



# the **White BIRCH**

newsletter of the shire of rokeclif

**JUNE 2010 (as xlv)**

## seneschal's missive

To all who read and hear these words, Kudrun Pilegrim sends greeting.

I should be haying, but here I sit, composing a missive. The season of Busy is hard upon us, after a very slow start. Weekends this month have multiple events. No one with the means to travel dares complain of 'nothing to do'. Those without transport may wish to delve into the 16<sup>th</sup> century in preparation for Autumn Rose. I know of a couple 'Cliffies who will have new garb for "Sweet 16<sup>th</sup> Century". Congratulations to Silver, our newest officer.

Kudrun



## next meeting

**Sunday, June 20 – 2 PM**

**Skokke Towers – 6<sup>th</sup> & Division Streets, LaCrosse**

Anyone who can is welcome to bring food to share.

## upcoming events

Selected list. For the complete list, see the *Northwatch* or [www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

- June 4-6 Rumble in the Forest – Coille Stoirmeil (Camp Douglas WI)
- June 4-6 Mermaids – Turm an dem See (Valders WI)
- June 11-13 Border Skirmish – CAM (Kenosha WI)
- June 12 **Butterfest demo** – Coille Stoirmeil (Sparta WI)
- July 8-10 Warriors & Warlords – Jararvellir & Nordskogen – Boscobel WI
- August 13-15 Poor Man's Pennsic – Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids)
- August 20-22 St Radegund's Fair – Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)
- September 3-5 Autumn Rose** (sweet) XVI (century)

## more about the butterfest demo

SCA has lots of space to fill with what we can – fighters, fencers, dancers (though “Gary Bruegger and the Ridgeland Dutchmen” may not be playing period music). Any A&S items would be welcome – display or demo. SCA will be there noon to 5 Saturday just behind the Fest Tent. There is a parade on Sunday (June 13), with a float for people who won't be walking. This is great exposure – let's plan to show up in droves.

## minutes of the populace meeting

May 16, 2010 – Skokke Towers

Present: Maewyn, Robert, Cybele, Vettoria, Vitaliano, Bronislavá, Alyssa, Alois, Kudrun

Meeting was called to order by Emergency Deputy Bronislavá at 2:07.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Exchequer** got the first quarter in before its due date.

Maewyn begs a boon. The Kingdom Exchequer wants to go over each group's books, but Maewyn is unable to make many events. He needs a deputy to take the books to an event at which the kingdom officer (Roderigo) will be doing inspections.

**Chatelaine** may actually get the loaner garb from Ahlwin.

We need to be present with flyers when Byle's fencing group is practicing.

Bronislavá is issuing a challenge: Go to an event you normally wouldn't go to. Bards, go to a fighting event. Fighters, try out an A&S event. Get a new perspective.

**Pie Snit** – the report is in. 27 people attended. Total costs for the event \$9. The biggest critique: we should have had salt & pepper on the tables. The loose schedule worked well for an event of this scale.

**Autumn Rose** –

Groaning Board will be the “feast” style. Vitaliano, Maewyn, perhaps Antoinette can each prepare one remove. Everyone can bring things for the dessert revel (with dancing).

Cyb – contact Annie's Eats? Bronislavá will check with gyros cart.

Bronislavá will be contacting marshals this week. Asks that everyone contact artisans and performers. We need to do more PR – flyers in shops & bars, laundromats. Second Supper, Tribune... Online calendars.

**Butterfest Demo** – We need a flyer with our contact info and AR info. Kudrun will take a carload.

## A&S List

Vitaliano – Researching period games and other leisure activities.

Vettoria – Handsewing garment repair.

Cybele – Made pie from scratch for Snit.

Pierre – Made pies for Snit. Displayed A&S 50 projects at Snit. Researching 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Robert – Looked for garb. Got wooden bowl & flatware. Told story at Snit.

Kudrun – Wrote filk of 'Hey Jolly Broome Man' for Snit.



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In an unofficial meeting of the shire, it was realized by the assembled officers that the shire had no designated torturer. A volunteer was present, and was immediately sent out of the room so she could be voted into her office. Officially, the College of Heraldry has no designated badge for this office, but the candidate's suggestion of "Sable, diseased flying green monkeys maintaining a staff, drawing and quartering an ass" was adopted as a holding device. The chronicler refused to draw the ass, and wasn't sure that 'diseased flying green monkeys' was a period charge, though it should have been.

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