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Greetings from Their Royal Majesties, King Wigthegn & Queen Neassa,

We are excited and overjoyed to begin Our reign as the Monarchs for the Middle Kingdom. Our Kingdom and the people are always near and dear to Our hearts. Coronation was everything We hoped it would be and We thank all those who could attend and all those who hosted and worked the event itself.

For Our reign, We wish for all who are able to join Us on certain, what We are calling, "Pilgrimages". Our community extends beyond the borders of Our Great Kingdom and often We host visitors from other Kingdoms. We shall always be a Kingdom of hospitality and, to that end, We wish to make journeys to other Kingdoms. At the moment, We are planning to attend 100 Minute War in the Kingdom of the East and Gulf Wars in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann.

Soon We will have Heirs and the succession of the Dragon Throne will be secure. Our Kingdom's Crown Tournaments truly shine as a magical moment of pageantry and splendor. A spectacle to behold, surely. The list of combatants and their consorts for this Tournament are noble and worthy indeed. We wish unto all the best of luck.



King Wigthegn enters for his Coronation at Fall Coronation - photographed by Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).

Ever Forward,

Wigthegn & Neassa Rex and Regina





Welcome to Fall,

As we enjoy cooler weather, sweaters, fires and camaraderie, I would like to remind you all to play nice and share the toys.

Coming soon from the office of the Seneschal, updates about the Hamlet experiment and the limitations therein. And updates to the office and all the associated paperwork. We are working to get all the documents updated and in one easy-to-find location on the website. This will likely take months and may not be completed within my term of office, but it is work that needs to be done. Change can be hard but it is always necessary - entropy = death.

On that note I would like to commend the groups out there that are recruiting and growing; they are trying new things and it is working. There are people who would be happy to make the SCA their home, we just have to find the right way to reach them.

That's all I have. Stay warm, enjoy soup/apple cider/ pumpkin spice season and the changing of the leaves.

Helewyse

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Midrealm,

The Middle Kingdom is in need of a couple new Regional Exchequers and a deputy Kingdom Exchequer to replace me next May. To apply please send a letter of intent, your SCA resume, and your mundane resume by November 30, 2023 via email to Exchequer@midrealm.org or via USPS to P.O. Box 198, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional or me if you have any questions.

Yours in service,

Meisterin Appolonia von Wurttemberg, OP



Greetings, Midrealm!

It has been a BUSY post-Pennsic!

We have new Royalty in King Wigthegn and Queen Neassa. HUZZAH!

Congratulations to Count Louis and Countess Sadb for their reign! They had a very busy summer reign and accomplished a lot during that time.

I want to thank all those heralds who have helped out and I encourage others to volunteer. I and many of the senior heralds are here to help those who wish to assist in the heraldic community; whether as voice heralds for Court or lists, or as consultation heralds helping with name or armorial registrations.

I also want to express my thanks to all the scribes who put forth an AMAZING amount of scrolls for the reign of Louis and Sadb. HUZZAH to the scribes!

On a last note, we have just finished the third quarter reporting. The next report due is **Domesday**. This is the report that ALL heralds need to fill out. Without this report, you can not be a warranted herald and eligible to be a herald-in-charge of a Royal Court. Below is the reporting schedule:

Local and At-Large

Mar 31 (Q1), Jun 30 (Q2), Sep 30 (Q3), Dec 31 (Q4/Domesday)

Regional

Apr 14 (Q1), Jul 14 (Q2), Oct 14 (Q3), Jan 14 (Q4/ Domesday)

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon

Dragon Herald

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Hello!

Great gourds, the days are getting shorter and cooler! I hope you have taken some time to enjoy outdoor arts and sciences before the coming winter drives us indoors near the hearth.

I would love to hear about some of the projects you plan on working on over the dark months. I know I will spend some time at my loom and my wheel, and with my knitting needles. But there are many other projects that lend themselves well to indoor work.

Also, RUM approaches and I have had a sneak peek at the class list. It looks amazing! So many wonderful classes it will be hard to pick and choose which ones to attend. I hope to see you there!

Thank you!

Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Hello Midrealm,

I would like to officially welcome Lady Alys of Alnwick who is replacing me as the Pentamere Regional Chronicler! Additionally, I would also like to thank al-Mu'allima JahanAra bint al-Yehya amat al-Hafeeza for her time and efforts as Kingdom Chronicler and now as my deputy to assist with the transition.

Our office has need for additional volunteers. Currently the Office of the Chronicler has open positions for Regional Chroniclers in both North Oaken and South Oaken. As a regional chronicler, your job is to assist the Kingdom Chronicler by being a liaison for groups in your region, answering questions and assisting local chroniclers with publication duties and reports. This is not a publishing position. For more information, please see the Kingdom Job Openings page at midrealm. org.

Warmest Regards,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings,

I am pleased to announce that Forester Brigitta von Metten will be serving as the next Deputy for Thrown Weapons. She has a great vision for the office, and I am confident she will do a wonderful job.

My thanks to Forester Uthan Laoch for his long term as Deputy for Thrown Weapons. He did a wonderful job.

I have also been receiving reports of combatants failing to sign in at the list table or failing to get inspected. Every combatant needs to do both of these things before they fight. No exceptions. Getting your personal protection gear inspected helps protect you. Getting your weapons inspected protects your friends that you will try to hit/stab. Signing a waiver helps protect the Society. If this continues to be an issue, folks will start having their authorizations revoked.

Lastly, I want to stress how important it is for event marshals to make schedules and to share them. It helps generate excitement and helps folks plan their events better.

Stay safe out there!

Cellach

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom

Historical Happenings

- <u>November 7 1492</u> The oldest meteorite with a known impact date hits a wheat field near Ensisheim, France.
- <u>November 8 1278</u> Trần Thánh Tông, considered one of the greatest emperors of Vietnam, cedes the throne to his son. Together, they repel two Mongol invasions and begin an era of peace and prosperity.
- <u>November 23 534 BCE</u> The first recorded instance of an actor, Thespis of Icaria, performing as a character on stage.
- <u>November 27 1476</u> Vlad the Impaler defeats Basarab Laiota to become ruler of Wallachia for the third time.

Arts & Articles

Blackwork Embroidery

by THL Lynne Fairchild

History of Double-Running Stitch (Blackwork) Embroidery

Through the Moorish occupation of Spain from 711-1492 A.D. and the Mamluk trade routes in Italy, blackwork embroidery became popular and spread throughout Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. The technique of black, double-running, reversible stitch embroidery became extremely popular in England when it was displayed by King Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine of Aragon, and was dubbed 'Spanish work' in England. In Spain, Catherine had been born to the new Spanish monarchs, Isabella and Ferdinand. Having grown up learning the geometric embroidery, she continued her embroidery when she was sent to England to marry Henry VIII's older brother, Arthur, in 1501. After Arthur's death in 1502, Catherine married Henry in 1509. After King Henry VIII divorced Catherine, the embroidery was re-named 'blackwork' and 'Holbein stitch' (after Hans Holbein the Younger). By the time King Henry VIII's second daughter, Elizabeth I, came into reign, blackwork embroidery was popular among both nobility and monarchs. However, by Elizabeth's reign, blackwork had taken on a new look, which was curvilinear patterns with floral designs iconic of the late 16th century.

During the 16th century, blackwork embroidery had become popular in other countries besides England, such as France. Louis XI and Charles VIII of France were both very interested in embroidery and summoned Italian embroiderers to court, so early French work was much influenced by Italy. (Snook) Examples of blackwork embroidery in Scotland have not survived, except for in portraits, such as that of Agnes Keith and her husband, the Regent Moray, painted by Hans Eworth in 1561. (Swain) Found among the garments left by Mary, Queen of Scots were four English chemises with blackwork designs. Other countries also had blackwork, including Hungary, Yugoslavia, Serbia, Russia, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Romania. (Nickels) Each country took blackwork embroidery and put their own individual twist on it.

After this beautiful reversible embroidery was introduced to European countries and Catherine of Aragon helped to inspire its popularity, it was widely used during the 16th century before slowly going out of fashion in the 17th century, somewhere around 1630. Blackwork had been one of many ways for Europeans to display their wealth, as well as being fashionable. However, it soon became overshadowed by lace. Lace first started to make an appearance in the late 15th century and was brought to Zurich from Italy around 1536. By the mid-17th century when sumptuary laws began to relax and lace was no longer taxed, there was a demand on lace for anything and everything, from the edges of gloves to the edges of sashes and ruffs.

Materials and Methods Used During the Renaissance

European blackwork could have been found on almost any type of fabric: silk, linen, satin, velvet, and netting. Black silk on white linen was definitely the most favored in Europe. Occasionally, gold and silver threads may have been used to demonstrate visual drama. However, a person had to be careful when using gold or silver threads due to the sumptuary laws. Among the restrictions listed in Elizabeth I's 1574 statute was that for gold, silver, or pearl embroidery: it was reserved for only dukes, marquises, earls (including the children of all three), viscounts, barons, and Knights of the Garter. Other colors of thread were used too, but not as often. One example is the portrait of Bess of Hardwick from the 1550's, with both her sleeves and collar embroidered with red thread.

European shirts were the most common item to have blackwork as decoration, especially on the cuffs and around the neck. There are many portraits from the Elizabethan era of nobility wearing blackwork on the sleeves and cuffs of their shirts and chemises. By 1530, a man's shirt had a high neck, which had resulted in the origin of the ruff. Aside from ruffs, blackwork was commonly used on handkerchiefs, coifs, doublets, night-caps, and falling-bands. There is an example of blackwork embroidery on a stomacher at the V&A Museum in London.

The technique used to create blackwork is quite simple. Over the centuries, blackwork has also been referred to as Holbein stitch, backstitch, Spanish work, festoon stitch, square stitch, or double-running stitch. By counting the threads, the double-running stitch is a series of two 'journeys'. On the first journey, the pattern is to work every other stitch. Then on the return journey, fill in the blank spots to create one continuous line. A slate frame should be used for this type of embroidery. It is historically accurate, as well as not having to worry about warping the tension on the fabric or embroidery thread. Circular hoop frames did not become popular until the 18th century with tambour work.

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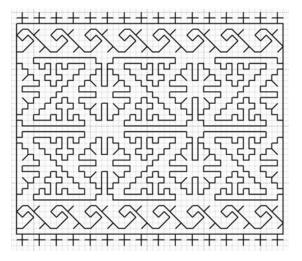
In the Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer commented on the clothing of the miller's wife, Alison. "Of white, too, was the dainty smock she wore, Embroidered at the collar all about With coal-black silk, alike within and out." (Chaucer 105)

William Shakespeare even described blackwork in his works. In Pericles, Act V, Sc. I, I.5 Shakespeare wrote:

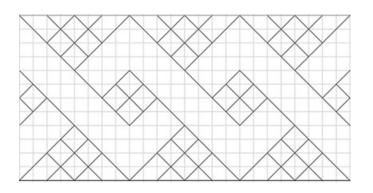
"...with her neeld composes Nature's own shape of bud, bird, branch, or berry, That even her art sisters the natural roses; Her inkle, silk, twin wit the rubied cherry: That pupils lacks she none of noble race Who pour their bounty on her..."

Blackwork Patterns

Jane Seymour's cuff (third wife of King Henry VIII) circa 1536-1537 (Painted by Hans Holbein the Younger)



Portrait of a Young Woman, circa 1540-45 (Painted by Hans Holbein the Younger)



Portrait of a Noble Boy with a Marmoset, circa 1532-35 (Painted by Hans Holbein the Younger)



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For further information...

- How to do blackwork embroidery videos: http://www.youtube.com/c/LynneFairchild
- For more historical patterns, visit my blog at http://tudorblackwork.blogspot.com/



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- · You must be a paid member of SCA, Inc through entire term of office
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- You must have a willingness to learn and follow the rules
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Please send a letter of intent, your SCA resume, and your mundane resume either by email to Exchequer@ midrealm.org; or via USPS to P.O. Box 198, Bellbrook OH 45305.

Middle Kingdom Court Reports

Court report for Royal Court of Louis and Sadb, on 02-SEP-2023, located in Barony of Sternfeld. Herald list: Angharad ferch Tangwystl, Raven de Lacey, Leandra Corzi; Court signet: Molly Sweets

Award of the Baton: Kraken Archsdottir AOA: Anika Reyes, Jadwiga Kochanawa Purple Fret: Tomyris of the Saka Tigrakauda, Serena Kimbalwyke, Maggie MacKeith, Solveig Sigulfsdottir Order of the Willow: Gwendolyn of Shadowed Star, Kolfinna von Voorburg Order of the Evergreen: Hjalmr Njalsson Pelican: Alexander Blackram, Accolon Shadowhawk

Sanction: On 16 August 2023, Their Majesties Louis and Sadb, The Crown of the Middle Kingdom, issued a sanction of temporary removal of participation in the SCA against William (Bill) Richard Trudell, known in the Society as William Lepied. This sanction was effective immediately.

Court report for Morning Royal Court of Louis and Sadb at Baroness Wars, on 09-SEP-2023, located in Shire of Swordcliff. Herald list: Andreas Blacwode, Alzbeta Michalik Baron: Akiyama Kazuhiko {Carraig Ban} and Akiyama Hiroaki {Carraig Ban}; COURT: Honda Heihachiro

Court report for Evening Royal Court of Louis and Sadb at Baroness Wars, on 09-SEP-2023, located in Shire of Swordcliff. Herald list: Alzbeta Michalik, Gunnar Alfljot, Kallinikos Gavras, Ates Ejderhasi, Markéta z Prahy, Sofya Chyudskaya Smolyanina, Damian Nihthauk, Alexander de Seton of Altavia

Dragon's Treasure: Finn Von Metten **AOA:** Eirene Antioxena, Liam von Metten, Marianna de Montagna y Tasso, Piero Patroclus, Sorsha Cunningham, Thana Spitui **Purple Fret:** Arrienne Ashford **Sapphire:** Immanuel von Brandenburg **Cavendish Knot:** Alistair Cearbach, Stephanie of Dark River **Willow:** Magnus Degandr **Dragon's Heart:** Gillian Durham **Doe's Grace:** Hilla Stormbringer **Laurel:** Anne Mulligan, David of Lochmorrow

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Louis & Sadb, Regency by Their Highnesses Wigthegn & Neassa, at Harvest Days, on 09-SEP-2023, located in Marche of Winged Hills. Herald: Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova; Court signet: Merwyn of the Ruin

Dragon's Treasure: Luna of Flaming Gryphon **Baton:** Thomas of House Bohaterski **AOA:** Leonardo Voltera, Allison Nicoll, Ellisif Auðinardóttir **Purple Fret:** Wulfric Gunnarsson, Arne Burdenson **Willow:** Ragna Auðinarkona **Red Company:** Mako Hammar-Hjarta **Dragon's Heart:** Zoya Dragomirova

Court report for Silent Court of TRM Louis and Sadb at Fall Coronation, on 23-SEP-2023, located in the Canton of Woods End. Herald: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon Doe's Grace: Aibhilin ni Dhomhnaill, Red Bronwyn

Court report for Final Court of TRM Louis and Sadb at Fall Coronation, on 23-SEP-2023, located in Canton of Woods End. Heralds: Allegra Ginevra Soave di Napoli, Andreas Blakwode, Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon; Court signet: Helena Sibylla

Royal Augmentation: Dorothea de Beckham, Annalena Cecilia Massari, Dai Gerdwr, Líadan Liathán, Brigitta Rosa von Metten, Tommaso Franceschi, Hilla Stormbringer, Sivrid Brumbach **Royal Vanguard:** Arianwen Triona Ceridwen O Wyndham, Geneva de St. Martine, AElfric the Kestrell, Xavier, Ezra de Barcelona, Alaster MacRae, Krzysztof cul Bun, Kateryn Bronwen of Gloucester, Sivrid Brumbach, Haukr Hornabrjótr **COURT:** Tamsin, Sabra of Darkyard **Laurel:** Tommaso Franceschi **Chivalry:** Roberto Jose Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante **Crown:** Wigthegn the Younger **Crown:** Neassa O'Cathasaigh

Court report for First Court of TRM Wigthegn and Neassa at Fall Coronation, on 23-SEP-2023, located in Canton of Woods End. Herald: Allegra Genevra Soave da Napoli, Andreas Blakwode, Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon; Court signet: Helena Sibylla

County: Louis LeCoffrier & Sadb ingen Donnchadha **Order of the Rose:** Sadb ingen Donnchadha **Royale:** Focalors, JJ

Court report for Evening Court of TRM Wigthegn and Neassa at Fall Coronation, on 23-SEP-2023, located in the Canton of Woods End. Heralds: Edborough Kellie, Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon; Court signet: Helena Sibylla AOA: Kimberly of the Three Rivers, Xavier Red Company: Slany bean Uillic Greenwood: Cellach mac Cormaic Dragon's Heart: Amani Bey ibn Masha'al al-Sabti Doe's Grace: Cerridwen verch loreword The Incipient Canton of Woods End was made a full status canton during the Court.

Court report for Silent Court of TRM Wigthegn and Neassa at Fall Coronation, on 23-SEP-2023, located in the Canton of Woods End. Herald: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon Dragon's Tooth: Alusdar O'Dane, Hróðmundr Kristrøðarson, Antarcus Valentior, Amelius Claudius Rattanicus

Fall Crown Tourney Combatants

Greetings unto the people of the Middle Kingdom!

We have put a call out for all those noble gentles who feel they are worthy to sit on the Dragon Throne. Know now the names of those who have been accepted to compete for this honor and to be Our heirs:

- Viscount Kith von Atzinger fighting for Duchess Arianwen Ferch Morgan
- Count Savaric de Pardieu fighting for Countess Julianna de Pardieu
- Count Nikolai Grigorevich Petrov fighting for Countess Serena Kimbalwyke
- Count William of Fairhaven fighting for Countess Isolde de la Ramee
- Sir Osmundus Thorkelsson fighting for Mistress Rosamund Beauvisage
- Sir Gregoire de Lyon fighting for Mistress Giovanna Adimari
- Szanowny Sierżancie Krzysztof cul Bun fighting for Metressa Alzbeta Michalik
- Lord GrimR Skallagrimson fighting for Dame Marie la Fauconniere
- Captain Victor Loc Sant de Dormit fighting for Mistress Keiley O Duchem
- Master Fergus MacPherson fighting for Dame Maggie MacKeith
- Sir Ivan Shishov fighting for Boiarynia Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova
- Captain Dyderich Wolfhart fighting for Maitresse Odette d'Amboise
- Count Seto Gesshuko fighting for Astemari Zahra Tesfaye
- Captain Brice Calquhoun fighting for Mistress Brangwayn Snowden
- Master Zygmunt Nadratowski fighting for Her Excellency Madeline McRae
- Syr Drust Mac Arilith fighting for Her Excellency Rhiannon of Blaiddwen
- Sir Crispin dela Rochefoucauld fighting for Baroness Gianna Vettori
- Rædesmann Andreas Blacwode fighting for Baron Honda Heihachiro
- Honorable Lord Dawood al tayyib al samari fighting for Honorable Lady Arianwen o Wyndham
- Sir Ixtilixochitl de los Indios fighting for Honorable Lady Norelle Thespiana
- Sergeant Marellus Kilianus fighting for Honorable Lady Seonaid inghean Ghriogair
- Captain Hjalmr Njalsson fighting for Captain Arnora in Skarpa
- Captain Arnora in Skarpa fighting for Captain Hjalmr Njalsson
- Maestro Adam Comyn fighting for Lady Alainne de Renard
- Sir Kilian Fendrich fighting for Lady Jalida Al Hasanna
- Sir Ustad Hasan al Hajjii fighting for Lady Rowan Hen Enaid
- Sergeant Andreas Renardi fighting for Lady Chrysanthème des Prés
- Sergeant Ehrenfried Schertenleib fighting for Sergeant Quenild of Mercia
- Sergeant Quenild of Mercia fighting for Sergeant Ehrenfried Schertenleib
- Lord TryggR Gillason fighting for Lady Jaquelinne la Deiciere
- Captain Vigfuss Mjoksiglandi fighting for Lady Ginna Ígulfríðr
- Lord Edric Eiksson fighting for Iona

Draco Invictus!

Wigthegn and Neassa

Rex and Regina



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Event	Date	Location	
November 2023			
Rose Tourney	4	Barony of the Flame & Shire of Dragonsmark; 1513 Midland Trail, Shelbyville, KY 40065	
Midrealm Bardic Madness XXV: A Mid-Autumn's Nights Dream	4	Shire of Narrental, 616 IN 25, Logansport, IN 46947	
Dancer's Revolt	4	Pentamere - host group TBD, 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304	
Golden Awl	11	Barony of Roaring Wastes; 1481-A, Wordsworth St, Ferndale, MI 48220	
Dressed to Kill III: Armorers and Needleworker's Symposium	11	Barony of the Cleftlands; 140 Richmond Road, Cleveland OH 44143	
Fall RUM (Royal University of the Midrealm)	18	Barony of Ayreton, 137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale IL 60521	
Pale Deadline for January (Ads)	25		
December 2023			
Christmas Tourney LI	2	Barony of the Flame, 404 S Mulberry St, Elizabethtown KY 42701	
North Wood's Wassail	2	Riding of Hawkland Moor; 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills MI 48304	
Yule Feast	9	North Oaken - host group TBD; 1456 Harvard Blvd, Toledo OH 43614	
Pale Deadline for February (Ads)	25		
January 2024			
Ayreton Twelfth Night	6	Cantons of Tree Girt See and Rokkehealden; 137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale, IL 60521	
12th Night in Pentamere	6	Pentamere - host group TBD; location TBD	
Twelfth Night in the Middle Marches	13	Barony of the Middle Marches; 4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware OH 43015	
Winter Revel	20	Pentamere - host group TBD; 2311 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia MI 48846	
Pale Deadline for March (Ads)	25		
Winter Wassail	27	Shire of Rivenvale; 10786 Mahoning Ave, North Jackson OH 44451	



Laurel Principal Sovereign of Arms

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Laurel Principal Sovereign of Arms (Laurel).

Laurel is the principal heraldic officer of the Society and the head of the College of Arms, and is responsible for fostering the study and practice of heraldry, supervising the processing of submissions, and overseeing the heraldic activities of the Known World.

Laurel is an unpaid position, currently requiring approximately 20 hours a week. The position requires considerable tact and patience, armory and onomastic knowledge, supervisory ability, the ability to work within tight deadlines and coordinate closely with Wreath, Pelican, and other staff to produce a Laurel Letter of Acceptance and Return monthly, computer literacy and word processing skills, reliable e-mail and telephone access, and time and ability to travel.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, hardcopy to:

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The deadline for applications is November 30, 2023 and is open to members of SCA Inc. and all affiliates.

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Event Submissions to Kingdom Event Calendar

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The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents

Dancers Revolt

Saturday, 04 November 2023 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM The Congregational Church of Birmingham 1000 Cranbrook Rd Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Dancing, dancing, and MORE dancing! Live musicians! Choral set! Italian, English Country sets! Modern music set! There will be fighting after feast if there is time. Dinner will be flat bread with cheese (pizza)! Registration: Adults \$10 (\$15 for non-members),

Children (0-17) FREE Steward: Master Gwenllyen the Minstrel MKA: Janet Scheltema 4262 Dickson Dr, Sterling Hts, MI 48310 hollyharpist@yahoo.com / 586-604-0873 Mail pre-reg to above address payable to: SCA, Inc~The Riding of Hawkland Moor Or just pay at the gate https://northwoods.midrealm.org/activities/canton-andbaronial-events/dancersrevolt/



The Barony of the Cleftlands cordially invites you to:

Dressed to Kill III

Cleftland's Armourers and Needlworkers symposium focusing this year on those finishing touches!

November 11th 2023 9:30 am to 7 pm Saint John of the Cross School 140 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights OH 44143

Adult Registration: \$10 Adult Member Registration: \$5 Youth (17 and under): Free! Lunch: \$5

Event Steward: Milesent Vibert (Grace Vibbert) gracevibbert@gmail.com (216)712-9030

Website: https://events.cleftlands.org/symposium/



Sponsored by The Barony of Ayreton

Site Opens: 9:00 AM CST Keynote: 10:00 AM

Classes: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM Lunch Tavern: 11:00 AM

Site Closes: 9:00 PM



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Fall RUM in Ayreton

November 18, 2023

Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale, IL 60521 Keynote Speaker:Laureate Aveline de Ceresbroch

Event Steward: Mistrovska Evenzie Apolena Vitkovic (Peg Cook) mistrovskaevzenie@gmail.com (847-417-4978)

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Event Website:https://ayreton.midrealm.org/events/

Adult Day **Member Discount Pre-Registration** (18+): \$18 Adult Day Member Discount Registration at **Gate**: \$20

> Adult Day **Pre-Registration** (18+): \$23 Adult Day Registration at **Gate**: \$25

Youth Day **Pre-Registration** (7-17): \$8 Youth Day Registration at **Gate**: \$9 Child (0-6): Free



The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents

WASSAIL

Saturday, 02 December 2023 4:00 – 10:00 PM The Congregational Church of Birmingham 1000 Cranbrook Rd Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Join us for a festive evening of fun and fellowship! Pot-luck dinner, dancing & caroling!

Seated Pot-Luck Feast at 6:00 PM. Enjoy a meal of guest-contributed dishes. Wassail & apple cider provided. (Site is discretely damp.) Registration: Adults \$10 (\$15 for non-members), Children (0-17) FREE Steward: Master Gwenllyen the Minstrel MKA: Janet Scheltema 4262 Dickson Dr, Sterling Hts, MI 48310 hollyharpist@yahoo.com / 586-604-0873 Mail pre-reg to above address payable to: SCA, Inc~The Riding of Hawkland Moor Or just pay at the gate https://northwoods.midrealm.org/activities/canton-andbaronial-events/hmwassail/ May Day in Fenix

Hosted by Barony of Fenix

Saturday, June 1, 2024 9am – 8pm

Camp Michaels 3486 Hathaway Rd, Union, KY 41091

Adult registration (18+) - \$20 Adults w/ Member Discount - \$15 Child (7-17) - \$5 Family Cap - \$40

Activities include: Armored and Rapier Combat, Archery, & More!

https://fenix.midrealm.org/baronial-calendar/may-day/

Event Stewards: THL Reinhold von Glier (David Glier) david@goetta.com THL Lynne Fairchild (Amy Glier) lynnaea_fairchild@yahoo.com

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