



The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif
November XLVII (2012)

Seneschal's Missive

We're getting down to business! Part of our SCA mission is to be an educational organization. We've done some good work educating ourselves, but we also want to teach the non-SCA world about the middle ages and renaissance, not only because it's fun, but also because we learn most when we prepare to teach.

So we decided to set up some demos this spring. A 'demo' is an opportunity to show SCA activities to the public. We've done demos in schools, in parks, and at the mall. Silfren Mere is planning a huge demo for the Girl Scouts in May or June. A demo can be fairly simple, or very elaborate. (We're aiming for simple right now, but I hope we'll get good enough to show every aspect of SCA.)

We're also working to coordinate an invasion of Caer Anterth Mawr. Boar's Head is a large event which will include almost all of the activities we engage in (fighting, feasting, classes, A&S, dancing...). Let's see how many 'Cliffies we can get over to Milwaukee on December 8. Website for the event is: <http://caeranterth.northshield.org/Calendar/BoarsHead/2012/> See you there.

THL² Kudrun

Next Meetings

November 7 — Research Night—Bronislava's (food & fiber)

November 14 — A&S — Kumihimo — Bronislava's

November 24 — Shire Thanksgiving Moot — Bob's place — all day — meal around 2PM

November 28 — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen

December 5 — Research night — Event etiquette, Holiday customs — Bronislava's

December 15 — Holiday potluck at Cybele's.

December? Watch facebook for a spontaneous gathering with Bronislava's brothers-in-law

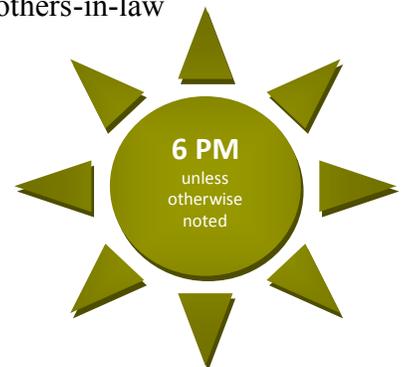
January 2 — Research Night — Bronislava's — thinking of time

January 9 — A&S — more with time

January 23 — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen

(If you have suggestions for new meeting locations, please let us know)

February — LIGHT is the theme



Proceedings of the Populace Meeting

October 24, 2012

King Street Station

Present: Avery, Bronisláva, Cybele, Failend, Kudrun, Radegunde, Samuel.

Since food seemed more important than talk, we didn't get oyezized into order until 6:36.

A&S — Carol Jacobs is planning to join our November 24 gathering. She'll teach us about travelers' brews. She's asking a donation of \$5-10 for her time & services. The plan is to have a holiday-style potluck at about 2PM. Bring A&S projects if you have something that travels. Show off what you've achieved (like kolrosing or cheesemaking... or vintning). Randy's garage was mentioned as an alternate site — please watch facebook & the web site for further information.

Chatelaine has been busy with period, but non-SCA stuff, like a wedding, a birth, and a funeral (but not all the same person) in the last 5 weeks. She's also a year older.

Artillery officer bought cannonballs and other paraphernalia.

The Goofy Officer Department is on the lookout for an office for Failend. Samuel is the official Monster Slayer.

We need to do something this spring. Demos would be excellent. Radegunde will check into possibilities at Samuel's school.

Bronisláva will look into Cameron Park, where we could do something each month with an audience. Ideas: dance, Beatrix's food game, music, fencing? We could also do an event in spring: dance?, NASMA?, newcomers? If so, we gotta get planning now.

Failend showed us the light she'd scored. We'll learn about period lighting in February.

The meeting dissolved after excellent conversation & planning.



Boar's Heads past

A & S Activity

Robert—learning kolrosing

Kudrun — taught at NNK.

Presented “Aristotle joins the SCA” for Falcon's Gate
Still weaving seamless pouch

Bronislavá — made *soppes dorry* (period onion soup)

Radegunde — gave birth sans pain killers

Living life as a lactation specialist

Corresponding with Carol Jacobs

Sam — ScoRReN (drawing)

Avery — Learned to spin (he's 3)

Failend — Researching kumihimo (with beads) and lighting

Cybele — Taking storytelling class.

Ella habla español y otros lenguas

Bought Spanish-English dictionary



Sites to remember:

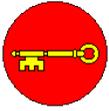
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www.northshield.org = the kingdom

www.sca.org = the Known World

www.scademo.com = an introduction to the SCA

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Upcoming Events

November 3	Silfren mere Dance Seminar (Rochester MN)
November 10	Known World Rapier/Costuming — (Itasca IL)
December 8	Boars Head — Caer Anterth Mawr (Waukesha WI)
December 15	Fighters’ Retreat — Blachemere (Anoka MN)
January 5	Twelfth Night — Nordskogen (Ramsey MN)
January 26	It’s only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
February 2	Lupercalia — Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)
February 23	Japanese Haire Affaire — Falcon’s Keep (Wausau WI)
April 13	Spring Coronation — Trewint (SD)
May 11	Spring Crown — Jararvellir
May 18	Lamb to loom — Turm an dem See (Random Lake WI)
June 1	Mermaids — Turm an dem See (Valders WI)

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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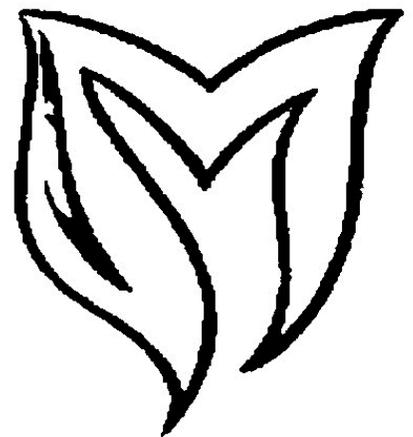
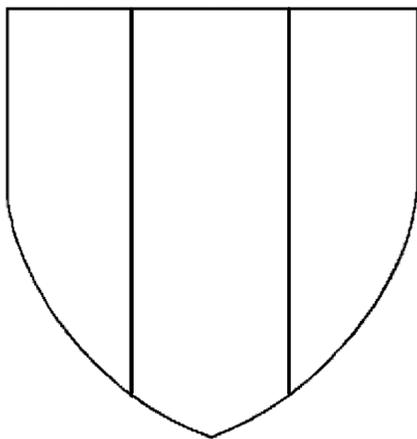
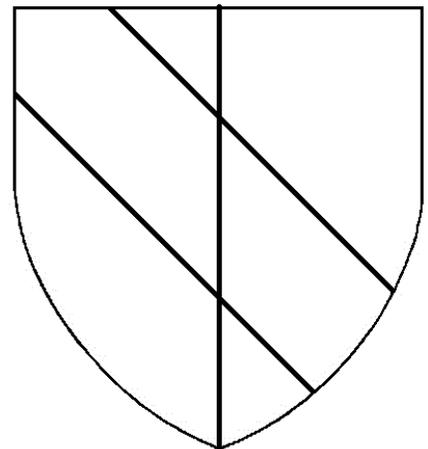
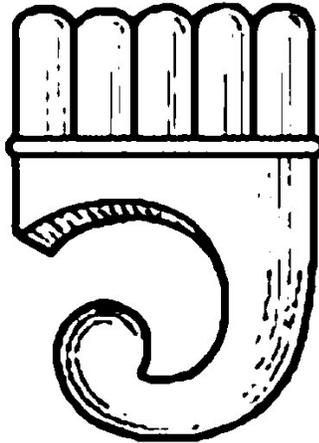
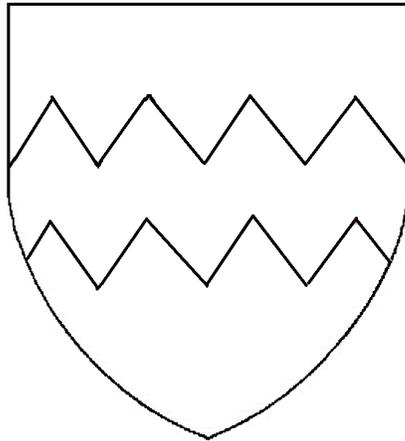
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Heraldic Coloring Page

- Color the maunch vert (and sing the appropriate song).
- Color the fleam gules, being careful to use artificial color.
- Color the clarion Or and send out the call.
- Color the pale argent on a field purpure.
- Color the pheon azure.
Which is sharper—the pheon or the fleam?
- Color the fess dancetty sable on a field Or. Who wears this device?
- Geoffrey Chaucer’s arms are blazoned, “per pale argent and gules a bend counterchanged”. You can use any colors you like.



Heraldic blazon is a language, derived from Latin and French, that allows any herald to draw (emblazon) a person’s arms without ever seeing them before. SCA members can register a device with the College of Heraldry. It will not be accepted unless it’s unique. Registration gives the owner exclusive rights to the design. Heraldry is available for consultation at many events, and some shire members have studied heraldry enough to help with design and registration.