

the White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

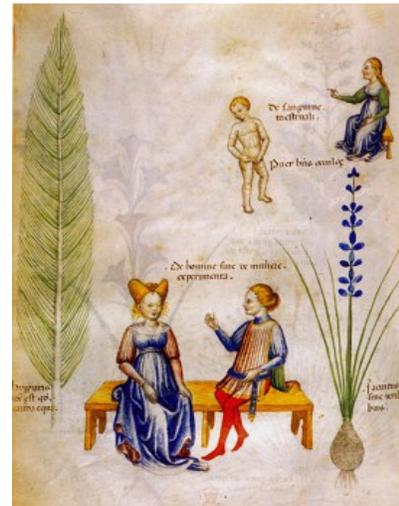
July XLVII (2012)

Seneschal's Missive

OK, here's an observable Law of the Universe. You take rain gear along, and it stays dry. You forget bug dope and every creepy-crawly on the planet emerges from hiding. You forget to bring the book you borrowed and that's the one time you see the friend who lent it to you. In this missive I am going to whine and get cranky about the horrible heat, the suffocating humidity, and the lack of rain, which is endangering humans and other critters, and may be wrecking the food supply. If I rant well enough in print, the universe should whack me in the bee-hind and issue a cold snap.

Bring it on, universe!

THL² Kudrun



Next Meetings

- July 11 — A&S (or Research) Night — Radegund's — Kumihimo
- July 18 — Research Night (or A&S) — Cybele's — Making sekanjabin.
- July 21 — **10AM** in Minnesota — Herb walk (DIRECTIONS p. 4)
- July 25 — Populace meeting — King Street Station
- August 1 — Research Night — Bronislava's
- August 8 — A&S Night — Radegund's — maybe a stringy thingy
- August 11 — Weavers & Spinners at LaCrosse Library (downstairs) **11AM**
- August 22 — Populace Meeting — King Street Station



proceedings of the populace meeting

27 June 2012 King Street Station

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

Meeting was oyezied to order by Bronislavá at 6:20. We introduced ourselves briefly.

Before the meeting, Kudrun stopped at Maewyn's to sign the check for the non-member surcharge for Bardic Madness and also one for the storage shed (\$275 for the year).

OFFICER REPORTS

Chatelaine has contacted several potential members and invited them to this meeting, and to A&S activities.

A&S MINISTER

1 - Carol Jacobs will be leading us on an herb walk at a farm in southern Minnesota on July 21, beginning at 10AM. There's a swimmin' hole and a shady spot for a picnic after the walk. Bring goodies to share. A \$5 donation is suggested. Sun block and bug stuff (tea-tree oil) were suggested. Please arrange rides ahead of time.

2 - We will learn drop-spindle spinning from Three Rivers Spinners and Weavers at their meeting at the LaCrosse Public Library on August 11, 11AM.

3 - Carol Jacobs will be doing a series of six workshops on herbalism. Each will be 2-3 hours long. \$25 per class. Radegund will keep us posted.

CHIRURGEON

Gavin paid his membership, so he's back in the saddle. Kudrun missed picking up the promised helicopter at the Chicken-Q, but Gavin has assented to reduce his wish list request from a medevac helicopter to a Humvee, saving the shire an estimated \$270,000. He'll also buy a few band-aids.

~~EQUESTRIAN~~ ARTILLERY NON-MARSHAL

Cybele has changed jobs from Equestrian non-marshal to artillery non-marshal. Excuse of the night: "But Marshal, they were rattan bullets!"

CHRONICLER

It was requested that the A&S Survey run in this month's Birch - or that it be put on the website.

SENESCHAL

Suggested we try to attend Novices, Neophytes & Knaves in Green Bay in late September.

The printer-less chatelaine suggested that the seneschal compile calendars from nearby kingdoms and bring them to meetings so we can plan transportation together. The seneschal is beginning a fund to purchase a printer for the chatelaine. So far the fund has as much in it as the chirurgeon's Humvee fund.

ROSE RISING

We really don't have anyone both qualified and available to provide a feast for Rose Rising (Labor Day weekend in New Lisbon). Kudrun will convey apologies to Coille Stoirmeil.

A&S Activity

Kudrun taught 2 classes at SUN/Scribes & Heralds

Ahlwin will be making pants, armor, a landsknecht coat... maybe

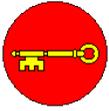
Gavin is looking into patterns for a glove for archery

Robert is researching medieval Japanese gardening tools

Geoffrey inspired the completion of a tunic



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Upcoming Events

July 12-15	Warriors & Warlords — Boscobel WI
August 11	Poor Man’s Pennsic — Falcon’s Keep (Wisconsin Rapids)
August 18	Cross & Compass — Silfren Mere (Charles City, IA)
August 25	St Radegund’s Fair (no relation) — Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)
September 1	Rose Rises — Coille Stoirmeil (New Lisbon WI)
September 8	Fall Coronation — Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee)
September 15	Fall Fest — Windhaven (Oconto WI)
September 22	Griffin Needle Challenge — Jararvellir (Madison WI)
October 13	Fall Crown Tourney — Svaty Sebasta (Vermillion SD)
November 10	Known World Rapier/Costuming — (Itasca IL)
December 8	Boars Head — Caer Antherth Mawr (Waukesha)

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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I was asked to put the A&S Survey in this month's White Birch. I decided it was more important to put the directions to the herb walk in an easy-to-print format. (Printer dead? Ask someone to bring a copy to Research Night for you.)

I've added the A&S Survey to the website, under the "RESOURCES" tab, so it's always available as a .pdf file there.

Kudrun

herb walk directions

Join Us for an A&S Adventure in Herbalism with local herbalist, Carol Jacobs. Carol will be giving us a guided talk through where we will learn to identify herbs that grow around us, as well as their ephemeral lore from Medieval times. The walk will end with a potluck snack picnic under a shady tree with a swimming hole where we can get our feet...or whatever else we wish to cooled off.

This event will take place between **10am** and 1pm in effort to dodge the worst of the heat. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person for this event for Carol's time and expertise.

DIRECTIONS TO MEDIEVAL HERB WALK & TALK:

Google maps doesn't recognize where we are going:
near RR 1, Box 119c, Rushford, MN

Take I-90 out of LaCrosse, across the Mississippi River
When I-90 "splits", take the LEFT FORK that says to Albert Lea
(IGNORE the right fork which says Hwy 14/61 to Winona)

You will continue West,
Go PAST exits for places like Nodine & Ridgeway
Watch for the HWY 43 NORTH/WINONA EXIT & get off there
HOWEVER, TURN LEFT (NOT North) & GO A SHORT WAY TO A STOP SIGN AT A "T"

TURN LEFT AGAIN - this will be Co Rd 19

CONTINUE on Co Rd 19 across the top of the ridge - (flat farm land)
When you start to see more trees & get near where the PAVEMENT ENDS, SLOW DOWN!!!
the road will turn to gravel & will quickly descend down hill
THIS PART OF THE ROAD IS STEEP WITH VERY SHARP CURVES!!

When at the bottom of the hill there will be a another "T"
Turn LEFT at T - this will be Headwaters Drive
Continue on Headwaters Drive until you see PINK RIBBONS. PULL IN AT PINK RIBBONS & PARK
We will proceed from there when everyone arrives

10am - Lacher Family Farm, Wiscoy Valley, MN
NO CELL PHONE SERVICE HERE (we will take a trip back in time...)

POT LUCK SNACKS AFTER THE WALK -
BRING: a snack to share, a cup, plate & utensils, folding chairs or picnic blanket to sit on.

There will be shade to sit under & a creek to get our feet wet. (bring towels & swim suit if so inclined)

Insects and ticks have been known to inhabit Minnesota. You may want something to prevent them inhabiting you. There may also be sunshine. These are period hazards!