



The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

May XLVII (2012)

Seneschal's Missive

What would you like to learn more about? What do you know enough about that you could lead a little discussion or teach a class? Our new A&S Minister and her Deputy Dawg have put together a questionnaire (page 4) with the hope of putting curiosity and knowledge together. Please fill out the questionnaire (or use it for a guide) so Radegund can put together some interesting sessions.

We'll have an all-day (10—6) A&S session at Bob's on Saturday, May 12. That'll be an opportunity to work on whatever you're working on. We'll be updating our supply of loaner garb, too. Want to cook? We'll want some lunch. What will that be? Want to play period games? Bring them on.

THL² Kudrun



Next Meetings

- May 2 — Research Night — Bronislava's — Share something about **leather** in period.
- May 12 (Saturday) — A&S Day at Bob's. Bring whatever you're working on. Potluck food to be arranged on facebook & Yahoo list. Bring your sewing machine. Plans. Patterns...
- May 16 — A&S Night — Cybele's — Advice about sewing from an expert. No actual needles will be used.
- May 23 — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen. What about a fall event?
- June 6 — Research Night — Bronislava's. Checking our loaner garb.
- June 13 — A&S Night — Amy's? Decoration of our 10x20s?
- June 27 — Populace meeting — King Street Kitchen
- July 4 — Research night? — Roger Bacon's new powder – wherever you are*
- July 11 — A&S Night — Cybele's
- July 25 — Populace meeting — King Street Station

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RAPIER
PRACTICE,
ANYONE?**

* Roger Bacon published a recipe for gunpowder in the 13th century. There'll be plenty used almost everywhere on July 4. Have fun. Be safe.

Minutes of the Populace Meeting

April 25, 2012 King Street Kitchen

Present: Bronisláva, Cybele, Failend, Kudrun, Robert

Bronisláva reported that the Kingdom Seneschal had received a letter from Pierre de Champagne.

Kudrun reported that our neighbor Canton, Coille Stoirmeil, is planning an event on Labor Day weekend called “Rose Rises”. They have a magnificent site, and would like us to do the feast. Since our usual cooks weren’t in attendance, we’ll hold off on a decision until we contact them. Heads up, Byle, Maewyn, and Domaldi.

Bronisláva has arranged for us to meet every fourth Wednesday at King Street Kitchen at 6. (They’ll be ready for us by 5:30).

Kudrun shared that the Seneschals’ List has had some discussion about reduced attendance at events. She’ll share additional insights from our meeting — which include burnout, transportation, changing families, and personality conflicts. (This was an observation, not a condemnation.) There are four events in Northshield on May 16, and 3 on the next weekend. Are we stretched too thin?

The rest of the meeting was devoted to scheduling. (See page one.) None of the dates are cast in Jello, but at least we can have some idea of what to expect.



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A&S Activity

Failend—Thinking about Byzantine garb

Cybele —Performed at Bardic Madness

Bardic patron—with home-baked cookies

Bronisláva — Writing poem (channeling Wyndreth)

Bardic patron—elected to Bardic Council

Robert — Bought felt for a shoe pattern

Participated in a naughty song at Bardic Madness

Kudrun —researching music and tableware in manuscripts

Bardic patron

Heard others sing her songs at Bardic Madness!

Radegund — is in contact with an herbalist in Winona who may be able to take us on a herbal walk

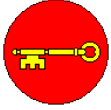
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Upcoming Events

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| May 12 | Crown Tourney — Castel Rouge |
| May 19 | Burn, Baby Burn — Shattered Oak (Eau Claire area) All about fire |
| May 19 | Lamb to Loom — Turm an dem See (Sheboygan) Fiber from sheep to fabric! |
| May 19 | Rusty blade challenge! — Hvitskogar (Ironwood MI) |
| May 26 | Castle Fever — Silfren Mere (Rochester MN) |
| May 26 | Arrg! — Jararvellir (Montello WI) A rapier event |
| May 26 | Youth get a castle — Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee area) An event for kids! |
| June 2 | Mermaids — Turm an dem See (Valders WI) |
| June 9 | Rockhaven Archery — Rockhaven (St Augusta MN) |
| June 9 | Border Skirmish — Caer Antherth Mawr (Elkhorn WI) |
| June 16 | SUN and Heralds and Scribes [Oh, my!] — Nordleigh (Owatonna MN) |
| June 23 | Woodland Romp — Skerjastromd (Gwinn MI) |
| June 30 | Crispin’s Archery Thing — Nordskogen (East Bethel MN) |
| July 12-15 | Warriors & Warlords — Boscobel WI — The event with everything, including merchants.
This is the one to save up for. |

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.

This month’s fonts are variations on “Shrewsbury”.

Arts & Sciences Survey

SCA Name _____

Modern Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please indicate your level of experience/interest in each of the activities/areas listed below by the following criteria (more than one may apply, please include all notations for each):

Can teach – C

Experienced in (from minimal to advanced) – X

Would like to Learn – L

Not Interested - NA

Arts	
Dance – specify style	
Dramatic Performance	
MUSIC	
Instrumental	
Vocal	
Composition	
Poetry, Prose, Playwriting	
Juggling & Tumbling	
Calligraphy	
Cooking	
Costuming	
Fabric Dying	
GLASSWORK	
Beads	
Blown	
Stained	
Illumination	
Knitting, Crochet, Macramé	
Lace Making	
Needlework – specify style	
Sculpture	
Spinning	
Weaving	

Sciences	
Armoring	
Astronomy & Astrology	
Blacksmithing	
Bookbinding	
Bowyer & Fletching	
Brewing & Vintning	
Ceramics & Pottery	
Herbalism	
Horse - mastery	
Lapidary	
Leatherwork	
Metalwork (including jewelry)	
Musical instrument making	
Research	
Stone Carving	
Tool Making	
WOODWORKING	
Construction	
Carving	