



Shire of Dark River

River Runes



April Anno Societatis XXXVII

Year 24 of the Shire

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Chirurgeon: *Vacant*



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(mka Rene Robinson)

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Scribe's Guild

Lord Guido De Canale (mka Steve Morford)

Cook's Guild

Lady Annyse Lionstone (mka Jacqu Chandler)

Brewer's Guild

Vacant

Sewing Guild

Lady Ellonyia Cedricsdottir (mka Ellie Yenney)

Blacksmith's Guild

Lord Gunther Todmacher (mka Rich Faith)

Near Eastern Dance Guild (Troupe Rakset al-Nehri)

Mellilah al-Zarqa (mka Michele Hogren)

Shire Calendar

April 2003

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| 1 | Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3 rd floor |
| 2 | Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church |
| 3 | Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple |
| 6 | Cook's Guild Meeting
2pm (see Annyse) |
| 8 | Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3 rd floor |
| 9 | Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church |
| 10 | Pysanky Class #3 (see Annyse)
7:00pm at Guido's Scriptorium |
| 13 | Second Sunday Sewing Circle
(see Ellonyia) |
| 14 | Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3 rd floor |
| 15 | Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church |
| 16 | Shire Revel
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple |
| 22 | Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3 rd floor |
| 23 | Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church |
| 24 | Pysanky Class #4
7:00pm at Guido's Scriptorium |
| 27 | M&M II Event Meeting
3:00pm at Norelle's
May Runes Deadline |
| 29 | Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3 rd floor |
| 30 | Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church |

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







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UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

This information can also be found at http://www.midrealm.org/midrealm_calendar.phtml









April 2003

- 1 - **PALE DEADLINE FOR MAY**
- 5 -  Clancy Day {Starleaf Gate} [Windsor, ONT]
-  Grand Tournament of the Unicorn {Unicorn} [Oxford, OH]
- Northshield Dance Seminar {Windhaven} [DePere, WI]
- Running the Gauntlet {Val d' Azure} [Lexington, KY]
-  This Land is Our Land {Shadowed Stars} [Ft. Wayne, IN]
- 11-13 -  Melee in the Woods {Stonecroft (Riviere Constelle)} [Petersburg, IN]
- 12 - Brewers and Vintners {Svaty Sebesta} [Vermillion, SD]
- Collegium Arteum Vulgarum {Donnershafen} [Gaylord, MI]
- Don't Drink the Water {Tor Aerie} [Roseville, MN]
-  Midlands Regional A&S {Shattered Crystal} [Fairview Heights, IL]
- 18-20 - Chaos Cavern {Greyhope} [Westville, IN]
- 19 -  Fighter School {Stoughton, WI}
-  La Fete d'Avril {Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]
- Scurvy Squirrels {Nordleigh} [Northfield, MN]
- Spring Revels--A Cleflands Standard Bearers Event {Cleflands} [Strongsville, OH]
- 24-27 -  Blackstone Raid Xii {Barony of Blackstone Mountain} [Charleston, WV]
- 25-26 - Road to the Isle {Mistig Waetru} [Baraga, MI]
- 25-27 - Belly of the Emerald Beast {Gateway to the Emerald Moors (Three Towers)} [Tiffin, OH]
- 26 -   Board of Directors Meeting {Caer Anterth Mawr} [Milwaukee, WI]
- Call to Arms {Coldedernhale} [Pierre, SD]
- Pentamere A&S Faire {Iron Oak (Northwoods)} [Morrice, MI]
- Rites of Spring {Illiton} [Sparland, IL]
- Tip-Toe thru the Tulips {College of St. Willibrord} [Holland, MI]
-  War College: Melee School {Ravenslake} [Antioch, IL]

May 2003

- 1 - **PALE DEADLINE FOR JUNE**
- 2-4 - Mayfaire {Cuil Cholium}
- 3 - Andelcrag Althing {Andelcrag} [Grand Rapids, MI]
-    Northshield Investiture and Coronet {Nordskogen} [St. Paul, MN]
- The Awakening/Armoured Easter Egg Hunt {Baile na Scolairi} [Bloomington, IL]
- 10 -   **CORONATION** {Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]
- 16-18 -  Baron Wars {Marche of the Marches} [Perrysburg, OH]
-  Quest for Camelot {Schattentor} [Rapid City, SD]
- 17 -  Spring Faire {Fearanne na Criche} [Richville, MI]
- 24 -  Kingdom A&S Faire {Fenix} [Cincinnati, OH]
- 24-25 - ARRG II {Windhaven} [Ripon, WI]
-  War Camp {Nordskogen} [Golden Valley, MN]
- 25 -    Crown Tournament {Fenix} [Cincinnati, OH]
- 30-1 - Feast of St. Joan of Arc {Stormvale} [Fenton, MI]
-  Mermaid's Retreat ii {Turm an dem See} [Valders, WI]
-  Mugmort Stables {Mugmort} [Lancaster, OH]
- Peasant's Revolt {Rokkehealden} [Big Rock, IL]
- 31 - Barbarians Jamboree {Three Hills} [Kalamazoo, MI]
- 31-1 - Midsummer's Eve in the Highlands {Trewint} [Wessington, Springs, SD]

Calendar Key

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|  Crown in attendance |  Chivalry Meeting |
|  Tanist in attendance |  Laurel Meeting |
|  Northshield Coronet in attendance |  Pelican Meeting |
|  Northshield Heir(s) in attendance |  Curia Meeting |

UPCOMING CALONTIR EVENTS

This information can also be found at <http://calontir.sca.org/calendar.html>

April 2003

- 5 Coronation Oakheart Springfield MO
- 11 Spring Rush Southern Iowa
- 18 Spring Thaw Calanais Nuadh Rolla MO
- 19 Regional Fighter Practice Westumbria Great Bend KS
- 25 Event Crystal Mynes Joplin MO
Event Lonely Tower Omaha NE

May 2003

- 3 War College Standing Stones Columbia MO
Northshield Investiture and Coronet Principality of Northshield/Barony of Nordskogen St. Paul MN
- 10 St George & the Dragon Oakheart Springfield MO
Ceilidh Dun Ard Leavenworth KS
- 17 Melees & Mayhem Crescent Moon Topeka KS
- 24 Crown Tournament & Horse & Falcon King's Company of Archer's Tournament Forgotten Sea Kansas City MO



From the Seneschal

No article at the time of printing.



From the Herald

Those in need of Names or Devices please see me. Get the forms and instruction sheets before working on your Name or Device, then follow the forms and instructions in drafting something. Get this draft to me for a two or three-week review and I'll get back to you with suggestions for a final submission to me, which I will complete and copy for sending up the line. Stay somewhat flexible on your Name and Device until you finalize it for submission. This will give you the best chance for approval on the first try.

Also, please drop me a note regarding the particulars whenever you receive an Award. I need to maintain records on all awards. Information should include the following: Type of Award, Recipients Name (as listed on scroll), Reason for Award (as listed on scroll) and Date of Presentation (as listed on scroll).
LOR'O EOAR



From the Exchequer

No article at the time of printing.



From the Marshal

Fighter practice is held Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. The location is: Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church 1201 13th Street Moline, IL 61265. For more information see Daffyd or Gunther.



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

No Article at the time of printing.



From the Chronicler

I am making some changes to the Runes format. Please give me any suggestions you have and I will consider them. Next Runes deadline is April 27! Officers, please keep this deadline in mind when preparing your reports for the Runes. If you would like a standing message, please see that I get it via email or hand it to me at a meeting. I plan to attend at least one of our meetings a month.

Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to provide updated contact information to me for the Runes. If you cannot regularly make it to the Shire business meeting, or you know you are going to miss it, feel free to contact me via email or phone to arrange something so you always get the Runes. If you would like it mailed to you, I can do that if you give me stamps. The Shire of Dark River also has a Yahoo Groups list on the Internet at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shireofdarkriver>. Anyone interested can sign up and get email announcements and reminders. You can be in charge of keeping your own account information correct so you will always be assured of receiving any important shire related information.

Mellalah al-Zarga



From the Chatelaine

No article at the time of printing.



From the Chirurgeon

This position seems to be vacant! If you are interested in this position, please see the Seneschal. If you currently hold this position, please see the Chronicler!



From the Archery Marshal

No article at the time of printing.



From the Web Mistress

Being that we have such a large group of children in the local group, I thought it would be fun to update a page on the web for them. If you would like to participate, please send me a picture (either digital or print) of your child in garb. Please include your child's mundane name, SCA name (if they have one) and your name as well. This will also be a great way for everyone to get to know the children.

Lady Lia

From the Minister of Children

No article at the time of printing.

From the Youth Boffer Minister

No article at the time of printing.

From the Scriptorium

No article at the time of printing.



From the Cooks' Kitchen

Greetings all Dark River Cooks. Cooks Guild will officially start up again on April 6th from 2 to 4pm. We will be discussing when we want to have the guild meetings, russian cookery, and firepit projects. Anyone wishing to bring a medieval munchie should do so. I hope to see you there.

THL

Annyse Lionstone



From the Brewers' Oats

This position seems to be vacant! If you are interested in this position, please see the Seneschal. If you currently hold this position, please see the Chronicler!

From the Sewing Bower

Everyone is invited to the home of John and Ellie (1033 Kirkwood Blvd. Davenport) the second Sunday of every month for a sewing circle. A big pot of soup will be provided. Bring your expertise, your questions, your energy, your frustrations, your projects, your wish list... you get the picture. Some months will include field trips to the library or fabric store! Im certainly not saying that we have all of the answers, but at least it's a place for all of your questions to come together. Whether you are working on an embroidery project or court garb, feel free to stop on over, bring your project and enjoy everyone's company.



From the Blacksmiths' Forge

No article at the time of printing.



From the Caravan

The Shire's Near Eastern Dance Guild is large and strong! We currently have over a dozen dancers in Troupe Rakset al-Nehri (Dancers of the River). If you wish to dance with us, we hold our practices every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, at the Pierce School Mall in the Village of East Davenport, up on the 3rd floor. Don't try to come to just watch though, or we'll make you dance! If you want to see Troupe dancers perform, catch us at one of our scheduled performances or at Mellilah's monthly studio Hafla (it means PARTY, talk to Mellilah for more info). If you are interested in learning Near Eastern dance, talk to Mellilah about her scheduled classes (they start April 8!) or getting a primer class before joining the Troupe.

Mellilah al-Zarga



Pysanky Classes

Lady Annyse will be hosting Pysanky classes at Lord Guido's scriptorium on April 10th, 7-9pm and April 24th, 7-9pm. Pysanky is the art of Ukranian egg decorating, using wax resist and dyes to color beautifully decorated eggs. We've had so much fun doing our eggs in March, that we decided to continue through April! Talk to Lady Annyse if you are interested in this traditional craft! Also talk to Lady Annyse if you are interested in a trip to the Czech Museum, the date has been set!

Murder & Melee III News!

I would like to thank everyone who came to the event meeting on Sunday. We made all of the site tokens and they are wonderful. The next event meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 3pm.

The event web page went up this last weekend, and it is just as fabulous as last years web page. The link has been sent out to many of the Midlands and Middle kingdom e-groups and households. Please feel free to send the link to your friends, but please ask me before you send it to a group of people. Chances are they have already gotten it once, and I don't want our shire to get a reputation for spamming. I am also keeping a list of all the groups the link is going to, so next year we can make sure everyone gets it again.

Rich is looking for someone to be a "baker" for the feast. There has been some talk of getting pre-made dough, so that it would be easier the day of the event. Some of the deserts *might* be able to be made the night before. Please contact Rich for more details.

On the troll section of the web page there is a registration form. I would like the shire people to also use this form to pre-reg. Pre-registration is particulaly important this year, as cabins can only be pre-reged, and the total number of feast tickets will also be determined by pre-registration. Please turn in your Pre-registration as soon as possible!

Lady Norelle

The link for our Event is:

<http://www.midrealm.org/darkriver/MM2/index.html>

From the Ebay Mistress

Greetings!

I am pleased to report that as of this writing, the Shire has earned \$167.00 in profits from our Ebay sales! We are doing fantastic! More auctions are being added, but I am in desperate need of more donations. I would like to take this moment to thank the following...

- Ellonya - Her donations have already earned the Shire \$27.20 in profits! And more of her generous donations will be listed soon!
- Spewy - His donations have earned the Shire \$16.28, with more donations yet to be listed!
- Drogo - His craftsmanship was a huge help to our fund raising efforts! Adding \$26.46 to our cause!
- Annyse - Her generous donations of the napkins added \$28.25 to our fund!
- Mellilah - Her donation of the carving set brought our Shire \$11.87 in profit!
- My friend and neighbor donated to our cause and her donations brought us an additional \$32.42!!
- I myself, have donated items totaling \$24.52 in profits!

A HUGE thank you to all of the above for all your help and efforts to aid the Shire! For all those that would like to help in the future, I will gladly accept your donations at any meeting! Our newest member of the Shire, Danielle has donated a lovely cloak, and our resident basket maker, Norelle, has donated a lovely basket to aid in our efforts. Look for all to be added soon! I am anxious to receive additional donations! Thank you again to those who have helped, and a thank you to those that intend to do so.

Yours respectfully,
Katta cel Batrin



Your artwork could have been in this space! If you are an artist or an art dabbler, see Mellilah about putting some of your art in the next Runes!

The Saga of Mthir Red

(adapted from Mr. Ed by Warder Ceanntighern)

A norse is a norse, of course, of course,
And no one can vike with a norse of course,
That is, of course, unless the norse is the famous
Mthir Red.

Go right to the source and bug the norse,
He'll give you a thwack and then take your horse,
He's always on the job of course,
Vike with Mthir Red.

Picts all hackity hack alike and make themselves a
pain,
But Mthir Red will ever vike as long as there's loot
to be gained.

A norse is a norse, of course, of course,
And no one should ever unlock their doors,
Unless they're on the run, of course, from the famous
Mthir Red.

So stay on your course and flee the norse,
or else he'll take all your stuff by force,
The vikings everywhere endorse,
"Vike with Mthir Red."

Every one of the ealdormen look down upon the
thane,
But Mthir Red will make them spend their gold
again and again.

A norse is a norse, of course, of course,
And this one'll kick you right in the torse,
That is, unless you pay, of course, pay to Mthir Red.

But if a you want a refresher course,
on ways to turn all your foes to fourths,
or grant yourself a quick divorce,
Vike with Mthir Red.

Jutes and Angles and Saxons storming up and down
the lanes,
could never equal Mthir Red, the baddest one of the
Danes.

A norse is a norse, of course, of course,
And this one'll vike without remorse,
You never heard of this viking norse?

Well listen to this,

I am Mthir Red...THWACK!!!

Books of Interest

By *Mellilah al-Zarqa*

Because of the recent interest in Ukrainian Egg decorating, I took a look at the Davenport Public Library to see what they had on the shelves on this art form.

Ukrainian Easter Eggs and how we make them by Anne Kmit, Loretta Luciw, Johanna Luciw and Luba Perchyshyn

This is a basic book of how to do the Ukrainian egg decorating craft, including traditional background, color and symbol meanings, how-to and tips for better eggs as well as step by step designs from beginner to advanced levels.

Eggs Beautiful – How to make Ukrainian Easter Eggs by Johanna Luciw, Ann Kmit and Loretta Luciw

Similar to the one above, but has less on traditional background and more on designs. Seems to have lots more drawings of band designs and other design elements.

Did you know you can search for library books from the comfort of your home computer? The Quad-Link Library catalog is available through the web. Check it out at:

<http://qlweb.rbls.lib.il.us/>

Classifieds

WANTED: More items for the Event EBAY auction fundraiser. Any item is welcome. See Katta cel Batrin to donate your items.

Unto the Populous of the Shire of Dark River does Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Merklingen Send greetings, and a request for aid. It has become a goal of mine to pick up fighting again within the next year. But sadly I do not have much in the way of armor. I need help. I seek the council of one with experience in armoring. I need a place, and the tools to do this, as well as considerable help with materials to make the items I need. I wish to make both a helm, and a shield, as well as a few other possible items.

Please contact:

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Ashtonmiller@mchsi.com

Phone: 309-292-6728

or 563-650-6718 (After 9pm, and Sat/Sun only please)

ADVERTISE HERE! For free!

In need of something particular, an item or a service? Do you have something that you just know someone could use? Or perhaps you have a skill you would like make available? Call or email Mellilah about putting your classified ad in this space. It's free and easy!

Costume Corner

Believe it or not, Summer fast approaches, and so does the summer Faire and SCA outdoor event season! With so many new people in our Shire, I thought I'd take a little time to discuss a costuming element that many people forget.

SHOES

Shoes are a difficult part of costuming to deal with successfully. Some people spend lots of money and time on their lovely costumes, but forget to get the right shoes. Or, they settle for something that looks lovely and period, but is killer on their feet!

I've heard complaints of fallen arches, corns, calluses, cuts, poison ivy or fungal infections from walking barefoot, blisters, thorns, and just plain sore feet after a long day at Jubilee. People, TAKE CARE OF YOUR FEET! Those feet are going to keep you going at future faires and events, they are going to move you through your favorite English country dances and they will get you to your favorite merchants at Pennsic. But if you abuse those feet, if you ignore them, you could come to regret it later. Never go barefoot!

Of course, I don't want to insist you wear your favorite Nikes. I DID wear my black walking shoes at Pennsic during my longer treks through the site. But on the whole we all want to maintain the Dream by wearing shoes that look as period as possible, yet are comfortable and practical.

Now is the season to do some serious shopping at the discount department stores, or your favorite shoe store. Many styles of sandals that are out now can look vaguely period and still have some arch support and cushy soles. I have two pairs of ghillie-like sandals. When you are choosing your shoes, try to bend them at the center, where your arch would be. If they bend very easily, they have no support whatsoever, and will be too thin and flexible to protect your feet. Shoes this thin may be okay for sitting to feast or at court, but I wouldn't recommend them for a long day of Faire shopping or a long night of vigorous dancing.

If you can afford a pair of custom made period shoes from an SCA merchant, ask about their padding and soles. If they don't offer much in the way of a padded sole, tell them you plan to buy padded inserts and to allow for that when they take your foot measurements. That way they won't make the shoes too tight when you've inserted a store-bought shoe pad.

Those of you who are fighters, your Marshal and fighting instructors can probably tell you what's best for the battlefield. But here, it's even more important to protect your feet. Steel toe boots!

May your feet always carry you to your goals!

Costume Corner will be a regular column in the Runes. Anyone may write for this column, just turn your article in to Mellilah to be included in a future issue of the Runes!