

The White Birch

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

Seneschal's Missive

Sorry the Birch is a little late this month, but this way we can introduce you to the newest member of the shire, Siobhan Alexandra Shea, who arrived at 10:25 on Wednesday, October 3. Amy Shea and Keoll Dee are her happy parents; Sammy & Avery are her brothers. We are impressed at the lengths our A&S Minister will go to demonstrate period activities, such as giving birth.

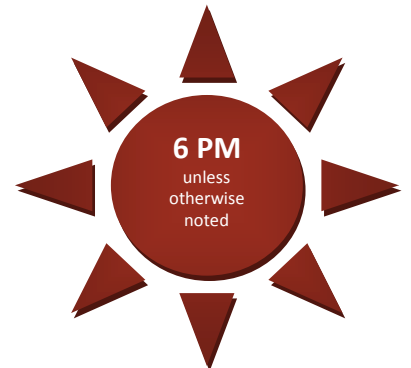
Other 'Cliffies who are achieving neat stuff — watch your November Northwatch for an informative article by Ahlwin von Hildebrand.

New 'Cliffie Barrett Kline's video showing thermal-imaged bees killing an invading wasp was featured in "Pixel Perfect" in *The Scientist* (10/2/2012). You can see the video on his YouTube channel under the title "Thermal Society". Bee movies are hot!

THL² Kudrun

Next Meetings

- October 3 — Research Night (Bronislava's)
 - October 10 — A&S Night — Playing with food at 4 Sisters Wine and Tapas Lounge, 100 Harborview Plaza.
 - October 20 — Bronislava's first birthday party — at Bob's if possible. All day.
 - October 24 — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen
 - November 7 — Research Night—Bronislava's (food & fiber)
 - November 14 — A&S — Kumihimo!
 - November 24 — Shire Thanksgiving Moot — Bob's place (probably) — all day — meal around 2PM
 - November 28 — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen
 - December 5 — Research night — Event etiquette, Holiday customs
 - December 15 — Holiday potluck at Cybele's.
 - 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)



Proceedings of the Privy Meeting of the Seneschallate

September 26, 2012 King Street Station

Present: Bronisláva, Failend, Kudrun — hardly a populace meeting, so we appointed Failend the Deputy of Dogs and proceeded as a Privy Council. We recognized the absence of Cybele, Robert, Radegunde, Samuel and Avery, and maybe Jeoffrye. The rest were just playing hooky.

We recognized with sadness the passing of Amata's grandmother and Jeoffrye's father. A memorial for Mr. Springer will be held in Bangor on Friday, October 12.

Since Byle was not in attendance, we appointed him "Kabob Master" for his fencing skills.

We organized the calendar with a theme for each month:

October: Playing with your food — with research and discussion of food and feasting. Special event — Bronislava's first birthday party on October 21 at Bob's.

November — Food and fiber — it's good for you. Special event — Shire Thanksgiving moot on the 24th.

December — Feasting & celebration. We may have a visit from the King of the Outlands. Special event — Holiday potluck at Lady Cybele's with games and stories and song.

January — Looking backward and forward in time — concepts of time

February — the return of the light — Failend will do a class on period lighting



Eagle from the Vespasian Psalter. English 725-750.
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A & S Activity

Nobody passed the sheet around, but Bronisláva confessed to doing more spinning, and Kudrun was working on two classes for Novices Neophytes & Knaves.

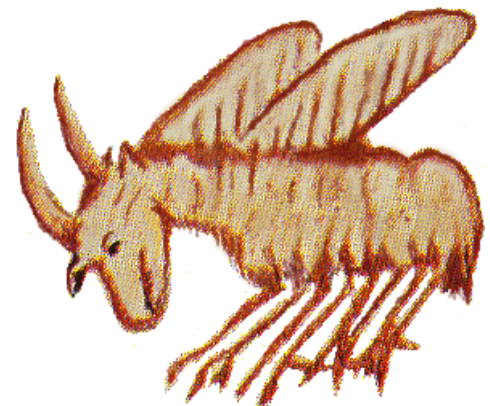
Sites to remember:

www.rokeclif.org = the shire

www.northshield.org = the kingdom

www.sca.org = the Known World

www.scademo.com = an introduction to the SCA

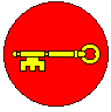


Attercop (poison spider) from an illustration of henbane in Apuleius Platonius' *Herbarium*, written in Anglo-Saxon in about 1050.

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Upcoming Events

October 13	Fall Crown Tourney — Svaty Sebasta (Vermillion SD)
October 27	Danse Macabre — Hvitskogar (Ironwood MI)
November 3	Silfren mere Dance Seminar (Rochester MN)
November 10	Known World Rapier/Costuming — (Itasca IL)
December 8	Boars Head — Caer Antherth Mawr (Waukesha WI)
January 5	Twelfth Night — Nordskogen (Ramsey MN)
January 26	It’s only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson 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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