

The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

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Seneschal's Missive

I do believe that the season has changed. A heavy frost has taken out most of the crops. I'm glad I brought in the harvest when I did. (Those who were at A&S night last month got to taste most of the herbs I grew this year.) Black bile is the dominant humor of the season, which may be the reason that our attendance at populace gatherings has been low recently.

To combat the melancholy of the season, we are planning on some spectacular gatherings. When Genovefa gets a deer, we'll learn how leather is made. Watch the email list and facebook for announcements. We'll also enjoy a Sunday of gluttony on December 11, combining our meeting and A&S into a day of eating. Our Research Nights and A&S Nights will focus on period food, so our gluttony will be period! Please don't let the cost of gas keep you from meetings. Arrangements can be made. Talk with Kudrun or Bronislavá.

As you know, our bid to host Bardic Madness on March 24, 2012 was accepted. Bronislavá will be meeting with Mistress Eithne and the people at Days Hotel to work out many details.

THL² Kudrun

Next Meetings

November 2 — Research Night — LaCrosse Public Library

November 9 — A&S Night — Java Vino — Special topic: food: it's what's for dinner.
(Scholarships available.)

November 16 — Populace Meeting — Robert's

November 19-27 — Will Genovefa get her deer? If so, watch for leather making

December 7 — Research Night — focus on food and yule.

December 11 (Sunday) — Yule potluck and meeting

April 11 — King Gambrinus' birthday and A&S Night

Minutes of the Populace Meeting

October 19, 2011 — Stokke Towers

Present: Cybele, Bronisláva, Robert, Kudrun,
Bronislava called us to order. It worked about as well as always.

OFFICER REPORTS

A&S Minister — Robert is working on recruiting a gallery owner. He has confessed his SCA membership to the Masons. Some of them do rendezvous, so we may think about what we can learn in common. We talked about learning leather work from the deer up, if Genovefa gets a deer. February 11 (maybe) we'll gather at Cybele's to learn some of our bardic tradition before Bardic Madness. We'll invite other groups. April will be our dancing month.

Chatelaine — Busy getting older. The shire has free lodging in Milwaukee for Boar's Head, December 3. Talk to Bronislava about this or carpooling.

Equestrian — On hold for now.

BARDIC MADNESS

Bid was accepted. Bronislava and Eithne (the provost) will confer with the hotel and caterers. Kudrun has tested a web site and taken some photos.

NORTHSHIELD RAPIER ACADEMY

Some of the rapier fighters think that Three Rivers School would make an excellent site for NRA. Hey, guys — name the time and we'll help with the event. (It was October 15 this year.)

A&S Tally

Bronisláva — Put together a successful event bid. Asked if it counted as A&S ??? — only if presented in calligraphy.

Learned about herbs.

Cybele — Storytelling. Reviewing songs for Folksingers, Bards & Storytellers on November 10.

Dried some herbs and made lots of mint tea.

Made cookies.

Robert — Learning bookmaking — not THAT kind!

Still working on armor.

Learning about celtic knotwork.

Kudrun — Harvested herbs (dried some, processed some).

Revised the herbal class to include taste-testing for A&S Night. We sampled thyme (in beef), sage (in pork), mint (plain and in sekanjabin), chives, oregano and marjoram (in cream cheese), and felt mullien.

Radegund & Samuel — Learned about herbs. (Mint is best.)

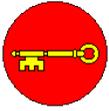


If you're engaged in the kind of A&S that can be put on a page, please consider contributing to the White Birch.
Art, poetry, recipes ... all are fair game.



Congratulations to John (Byle) McKee, who received the Award of the Balefire at Northshield Rapier Academy, October 15, 2011.

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Herald —Amata Cromwell (Amy Schleeter)
 Unofficial until her membership is renewed.

Upcoming Events

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| November 12 | SUN – Rudivale (Grand Forks ND) |
| December 3 | Boar’s Head — CAM (West Bend, WI) |
| January 28 | It’s only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI) |
| February 4 | Early Period Symposium — Blachemere (Coon Rapids MN) |
| February 18 | Lupercalia — Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN) |
| February 25 | Fighter School — Windhaven (Kewaunee WI) |
| March 3 | Fighting in the shade — Jararvellir (Madison WI) |
| March 24 | Bardic Madness — Rokeclif |
| March 31 | Haire Affaire — Falcons Keep (Wausau WI) |

This list is far from complete. It’s mostly events nearby, or of particular importance. Consult www.Northshield.org for a complete event schedule.

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