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The Shire of Dark River Presents RIVER RUNES March 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mondays

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesdays

Near Eastern Dance

7:30-9:30pm

Pierce School 3rd Floor
(See Mellilah)

Needle Arts 3rd Tuesday

7:00-9:00pm

Wednesdays

Fighting Practice

6:30-9:30pm

(See Daffyd)

Thursdays

1st and 3rd: Meeting at
the Masonic Temple.

2nd and 4th: Scribe's
Guild at Guido's. Call
first to make sure.

Fridays & The Weekend

Nothing scheduled but
reveling, flirting,
drinking, dancing and all
manner of carrying on.

Sundays

2nd Sunday Sewing Circle.
Call Ellonyia

TBA-Cooks Guild 2:30pm

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NOTE: Shire Officer
meetings are held at the
whim of the Seneschal.
Speak to him about it if
you have the desire.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS & SPECIAL PEOPLE

Seneschal

Lord Corkeran O'Brenan (mka Keven Woods)

Herald

Lord Edar ap Gwynedd (mka Terry Paul)

Chatelaine

Lady Norelle of Scolairi (mka Donna Weeks)

Exchequer

Lady Ceridwen (mka Sarah Malaise)

Fighter Marshal

Baron Dafydd de Saer (mka Dave Apple)

Youth Boffer MIT

Lord Quintius de Folo (mka Chris Quinn)

Minister of Children

Minister of Arts & Sciences

Rosalynd de Sant Angelo (mka Brenda Sherfey)

Chronicler

Mellilah al-Zarqa aka Lady Melisande D'Eyncourt (mka Michele Hogren)

Scribe's Guild Poobah & Lord of the Scriptorium

Lord Guido De Canale (mka Steve Morford)

Cook's Guild

Lady Annise Lionstone (mka Jacqueline Chandler)

Sewing Circle

Lady Ellyonyia Cedricsdottir (mka Ellonyia Yenney)

Brewer's Guild Poobah

Vacant

Blacksmith's Guild Poobah

Lord Gunther Todmacher (mka Rich Faith)

Near Eastern Dance Guild (Troupe Rakset al-Nehri)

Mellilah al-Zarqa aka Lady Melisande D'Eyncourt (mka Michele Hogren)

UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

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

March 2003

- 1 - PALE DEADLINE FOR APRIL
 - ♠ Feast of Luperalia {Rivenwood Tower} [Mankato, MN]
 - ♠ Haire Faire/Rapier Academy {Falcon's Keep} [Stevens Point, WI]
 - Pentamere Regional Dance Practice {Northwoods} [Lansing, MI]
 - ♠ ♠ Winter War Maneuvers {Tirnewydd} [Delaware, OH]
- 8 - Northshield A&S Faire {Pipestone (Border Downs)} [Pipestone, MN]
 - ♠ Stone Dog Inn {Grey Gargoyles} [Chicago, IL]
- 10-16 - ♠ ♠ ♠ Gulf Wars {Meridies} [Lumberton, MS]
- 15 - Ides of March {Iron Oak} [Morrice, MI]
- 22 - Archers College {Vannspring (Northwoods)} [East Lansing, MI]
 - Heraldic and Scribal Symposium {Caer Antherth Mawr} [Milwaukee, WI]
 - Musician's Day {St. Carol on the Moor} [Charleston, IL]
 - ♠ North Oaken A&S and Military School {Brendoke (Three Towers)} [Tallmadge, OH]
- 28-30 - Northshield Regional Equestrian Practice {Windhaven} [Oshkosh, WI]
- 29 - Ceilidh {College of St. Joan} [Dayton, OH]
 - ♠ Constellation A&S {Narrental} [Peru, IN]
 - ♠ ♠ Ides of March {Trewint} [Huron, SD]
 - March Madness {Strikkenwoode} [West Terre Haute, IN]
 - Terpsichore {Cynnabar} [Manchester, MI]

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 {Stoncroft (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 {Cleftlands} [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 Antherth 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]
- 9-11 - College of Martial Arts {Shattered Crystal} [Lake Carlisle, 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]

UPCOMING CALONTIR EVENTS

This information can also be found at

<http://calontir.sca.org/calendar.html>

March 2003

- 8 open
- 15 Gulf Wars Kingdom of Meridies Lumberton MS
- 22 Norman Law II Mag Mor Lincoln NE
- 29 open

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
- 31 open

UPCOMING DARK RIVER SHIRE EVENTS

March 2003

- 9 Second Sunday Sewing Circle (see Ellonyia)
- 11 Near Eastern Dance Guild (see Mellilah)
- 12 Fighter's Practice (see Dafydd)
- 13 Pysanky Class #1 (see Annyse)
- 18 Near Eastern Dance Guild (see Mellilah)
- 19 Fighter's Practice (see Dafydd)
- 20 Revel!
- 25 Near Eastern Dance Guild (see Mellilah)
- 26 Fighter's Practice (see Dafydd)
- 26 Pysanky Class #2 (see Annyse)
- 30 Event Meeting (see Norelle)

April 2003

- 3 Business Meeting

April Runes Deadline – Sunday, March 30

Pysanky Classes

Lady Annysse will be hosting Pysanky classes at Lord Guido's scriptorium on March 13th, 7-9pm and March 27th, 7-9pm.

Pysanky is the art of Ukranian egg decorating, using wax resist and dyes to color beautifully decorated eggs. Talk to Lady Annysse if you are interested in this traditional craft!

Event Update

When is our event? 6pm Friday, June 6th – Noon Sunday, June 8th

What Happened to the Date in September?

The Readers Digest version of the story is that Carriag Ban has an event that weekend. They had a "verbal agreement" with the kingdom calander person, but they were not yet listed on the actual calander. They are becoming a barony again and have arranged for the crown to be at their event. The calendar woman says we can both have events that weekend, since we are 110 miles apart. (100 is the cut of mark) I didn't want to schedule an event opposite another Illinois event, much less one that has crown in attendance. June 7th was available at the camp and on the calander, so I grabbed the weekend while it was still available.

Is it the same theme as last year?

Yes, sort of. The event is Murder & Melee II: Murder at the Monastery. The concept is still a live clue game, but with people, places and weapons in a religious theme. June 8th is a real feast day, Whitsunday. Gunther is planning a German feast. So instead of focusing on a certain order like a brought up at February's business meeting, the theme is a Murder at a German Monastery during the Whitsunday celebration.

Lady Norelle

Embroidery and Needlework March 24-28

Hands-on seminars on embroidery and needlework featuring traditional Scandinavian designs. Presented by the Royal School of Needlework (England) at the Hotel Pattee in Perry Iowa. For more information, please go to www.hotelpattee.com (information is sparse right now, but more information will be available closer to the lecture date). The hotel can also be contacted directly at 888-424-4268

From the Seneschal

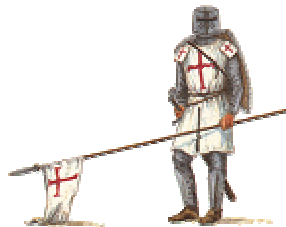
No report at the time of this printing.

Blacksmith's Guild

No report at the time of this printing.

Second Sunday Sewing Circle

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! I'm 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 Chronicler

Greetings Good Shire Folk!

I hope you enjoy this month's Runes. As the new Chronicler, I have a few things to mention. First, From now on the deadline for articles and news to be included in the Runes is the Sunday prior to the Business meeting! Sunday is the best day for me to work on the new issue, and also provides plenty of time for printing. Officers, please keep this new 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.

In service to the Dream,

Mellilah al-Zarqa

From the Fighter Marshal

Fighter practice is held Wednesday nights at 6:30 – 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 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).
Lord Edar

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.

From the Ebay Mistress

Greetings good Gentles,

It is almost here. The snow will soon be distant memory and the spring rains will come. Flowers will bloom, trees will blossom, and, more importantly, Murder and Melee is just around the corner! In order to make our event the BEST it possibly can be, the Shire of Dark River needs your help. We are in desperate need of your unwanted items! To assist in the expense of OUR event, I have been given the honor of fundraising. Any and all items that you would be willing to donate will be auctioned off on Ebay. ALL proceeds go directly to the Shire. If you would like to help, (and I pray that you do!!) just look around your house. Box up anything that you have that is in good condition...knick knacks, children's electronic toys, books, garb that no longer fits, ANYTHING that you are tired of looking at, dusting, tripping over, or shifting around in your closet! Just bring it to either the Business meeting or Revel and I will take it from there. Or, if you are unable to attend the meetings, just email me at diamondvamp@msn.com and we will work something out. I would like to thank those of you who have already contributed to the cause. To date, we have only had four donations and all items were sold! The total profit to the Shire was over \$30!! Just imagine what we can do if everyone pitches in! Now grab an empty box or bag, and do some Spring Cleaning for a good cause! All the best to you and yours!

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Books of Interest

By Mellilah al-Zarqa

The Feud that Sparked the Renaissance by Paul Robert Walker

Published by William Morrow Press, ISBN 0-380-97787-7, hardback, 267 pages

Subtitled, “How Brunelleschi and Ghiberti changed the Art World”, this book explores 15th century Florence and it’s people; the artists and wealthy patrons who shaped the art and architecture of the Renaissance. There are a few photos in the center of the book, but it’s mostly a discussion of the two main characters and the people they were involved with (including Donatello and Medici), and their competition for commissions.

The Legendary Cuisine of Persia by Margaret Shaida

Published by Interlink Books, ISBN 1-56656-413-1, Trade paperback, 306 pages

Persian cooking is one of the oldest cuisines of the world. It is famous for it’s fragrance, sophistication, elegance and subtlety. The author traces the origins of the foods and recipes in this book, along with anecdotes and quotations and provides one of the most complete collections of authentic recipes available.

This book may make a good secondary source, and it includes a bibliography.

Tycho & Kepler by Kitty Ferguson

Published by Walker & Company NY, ISBN 0-8027-1390-4, hardback, 401 pages

Very late period (Tycho Brahe died in 1601), this book explores the lives of Tycho Brahe and the younger Kepler, whom Brahe had begged to help him interpret and prove his life’s work – his observations of planetary and stellar movement in the attempt to prove the Earth was the center of the universe. Kepler, however, believed in Copernicus’ system and later came up with his Laws of Planetary Motion. This book provides look at a turbulent time when the medieval was giving way to the modern, and the influence of two men on scientific thought and progress.

The Ornament of the World – How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain by Maria Rosa Menocal

Published by Little, Brown and Company NY; ISBN 0-316-56688-8; hardback; 315 pages

The Middle Ages are often depicted as a dark and barbaric period, characterized by intellectual backwardness and religious persecution. This book brings a new perspective of medieval Europe, where tolerance was often the rule and literature, science and art flourished in a climate of cultural openness. The rich and complex culture of al-Andalus thrived for nearly 700 years. Ironically, it was on the eve of the Renaissance that puritanical forces finally triumphed over Spain’s long-standing traditions of tolerance, ushering in a period of religious repression. This book tells the story of a time and a culture that has been largely overlooked.

Cookbook Fundraiser Proposal

For those interested, I am proposing a Cookbook Fundraiser. I have info packets from 3 different publishers specializing in cookbook fundraisers. These publishers do all the work of typesetting, formatting, printing, binding, etc; for a decent price. We just gather up recipes, send them in and pay for however many copies we’d like to try selling.

Our Seneschal asked me to provide a sample comparison of the publishers and their services. Because of the many variable “extras” like color covers, inserts, extra pages, sizes, bindings etc... I will take a base type of cookbook and provide a comparison price list along with a few variables that we may want to include, and the price per book we’d be paying and what we can expect to make in profit.

The publishers are:

G&R Publishing, Waverly IA.
Morris Printing, Kearney NE
Cookbook Publishers, Lenexa KS

The basic book format I will use to comparison price is a 200 recipe book, purchasing 200 books for resale. Book size= 5.5" by 8.5", laminated cover, our own art on cover and dividers – black on color paper, One black & white photo, custom divider titles, basic (free) format, quips & quotes on disk, Index, 4 personalized pages. I am setting the resale price per book at \$10 just for an example (we may choose to sell books cheaper).

- G&R per book = \$3.90 plus one time index fee of \$25 (resale profit = \$1195)
- Morris Printing per book = \$2.95 (resale profit = \$1410) (additional charge for quips & quotes)
- Cookbook Publishers per book = \$3.05 (resale profit = \$1390) (additional charge for custom dividers and back cover lamination)

Important considerations when choosing our Publisher:

- G&R offers spiral binding (better quality, longer lasting). None of the others do, the others have plastic comb bindings (or Morris offers a 3 ring hardcover binder option for \$2.75 more per book that is very high quality).
- G&R and Morris offer 90 day same as cash for non-profit groups (one half the invoice is due 30-37 days, the balance later)
- Morris offers laminated linen-like cover (the others are laminated stock).
- Morris gives \$.20 discount per book if you send in the recipes already formatted on disk, allowing people to send me recipes via email (Morris already sent me handy-dandy software to make it easier).
- If we use Morris and submit our cookbook on disk, it cuts 3-5 weeks off production time. Morris has a 45-65 day production time normally, G&R has a 3 month production time.
- Cookbook publishers seem to offer less options free.
- All publishers have an underrun/overrun policy. This means there may or may not be some spoilage when printing. So, we may get less or more books than we ordered, in which case we are invoiced only for the books we actually receive.
- Morris and G&R provide extra cookbooks to cover shipping costs.
- Increasing number of recipes AND number of books ordered DECREASES the cost per book.
- There are many many other options that can change the price per book, should we choose them. Things like additional photos or art, cooking tips pages, format choices, different book size, binder options, hardcover options, additional colors on cover and/or dividers.
- If we go with the custom cover/dividers, we'd need artists to design them.

If we decided to go with the Morris 3 ring binder option, for \$5.60 per book (200 recipes, 200 books), we could in the future print up page inserts to sell cheaply later without going through the publisher, if we wanted. We'd have an expandable cookbook!

I will bring all 3 publisher info packets to the April business meeting, along with sample cookbooks. Please review the above info, and send me (Michele Hogren) any questions you may have.