

# The White Birch

Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

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## Seneschal's Missive

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

The chronicler is a little late with the Birch because she spent the last weekend in February with seven (count them 7!) other shire members at Bardic Madness. The event was a joy, and the feast was incredible. Simple, but delicious. Court was very short, but momentous, as Lady Bronislavá was presented with the Award of the Cygnus for her service, primarily as Autumn Rose steward. Lady Cybele participated in many challenges, and Kudrun taught a class. The singing at the post-revel was astounding, as bards from Midrealm and Northshield joined in harmony. Robert made his bardic debut, with his story of burning down the fire truck.

Pie Snit III proceeds apace, as does Autumn Rose.

The chronicler's and seneschal's reports were filed on time.

Kudrun



## Next meeting

Sunday, March 21 – 2 PM

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

Anyone who can is welcome to bring food to share.  
(This is a perfect opportunity to test pies for the Snit.)

# Upcoming Events

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

- Mar 5-7 That Moot Thingy – Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)  
April 10 Spring Coronation – Caer Antherth Mawr (Waukesha WI)  
**May 1 Pie Snit III** – Rokeclif (Taylor WI)  
May 15 Beltaine by the Bay – Darkstone (Mason WI)  
May 28-31 Castle Fever/TOC – Silfren Mere (Preston MN)  
June 4-6 Mermaids – Turm an dem See (Valders WI)  
July 8-10 Warriors & Warlords – Jararvellir & Nordskogen – Boscobel WI  
**September 3-5 Autumn Rose** (sweet) XVI (century)

## Minutes of the Populace Meeting

February 21, 2010 – LaCrosse Public Library

Present: Alois, Alyssa, Bronislavá, Cybele, Kudrun, Maewyn, Michael, Patricia, Robert, Vettoria, Vitaliano.  
The meeting was called to order at 1:30.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**A&S** – AWL. See list, next page.

**Exchequer** – Domesday is in.

**Marshalate** – Nothing's going on. (It's still winter!)

**Web Minister** – It's working.

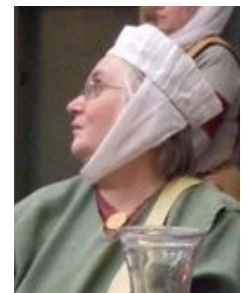
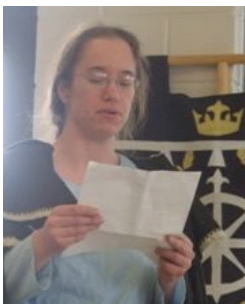
**Chatelaine** – Arranged class and invited folks to this meeting. We discussed other desired topics. We need to get all the loaner garb together before Pie Snit.

**Pie Snit III** – is on the NS Calendar for May 1. Things to think about: Contest to see which table goes through the pie line first. Celebrity liaison for Alton Brown? Marshals??. Teams: “tastes great”- “less filling”. Maypole possibilities. [Save your paper towel tubes for maypoles](#). Toss Across – with beanbag pies. Paper for tables? More Mad Libs. Perhaps one at each table. Vitaliano will invite other groups to do lunch.

**Autumn Rose** – We need a feast steward, or a viable alternative to feast.

**BOD News** – Non-member surcharge is going up to \$5. Membership fees are going up \$2.

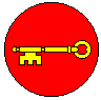
The meeting closed at 2:35, and Kudrun presented “Now I know my A B G, a history of the alphabet”



# A&S List

Cybele – tried calligraphy using water colors. Preparing for Bardic Madness.  
 Kudrun – Taught class at meeting. Researching rounds for Bardic Madness.  
 Vitaliano – Engaged in hand sewing.  
 Bronislava – Organized & publicized class for shire members and guests.  
 Pierre – Made pie.

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Thanks to Her Excellency, Elashava bas Riva, for taking our pictures.

More pictures of Bardic Madness (and many other events) are posted at the unofficial Northshield Gallery at  
[http://nsgallery.melm.org/main.php?g2\\_itemId=134304](http://nsgallery.melm.org/main.php?g2_itemId=134304)

YouTube videos of many of the performances may be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/shavasue>

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