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Northshield Event Calendar



NOTICE: All events are subject to being canceled if, at the time the event is to be held, modern civil authorities have issued restrictive orders related to public gatherings pursuant to their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.



May 2026 (AS LXI)

- 9.....Northshield Spring Crown Tournament, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du lac, WI)  
- 20.....Deadline for July 2026 Northwatch (TBD)
- 21-26.....Great Western Regional F.A.R.E., Shire of Korsvag (Fargo, ND)  
- 29-31.....Bardic Madness, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)  
- 30.....Beltane Rides Again, Shire of Darkstone (Iron River, WI)

June 2026 (AS LXI)

- 5-14.....War of the Lilies, Kingdom of Calontir
- 5-7.....War Practice Weekend at the Roost IV, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr, (Mukwonago, WI)
- 5-7.....Schutzenfest XV, Barony of Nordskogen (Lumberton, MS)  
- 13.....NS A&S Faire, Barony of Nordskogen (Hudson, WI)  
- 19-21.....Midsummer's Eve XXIII: Academy of Arts and Science, Shire of Trewint (Wessington Springs, SD)
- 20.....Deadline for August 2026 Northwatch (TBD)
- 20.....Untitled Rapier Event, Barony of Jararvellir (Verona, WI)
- 25-28.....Bardic Blades XIII, Shire of Dreibrucken, (Elgin, ND) ****Date Correction****
- 27.....Castle Fever, Shire of Silfren Mere (Oronoco, MN)

July 2026 (AS LXI)

- 9-12.....Warriors and Warlords XXXVI, Baronies of Jararvellir and Nordskogen (Tomah, WI)  
- 20.....Deadline for September 2026 Northwatch (TBD)



 Sovereign will attend  Sovereign's Consort will attend  Royal Heir will attend  Royal Heir's Consort will attend
 Laurel Meeting  Pelican Meeting  Defense Meeting  Chivalry Meeting  Stallari Meeting

Listing your event on the calendar does not place an ad in the *Northwatch*. To submit your event advertisement for publication in the *Northwatch*, submit the required information to the Event Information Officer (calendar@northshield.org) before the 15th of the month before the month of publication (i.e., the deadline is May 15th for the July issue). To contact the Northshield Event Information Officer, send a message to calendar@northshield.org.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings start at 10:00 am. Note: Attendees are asked to wear modern clothing to Board meetings. (Agenda deadlines are first of month of meeting.) ****Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following locations; however, depending on "safer-in-place" regulations in effect, meetings may be handled by VoIP. Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid. July 19, 2026 meeting: TBD. October 17, 2026 meeting: Hybrid.**

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Their Royal Majesties

No missive this month.

Jacquette & Axel

Royal Proclamation – Griffin’s Nest

With the blessings of Their Majesties King Tom and Queen Wu, do We, the Heirs of Northshield, Prince Axel and Princess Jacquette, issue the following Royal Proclamation:

This winter, none in the lands of Northshield shall know hunger. To that end, Their Highnesses establish the Griffin’s Nest Food Pantry. Their Highnesses request that at every event the autocrats dedicate one table be designated on site for the donation of non-perishable food and goods. Their Highnesses will make a donation at every event and encourage members of the populace who are able to join them. These food items will be made available to any and all populace members and non-members without question. Populace members may take from the table any items they need. They may also take items for individuals not in attendance to be delivered. At the end of each event, remaining items will be donated to the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital Food Bank or local pantry.

This proclamation shall expire at the completion of Jacquette and Axel’s tenure as Royals.



Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings to the populace of Northshield.

As we start this month, our Kingdom's Crown Tournament is near. We will see the new heirs step up and take their places upon the dais. We must also prepare for future tournaments

and coronations, should the need arise. We have a need for groups to provide spaces for these and other kingdom events in the coming year. Many of these events have Kingdom Officers who can provide direct support and guidance. We want to see these events taking place in all areas of the kingdom. Please reach out if you or your group could provide assistance in locating sites where we could hold these necessary activities.

The summer events are coming fast. Please hydrate and use sunscreen as needed to keep you and your friends playing as well tomorrow as they do today.

Mikkel



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings fellow Exchequers!

I want to thank everyone for their hard work getting the Domesday reporting done. I also

want to remind everyone to be sure to make the ending value on your 2025 reports match the beginning value of your 2026 reports.

There is a new reporting format that will need to be used for the 1st quarter reporting.

Please view the training videos for the new report format that are available through Canvas.

A link to both the new reports and the Canvas training videos can be found on the SCA’s web site at the Society Exchequer’s page (www.sca.org/resources/finances-and-reports/).

Finally, because of the shortened time frame for depositing monies, all NMR payments should be directed to the Kingdom Exchequer (me). The Kingdom NMR Deputy will still need to receive copies of the NMR reports.

Yours in Service,

Lachlann



Kingdom Polaris Herald

Greetings from the Polaris Herald pro tem.

Just a reminder that Court Reports are required whenever you have been the Herald in charge of a Royal Court including Regency Courts. The reports must be completed as soon as possible after the event and sent

to courtreports@northshield.org. The form for Court reports can be found on the Kingdom website - click on Herald under Officers to find it.

The next quarterly Heraldry is a Team Sport Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm Central time . The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the time of the meeting.

Cheers,

Clara



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

I’m writing this in March, the day after a blizzard graced our land with deep snow. Even though I enjoy our winter traditions and customs, I am looking forward to spring and the upcoming Kingdom A&S.

A&S is a way to show off all the cool stuff you’ve been working on. If you want to enter the competition, or if you only want to display, we have room for your projects.

Take the time to organize what you’d like to share about your project. Non-competitive entries don’t need formal documentation! For example, samples of your raw materials, tools, process photos, reference images, websites, books, and even your notes – all help to explain your project and assist others who may be interested.

Please check out the website for more information on entering competitive and non-competitive/display projects. All your projects are valuable, and we look forward to seeing what you have been doing.

Lastly, I want to commend and thank all of the local MOAS officers who have served locally and our Kingdom as a whole. There isn’t room to mention them all, but huge thank-you’s go out to those who are stepping down, and a big welcome to new officers.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions.

Neave



Northwatch Editor

We are still looking for someone to take over the role of the Editor of the *Northwatch*. Please contact chronicler@northshield.org if you are interested in this position or have questions about the role.

The *Northwatch* is a fantastic way to showcase all the great work being done in Northshield. Did you teach a class at a recent event? Do you have a new A&S project or bardic piece? Please consider sharing some of your information for a future issue. The deadline for *Northwatch* items is the 20th of the month (and always listed in the calendar at the start of the issue).



Kingdom Webminister

Greetings!

Let's start with answers to a couple of questions that we've received: "Abelard, how can I create a new profile?" Fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/NewNSProfile> and we will create it for you. This prevents a series of bots from gaining access to the site and harvesting all of the information they can find. More about that below. And then: "Abelard, I changed my name and I can't change it on the website!" We're working on making that possible, but we can change it for you. Please send email to support@northshield.org and we'll take care of it.

I was hoping to announce the existence of profile photos on the website, but - at least at the time of writing this article - they aren't quite ready yet. However, the fact that they're coming brings up an interesting thing that we should discuss. (By which I mean, I will tell you about it and you can hunt me down at an event and we can discuss it.) You should be aware that one of the interactive tools available on the website is release forms. There is actually a document on the SCA website which discusses the importance of release forms and what they govern, but to summarize - we (the web team) should have a release form filled out for every piece of digital media on the website, from profile photos to scrolls to articles written by officers.

Some of those releases are waived or covered by a blanket statement which is assumed when officers take their roles, and some releases have been waived because the photos are from the public domain. Releases for scribal works have been maintained from the old website, though I'm certain that we have some photos of scrolls without matching release form information. (We won't display those until we can find releases for them.)

Please, if you have images or photos of scrolls which you wish to be made visible on the website, fill out the release forms to display them. (Go to Resources -> For Members -> Edit Persona to get to the toolbox, click Northshield Tools on the left, and there - next to Manage Persona Information and Submit Award Recommendations, which you should also be filling out - is Submit Release Form.) The job of matching peoples' releases with their art or photos is up to us. Having said that, did you know there's a form which you can use to send us your photos of scrolls, devices, or yourself? (Once the release is filled out, of course.) You can do so at <https://tinyurl.com/NSNewPhoto>!

Another related thing which is coming to the site is the ability to look up contact information for individuals. In order to display a person's personal information - such as their email addresses - we also need permission from that person to display it. I'll tell you up front that this information will be hidden unless you have logged in, similar to certain search functions. It is our intention to display a checkbox in each person's profile which will allow us to display your email, and it will be marked 'hidden' by default.

And speaking of personal information, we have added an additional person type. This came out of a recent kerfuffle in another Kingdom regarding authorization cards and whether or not they require legal names. If you wish to have your legal name in our database, we now have a field in which we can enter it, and it will not appear anywhere on the website except on a special authorization card that only you can download. There's a chance you will never use this information, but we wanted to make the option available. Please contact support@northshield.org or webminister@northshield.org if you wish to utilize this field. (Certain other officers can add it as well, but let's keep it simple for now.)

Something else we're working on is the ability to mark what events you will be attending, but since it's not ready yet I'll save that for a future missive.

In service,

Abelard



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month.

-Joseph



SCA Corporate Announcements

New addition of a "Policy on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Plagiarism" Commentary Request

We are asking for feedback on the addition of a "Policy on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Plagiarism" to the Corporate Policies of SCA, Inc.

Background:

There has been commentary and concerns sent to the Society regarding the use of AI in the SCA. In consultation with several of the Society Officers, a plan was formed to address these concerns. A policy was drafted and then sent out to the Kingdom officers to get their feedback in crafting an overarching corporate policy on AI. This is now presented to the membership for additional feedback to craft a policy that works for the SCA.

Purpose:

With the rise of generative AI use, and concerns about theft and use without consent, the Society is creating a policy to give guidelines on usage and to address current concerns.

Design:

The Policy on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Plagiarism is designed to give guidelines on the use of AI. It gives officers the means

to address issues arising from the use of AI. The SCA is a volunteer organization, and it is not viable to have officers track down every instance of AI use that is in violation of this policy. If there are concerns about the use of AI, it can be reported to the appropriate Society Officer for review. This takes some of the burden off the volunteer and allows for a focused response to AI issues as they come up, which was one of the concerns by the officers.

The policy addresses generative AI art and text that creates unique content, preventing it from being used in official SCA spaces. It is a broad umbrella policy at the corporate level, and it will be further defined or restricted in handbooks such as A&S, Webminister, and Social Media. Handbooks are easier to change, and that flexibility is needed with dynamic situations. It minimizes restrictions for AI tools that are could be useful, relieving some of the lift for volunteers in the organization. Photo editing tools and use in coding are not prohibited. It also does not restrict use when used as accessibility and disability aids.

A.1 Establishes that AI generated art cannot be created or modified and presented as an “original contribution” for SCA official use and SCA spaces.

B.1 Establishes that “the unauthorized use, reproduction, or misrepresentation of another person’s or source’s work as one’s own is strictly prohibited.”

These two parts jointly are designed to prevent using generative AI art that is trained on stolen materials. This allows for AI use when they are ethically sourced.

B.2. “Members must provide proper attribution when referencing or incorporating the work of others, including written, artistic, and research materials. This includes stating when AI is used.”

This part allows the use of AI when they are ethically sourced and properly cited.

Summary: Artificial Intelligence can be a powerful tool, especially in a volunteer organization. SCA officers have crafted a policy to provide guidance to navigate an issue that continues to raise concerns in the organization. This is a complex issue, and SCA Corporate would benefit from the various perspectives and insights of the community. The feedback from the membership would be greatly appreciated as we try to address these concerns.

XXI. Policy on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

To ensure authenticity, originality, and integrity in creative and scholarly works associated with the Society, this policy outlines the rules for the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI). These rules do not apply to applications and software uses.

A. Generative Artificial Intelligence

1. The use of generative AI Art tools to create or modify works that are presented as original contributions in any official SCA capacity or on its official spaces is prohibited.

2. The use of generative AI Text tools to create or modify works in any official SCA capacity or on its official online spaces are acceptable for the following uses:

- A. Generate first drafts of text
 - B. Summarize documents or meeting notes
 - C. Edit, proofread, or reformat existing content
 - D. Brainstorm ideas or create content outlines
 - E. Translate text between languages
- B. Plagiarism

1. The unauthorized use, reproduction, or misrepresentation of another person’s or source’s work as one’s own is strictly prohibited.

2. Members must provide proper attribution when referencing or incorporating the work of others, including written, artistic, and research materials. This includes stating when AI is used.

C. Compliance and Enforcement

1. Violations of this policy may result in disqualification from competitions, removal of works from display or publication, removal from office, or other disciplinary actions as determined by the appropriate SCA Officers.

2. Violations of this policy may be reported to their Society Officer in their respective purview.

3. Society Officers may issue additional guidance within their areas of oversight.

Please email all commentary to sca-comments@sca.org, and use the title “AI Policy Addition – commentary” in the subject line. Commentary regarding this proposed policy addition must be received by the Board no later than May 27, 2026.



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MET MUSEUM (NY)

New Thrown Weapons Handbook commentary request

The Society Marshal and the Society Thrown Weapons Deputy are pleased to make available for commentary the approved draft of the new Thrown Weapons Handbook. Commentary will be accepted through May 28, 2026.

This new Thrown Weapons handbook is part of the ongoing modernization effort, which is updating ALL the marshal handbooks in conjunction with updates to the marshal related sections in Corpora. The goal is to better reflect the current structure, culture, and safety best practices we use today in our SCA martial activities.

One of the most significant changes is the modernized format, designed for easy online access and usability. With clear and common layouts, improved navigation, and consistency across all marshal handbooks, this new format makes it easier for both newcomers and experienced participants to find the information they need quickly and confidently.

The new online Thrown Weapons handbook and supporting material can be found at https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main_Page. Also available at this site:

- A link to the online version of the proposed new handbook (PDF also available)
- Cliff notes on the Thrown Weapons Handbook, with a summary of the changes
- A FAQ on the overall rules moderation process, the new handbooks and format

Important Dates: A multi-month process for major changes to handbooks is being used to improve communication and transparency. The timeline is:

- March 28 thru May 28: Thrown Weapons Handbook is open for commentary. This version has been approved by the BoD for commentary for 60 days.
- March – May: Updates to the handbook will be developed based on the commentary.
- June 1: The new handbook, with updates resulting from received commentary, will be submitted to the BoD for final review and approval.
- June 20: The new Thrown Weapons handbooks will be in effect (if approved during the June BoD meeting). International affiliates will follow their processes/timelines.

Please email all commentary to marshal@sca.org and ThrownWeapons@sca.org, and use the title “New TW Handbook – commentary” in the subject line. CC’ing your Kingdom TW Deputy is highly recommended.

Commentary must be received no later than May 28, 2026.

Seeking the Next Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery - Rattan

These are exciting times for the Society, with ever increasing access to new resources and equipment, growing interest in historical combat, and the new online handbooks. The Society Marshal is seeking a Deputy Society Marshal for Combat Archery to join our team, overseeing Combat Archery for Armored Combat – Rattan, working to encourage the participation of all in the Society’s martial activities, and striving to expand and improve those activities for the benefit of the Society and its members.

The duties of the office include:

Inform and support the Society Marshal in matters concerning Combat Archery (CA) for AC-rattan.

Oversee Kingdom CA Deputies concerning the supervision of combat archery activities at Society events and practices.

Work to promote and improve the safety of the Society’s CA activities.

Work with the Minister of Arts and Sciences to encourage research in weapons and the practice of historical combat archery.

Day-to-day work of the position entails administering the CA activities of the Society and coordinating the activities of the Kingdom CA Deputies. Reports are required to be filed quarterly to the Society Marshal summarizing the CA activities of the Society. These activities specifically include:

Supporting the Kingdom CA Deputies when they have questions, and advising them as necessary.

Review and oversight of Kingdom CA rules to ensure they are consistent with Society Handbooks and any SCA Affiliates’ legal limitations.

Help resolving disputes among CA marshals.

Encouraging the expansion of CA activities in the Society through thoughtful revision of the Society handbooks, and review and approval of CA experimental programs with new materials and activities.

The successful candidate must be well versed in administrative techniques, problem solving, and interpersonal communications. The successful candidate will possess:

Knowledge of CA marshallate policy, rules, and procedures.

Knowledge of the traditions of the Society.

Negotiation skills and experience in resolving differences.

The ability to set aside all preferences and biases for the betterment of all.

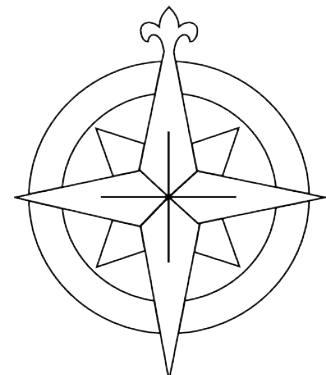
Patience in the face of emotion, advocacy and provocation.

Experienced in the use of modern communications media – messaging, e-mail, social media, and telephone.

The standard term for this office is 3 years. You must hold a current Society membership for the entire duration of the term.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, and resume(s) with modern and SCA qualifications (this can be one or separate resumes), to the Society Marshal (marshal@sca.org) and Society Combat Archery Marshal (combatarchery@sca.org)

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2026 and is open to members of SCA Inc and all SCA affiliates.





Court Reports

Bardic Madness 2025

RECIPIENT

Thyri Nielsdatter

Mahir bil Tabla

HONOR

Griffon and Sword

Order of Courtesy

SCRIBES

Fighting in the Shade

On February 28, 2026 (AS 60), Their Majesties, Wu and Tom, held court in Their lands of the Barony of Jararvellir. The Herald in Charge was Sir Abelard die Elster, and many Seneschals were present including Lady Speranza, Seneschal of Jararvellir.

RECIPIENT

Sir Gautier de Franqueuille

HONOR

Order of the Griffin

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This Month in History — May

- 558 - In Constantinople, the dome of the Hagia Sophia collapses. Justinian I orders the dome rebuilt.
- 1006 - Supernova observed by Chinese and Egyptians in constellation Lupus
- 1194 – King Richard I of England gives Portsmouth its first Royal Charter
- 1308 - Albert I, King of Germany, is assassinated by his nephew John of Swabia [the Parricide], for cutting John out of his right to inherit.
- 1328 - Wars of Scottish Independence end: Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton - the Kingdom of England recognizes the Kingdom of Scotland as an independent state.
- 1345 "Quaden Maendach" in Ghent: battles between fullers & weavers
- 1429 - English siege of Orleans broken by Joan of Arc and the French army
- 1453 - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul. This marked the end of the Byzantine Empire as Istanbul became the capital of the Ottoman Empire.
- 1471 - Battle of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, final battle between the Houses of Lancaster and York: Prince of Wales, Edward of Westminster killed and King Edward IV returns to his throne, restoring political stability to England until his death in 1483
- 1493 - Spanish Pope Alexander VI divides America between Spain and Portugal
- 1527 - Spanish and German Imperial troops sack Rome. Charles III, Duke of Bourbon is killed in the assault removing any restraint for the victorious soldiers.



Do you have a favorite redacted recipe that deserves the spotlight? Have you spent hours researching spices, hearth-cooking, or the evolution of the feast?

We are seeking submissions for "Mead, Meat, and More," a special supplement to the *Northwatch* debuting in early AS 61. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor Northshield's long tradition of food and fellowship while preserving our collective culinary knowledge.

We are looking for:

- **Redacted Recipes:** Historical sources paired with modern interpretations. All experience levels are welcome.
- **A Variety of Cultures:** We welcome all time periods, regions, and cuisines from pre-1600 history.
- **The "Modern Middle Ages":** We also want to celebrate our kingdom's unique history! Share favorite recipes from moots, local potlucks, or those "tried and true" camp kitchen staples.
- **Research Articles:** Deep dives into historic ingredients, kitchen tools, dining etiquette, or food preservation.
- **Practical Tips:** Advice for cooking over an open fire, managing a high-table feast, or feeding a warband on a budget.

Submission Details:

- **Deadline:** July 15, 2026
- **How to Submit:** Send your articles, recipes, and any accompanying photos to chronicler@northwatch.org.
- **Confirmation:** If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours, please resend.
- **Publication:** Anticipated release in September 2026.

Help us spread the word! Please feel free to share this announcement with your local branches and guilds.



ANGLO SAXON BIRD-SHAPED BROOCH. 500-550.

SILVER-GILT, GARNETS; NO SPRING/PIN EXTANT
MET MUSEUM (NY)



WATCH IN THE FORM OF A LESSER GEORGE. CA. 1600. BRITISH. LONDON

MOVEMENT BY NICHOLAS VALLIN FLEMISH

CASE AND DIAL: GOLD. MOVEMENT GILDED BRASS AND STEEL

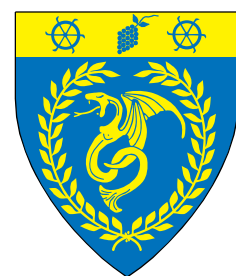
MET MUSEUM (NY)

MAY 9, 2026



Northshield Spring 2026 Crown Tournament

BARONY OF WINDHAVEN



Fond du Lac Fair Grounds Rec Center
520 Fond du Lac Avenue. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Site will be open Friday for Combatant set up 5-8pm Site opens to Combatants and Royals 8am Saturday. Site opens to Populace 9am. Site closes 7pm

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Barony of Windhaven

Fees:

Adult (18 & above) \$25, Adult member \$15, Youth 5-17 \$5; Family member cap (2 adult members & 2 youth) \$40

Lunch - purchase separately
Reservation information and deadlines available on Facebook

Planned Activities: Armored combat. Site is fully accessible. Populace and Merchant space is available.

Event Steward: Eyja Edmundsdottir (Tara Lager) edmundsdottir@gmail.com

MAY 21-25 2026

SHIRE OF KORSVAG

The Great Western Regional F.A.R.E.



North Dakota Horse Park
5180 19th Avenue North Fargo, ND 58102

Site opens Noon, May 21st. Site closes Noon, May 25th

Fees:

Adult \$55
Adult Member \$45

Checks payable to SCA Inc- Shire of Korsvag

Pre-registration to follow. Check Facebook and Northshield Website

Planned Activities: Armored Combat (Fighting), Archery, Rapaier, Equestrian. Site is accessible. Populace and Merchant Space available

Event Steward: Excellency Scyid Del Aquilla (Sydney Martin) scyiddelaquilla@gmail.com.

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1535>

MAY 29-31,2026

SHIRE OF RIVENWOOD TOWER

Bardic Madness XXXIII Anthesteria



McGowan Farm 20001 Hawkeye Lane (Township Rd 198),
Mankato, MN 56001

Site opens Noon Friday. Site Closes 3 pm Sunday

Fees:

Adult \$30,
Adult Member \$20

Food-\$15 for the weekend
Tent - \$10 per sleeping tent
(does not include shade flys
or day shades)

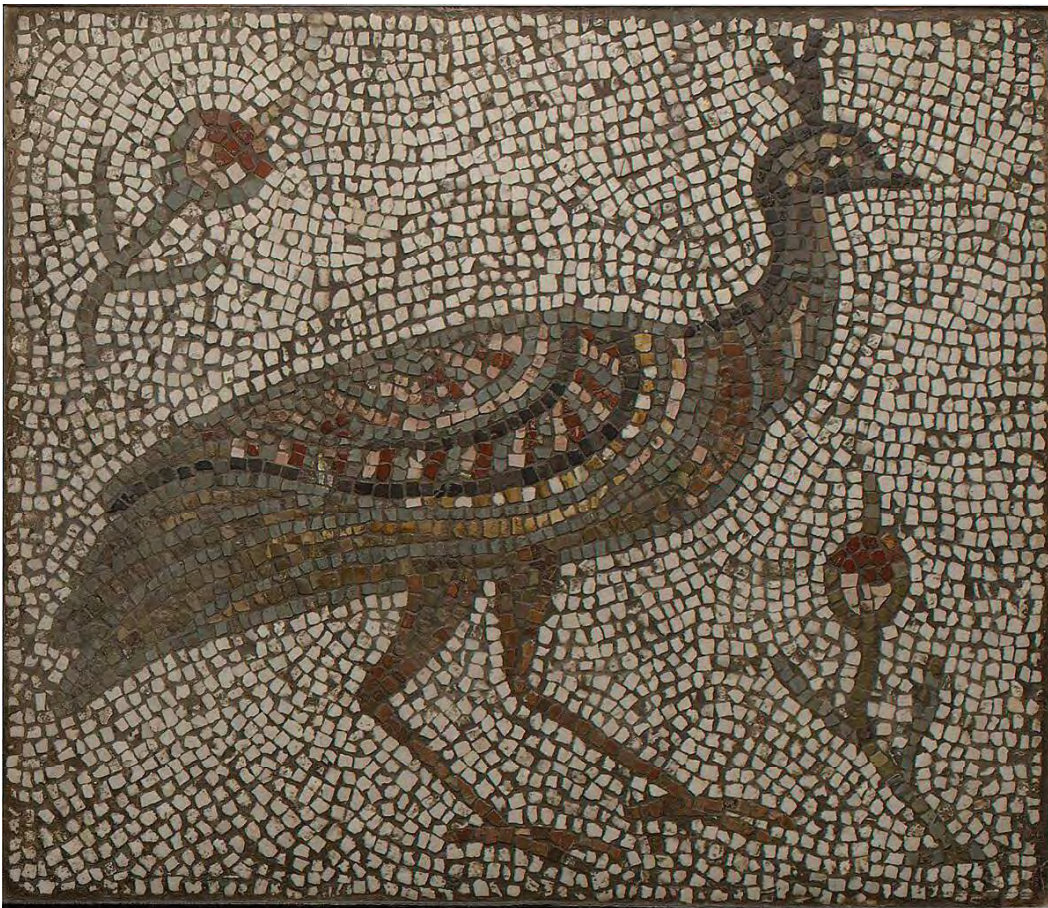
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Camping area is flat but there are rough gravel roads on site. Most buildings are wheelchair accessible. There will be wheel chair accessible port-a-potties. Showers are not wheelchair accessible.

Planned Activities: Bardic. The site has a large, shaded child friendly play area. Children are invited to attend classes unless there are specific restrictions.

Event Stewards: Nell the Innocent OL, OP (Linda Prah) ldhprahl@gmail.com; THL Peter the Wanderer belterglj@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/view/bardicmadnessproposal/home>



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MAY 30, 2026

SHIRE OF DARKSTONE

Beltane Rides Again



Bayfield County Fairgrounds
7080 N Main Street, Iron River, WI 54847
Site opens 8 am. Site closes 8 pm

Fees:

Adult \$25
Adult member \$15

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Shire of Darkstone

Planned Activities: Armored combat. Rapier combat. Site is accessible. Populace space available.

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/807985715388116>



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ATTRIBUTED TO INDIA, GUJARAT, BASED ON AN EGYPTIAN ORIGINAL.

INK AND OPQUE WATERCOLOR ON PAPER.

THE MET MUSEUM (NEW YORK)

LEFT: TABULA (SQUARE) WITH THE HEAD OF SPRING. 5TH-7TH CENTURY.

ATTRIBUTED TO EGYPT, AKHMIM (FORMER PANOPOLIS).

LINEN, WOOL

THE MET MUSEUM (NEW YORK)





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PART OF THE CLOISTERS COLLECTION. CA.
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FRANCE. MARBLE.
MET MUSEUM (NY)



RIGHT: GARDEN OF THE INEPT ADMINISTRATOR
WEN ZHENGMING (CHINESE) 1551.
ALBUM OF EIGHT LEAVES; INK ON PAPER
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See the Kingdom website at <https://northshield.org/help-wanted/> or email the contact below for complete descriptions of the following positions. Email addresses on page 2. See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.

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- Polaris Principal Herald: Send inquiries & applications to the Polaris Herald.
- Keythong Submissions Herald: Send inquiries & applications to the Polaris Herald.
- Emergency Deputy MOAS: Send Inquiries & applications to Kingdom MOAS. Open until filled.
- Eastern (Woodlands) Regional Deputy Seneschal: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Central (Lakes) Regional Deputy Seneschal: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Transitions and New Groups Deputy: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Youth Officer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Advocate: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
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