

The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif
July XLVII (2012)

Seneschal's Missive

Last issue I complained about the lack of rain. So what happened on our herb walk? It rained — of course. It's frightening to have that much power.

Seriously, the rain didn't bother us — the herb walk was incredibly educational and fun. Thanks to our leader, Carol Jacobs, and our host, Carl Lacher. We'll have another opportunity to interact with local crafters on Saturday, August 11, as guests of Three Rivers Weaving and Spinning Guild.

Save September 8 — we plan another A&S Day at Robert's place. We'll have a simple sandwich lunch, and perhaps a potluck supper. Sewing machines will be welcome. So will other A&S projects.

THL² Kudrun



Queen Anne's Lace or Wild Carrot. Carol made a delicious drink with this flower & a few other herbs.

Next Meetings

- August 1 — Research Night — Bronislava's
- August 8 — No Wednesday A&S—come spin on Saturday
- August 11 — Weavers & Spinners at LaCrosse Library (downstairs) 1PM
- August 22 — Populace Meeting — King Street Station
- September 5 — Research Night
- September 8 — A&S Day at Robert's — 11ish to 6ish? (tentative)
- September 26 — Populace Meeting — King Street Station

6 PM
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otherwise
specified

Proceedings of the Populace Meeting

25 July 2012 King Street Station

Present: Parmen, Cybele, Gavin, Robert, Radegund, Samuel, Avery, Failend, Kudrun.

Meeting started at 6:10. We introduced ourselves briefly.

A&S

Radegund reported on the Herb Walk, which was an enormous success. Carol will be offering four 3-hour workshops on herbalism — two in August (18th & 25th), two in September (15th & 22nd). They'll cost \$25 each. Radegund will post details on the Rokeclif facebook page. For details, please call Carol at 507-452-1585.

She has also arranged for us to learn about spinning and weaving on August 11 at LaCrosse Public Library. It starts at 1PM (not 11, as we thought last month). We hope to learn about drop-spindle spinning from the Three Rivers Weaving and Spinning Guild.

The Hive will hold an A&S Day at Robert's on September 8 (if the space is available). This is particularly for garb sewing, but any projects will be welcome except the full-scale trebuchet with dead cows in the basket. We can bring sandwich makings for lunch, and period potluck makin's for supper.

CHIRURGEON

Gavin is looking for a perfect fishing-tackle box for his Chirurgeon supplies. He worked at WW.

ARTILLERY NON-MARSHAL

Nothing to report, thank goodness.

SENESCHAL

Kudrun passed around the flyer for The Rose Rises (August 31-September 3 at Aquarian Gardens in New Lisbon). She's planning an air-conditioned A&S Salon, and Parmen is planning to marshal. Cybele, Failend & Gavin plan to go also.

Parmen, Gavin, and maybe Cybele are planning to go to Poor Mans Pennsic.

Kudrun encourages folk to help at Shattered Oak's demo at the International Festival (September 15) in Eau Claire.

Kudrun is planning to go to Cross & Compass.

THROWN WEAPONS

Gavin should be authorized by Poor Mans Pennsic. (He hasn't started archery marshal paperwork).

RADEGUND made the mistake of taking her child to the bathroom. She was elected Rokeclif's Lady-in-Waiting.

The meeting ground to a halt at 7:30. We really need a herald.

A&S Activity

CYBELE sampled vegetables (Peruvian apples) and didn't die.

Acquired three new knives & wore them at WW.

KUDRUN participated in the Herb Walk. CYBELE,

BRONISAVA & KUDRUN made a pilgrimage to the Inn of the First King of Northshield.

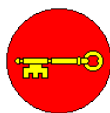
ROBERT bought a thermometer for Bronislava's brewing. (It's not very period, but it looks like a sonic screwdriver.)

RADEGUND organized and participated in the Herb Walk.

GEOFFREY & KUDRUN sang in the Northshield Choir at WW.



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Upcoming Events

August 11	Poor Man’s Pennsic — Falcon’s Keep (Wisconsin Rapids) Drop-spindle spinning—LaCrosse Public Library 1PM
August 18	Cross & Compass — Silfren Mere (Charles City, IA)
August 25	St Radegund’s Fair (no relation) — Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)
August 31	Rose Rises — Coille Stoirmeil (New Lisbon WI)
September 8	Fall Coronation — Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee) A&S Day — Bob’s place
September 15	Fall Fest — Windhaven (Oconto WI) International Fall Festival (demo) Eau Claire 8AM—6 PM
September 22	Griffin Needle Challenge — Jararvellir (Madison WI) NS Rapier Academy — Border Downs (Adrian MN)
September 29	Novices Neophytes & Knaves — Turm an dem See (Green Bay)

This list is far from complete. It’s mostly events nearby, or of particular importance. Many events begin Friday and end Sunday. I used the Saturday date for ease of comparison. Consult www.Northshield.org or the *Northwatch* for a complete event schedule.. Your membership in SCA gives you access to other kingdom newsletters, in case you are able to travel to Lochac or Caid for an event. Carpooling will be arranged (if possible) at any shire gatherings, or on the Rokeclif facebook page.

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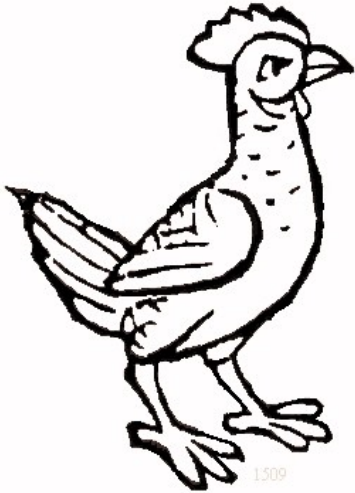
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A PAGE FOR YOU TO COLOR

It seems silly to have an empty page, but I have only three pages of stuff to say. The A&S Survey is on the website, (<http://rokeclif.org/wp-content/uploads/AS-Survey.pdf>) so I don't need to run it every month. How about people writing up an article, a bibliography, a picture, a poem, or something?



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