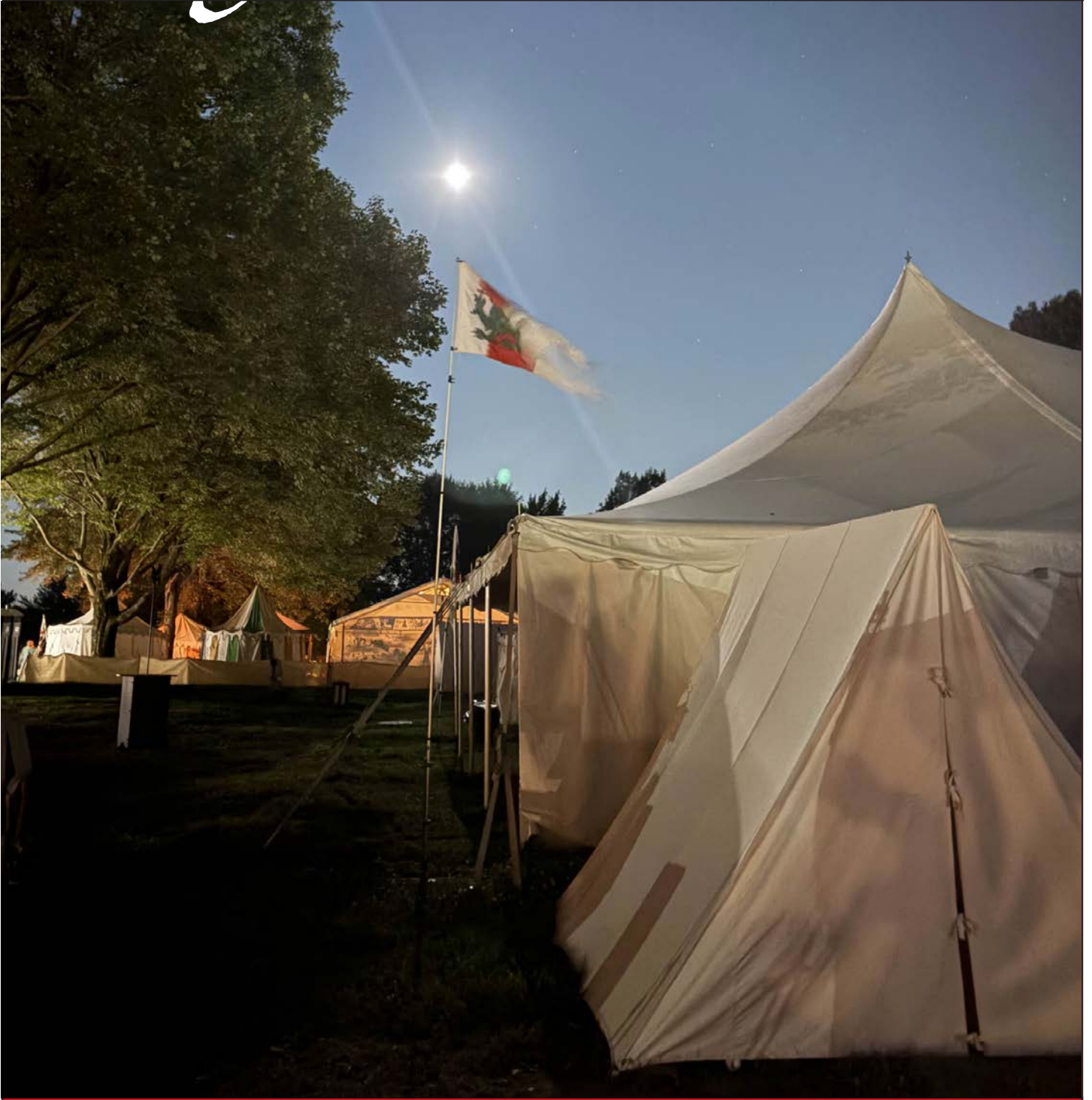


# *Beyond The Pale*



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## *Pennsic 52 - A Brief Overview*

*Another Pennsic is in the history books - or it will be as soon as everyone has time to process it. For this issue we will take a quick look at some of the things that happened at War. This report is incomplete. If you have stories to share, news to relate, or magic moments to express, please send them to [thepale@midrealm.org](mailto:thepale@midrealm.org).*

*Here are a few things to know:*

- *Final attendance was recorded at 8,676.*
- *This year, the Midrealm allied with the East, instead of standing against them with additional allies. We faced Æthelmearc and all attendees from every other kingdom in the Known World. This can be called a "purple war" because it mixes the red of the Middle Kingdom with the blue of the East.*
- *We won! Almost everything. But the important part was that everyone had fun.*
- *Team Purple won the Laurel and overall A&S highest score war points. The allies won the non-Laurel category. This issue features a few photos of some of the amazing entires.*
- *Team Purple also won the archery populace War points thanks to so many people coming out to shoot. It was recorded that, between all participants, 26,904 arrows were loosed.*
- *During the first week, the weather was unbearably hot and muggy. During the second week, it was much more pleasant, and temperatures shockingly dipped down into the 40s at night. It really is true to be prepared for anything when you are packing for Pennsic!*
- *The Order of the Mark is growing: Forester Gwyneth Cole and Forester Taliesin of Archenfield were put on vigil, and Master Jean Paul Pierrepont was elevated at Thursday's Royal court. A complete list of awards given at Pennsic 52 will be available in the next issue of "The Pale."*
- *Master Adam der Strom was elevated to the Order of Defense. He also shared the prize of best period German costume at the Midrealm Oktoberfest party with Baroness Emmeline von Kaltwasswer. Which award brought more excitement? Hard to say!*
- *Her Majesty Neassa was awarded the prize for most fun Oktoberfest costume, but she graciously awarded the pretzel crown to Forester Gwyneth Cole for her cute, retro, authentic Austrian dirndl.*

*That's all for now! Tune in to your feed for more photos and news as it comes in.*

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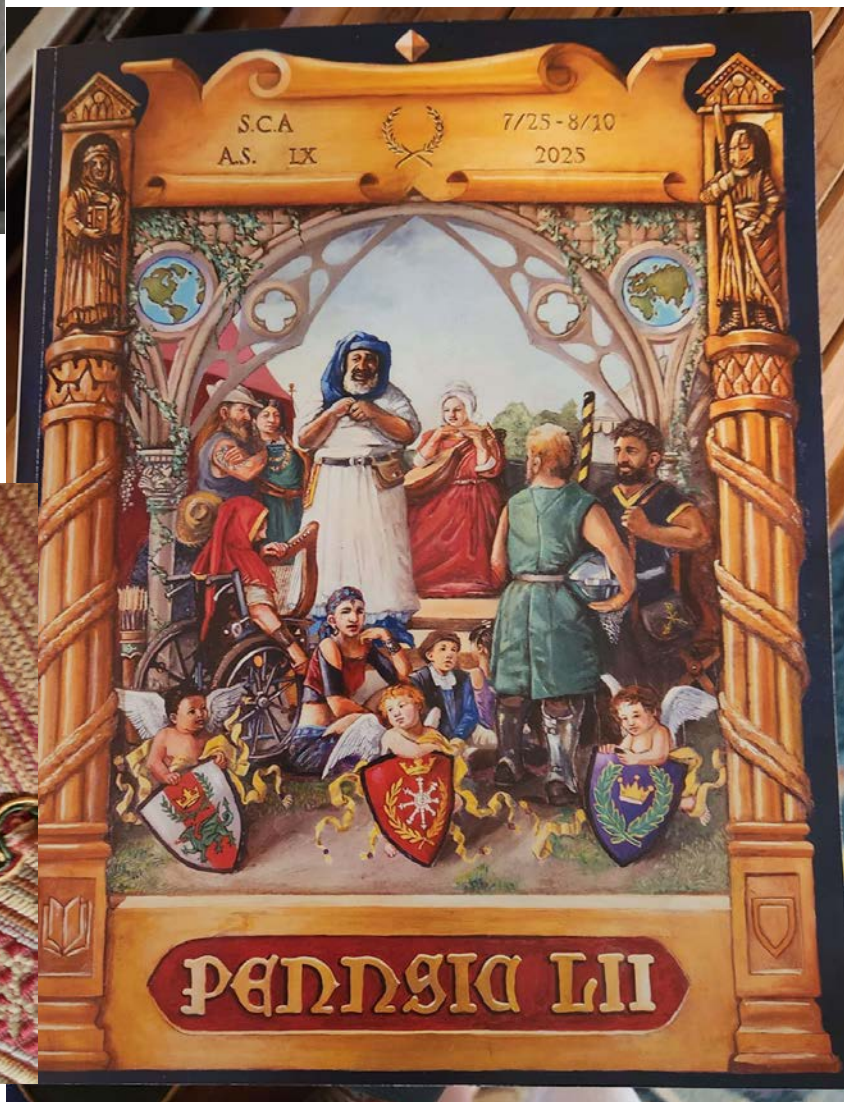


# Pictures From the War



*Newly-made Barone Ginna Ígulfríðr arrives on site. Photo by Barone Ginna Ígulfríðr.*

*The event guide and site token for Pennsic 52. Photos courtesy of Countess Ceinwen ferch Elidir O'Denbigh (Karen Miller Bollinger).*







*Left: The elevation of Rhiannon of Blaiddwen to the Order of the Pelican. Photo by Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP (Lisa Gray).*



*Right: Vigil of THN Ragna stórráða Úlfsdóttir, featuring Sir Sirius.*

*Below: Mistress Gianna Vettori and Barone Ginna Ígulfríðr having fun with hat-making. Photos by Lady Claricia de la Mere (Karin Strippel).*



*Above: Their Majesties with the newest member of the Order of the Mark, Hunter Jean Paul Pierrepont. Photo by Forester Taliesin of Archenfield (Joe Herbert).*



# Oktoberfest

All photos on this page are courtesy of Baron Sir Crispin dela Rochefoucauld (Ken Cockrell).



*All the costume participants, featuring lederhosen, dirndl, landsknecht, and more.*



*The winners! Left: Master Adam der Strom and Baroness Emmeline von Kaltwasswer in their "best in period" garb. They received a reproduction of the belt buckle and tip of a 15th-century German belt.*

*Right: Queen Neassa and Forester Gwyneth Cole, winners of the most fun (or cutest). Forester Gwyneth is wearing her new crown.*





# Arts & Sciences War Point

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*The Honorable Lady Jolicia Northclyfe, an entrant for the Midrealm & East in the non-Laurel category for performing arts. THL Jolicia entered and played Tudor recorder music.*

*A chocolate pot and re-search into traditional Mesoamerican chocolate recipes, from Lady Aibinn of Roxbury Mill (Atlantia) for the Allied team.*







Left: Painted glass recreations. Entrant for the Midrealm and East (apologies to the entrant for not getting their name).



Above: The doctor is in. Urine analysis by Brother Meuric ap Gwillim of Æthelmearc (for the Allied team). But don't worry, what's displayed here is made with juice and sports drinks! Unfortunately that QR code goes to a paper on buttons, so you won't be able to learn more about his project that way.



Left: Etched metal Pelican scroll, by Sir Wolfgang Von Wuesternburg (Trimaris) for the Allied team.





Left: From Ur to Aseb (period boardgame research) by The Honorable Noble Fearghus mac Cailin of the East Kingdom, for the Midrealm + East.



Right: A gorgeous German gown.

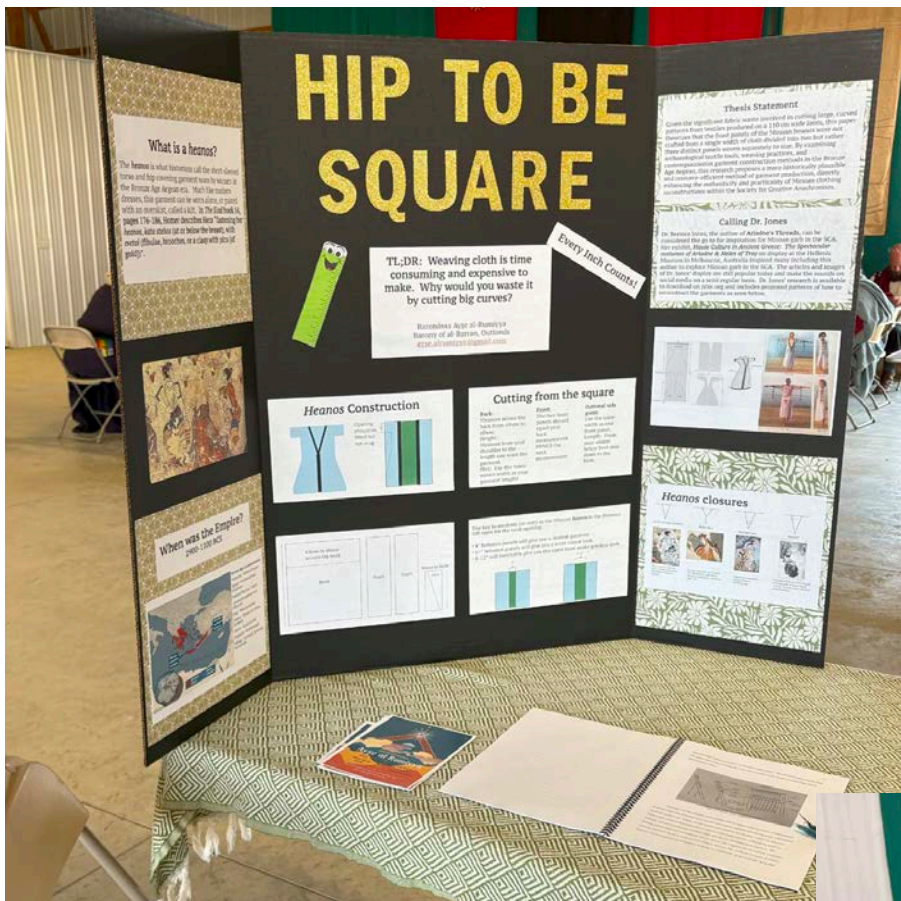


Above: Egtved Girls' Brew by Mistress Anauved de Mona (Atlantia) for the Allied team. The entrant recreated a version of a drink that had been found in a birch bark bucket in the grave of a teenage girl in Jutland (Denmark).



Right: Lord Magnus Whitehair displays his reproduction period arrows for the Midrealm + East team.





Left and below: Minoan is popping up everywhere in the SCA these days! According to Baronôssa Ayşe al-Rumiyya, it's "the new Rus." This entry made garments with minimal fabric scraps created. The garment she created as an example is below.

Entry from the Outlands for the Allied team.



Above: Bonus picture! Beautiful sky over Pennsic bringing another night of perfect sleeping weather.





*Left: The memorial longship. Every year those who have lost someone dear paint a shield with their arms or some representative symbol and put it on the ship. On Thursday night, the ship is launched into the lake and set aflame in a ceremony of silence in honor of the departed. Photo by Forester Taliesin of Archenfield (Joe Herbert).*



*Left and below: Why so serious? Hunters Muldonny and Robert Thorne with new vigilants Gwyneth Cole and Taliesin of Archenfield for the Order of the Mark. Photos by Lady Claricia de la Mere (Karin Strip-pel) and Forester Taliesin of Archenfield (Joe Herbert).*

