Part 2 of 2)

By Paul Wickenden of Thanet

[Note: Giles Fletcher served as English ambassador to Russia in 1588, renegotiating terms of trade between the two countries. But far more important than his diplomatic exploits were the record that he left of his trip. This account is one of the few outside observations of the Russians in period. Last month, we discussed how he viewed the government and the religion of Russia. This month we look at how he viewed the people and their culture.]

On the People

Under the tyranny and greed of their rulers and the “superstitions” of their Church, the common people suffer and naturally are “mean and coarse.” As Fletcher put it, “they are robbed constantly, both of their hearts and money.” And in an observation of practices that bear eerie similarity to late Tsarist and Soviet life, Fletcher comments on the Tsar’s monopoly on drinking establishments, where men often starve their families by drinking away their earnings: “While they are in these [taverns], none may call them forth whatsoever cause there may be, because he would hinder the Emperor’s revenue.”

The Russian, treated harshly by his rulers and Church, returns the favor to anyone he has power over, including his family: “In living with their wives, they show themselves to be but of a barbarous condition: using them as servants, rather than wives.” Fletcher seems to pity the Russian and he observes that “the Russe neither believes anything that an other man speaks, nor speaks anything himself worthy to be believed.” They are good people, but ignorant (and the Tsar wants to keep them that way).

On Material Culture

But moving beyond Fletcher’s unflattering portrait, he does make some empirical observations about everyday life that are helpful to us, in his final chapter (“Of the Private Behavior, or Quality, of the Russe People”).

The Russians are for the “most part of large size and of very fleshy bodies” on account, he reckons of the cold climate and the typical diet (“roots, onions, garlic, cabbage, and such like things that breed gross humors”). They sleep, an exasperated Fletcher observed, after their midday meal and bathe at public bath houses at least two or three times a week! The latter behavior may keep them healthy, but it is disastrous for their complexion, Fletcher claims. And he observes that its heinous effects are seen more so on the women, who then paint their faces with make-up to cover over these flaws.

The nobles dress in a “Greek fashion” (by which Fletcher probably means Byzantine) and a woman is always adorned with jewelry: “Without earrings of silver or some other metal, and her cross about her neck, you shall see no Russe woman, be she wife or maid.”

Conclusions

Fletcher provides us with an interesting window onto the Russian world in period,



The next general Meeting
will be on October 3,
at 7pm, Edgewood College

6. Fold the case in half, so that the open pockets are on the inside, and the outer edge is a fold. Sew along the dotted line. The rough edges should be encased within the seam.

7. Stretch the elastic to the edge and tack it at the middle.



8. The inside of the case should look like this:



9. The case should look like this:

outside of the



10. Good job! There are, of course, other methods. Feel free to adapt or use whatever method works best for you

If you have any questions, please see Lady Eile or Lady Cwenthryth.

We will be hosting a scroll case work day soon (see the minutes of the General Meeting for the date)

Announcements

Local Boy Does Good!

Pennsic news via The Pennsic Independent, from a report entitled, "Thrown Weapons on Safari" (Thrown weapons competition): "The overall champion was Tristan from the Kingdom of Northshield who scored 36 points, but it took three tie-breaker rounds against Paul the Spearman for Tristan to earn the illuminated victory scroll and the title of Interkingdom Thrown Weapons Champion for the next year." (Note: This would have been Don Tristan der Fackeltraeger from Jararvellir, squire to Duke Siegfried)

Cheers,

Shava

Gift Donations Request

Over the weekend of September 4 at Gimli, the Ancient and Venerable Barony of Castel Rouge will celebrate its 40th anniversary! To help commemorate this auspicious event, we would like to send a gift to our well-experienced cousins, one that contains items that will remind our friends of their southern cousins, and also some things special to Castel Rouge. Items in Baronial colors (red and white) would be lovely, for example.

And, the following weekend, our glorious Prince and Princess will ascend the Griffin Thrones in the Shire of Orlova Dolina. (As a side note, if you have not yet considered making the trip to Orlova Dolina, we encourage you to do so. The hospitality and energy of the people of Orlova Dolina is amazing! This part of the Kingdom is also lovely and the drive will be a relaxing vacation in itself.) Hrodir and Anne's Coronation will be set in Viking York and we thought that some gifts of a Norse or Anglo-Saxon flavor (to honor both Their Highnesses' personas) would be appropriate. Plus, bling! Think beads, shiny metal objects, woven trim, fabric, and of course mead and other libations. If you have items you would like to donate for either of these gifts, please respond privately.

In service,

Raito and Æsa

Northshield Scroll Cases

By Cwenthryth wine

This Drive for Northshield Scroll Cases was devised to rebuild the depleted supply of scroll cases in the Kingdom of Northshield. Scroll cases provide a safe way to transport award scrolls. A whole lot of time and effort goes into creating each and every award scroll given out in court. Wouldn't it be sad if yours got destroyed before it got to the event site? Or worse, after you got it and it was ruined on the way home?

Materials Needed:

- Fabric. The fabric needs to be smooth and not likely to scratch or rub off the artwork on the scroll it is there to protect. It is necessary to use fabric that won't bleed color onto the scroll it is supposed to be protecting. Cotton tends to be good.
- Cardboard. Box sides and ends or foamboard. They are both good for making the stiff protection that a scroll case provides.
- Thin strips of elastic. Nothing wider than 1/4 of an inch.
- Thread.

The example pictured here is just one way to make a scroll case. Scroll cases do not need to be in any particular color or design.



How to make a scroll case:

1. Cut out two pieces of cardboard of equal size that are larger than a typical scroll (13" x 16" minimum is a good size). Two sides of a box generally work out well.



2. Cut out a length of fabric that is ~2-3" longer than 4 pieces of the cardboard and a seam allowance on either side wider than the cardboard.



3. Fold each end of the fabric toward center, wrong side out. There should be a small gap in the actual center so that the ends are not quite meeting. The cardboard should not be in the fabric at this time.



4. Turn right sides out. Put a length of elastic down the middle of the right inside panel. The elastic should be taut but not stretched. Attach in place. Sew the full length of the ends with the elastic.



5. Insert the cardboard into the pockets.

