



Shire of Dark River

River Runes



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Year 24 of the Shire

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Shire Calendar

May 2003

- 1 Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 5 M&M Event Meeting 7pm – Norelle's
- 6 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 7 Cook's Guild Research – at Annyse' house
Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 10 Czech Village Trip – See Annyse
- 12 M&M Event Meeting 7pm – Norelle's
- 13 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 14 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 15 Shire Revel
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 18 Cook's Guild Taste Testing at Annyse' house
- 19 M&M Event Meeting 7pm – Norelle's
- 20 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 21 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 26 M&M Event Meeting 7pm – Norelle's
- 27 Near Eastern Dance Guild
7:30pm Pierce School Mall 3rd floor
- 28 Fighter's Practice
6:30pm Bethel Wesley Church
- 31 JUNE RUNES DEADLINE

June 2003

- 5 Shire Business Meeting
7:00pm Rock Island Masonic Temple
- 6-8 Murder & Melee Shire Event!
- 20-22 Jubilee Olde English Faire – Kickapoo IL

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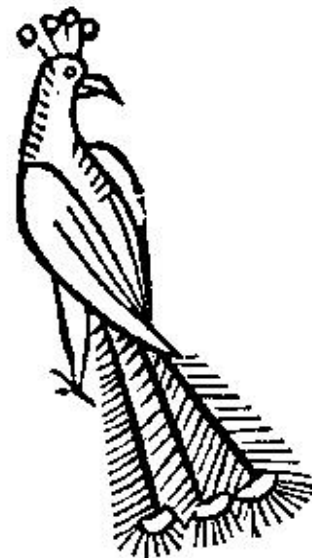


UPCOMING MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS

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

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]



June 2003

- 1 - PALE DEADLINE FOR JULY
- 6-8 - [Castle Fever](#) {Silfren Mere} [Oronoco, MN]
 - [Death and Taxes](#) {Dun Traigh} [Walhalla, MI]
 - Dragon Under the Hill {Drakelaw} [Ashland, KY]
 - [Grand Tournament of Archery](#) {Fasach Mor} [Troy, MI]
 - [Known World Heraldic Symposium](#) {Calontir} [St. Louis, MO]
 - [Murder & Melee](#) {Dark River} [Blue Grass, IA]
 - [Northern Oaken War Maneuvers](#) {Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH]
- 7-9 - DEMO: Don't Bluff Me {Coille Stoirmeil} [Oakdale, WI]
- 13-15 - [Baronial Border War](#) {Rimsholt} [Grand Rapids, MI]
 - [Spring Fling](#) {Windhaven} [Oshkosh, WI]
- 14 - [Raider's Paradise](#) {Afonlyn} [Farmland, IN]
- 14-21 - [Lilies War](#) {Calontir} [Smithville Lake, MO]
- 20-22 - [Cowards and Conscripts](#) {Rivenwood Tower} [Fairmont, MN]
 - [Encampment at the Castle](#) {Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]
 - Jubilee Olde English Faire {Illiton} [Brimfield, IL]
 - Thatsa Mare {Marea Amethystinum} [Thunder Bay, ONT]
- 21 - Tyger Hunt {Hawkland Moor} [Davisburg, MI]
- 27-29 - DEMO: Howell Balloon Festival {Weald Lake (Northwoods)} [Howell, MI]
 - [Siege of Talonval](#) {Talonval} [Leslie, MI]
 - [Swine and Roses](#) {White Waters} [Oceola, IN]
 - Unnamed XI {Rudivale} [Grand Forks, ND]
- 28 - [Border Raids](#) {Meridies} [Ft. Knox, KY]

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>

May 2003

- 3 War College, Standing Stones Columbia MO
Ansteorran Crown Tournament, Northkeep (Ansteorra) Tulsa OK
- 10 St George & the Dragon, Oakheart Springfield MO
The Mother of All 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 Ealdormere Crown Tournament, Ben Dunfirth (Ealdormere) Hamilton ON Canada

June 2003

- 7th Knowne World Heraldic Symposium Three Rivers St. Louis MO
Knowne World Dance and Music Symposium Stepps (Ansteorra) Dallas/Arlington TX
- 14th Lilies War Forgotten Sea Kansas City MO
- 21st Lilies War 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).

LORD EDAR



From the Exchequer

No article at the time of printing.



From the 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 Arts & Sciences Minister

No Article at the time of printing.

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From the Chronicler

Next Runes deadline is May 31! 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

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Galve demo. Not only is Elizabeth joining our group, but several of the high school kids expressed an interest in joining. I don't know exactly how much will come of that seeing as Galva is so far away, but we'll see. Please welcome these kids as they will be putting in such a big effort just to get here. Worm Wald is hosting the midlands Newcomers seminar again this year. The is Sept 13th. I took a couple of people last year, and it was very nice. All of the classes were about an hour long so it didn't get too tedious. If you or anyone you know is interested in going, please let me know. They are also looking for teachers to present very basic 101 type classes. If you are interested in teaching contact Folo Watkins in Worm Wald. I have his contact info if anyone wants it and can't find it online.

Lady Norelle



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

Cook's Guild meets next on May 7th for research night, we're looking up Russian recipes, so bring any books you have! On May 10th we head to Cedar Rapids to visit the Czech Village, meet at Guido's at 10am for carpooling. On May 18th we meet for testing the recipes that we found on the 7th, so bring your appetite.

Annyse Lionstone

From the Sewing Bower

Please note that May's Sewing Circle falls on Mother's Day. We will not meet on that day! Come to the business meeting or call Ellie to find out when the next Sewing circle will be held.

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 Brewers' Vats

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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 or getting a primer class before joining the Troupe.

Mellilah al-Zarga

Murder & Melee III News!

The event is now just one short month away. With that in mind, every Monday night between now and then will be "event night" at my house starting around 7pm. please stop by and lend a hand.

I would also like to collect some plastic grocery bags. These will be handed out after feast for people to take home their dishes. I will happily collect these on Mondays or at the revel.

If you have not volunteered to help out yet, please see Ellie. I think we still might need a couple of servers...

And Lora could always use things to auction on ebay. We are about half way to our ebay goal!

Sir Ix is confirmed to run our heavy weapons list. He is also trying to get a rapier person for us.

The shire of Shadowdale in Calontir has also confirmed that they will provide lunch.

Lastly, I cannot express how important it is for our shire people to reserve early. Cabins are only available by pre-registration. There will only be 20 feast reservations available at the door the day of the event. **The only reservation is a paid reservation**, even for shire people.

Lady Norelle

The link for our Event is:

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



From the Ebay Mistress

I will be proudly issuing a check to the Shire thursday for \$225.14 in Ebay profits! There are a few auctions still outstanding, (buyers haven't sent payment) We are now half way to our goal! Did I mention HALF way! OK, now this is for all the "glass is half empty" people out there...that still means we have half to go!! And not to put any pressure on anyone, but we only have approximately ONE month left. OK, I lied...I want to put some pressure on. DONATIONS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED! I have a few items left to list, but not enough to reach our goal. Spring cleaning is here, and I am confident that some of you have some lovely things you just want out of your house! I will have plenty of room in the car for your knick-knacks and what-nots. Thanks in advance!

Yours respectfully,
Katta cel Batrin

Ye Olde Hokey Pokey

The following is from the Washington Post Style Invitational contest that asks readers to submit "instructions" for something (anything), but written in the style of a famous person. The winning entry was The Hokey Pokey (as written by W. Shakespeare).

O proud left foot, that ventures quick within
Then soon upon a backward journey lithe.
Anon, once more the gesture, then begin:
Command sinistral pedestal to writhe.
Commence thou then the fervid Hokey-Poke,
A mad gyration, hips in wanton swirl.
To spin! A wilde release from Heavens yoke.
Blessed dervish! Surely canst go, girl.
The Hoke, the poke -- banish now thy doubt
Verily, I say, 'tis what it's all about.

by William Shakespeare

Cookbook Fundraiser News

At last month's meeting, the Shire approved the Cookbook fundraiser plan presented by Mellilah. A committee was then formed (Mellilah, Annyse, Danielle & help from the Cook's Guild) to plan and implement the Cookbook Fundraiser.

The committee met after the last Cook's Guild meeting, and decided to go with the 3-ring binder style cookbook, because with that style we could add our own recipe inserts later. We are thinking a new insert with every Feast, to include feast recipes that can be inexpensively printed up and designed to fit our cookbook. Rosalynd offered her services as artist to design some cover ideas for the committee to choose from.

In this Runes you will find a copy of the recipe form. Please make as many copies as you need and turn your recipes in to Mellilah, in person or by email. You can use the form as a guideline if you send by email. Recipes can be anything at all, not just period ones. We need lots of recipes to make this a great cookbook, so help us out!

Books of Interest

By Mellilah al-Zarqa

I thought I'd mention the historical fiction genre this Runes. Sure, you can't use fiction as a documentation source, but you can use it as a source to inspire your imagination! Plus, a lot of the historical fiction out there are mystery novels, and our upcoming event is a murder mystery! Get in the mood!

Below is a list of just a **few** of the authors that I found with period novels, at the Davenport Public Library. I'm sure I missed several authors, so don't limit yourself to just these meager few.

- Michael Clynes – Mysteries during the time of Henry VIII
- P.C. Doherty – 14th Century mysteries
- Elizabeth Eyre – Renaissance Italy mysteries
- Robert Van Gulik – Early period China mystery
- Ian Morson – 13th Century mysteries
- Ellis Peters – 12th Century mysteries
- Leonard Tournay – Elizabethan mysteries
- Peter Tremayne – Early period Irish mysteries
- Chelsea Quinn Yarbro – Various period horror (main character is usually a vampire, however these books are worth mentioning for the incredible historical research the author does for her books – she gets it right)

And, of course we can't forget to mention that classic mystery novel by Mary Monica Pulver: Murder at the War which was later reprinted as Knight Fall. If you haven't read it, it's a must read! It's set during one of the early Pennsic Wars, a police officer goes to fight at Pennsic War only to find himself investigating a murder. There are other books about the main character, and the SCA sometimes makes a brief appearance in them, but the above book is set entirely in the SCA culture. The novel was often used to help SCA members explain to their friends and families what the SCA was about (minus the murder). If you've never been to Pennsic, you may also want to read the book, just for a very basic intro to what Pennsic can be like... but remember that the War is MUCH larger now, and the book was written many years ago!

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/>

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Costume Corner

Sewing for Summer

This is often the biggest mistake that newer people will make in the SCA. You bought some lovely fabric over the last year and you want to make some lovely garb for this summer's events. Great, except that lovely fabric you bought is made of polyester, rayon, or some other cleverly disguised plastic and won't breathe, unless you put big holes in it. Even as evening garb this is a bad idea. With the usual temperature at summer events hitting anywhere from 90 to 120 on some days (don't laugh at me, I was there), and that daytime heat keeping things warmer into the evening, synthetics, no matter how light or comfortable they look on the bolt are no way to go. Synthetics will trap your perspiration and your body heat inside that lovely new outfit with you. Not only do you now have to contend with what Mother Nature is dishing out, but you have to deal with what you have gotten yourself into as well. I think that garb merchants do more business with people in this position at one Pennsic War than at any other time of the year. So here are a few suggestions to help you on the way.

Fabric

The best thing you can choose is going to be 100% linen, it's period, it's natural, and it will breathe. 100% linen does come with a hefty price tag though, and can get to be a bit overwhelming, if you are working on building a wardrobe. Another option on the high price list, but defiantly period, is 100% raw silk. Raw silk was often used as a layer in armor by many eastern cultures because it would be snared by an arrow and get pulled into the wound with the metal, aiding in reduction of infection as well as a shallower wound if lucky. Raw Silk will also breathe very nicely. So what next, well 100% Cotton is the next most logical choice, while arguably not period, it is natural, it will breathe, and it is much more affordable than the previous options, and widely available.

Colors

Another thing to consider when sewing garb for summer events, is to keep it light. I don't mean light weight, though that's a good idea too, but light colored. Lighter colors will reflect more of the sun's heat. It's a good idea to avoid dark colored clothing during the day. If you don't believe me, go outside and cover yourself with a white sheet, then do it again, with a black one... See what I mean. The best choices are white, cream, tan, light browns, or any other light versions of a color, baby blue or pink for example. Pink, by the way, is a period color for fabric; don't let anyone tell you different. Besides, this is the Society for Creative Anachronism, creative being the operative word here, you don't have to be totally period all of the time.

Outfits

Now that you have the right materials, in the right colors, you can begin sewing that awesome new outfit, right? Wrong, you need to make sure you abide by the final rule for summer garb. Is this outfit too much? Some garb can look really neat, and be super cool to look at, but it's also too much fabric covering your body. When you have 8 plus yards of fabric covering you from head to toe it doesn't matter if it's the most breathable fabric in the world, it's too much. You need to think comfort. I have always been a real strong supporter of the Tunic. Not only are they easy to make, and really easy to adapt to just about any period, but you can layer them if it gets cold, or you can strip them off if it's hot, and you don't have to spend hours in your tent trying to get changed. A tunic is a wonderful thing. I have heard people talk down about them so often, and then seen those same people change into one after court, and breathe a sigh of relief. You don't have to suffer to look good; a well done tunic can have you looking just as good as TRM's.

Whatever you choose to wear, make sure you're comfortable. We all want to enjoy the dream, and staying comfortable can sometimes be the difference between enjoying it, and suffering heatstroke.

In Service to the Dream

Herr Alexander Adelbrecht von Merklingen

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Costume Corner is 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!

Dance!

Hole in the Wall

Couples in a line Active/inactive

A-reverance, cast down the outside, up the middle and home.
Rev.

I-Rev., Cast up the outside, down the middle and home.
Rev.

A man & I lady Rev, and palm switching places. All Rev.

I man & A lady Rev, and palm switching places. All Rev.

All join hands and circle 1/2 way around.

A's drop hands & pull I's up between

Classifieds

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

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!