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The Heartbeat



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Archery Practice

Please contact Aline for details.

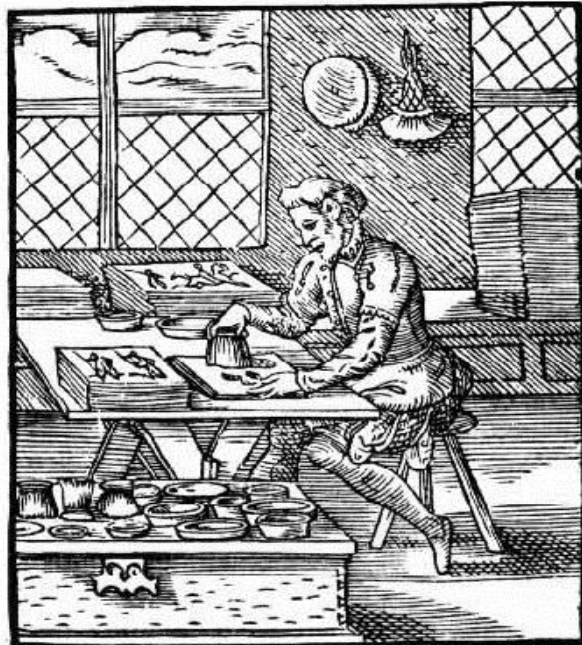
Fighter Practice

Scheduled by the Master of Stables – Please contact him for details

Arts and Sciences activities:

Scheduled by the Minister of Arts and Sciences – Please contact her for details.

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From the Editor

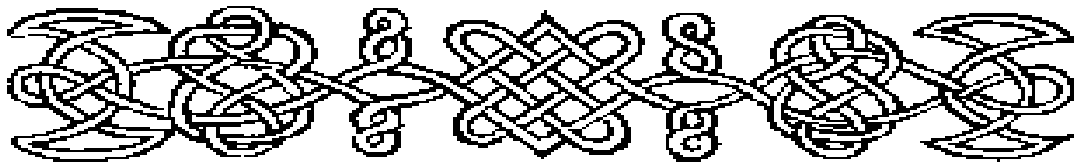
Greetings Everyone,

Once again I am very late getting out this newsletter. It is rather obvious that I don't really have the time to do justice to this publication and the Chronicler's office. I apologize for my failings in this area and ask that if anyone is at all interested in taking over from me, please let me know. If you are interested but maybe are unfamiliar with publishing a newsletter, have no fear... all you need is Microsoft Word... and I am willing to help in any way needed.

Now on to the newsletter... HL Halima stepped forward with an article on the history of yule back in December and although it is a little out of season it is still worth a read. She is a repeat submitter and I really appreciate her contributions... Master John MacAndrew is another repeat contributor and has contributed an article on the archers of the Mary Rose.

If you wish to contribute something to the newsletter it will be most welcome. It can be an article or pictures of a project you are working on, or a topic you have researched or even your review on a book or descriptions of an event you have been to. Pictures and photos are always welcome as well. You don't need to be professional you just need to have a willingness to share.

YIS, Elizabeth Chatfeld



Hartwood Council – August 22, 2012

In Attendance: John, Miranda, Aline, Cecille, Cunnegonda, Joye, Elizabeth, Halima, Kjartan

Meeting Starts: 7:15

Minutes: Accepted as read

Officer Reports:

Archery – written

A&S: written

Exchequer: \$1908.93 reg account shares account \$5 receivable \$100 damage deposit games night – coming back; \$400 advance on food for Black Knight

Family Activities: Organizing something for white court not contacted for black knight

Seneschal –

Chronicler – Need to get copy for newsletter. Winter/Yule send release document – got release documents for photography limit \$300

Chatelaine: nothing to report – sorted thru and found storage for fabric and garb

MoS: Average attendance 11 fighters – no new carded – received donations and would like to auction to raise funds for boffers – Exchequer agreed .

Discussion about background checks for criminal activity – don't have to adhere to kingdom

Seneschal: 4 events – winter feast, coronet; black knight, white court – car pooling – Kjartan needs to be signed up – Herald still open – seneschal coordinating

White court info requested by Val for John

Old Business:

1. Halloween Party for those not going to Coronet – Sat Oct 27 Val
2. White Court : Halima given details on financial discussions – not comfortable with people being asked to pay as much for potluck as meal willing to donate up to \$100 - \$135 with kitchen – Willing to accept \$12.50 but willing to go along with it. Scathach – not silent - auction to raise money. Discussion on cost- settle on \$12.50. with auction. Glitzy. Green and white theme.
3. Hartwood games night – Lighthouse community Hall Qualicum Beach – 5 – 9pm Nov 17th – Finger food and dry hall. – Bring friends – media? Coffee news? Publicize? A&S and other activities.
4. SCA advertising – Scathach – what kind? Posters. Julie likes.
5. Stuff picked up by Lynn and Val from Mischa's – Need 6 totes removed and odds and ends – Lynn took car shelter and signs and Val clothes – John will try to find place to store

New Business:

1. Receipts from purchasing targets for archery – can submit. \$60 bow
Motion for \$60 for purchase of 20 lb left handed bow – Second Cecille – passed
2. 11th Oct Courtenay – demo request – Highlands High school –
3. Kingdom Seneschal has received request from Coombs and old Ravensley to leave Hartwood. Discussion – not going to fight them – let kingdom figure it out. – Can be another branch and still be an officer.
4. Marina – donating heraldry felt board.

Meeting Adjourned: 8: 15

Black Knight - One hour prior to the event - 3:30 - email the reports

Hartwood Council - Sept 26/12

In Attendance: John, Aline, Cecille, Joye, Elizabeth, Halima, Elspeth, Scathach, Marina

Meeting Starts:

Minutes: Accepted as read

Officer Reports:

Chatelaine - none

Archery - ell, two practises a week - ideas to connect at other end of Island, Armada went well, TOA good turnout

A&S: Did Finger loop - August off... West Hartwood showing some interest. Central too. Requesting up to \$100 for supplies. John proposed motion - passed Fjorlief - hoping banner done by Black Knight

Children - Armada - 6 to 7 - request for white court act

Exchequer: \$2945.07 in bank - Gate tent needs to be replaced - Archery loner gear looking into under purchase - Signing authority - now signed waiting for paperwork. - Pop up tent. - look into

Armada: profit \$270.82 Silent auction (chief archer) \$142.45 Donation: \$7.00 farspeakers for a total of \$420.27

Seneschal - Herald still no submissions - Chamberlaine - Kjartan - Iron Key - no inventory yet - Gold Key - check to inventory what we do have - White Court - discussion at Armada - need site info - Old Age Pensioners Hall - \$135 hall \$50 food - like to keep numbers down \$40 prizes \$40 children's Activities - \$20 décor - wants to keep at \$7.50 tickets - estimate of 50 people - could cut food costs - go with donated turkey - worried because costs too high when asking for food - might go to \$10 Last year was feast and made a profit Halima estimates - need \$12.29 for adults - Hall costs higher - need to balance need for a profit with reasonable price - snow could be a factor in people showing up - Halima go back to Elspeth rework for 30 people and work on costs - Black Knight - Bardic competition - Italian theme - Cunnegunda - no copy - will contact - Black Creek offering Soap making and glass mosaic class. Cunnegunda - thank you for Farspeaker.

Chronicler - written - remind - Cecille remind in Sept - Halima - topic - John will send lots

Old Business:

6. How quickly do we need stores moved from Scathach and Mischa - there was discussion to have stuff taken - Mischa - car shelter - 4 large and 4 med totes - assorted boxes - Kjartan has

list – car shelter biggest item – maybe load picked up and stored at Cecille – Elspeth will take clothing – not much space Aline as well – Kjartan will organize

New Business:

1. Cunnegunda – idea for doing games night – Coombs and Bowser – Bowser has hall \$30 for 4 hours – need more info – non- profit # and advise for insurance – Sept or November if every month – Feb every two months – November date sounds good – potluck contribution – A&S Games – Bowser 1 hour for everyone to travel. – Need \$50 for hall – charging \$5 for adults – no intended to be money maker – more community – Motion John – to advance \$150 – try to get newcomers to come – Board games and physical activity games needed Think Sat Nov 10th 5 to 9pm (or 17th)
2. Kjartan – raffle as fundraiser – wooden box and contribute – games night – white court – Liz – Gaming regs changed -Halima – review fundraising options.
3. List Field – Track down by Liz – last word was suppose to be in Erin’s position and would be brought to Armada – Erin didn’t come. – Cunnegunda – webbing – white nylon

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

Sept 26th 7pm

Council meeting - October 13, 2012 Shire of Hartwood

minutes by Halima

Present: John Mail, Allison Mail, Amber Oaks, Linda J. Doerksen, Danielle Bevan, Susan Hudema, Don Fawthorpe, Taleah Cristea, Zoran, Erin Ada Thomas,

Call to order: 3:40

Minutes of the last meeting: reading if Eliz comes in time, else next meeting

Officer reports:

Archery - practices are currently two times each week; looking at an indoor range; season ends Oct 31; Miranda is master bowman in An Tir for Child; Joye is new, 13 yrs old, and has a 99.5 average, close to grand master for her class.

West Hartwood is now Sundays, and has indoor range (20 yd)

Herald - office still open; SCA mem req; requirements given, and reassurances

MoS - fight practices continuing weekly, no injuries, nothing new

A&S - rpt sent; looking for local coordinators; created a schedule of activities for North Hartwood (had an evening of stick weaving, 2 inkle looms, 1 counter-balance loom)

Chatelaine - written report

"Not a lot to report, sadly.

We had one potential new member come to Armada, with whom I exchanged emails and arranged for costumes to be available at the event. I sent a follow-up email but have not heard back (however, I was emailing the person's family and not the young man himself.). I did not meet him because I was not able to get to the event until later in the day.

"Next membership event is a Games Night on November 17 in Parksville, for which I will be donating a door prize and promoting via free classified event ads in the surrounding area."

Chronicler - looking for articles; no other rpt; release forms posted on Hartwood list

Exchequer - no change from last council (\$1908.93 + 5.03 + A/R \$500)

Seneschal - summarizes all officer reports; req for memberships from Sarah/Susan; discussion on members

Old Business:

Events

White Court - Dec 1; Danielle (feast org) has flyers (for this and Games); OAP hall is a home, expanded; 4:30-10:30 p.m.; needs from Stores (see Kjartan); need slow cookers

Games - Parksville is "dead zone", and central to all; Nov 17, 5-9 p.m.; smaller portion of much larger hall; Danielle (steward); theme is to hang out and have fun; Susan offered to bring stuff; stuff is needed (see Kjartan); \$5 / head as experiment for first time steward; potluck snack; John suggests contacting fighters' list; possibly have Gold Key/Stores; herald consult?; etc.

TUTR - no movement yet

New Business:

Exchequer - Financial Policy, first draft - no response by officers to exchequer's post; will send info directly

Seneschal - received info from Principality re: "issue"; Don indicated a letter is in process

Skype meetings - must communicate better; meeting times posted to Hartwood elist is still best; hubs need to notify availability; scheduling for members still a problem with working shifts; next council at Games, if short;

Danielle - Phone list @ gate, w addendum

Next meeting @ Games night

Adjournment: 4 p.m.

Nov 17th Hartwood Council Meeting

Attending:

John, Linda, Valerie, Allison, Danielle, Jamie, Mark, Bernice, Don, Nic, James

To order @ 6:45 PM

Oct 13th Meeting minutes read

Chatelaine

- Has one new contact; copied reply to several people
- Sent information on games night and white court to newbie list; no response
- Mentioned in quarterly report that we were thinking of doing a media advisory for events. This is an invitation to the media to cover an event. Was informed we are not permitted to contact media. Sent information to be passed along, but it doesn't seem as if it was.

Seneschale will contact superiors regarding this issue.

Chamberlain

We've been going through our stores and making current lists. Courtenay has two totes of Gold Key, but Valerie has no space, so they'll remain up island.

Exchequer

Shire funds are down to: \$2250.42

Archery

Archery report emailed.

Seneschal

Not much to report; has been trying to communicate online. Would like to see new people come out.

White court will have an auction to balance out the previous event losses.

A&S

TBA

New Business

Danielle - Games night discussion. Decided 23 of Feb for the next night.

Don - Would like council to set a date time place for general populace to discuss the new shire proposal. Sent an email to seneschal, but got no reply.

Seneschal is discussing with principality to look for rules on the matter.

Don wrote to principality seneschal, he said it shouldn't be a problem, could be done. Must sit down with all people in the shire to discuss it, and then have vote.

We'll schedule for the 27th Jan, Sunday, for 3 hours

Don will check Coombes area and price it out

Fjordland just submitted shire and will know the process, they may be able to help. Their proposal is being used as a guideline.

Valerie - White court is coming up, information is online.

Has no clean up crew; should put it out on the lists to request.

Ticket sales: North Courtenay: 9 tickets sold, 11 reserved from out of towners

Allison: No bids in for the Heraldic Symposium; we could tie it in with TUTR again?

TUTR event hasn't had bid yet -- we'll wait until mid-Jan.

Next meeting, 13th Dec (Thurs) Via skype

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23=

Hartwood Council of Jan 27/13

(Taken by HL Marina)

Present: John, Aline, Halima, Jean, Julie, Mischa, Stu, Shannon, Zoran, Rita, Don, Prudence, Amber, Lynne.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Seneschal's report

Motion on behalf of Cecile - \$50 for thread and embroidery. Seconded by Susan. Passed

Archery report.

Chronicler's Report

Lynne may be interested in the position.

Heraldry Report

Chatelaine (position open) Prudence is interested.

Exchequer's report

Seneschal went over upcoming events.

SeaLion to be in Duncan this year.

New Events.

April TUTR 14-16th

Black Creek Hall, social in the evening. Site cost \$402.25, estimated income \$525. Estimated profit 112.25. 2 kitchens available so cooking classes a possibility.

Need set up, clean up and billeting.

Halima and Dori are co-autocrats.

Discount of 15 percent due to John and aline being members of the hall committee.

Damage deposit of \$175. Float of \$50.

Motion to approve event and give autocrats the money. Seconded by Lynne. Passed.

New Business

Summer event date is reserved on the Kingdom Calendar for Aug. 9-11th. An event proposal is needed.

Council Meetings for the year.

Feb. 23rd meeting and games nite at Julie + Mischa's.

March 27th, Skype meeting at Amber's for 6pm

April 13 at TUTR at 6 pm.

May 29th 6 pm Skype.

Meeting adjourn 4:10pm

Hartwood Council March 17/13

Attending: Sara, Scathach, John St. John, Mary St. John, Edward Jullienne, Zoran, Fjorleif, Symonne, Marina, Elizabeth, Attila, Thorfin, Sextus, Aline, John, Cunnegonda, Halima, Sgain, Mischa

Meeting Start: 6:17

Minutes: John motions accept minutes as read (Sara 2nd) – passed

Upcoming TUTR Event : Halima: Website is online need people setup and cleanup, contact Event Steward if any questions

Port Alberni:

Will be presenting a proposal to hold summer event at castle setup – we have paperwork – changed to Symonne will be Event Steward

Fjorleif: West Hartwood – starting on A&S project – Thursday Evening first meeting

Naniamo :

Thorfin – Stepping down as of May 1st – MoS

Combat arrows being made

Coombs:

Still doing archery- May 19th Golden Arrow - Household Event

Courtenay :

Cunnegonda – website design will change new social media regulations – if want to use Facebook or Twitter need to follow regulations – Officers have Twitter accounts and people will see that we are active. Every time you hold a meeting tweet. Will give a try and see how it goes. Cunnegonda will upgrade website.

Council meetings – skype meetings suck – Lighthouse Community Hall Bowser site has cheap rent – Council meetings on Sunday afternoon – 1 hour drive – Port Alberni Agrees, Naniamo Agrees, Courtenay: Yes and Coombs: yes

We will decide at next council when meetings will be booked.

Regarding Split: Need to reiterate... Kingdom Polling officer – letter comes to Hartwood council , discussed – if passes council goes to crown – members only

Want to do Newcomers Novus Diploma Night– June 29th to 30 – Camping event – classes taught for diploma 10 courses – give people broad range of understanding of how SCA functions – Instructors willing to teach contact her – list of courses will be put on email

Officers Reports:

Mail reports to Elizabeth before meeting

Archery :

There isn't much to report since my last report in January. The weather has not cooperated to allow us to shoot outdoors yet.

I was asked to run an archery tournament at Investiture in Seagirt in February. We had a nice turn out and the weather actually was perfect for shooting.

I've been approached by some of your fighters in South Hartwood who are wanting to start to shoot combat archery. I have contacted Baron James and Magnus from Seagirt to assist me with this as neither John nor I are Senior Marshals for Combat Archery. I have not heard back from them. I have, however, offered to travel down to teach them how to shoot, if we are able to find a suitable place, even a garage would do.

We will have to purchase some targets for the upcoming season. John and I will be fixing up the butts in preparation for the start of the season.

Aline de Seez
Chief Archer
Shire of Hartwood

Motion: to spend \$50 to purchase target – Cunnegunda 2nd – passed

Many Hartwoodians participated: Joye made into 2nd round

Chatelaine and Herald Offices are still open – 3 containers of garb etc that need to go somewhere

MoS – Need Written report

Halima explain procedures for selling items from iron key. Need to make inventory. Will make arrangement- Need a budget for repairs – need to make list of repairs needed. Bring for next month's council

Exchequer: \$2387.90 will change as event comes up. Put financial policy into newsletter.

Need reports etc for newsletter for next Friday - 22nd March

This is just to let you know that I am stepping down as Hartwood's exchequer. Those interested in the position should forward their resume and cover letter to seneschal@hartwood.tirrih.org -and- exchequer@hartwood.tirrih.org. When it is received, I will send you a

note to that effect; if you do not get a note, it has gone astray.

Deadline: March 30/13.

Seneschal: A reminder we are still looking for two offices; Chatelaine and Herald and that we have two new openings coming up very quickly; Exchequer and Master of Stables. It is a requirement for Hartwood to remain solvent that the Exchequer office be filled immediately and at least the MOS or the Harolds position so we maintain sufficient number of Greater Offices.

Please forward your resumes (however brief) to myself and I will discuss the applications with the outgoing officers, the other Shire officers, and then at the next council.

Events coming up:

- April 12 - 14	Hartwood	TUTR
- April 20th	Seagirt	Masked Ball
- May 11-12	Ramsgaard	Tir Righ Heraldic Symposium
- May 17 - 19	Vuncanfeldt	An Tir May Crown
- May 24 - 26	Seagirt	SeaLion War
- Jun 7 -9	Lionsdale	Tir Righ's 10th June Coronet (THIS WILL BE BIG!)
- Jul 12-14	False Isle	Mermaids
- Jul 19 - 21	Midhaven	An Tir July Coronation
- Aug 9 - 11	Hartwood	Summer event.

Elizabeth Requests: Please send monthly reports before meeting

Courtenay: Cunnegunda Request– Publish minutes on List

Hartwood Council – April 14/13

Minutes read and changed: Cunnagunda did not schedule council meetings . Will decide at Council.:
Cunnegunda motions – John 2nd passed.

Officer Reports:

Archery: Nothing to report

A&S: Been hearing that the Port Alberni area has begun to have occasional meetings, which is absolutely awesome. Congratulations for coming together to socialise and create in your area!

Comox Valley et. al. has been working on solo projects and heraldic display. Getting to a point soon where we'll need volunteers to do embroidery piecework, watch the email list for details.

Taking applications for Minister of Arts and Sciences for the Shire of Hartwood. Please send applications with pertinent SCA resume, full legal name, address, phone number, email address, and SCA membership number to John Macandrew by May 1st, 2013.

Please note that this position requires a minimum of weekly (preferably more) access to email, and phone accessibility.

Any questions about what the workload of the position or the requirements are like, please contact me directly - thank you.

Chronicler: I am still looking for Chronicler to replace me.

The photographers release form is still required, however, model releases are no longer needed in the SCA.

From the October 2012 Board Meeting:

“SCA participants including officers are no longer required to go through the onerous and debilitating and ultimately futile process of attempting and failing to get model releases for every captured model from the photographer as long as it is for informational or promotional purposes and not for commercial purposes. If the individuals or SCA is contacted by any party wishing to remove the photo or video, the SCA will comply promptly.”

Since our newsletters are not commercial but purely informational, they qualify.

The SCA has a new social media policy. You should familiarize yourself with it.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY OF THE SCA <http://sca.org/docs/pdf/SCASocialMediaPolicy.pdf>

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING APPLICABILITY OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

<http://sca.org/docs/pdf/SocialMediaPolicyCriteria.pdf>

Chatelaine: There is a new family group in Black Creek. Try to get out to event. Mostly interested in archery. 4 New people at TUTR

Family Activities: Well the family activities department has been having a very lazy while. I helped out at daffodil in seagirt and I hung out with the children somewhat at the tudr and that's about it I believe. Upcoming plans - I have no clue. I have not been asked to help with anything as of yet.

Herald: Office Still open

John: We really need officers to replace those offices. A&S Herald, Chronicler, MoS Chatelaine. Cannot function without them

Exchequer: Written Motion: Halima: We accept Financial Policy and move on. Aline 2nd

\$2568.51 after TUTR

Cunnegunda is now Exchequer. Deputy Halima

Seneschal: Got a letter from Coombs regarding splitting from Hartwood. Baron James: Coombs, Parkville and Qualicum and/or Port Alberni. Cannot have strip across the middles. Can still be officers and have voting privileges. 305 of officers can live out of Shire. Send this proposal explaining what they can have and send to polling officer (Baron James). Will draft a letter and send to James for proofreading.

Really need officers to step up.

New Business:

1. University of Tir Righ – Naniamo -Novus event in June: 28,- 30 Event Proposal. \$20 for site\$5 for feast with potential of day food. Will need Biffies and Food. – Will Be Autocrated by Cunnegunda Possible Attila co event steward. If site doesn't pan out possible day in park.
2. Ravens war: Received Proposal: 9-11 August - \$15 – Estimates of 50 people going may be high... After Tournament of Armies – may be difficult. Events have had a lot less lately... 30 people more common. Event Steward needs to contact Aline to get senior archery marshal. Food costs maybe be high... May need to be adjusted.
3. Cunnegunda – Tir Righ August Investiture – put in a bid. Possible site suitable for 200 people. Hall and field too. Works out to 2./3 of typical cost of event. 23/24/25 August – Like to submit a proposal – Everyone agree.

Council meetings: 1pm Sunday – May 19th – June Novus event June 23rd July 21, August 25th

New Business: None

John motions meeting Adjourned 2nd Aline – 2:32

The Darkening Year

Halima al-Rakkas

As the daylight hours get shorter, thoughts turn to the dark end of the year, with the age-old effort of human beings to bring back the light. For us, in both modern and medieval society, this dark time of the year means Christmas.

Did you know that "Christmas" comes from combining of the title of Christ (meaning "Saviour") with Mass? Mass (from the Old English "maesse") is a Christian ritual in which bread and wine are consecrated, distributed to participants and consumed; it is a liturgy (set of prescribed forms for public worship, from the Greek "leitourgia", that is, public duty) in the Roman Catholic and some Anglican churches. The day, therefore, is one of ritual celebration of the birth of a Saviour. "Christ" comes from the Greek "Christos" which comes from "chriein", anoint; one who is anointed is the divinely chosen one, and was originally used as a title identifying Jesus as the Messiah.

Did you know that, before the 5th century, there was no consensus on the date for this ritual celebration? The Roman Catholic Church eventually set it to December 25th, taking over "Modranecht" (mothers' night) and "Invicti Solis" (sun-god Mithra's birthday).

Christmas superseded Saturnalia (Saturn, the Roman god of agriculture), which was set around December 19th and lasted as long as seven days; Saturnalia was a lively festival connected with the winter sowing of crops (October to January), during which slaves were temporarily free and equal to their masters, and gifts were freely exchanged (especially wax, not tallow, candles, and little clay

dolls).

Did you know that Christmas eve was the start of the day of celebration? Some cultures begin their day at sundown, just as Jewish and Islamic customs still dictate. Each "day" started at sunset, putting our sleeping-times in the middle of the "day", which was dark.

Evenfall was often spent in some activity, possibly entertainment by firelight as a winter's even (archaic from Old English "aefen") was oft too long to be spent sleeping.

Did you know that the Yule log had special significance to our ancestors? This was a good-sized piece of firewood, a section of log, that was placed on the hearth-fire, but not allowed to be fully consumed by the fire; the charred wood was kept for starting the next year's Yule fire, except for the bits shaved and scraped off for use in folk remedies.

Did you know that the fir tree held a special place in the winter celebrations? The German carol, "O, Tannenbaum" (loosely translated as "O Christmas Tree") refers to a fir tree, central because the evergreen suggested that even in the cold and dark of winter, some things were eternal. The small candles placed in the branches suggested stars, or the suns of past years; it may harken back to the old custom of holding bonfires during this time of year to encourage the sun's return to the land.

Did you know that ancients new that the dark end of the year was just a phase? "Yule" comes from the Old English "geol" (2 dots over the o), meaning "wheel". They felt that the changing of summer to winter and back again had a rhythm like the turning of a wheel, giving us references to the "Wheel of the Year". Observations of the sun, with its changing noon-tide height throughout the year like the wobbles of a child's spinning top, probably gave support to the idea.

There are many customs we observe that are particular to this time of year, all of them changing over time. At this time of year, no matter what you call this season, we can look back at the good we have done, and look forward to a new and brighter future.

May joy lead you forward into the new year!

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ARCHERS OF THE MARY ROSE

In 1545 King Henry the Eight had his flag ship, the Mary Rose, sink in the Solvent just off of Portsmouth, England.

It is thought on the Mary Rose, upon sinking, there were between 500 and 700 men on board. To estimate the number of archers we could look at the number of bows which numbered 250. However it was the duty of archers to supply their own gear. As well, many bows were recovered in crates.

During 1512, before the ship retrofit to a larger size, the ship roster was:

- Captain and Admiral of the fleet,
 - Treasurer of the army by sea,
 - 2 lodesmen,
 - 251 solders (of this number on a portion would be archers),
 - 120 marniers,
 - 20 gunners,
 - 20 servants,
- Total 435

In 1545 the ships were not to leave the Solvent so it was possible additional troops were on board. We know extra guns were.

Of the bodies thought to be archers the following was discovered:

- Thickened left forearms,
- Spinal deformations,
- Exhibiting changes to shoulder blades,
- Early 20s,
- Large men, and
- Massively boned.

Bow sizes to archers height: 6 -7 foot bows and 5'7" to 6'.

During the battle in 1545 King Henry's plan was not to engage the French as they outnumbered him with 225 ships to his 60. He wanted to draw in the French and use his shore batteries. If this was so, what was the function of the archers on the Mary Rose?

Book suggestion: sharpshooters, range finders, and to battle ashore if needed.

Other options: flaming arrows (two heavy leather mitts were found) and ship defense if the battle soured.

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Jack: A stiff leather sleeveless jerking possibly capable of giving some protection against slashing cuts, glancing arrows, or shrapnel. One was found near an archer and might have been his. The 12 jerkins were oak tanned calf skin.

Leather shoes, knitted wool caps (like flat berets) lined in silk, sleeveless wool jerkins, and boots were also found but may not have been archer possessions.

The boots like the jerkins were slashed for greater comfort.

BRACERS

Twelve bracers have been recovered from the site. Eleven were leather and one bone. Three of the leather bracers were embossed with the Royal Arms, the Tudor Rose and Castle as well the pomegranate for Catherine of Aragon.

The ivory bracer survived by being buried under a coil of tarred rope.

No finger tabs or gloves were recovered although two left handed leather mitts were. It is suggested these could have been used for fire arrows but they might have also been used by the gunners.

ARROW CLIPS

Arrow were found either tied in bundles of 24 or in arrow clips. Each clip would have 24 holes, each $\frac{1}{2}$ in diameter. The clips have stitch marks which suggest a cloth bag might have been sewn into the clip to cover the arrows.

MARY ROSE ARROWS

The arrows found on the Mary Rose represent the only certifiable English medieval arrows existing today. Since 1979 more than 2000 arrows have been recovered (poplar, beach, ash, and hazel). The Anthony Roll listed the ship as carrying 400 sheaves (9600 arrows) and 6 gross of bow strings (864).

With marine micro-organisms being very partial to horn none of the bone inserts survived however by looking at the glue stains for the feathers, the depth of the slot for the horn insert, and with slot width of the nock point we can determine many things.

The majority of the arrows on the Mary Rose were between 30 and 31.5 Inches.

The majority of the arrows on the Mary Rose were $\frac{1}{2}$ inch shafts. They were tapered to $\frac{3}{8}$ th inches at the feathered (bobtailed). This tapering would have made better arrow clearance.

The nock ends of the arrows were tapered to $\frac{3}{8}$ th inch and re-enforced with bone. The string slots were an $\frac{1}{8}$ th of an inch.

All the feathers on the Mary Rose arrows were eaten away. Traces suggest the feathers suggest they were either goose or swan. Fortunately the glue and string wrappings stained the shafts leaving us clues.

The feathers were approximately 7.5 inches and were definitely tied on.

MARY ROSE – BOWS

King Henry VIII had intended on maintaining archery as part of his war arsenal. He had ordered 40,000 bow staves from Venice and had passed a number of laws requiring all male citizens to practice. There were also strict rules to the quality of equipment produced by both bowyers and arrow-smiths.

The Anthony Roll listed 250 bows on the Mary Rose.

Archeological evidence has produced the following information:

- 167 yew self bows recovered,
- All bows constructed with heart and sap wood,
- Bow lengths 1.8 – 2.06 meters,
- Bow weight 80 – 180 pounds with most in the 100-120 range,
- Suggested evidence of horn nocks on bows (discolouration at the ends),
- No evidence of hand grips (there was evidence of feathers through glue marks and discolouration of the wood),
- 80% of the bows had stamp marks,
- Bows had either knots removed or areas around the knots raised,
- Most bows slightly reflexed,
- Some bows were “whipped”, reducing the limb just before the nock to increase limb speed,
- None of the bows showed any arrow rub,
- Some bows were strung when the ship sank. This was determined by the extreme bow set.

King Henry VIII had ordered that all men capable age would shoot longbows and that fathers were responsible to provide bows to their sons. The Anthony Roll lists 250 bows on board but none of the recovered bows showed any arrow rub.

Therefore:

- Had the archers brought their own bows on board or were new bows to be issued?
- Had some of the bows been strung for battle but never fired?
- Were the bows that were whipped been modified in the short time before battle?
- Is there a possibility of a small leather wrap where the arrows would rest?

For more information please visit:

www.maryrose.org

Master John Macandrew

Upcoming Events

June 2012

08-10

Tir Righ June Coronet
(Coronet Level)

21-24

Known World Music and Dance Symposium 9, Out of Kingdom
(non-An Tir)

22-24

Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium, Kingdom of the East
(non-An Tir)

22-24

Tir Righ / Avacal War, Principality of Avacal
(Principality Level)

July 2012

04-08

An Tir / West War, [Kingdom of the West](#)
(Kingdom Level)

06-08

Stranded Mermaid, [Shire of False Isle](#)
(Level 1)

06-08

Fields of Gold, Shire of Tir Bannog
(Level 1)

12-15

Seaside Tourney, Barony of Seagirt in support of their incipient Shire
(Level 2)

20-22

July Coronation, [Barony of Three Mountains and the Canton of Kaldorness](#)
(Crown Level)

27-29

Seagirt's Sergeant, Yeoman and Gallant Trials, Barony of Seagirt
(Level 2)

Tir Righ June Coronet

June 07, 2013 to June 09, 2013

[Lionsdale](#)

Fraser Valley, BC (Langley)

Autocrat: [Katya Zhdana Volkova Kievskaya](#)

Heed the call of Their Highnesses Christian and Heléne to gather and bear witness to a grand tournament to decide the successors to the Storm Thrones. The Shire of Lionsdale welcomes all to watch history unfold, while we celebrate our own history in the 10th Anniversary of our fair Principality of Tir Righ.

Other festivities during the event will include a Knight's Invitational Tourney, Equestrian Showcase, Archery, Rapier, Bardic, Arts and Sciences classes, a Consorts Tea Party and more.

Preregistration is available and encouraged. Preregistration must be postmarked by May 15. Email exchequer@lionsdale.net for details.

Make checks payable to "Shire of Lionsdale".

FEES: Adults \$20 (\$5 NMS applies), Youth (13-18) \$10,

Children 12 and under – Free, Family Cap \$50.

Merchanting fee: \$10

Site opens 2:00 pm Friday & closes at 5:00 pm. Sunday.

There is potable water on site. Alcohol is permitted. Attendees must pack their garbage out when leaving. Fires in raised personal braziers & smoking in designated areas only. No pets allowed on site.

Site Info:

Name: The Grene Wode
25133 0 Avenue
Langley, BC V4W 2H4

Directions to Site:

Canada: Make your best way to exit #73 on Highway #1 (264th Street) in Langley. Continue south on 264th Street. Turn west (right) onto 0 Avenue. The Grene Wode will be in approximately 3 km, on the north side of the road (right).

U.S.A.: Make your best way to the Aldergrove/Lynden Border crossing. Proceed to 0 Avenue and head west. The Grene Wode will be in approximately 2 miles, on the north side of the road (right).



An Tir / West War

July 04, 2013 to July 07, 2013

WA, OR, Western ID, BC, AB, SK, NT, YK

Autocrat: [Magdalena del Albero & Magdalena del Albero](#)

Site Info:

Name: Lazy J Moore Ranch
96029 Euchre Creek Rd.
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Directions to Site:

Last Event's Directions:

North: Make your best way to Port Orford Oregon. Head south from Port Orford on Hwy 101 approx 16 miles. Last milepost seen is 316. You turn left on to Ophir road just before you would reach milepost 317. Then turn left onto Euchre Creek road. Follow road to site, approx 1 mile.

South: Make your best way to Gold Beach Oregon. Head north out of Gold Beach on Hwy 101 for approx 11 miles to milepost 317. Turn right on to Ophir road. Turn left onto Euchre Creek road. Follow road to site, approx 1 mile.

Stranded Mermaid

July 12, 2013 to July 14, 2013

[False Isle](#)

Powell River, BC

Autocrat: [Cassandra le Rede](#)

Site Info:

Name: Craig Park
8515 Craig Road
Powell River, BC V8A 4Z3

Directions to Site:

For all areas except Vancouver Island, make your best way to Vancouver BC. From Vancouver BC, take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale. Drive approximately 1.5 hours, easy driving time, to Earl's Cove ferry terminal. Take the ferry to Saltery Bay. Coming off the ferry follow Highway 101 heading north towards Lund BC for 51.5 km, turn right at Craig Road and SCA sign, then left into Craig Park.

Note: There are two ferries to get to Powell River from Vancouver, but you only pay for one.

From the Vancouver Island (Comox) ferry, go straight off the ferry to Marine Avenue (2 blocks).

Turn left, follow Highway 101 north towards Lund BC for 19.8 km, turn right at Craig Road and SCA sign, then left into Craig Park.



July Coronation

July 19, 2013 to July 21, 2013

[Midhaven](#)

Skagit, San Juan & N Island Counties, WA

Autocrat: [Bryson MacLachlan & Mericke de Ross](#)

Crown Event No Conflicts Allowed

Please join us in celebrating the reign of King UlfR and Queen Caoimhe and to welcome our new sovereigns (to be added after May Crown).

July Coronation will be held in the Shire of Midhaven. The event is being co-hosted by the Shire of Midhaven and the Barony of Aquaterra.

The site is the Northern State Recreation Area at the corner of Hwy 20 and Helmick Road in Sedro-Woolley, WA. The address is 25625 Helmick Road. This is 37 acres of flat grassy ground with a several acre wetland setback from Hwy 20 and facing onto Helmick Road. It is approximately ½ mile east of Sedro-Woolley and is less than 10 miles off Interstate 5.

The site is without water which means attendees must bring their own. There are no trees/shade on site except for that which we bring with us.

Site will open at noon on Friday, July 19 for merchant set-up and at 3:00 pm for all others.

Marketplace Coordinator: Arontius of Bygelswade (M. Aaron Rogers) (360)307-0526 Arontius@comcast.net

To Pre-register (Not Pre-pay) fill out the pre-reg form at <http://midhaven.antir.sca.org/JulyCoronation2013/>

For RV Reservations (there are no RV hook-ups at this site): Michael FitzGeoffrey (Darby Cook) michaelfitzgeoffrey@gmail.com

For space on the Eric (limited to 25' frontage including support lines) and Group Camping: Etole' Marchant (Robin Begin) etole_marchant@yahoo.com

*There will be Period camping surrounding the Erics and Kingdom and Branch Pavillions

DEADLINE for Eric space and large group camping reservations is Friday, July 14th.

Site fee:

Adults (18 & over) \$20.00

Youth (10 – 17 years) \$10.00

Child (9 & under) Free

Family Cap \$60.00

\$5.00 non member surcharge will be applied.

Make checks payable to "The Shire of Midhaven, SCA Inc"

Autocrats:

HL Bryson MacLaughlin (Bryson McCloughen), 301 S 6th Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274 brysonmcc@gmail.com

HL Mericke de Ross (Monique Moran), 700 N Reed St., #48, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 merickedeross@gmail.com

Directions:

From I5 northbound or southbound. Take the Cook Road exit (exit 232) towards Sedro Woolley (heading east). Turn Left onto WA-20/North Cascades Hwy/WA-9. Continue to follow WA-20 Turn Left onto Helmick Road. 25625 Helmick Road in on the Left.

