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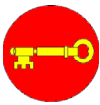
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Northshield Event Calendar

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.

January 2024 (AS LVIII)

13-14.....**Twelfth Night & Nordskogen 50th Anniversary**, Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey, MN)   

20.....**A Midwinter's Day Feast**, Shire of Schattentor (Rapid City, SD)  




20.....**Deadline for March 2024 Northwatch (Showing Pride)**

27.....**Wacky Garb Ball: Supernatural**, Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton, WI) 

February 2024 (AS LVIII)

3.....**Castel Rouge 12th Night**, Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg, MB)  

3.....**Fighting in the Shade - FITS**, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)




17.....**Fighter's School**, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI)   

20.....**Deadline for April 2023 Northwatch (Fun Facts)**

24.....**The Most Excellent Winter Archery Extravaganza and Clinic**, Shire of Korsväg (Portland, ND) 

March 2024 (AS LVIII)

2.....**Hertz Krieg XXVII**, College of Svatý Sebesta (Vermillion, SD)    

9-17.....**Gulf Wars**, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS)   

15-17.....**That Moot Thingy XXIV: The Compass Rose Always Points Home!**, Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah, WI)

20.....**Deadline for May 2023 Northwatch (Toys & Games)**

April 2024 (AS LVIII)

20.....**Northshield Spring Coronation**, Shire of Border Downs (Sioux Falls, SD)    

20.....**Deadline for June 2024 Northwatch (Early Attempts)**

26-27.....**Provost Challenge**, Shire of Coldedernhale (Ft. Pierre, SD)

27.....**Blades of Glory**, Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton, WI)

May 2024 (AS LIX)

11.....**Northshield Spring Crown Tournament**, (TBD)  

20.....**Deadline for July 2024 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., 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.

April 2024 meeting: Virtual (Tentative). July 2024 meeting: Virtual (Tentative). October 2024 meeting: TBD.

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Their Royal Majesties

Greetings,

By now we should all be able to tell that the days are getting longer and feeling that maybe winter will be done soon, if that rodent and his shadow business can get straightened out. :) Her Majesty and I are looking forward to joining Our subjects in the Western part of the Kingdom. May the weather be nice for a trip to Castel Rouge for their 12th Night, and then My travel to Windhaven for Fighter's School. With this being a short month, I find that this missive seems to be short also, but sometimes short is good.

Isabella & Yngvar

Their Royal Highnesses

No missive this month:

Hans & Genevieve



Kingdom Seneschal

No missive this month:

Sorcha



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings, Exchequers!

Please welcome, as the new NMR Deputy, THL Dyonisia Buleheued. She is also the Central Regional Exchequer, so is now wearing two hats!

Also, please thank Baroness Gwenllian verch Rhys de Goer for her 2+ years of service as NMR deputy. She did the job well and lifted a load from my shoulders, as well as assisting other exchequers and leaving me a quick

guide to small group reporting, which I plan to roll out in the near future.

Hopefully, as of the time of this writing, 2023 reports are in, 2024 budgets are approved and you are settling in to make plans for a satisfying 2024. I plan to head south of Gulf Wars in March, celebrate our Kingdom, meet the Society Exchequer and reconnect with friends I haven't seen in years. I remain in the Society because of the amazing people and plan to continue to connect with more folks to keep me motivated. May you find your own motivation during these colder, quieter months.

In service,

Æsa



Greetings unto the populace of Northshield from the Minister of Regalia,

Continuing our celebration of Northshield's 20th anniversary as a Kingdom I would like to share some more of our regalia. This item is called the "Consort's Mace" within our regalia listings. It is a popular item with the Consorts of Northshield and is currently in the hands of our Queen Isabella.



We do not know the crafter or history of this item. If there are others in the Kingdom that know more of the history of the Consort's Mace, please let me know so that I can document it further.

I hope you all enjoy looking into the history of our Kingdom's regalia and I look forward to sharing more with you in upcoming articles.

In Service,

Geoffrey of Warwick



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Ysolt



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

I am delighted to announce that Mistress Aigeline Li Merciers will be the new Kingdom A&S Event Deputy. I look forward to working with her in this role!

Mark your calendars now for this year's Kingdom A&S Faire on June 1st, whether you want to compete, display, or just come and check out what your fellow Northshielders have been working on. Based on feedback from last year, we plan to debut a new Advanced division as well, in addition to the Novice and Intermediate (last year's Open rubric) divisions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

As part of our continuing countdown to Northshield's 20th kingdom anniversary, I want to thank Master Geoffrey, Regalia Minister, for his series of articles on Northshield regalia, and Master Caradoc for his history of the Region and Crown Principality of Northshield. I encourage people to submit articles, photos, artwork, songs, and poems commemorating not only our twenty years as a kingdom, but also eight years as a territorial principality, almost three years as a crown principality, and decade and a half as a region.

Work continues on the new kingdom website. The webminister is still looking for volunteers for the following roles:

Special Deputy: Web Service Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes MySQL, PHP, JSON, and Git Experience.

Special Deputy: Web Plug In Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes programming for WordPress. Plug In Maintainers and database Programmers with knowledge of WordPress Security Architecture, Object Oriented PHP, JSON, JQuery, MySQL and Git experience are also desired.

Special Deputy: Web Front End Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes WordPress theme design and development (Website designer, GUI designer, PHP programmer, all in one), JSON, AJAX, and Git experience. Javascript knowledge a plus.

Special Deputy: Web Administrator

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes DNS administration, website backup administration, general administrative tasks, and Git experience.

We have many open positions in the Chronicler's office. Please check out the Help Wanted section elsewhere in the Northwatch.

Lastly, my term as Kingdom Chronicler expires in six months, on June 1, 2024. I would like to receive letters of intent by March 1, 2024, to provide time for Stallari to review the applicants, and provide training to my successor. **The office is a required office for a kingdom.** It is a largely administrative position, overseeing specialized deputies who do much of the day-to-day work of their areas. The Kingdom Chronicler is also a voting member of the Stallari Council and Finance Committee. If anyone has any interest in serving in this office, or any of the many deputy positions, please let me know. I am always glad to talk about all that is involved in the office.

Ever in service to Crown, Kingdom, and you,

Arnbjørn



Cén scéal? What's the news?

Hey folks, it's a lot of work trying to fill the whole newsletter. I would greatly appreciate any submissions on any topic that interests you. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- January 20 – Showing Pride – Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride with stories and photos.
- February 20 – Fun Facts – Share a fun historical fact! It can be a fact about medieval/early life, OR a fact that medieval people would know that...

may not be entirely accurate to our understanding of the world.

- March 20 – Toys and Games – Taft? Dolls? Northshield has the tradition of the Children's Toy Run and a rich board-game culture. What toys, games, and other period amusements would you like to highlight?
- April 20 – Early Attempts – Share some of your first garb, A&S, fighting kit, or other projects from starting out in the SCA. What are some things you did/ would do differently? What parts are you still proud of?

Please send all questions or submissions to northwatch@northshield.org.

Grainne



No missive this month:

Armond



SCA CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENTARY REQUEST – PROPOSED CHANGES – CHATELAINE AND DEIB

The Board of Directors is currently considering changes to Corpora. It invites commentary from the membership and participants.

These changes aim to enhance recruitment and member retention in the SCA. They also aim to further support these goals. They elevate the Society Chatelaine to a greater Society Officer. They align local and regional chatelaines to this same structure. It is a strategic move. It aims to support the implementation of comprehensive recruitment and retention strategies. It also aims to align the office to a clear vision.

The Board also approved proposed wording. It supports the creation of a Society Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Officer. They also approved aligning local and regional DEIB officers into one structure. Like the proposed Chatelaine changes, it

aims to support an aligned Society vision. It also aims to support the implementation of strategy in this space.

Finally, the Board approved changing the name and scope of the Corporate Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office. It is now the Office of Inclusive Programs. This office will handle the implementation of large scale, heavy-lift projects. This work will move inclusivity in the SCA forward. It will also transition leadership and management of game-facing DEIB work to the newly created Society DEIB Officer. This office will support all corporate and society officers. It will also serve as a primary DEIB advisor to the Board.

Note: Changes to corporate offices don't require changes in Corpora or public commentary. Understanding the changes to the Corporate DEIB Office will add context for the proposed changes to Corpora. It will also provide clarity for the realignment of responsibilities among these offices.

This restructuring aligns with better practice for organizations that aim to improve recruiting and retention by creating welcoming and inclusive environments.

'Recruiting and Retention structural changes for member commentary and verbiage change to Corpora.

- Section VI. Society Officers

o Add:

I. Chatelaine:

The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices.

J. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer:

The Society DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.

o Change:

Renumber I. Reservations to the Board, to K. Reservations to the Board, with no changes in content'

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Chatelaine and DEIB Changes" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail,
Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Chatelaine and DEIB Changes
P.O. Box 611928
San Jose, CA 95161



Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora
change, must be received by the Board no later
than March 1, 2024.

HELP WANTED

See the Kingdom website at <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=5722> or email the contact below for complete descriptions of the following positions; see email addresses on page 2.

- **Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler by March 1. Anticipated changeover is June 2024.
- **Lakes Regional Deputy Seneschal:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Woodlands A&S Regional Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences. Open until filled.
- **Stellar University of Northshield (SUN) Chancellor:** Job description at <http://northshield.org/Resources/PDF/JobDesc/KingdomSUNChancellorjobdesc.pdf>. Inquiries & applications should go to the KMOAS at moas@northshield. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Youth Officer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Regalia Minister:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. The anticipated changeover is ASAP.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Archivist/Historian:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Media Relations Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Deputy Northwatch Editor:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Western Regional Deputy, Central Regional Deputy, and Eastern Regional Deputy SMOs:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **TikTok Deputy SMO:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.



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OF A HORSE, IRAN, CA. 8TH–7TH
CENTURY BCE

COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM
(NY)

DEAR ABBESS:

I have heard that Pope Gregory XIII has created a new calendar and I am incredibly confused. For nearly 16 centuries, the calendar of Julius Caesar has been good enough, but now I hear that we may have been celebrating Easter on the wrong day? How does anyone know what day it is? What will happen to the ten days we must skip to restore order?

—REELING IN ROMA

DEAR REELING,

The new Gregorian calendar should not be any more difficult to understand than the old Julian one, but if you do not like it, you could simply leave Rome and travel to any of the Protestant-controlled lands, such as Sweden, Denmark, or England, where they will likely ignore this innovation for many years to come, or to the Ottoman Empire, the Great

Joseon State, or the numerous lands beyond Europe that have their own calendars and have no concern for the Pope or his calculations. As for the ten days that the Pope has decreed must be skipped this year (1582), do not concern yourself – what even is time, anyway?

—ABBESS

DO YOU HAVE
MEDIEVAL
PROBLEMS? ASK
DEAR ABBESS
BY WRITING TO
NORTHWATCH@
NORTHSHIELD.
ORG, PUTTING
“DEAR ABBESS”
IN THE SUBJECT.



PORTABLE HORIZONTAL
NOCTURNAL SUNDIAL AND
ALTITUDE SUNDIAL, FRANCE, CA.
1550–82 CE

THE DISK, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH
THE CALENDAR AND THE DATES
OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE SUN
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IS CALIBRATED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE JULIAN CALENDAR. IN
FRANCE, THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR
SUPPLANTED THE JULIAN IN 1582.
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM
(NY)

People of the Kingdom

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- BARD
- MASTER
- NOBLE
- CHRONICLER
- COMBATANT
- ARTIST
- RULER
- KNIGHT
- MINISTER
- POPULACE
- LAUREL
- SENESCHAL
- GRYPHON
- DEPUTY
- GENTLE
- HERALD
- VOLUNTEER
- CONSORT
- KING
- OFFICER
- QUEEN
- ARCHER
- ARTISAN

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My First Event

By Yngvar inn Heppni <banefrost@yahoo.com> & Isabella Beatrice della Rosa <belle.dellarosa@gmail.com>

As His Majesty and I reflected on our history, we were reminded that it is easy to forget that each and every individual who participates in the SCA has a “My First Event” story. Many of us, including myself, are guilty of comparing our attempts at recreating history with others and often get demoralized by comparing what we’ve accomplished with others. So often I forget that everyone has that “first outfit” made out of a bedspread or that “first armor” made out of an old rug and hockey equipment. We hope that by reading our anecdotes, you can see that even kings and queens started somewhere and that our stories are similar to yours. Enjoy!

His Royal Majesty, Yngvar inn Heppni, joined the SCA approximately 20 years ago. Here is his “First Event” story:

20 years ago I attended my first event, Un-named Event in shire of Rudivale (Grand Forks, ND). I was lucky enough to have met people who sewed me my first garb so I didn’t feel out of place; in fact, I think I had two sets! It was a camping event in June and I was able to share a tent with Ulrick der Lansenreiter. I had to rush in a check for membership, because I had planned to become an authorized fighter and back then if you wanted to fight at an event you had to be a member. As I looked around, I noticed how good all the fighters looked. Then I looked at myself and down at my legs...this wouldn’t do. They looked horrible. So I squeezed into a pair of pants and ripped out the crotch because they weren’t meant to fit with leg protection. It was rough, but it did look better! To this day, I’m friends with a bunch of people who I met back then, and still think about them even though some have moved far away. Truly a wonderful day. Now, who remembers Ulrick? Ulrick goes by a different name these days and still plays!

Her Royal Majesty, Isabella Beatrice della Rosa, joined the SCA 28 years ago. Here is her “First Event” Story:

My first event was Nordskogen’s 12th Night in 1995. A friend of the family introduced me to the SCA and made me two pieces of clothing as payment for watching her two-year-old twins. I was 17 at the time, so babysitting toddler twins was on another level and I certainly earned those clothes! When

I arrived at the event, I was immediately overwhelmed with the sights and the pageantry of people. Here I had arrived in my Italian Renaissance dress, wearing my Letterman’s coat, and I was met with people who looked like they walked out of a painting. Back in those days there was no fighting at 12th Night, so everyone brought out their best garb and spent the day playing games, dancing, and conversing with friends. I immediately knew I had found my group, the people who would finally “get” me! I was introduced to many people (most of whose names I immediately forgot) and really did not want to draw attention to myself. I noticed that there was someone teaching dance in a classroom. I REALLY wanted to join in, but I was too embarrassed to say anything. The teacher noticed me watching and asked if I wanted to participate. I nodded yes. She then went into the hallway and shouted at the top of her lungs, “This good lady needs a dance partner! Will anyone help this poor lady?!” I turned bright red and was so embarrassed, but also excited when someone answered the call, took my hand, and led me through the dance. I was trying to be so sophisticated, but in the middle of the dance, one of my shoes fell off! Instead of stopping long enough to put my shoe back on, I pretended it had not happened and finished the dance with only one shoe. At the conclusion of the dance, he kissed my hand, introduced himself again, and left. I think that was the first time anyone had ever kissed my hand. Then there was court. I changed into my “court dress” and watched as people were called forward to get awards. I had no idea what was happening, but I was totally excited to watch. It was like every book I read came to life in front of my eyes. After court there was a feast. My friend’s husband had won a metal trencher at the silent auction and presented it to me as my first piece of feast gear. I still own it. Every time I use it, I smile because it was such a sweet gesture. Then there was more dancing. I was absolutely horrible at it, but I loved every minute. We left and drove back to Mankato that evening and I excitedly told my mom about everything that happened that day. I was totally hooked! My daughter now wears that first Italian dress made for me and every time I see her in it, I am reminded about just how magical that very first event was.

JWELED BRACELET (ONE OF A PAIR), BYZANTIUM,
500-700 CE
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM (NY)



Sharing a Drink



RELIEF PANEL WITH TWO GRIFFINS DRINKING FROM A CUP, ITALY,
CA. LATE-9TH TO EARLY-10TH C. CE
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM (NY)

RHYTON WITH A HANDLE IN
THE SHAPE OF A MONKEY,
CHINA, 8TH C. CE
COURTESY OF THE MET
MUSEUM (NY)



A TANKARD, PRAGUE, CA.
1585-1590 CE
COURTESY OF THE MET
MUSEUM (NY)



Rhyt-on Point: Drinking in Style

By Furia Maxima <furia@mailfence.com>

There is a fascinating drinking vessel that seemed to exist across time and space called a rhyton. The rhyton is a drinking vessel shaped like a horn, often with animal features as decorative elements. The shape is significant, as the drinking horn spans from neolithic times up through the Norse culture during the Viking Age and through to the Middle Ages. The rhyton of Ancient Rome, Paratha, Syria, Malta often were designed with a hole at the end.

This suggests, especially in Ancient Rome, as surviving imagery implies, that the drinker was precluded from neglecting their drink. However, speculations from various sources suggest that while this could be to encourage drinking, more moderate drinkers had a servant (or, more likely, a slave) use their hand or a stopper hold it closed. There is also debate over whether rhytons were for ceremonial use, celebrations, or for everyday drinking. The latter has the weakest support.

Highlighting importance of the rhyton in Ancient Rome, there are sculptures of Lares (basically household deities) holding rhytons up in the air as if in celebration or at least in a position of prominence.



ROMAN FRESCO FROM HERCULANEUM DEMONSTRATING THE USE OF A RHYTON, C. 50BCE.

A LATE ROMAN-REPUBLICAN BANQUET SCENE IN A FRESCO FROM HERCULANEUM, ITALY. 59 X 53 CM. THE WOMAN WEARS A TRANSPARENT SILK GOWN WHILE THE MAN TO THE LEFT RAISES A RHYTON DRINKING VESSEL.

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RHYTON WITH THE FOREPART OF A STAG, PARTHIAN, 1ST CENTURY BCE–1ST CENTURY CE (BELOW)

PARTIALLY GILDED SILVER, GARNET, AND GLASS.

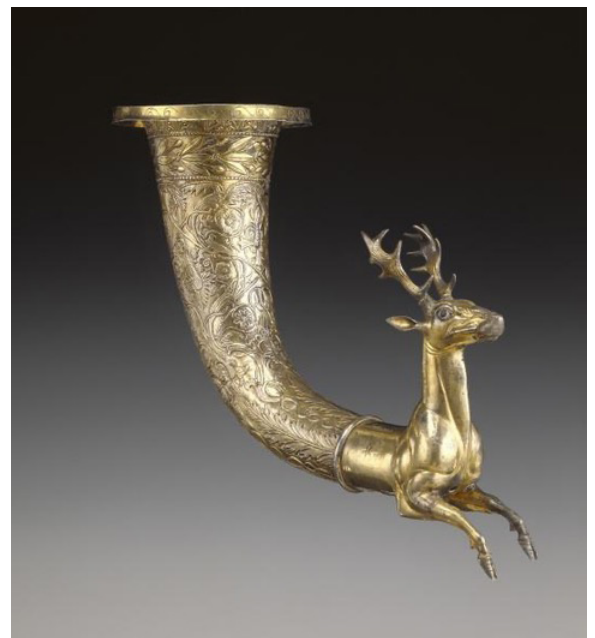
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BRONZE STATUETTE OF A LAR, EARLY 1ST C. CE, ROMAN (LEFT)

THE LAR HOLDS A PHIAL IN HIS RIGHT HAND, AND RAISES A RHYTON IN THE SHAPE OF A DOLPHIN IN HIS LEFT HAND.

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Sweethearts through the Ages



BRONZE CANDELABRUM
FINIAL SHOWING A MAN
EMBRACING A WOMAN,
ETRUSCAN, 5TH C. BCE

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IVORY MIRROR CASE WITH LOVERS,
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CA. 1520-1550 CE

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