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Baronial Calendar

August

1-10: Pennsic War – Aethelmarc

1

7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

8

7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

16

7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

17

2pm: Cooks' Guild – Brianna's house

18

1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting

22

7 PM: Officers Meeting

7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

24

1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting

29-September 1

Swamp Thing – Caer Adament

29

7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

30

4 PM Storvik Revel – Storvik

From the Baron and Baroness



Onto the inexhaustible populace of Bright Hills

Do Kollack and Rebecca, Baron and Baroness give greetings.

Our missives will be kept to a minimum this fine and wonderful day for as we know, the time of war is upon us and we are in hearty preparation as are so many of you. When a majority of you read this we will already be points deep and charging back into the fray. We look forward to sharing the stories and tales between the warriors/artisans and students and those that have kept the hearth fires burning and the crops safe in the baronial fields.

Please keep in mind our following travel scheduling as the months fly past us:

Battle on the Bay is coming up in Storvik on the 13th of September

Bacon Wars II in Tir-y-Don on the 27th of the same month.

Those traveling to Fall University, we wish we could be there to join you but our scheduling will just not allow us the trip.

Please travel safe and bring back your new found knowledge to share.

Also remember that Fall Coronation is coming up and there will be much discussion regarding what wonderful items we can produce to supply their upcoming Majesties' gift basket.

We leave you now, knowing the baronial lands are secure and awaiting our return.

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Kollack and Rebecca von Zweckel
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills



From the Chronicler

Most of the barony has gone to war and left a few of us to guard the northern borders while they are gone. I have also stayed, because I will be on stage performing. Not much happened during the month of July since most people getting ready for Pennsic. August too will be a fairly quiet month. I plan to be at Swamp Thing in the East Kingdom and at the Storvik Revel. It will be nice to see old friends in the East and hear Pennsic tales old and new.

As I noted, I will be on stage this month. I will be on stage with the Open Space Arts Theater starting August 1 for 2 weekends. I hope I will see some of you in the audience.

I would like to thank this month's contributors, Lady Aemelia Rosa for beautiful cover, Lady Deirdre for her poem and Mistress Cordelia for sharing her award winning recipe.

THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield
Chronicler of the Barony Bright Hills

Officers of the Barony of Bright Hills

MINUTES

May 16, 2014, 7:10 P.M.



I. Officer Reports (by e-mail)

A. Chronicler: THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield – Quarterly chronicler’s report was sent in early. The kingdom liked a suggestion of mine concerning permission to publish forms. They are now online on the kingdom chronicler’s webpage. Thank you to Lord Janyn for putting the form on the Bright Hills Website.

This month’s newsletter is small this month because everyone is getting ready for Pennsic and I have community theater performances. Thank you to Lady Aemelia Rosa and Lady Deirdre for their contributions. Next month’s newsletter will be its usual size of 20 or more pages.

B. Webminster: Lord Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire – Nothing further to report at this time. Web page is up to date and the Word press transition will begin after return from Pennsic.

C. MOAS: Lady Reyne Telerius - July’s report is very light.

Lady Daniela reports on the demo at the Royal Rabbit Winery, held on 7/12/14 - We actually had a very nice showing at the demo today. Mistress Brienna showed her talent in spinning on a huge beautiful wheel. Lady Rebecca showed off her quilled boxes and embroidery. Lady Sindara her beading and past yeoman's as well as some games and her family made an appearance as well. Young Aiya (Lindsey) shot well in a devious Apple shoot. His Excellency showed the Bright Hills prowess on the list field and chivalry aiding a gentle with her purchases to her car. Her Excellency visited each of us, spoke with newcomers and cheered us all on and showed our courtesy delivering water to the man directing cars. Lord Hunter kept the list field running smoothly. We handed out contact cards and I had some try their hands at calligraphy and did a couple bookmarks as well as answered questions on embroidery and bobbin lace. All in the entire Bright Hills contingent showed just why we're the northern jewel of Atlantia.

Mistress Martell sent in a report on a class she taught recently.

Date of Class: July 12, 2014

Location: Barony of Ponte Alto, Fairfax, VA.

Event: N/A, A Saturday class

Teacher: Mistress Martelle von Charlottenburg, Barony of Bright Hills

Modern: Martha Fletcher

Number of students: eight (8) 4 - Ponte Alto, 3 - Stierbach, 1 – Storvik

Class: Beginning Inkle Weaving (warp faced weaving narrow bands)

Students learn basic weaving knowledge, how to warp a modern inkle loom, reading a computer generated pattern and starting on a band of their own. Lecture covered different weaving equipment and what it produces and the uses of the bands. Material also covered was weaving yarns than can be used and their properties.

Countess Rowan reports that she made 20 pairs of earrings for the gift basket to Ansteorra and two paternosters, one of pearl and one of ebony wood. She also gifted Her Majesty with seahorse earrings and pewter rose earrings -both with blue glass accent beads on silver wires, a large amethyst chunk paternoster in a loop with gold roses and large freshwater pearls for gauds and finally a sterling silver wire reproduction of an extant Viking ring made that she also made.

Also, I (Reyne) sent in 8 pairs of fibula in Ansteorra’s colors for the Pennsic gift basket.

Despite several requests, I again only received 2 guild reports this month.

Guild Reports:

1. Armors: No report
2. Brewers: No report
3. Clothiers: no report
4. Cooks: Today, Sunday July 13, 2014, A.S. XLVIII, we met in the wondrously beautiful home of Lord Seamus and Lord Jacob. And as is appropriate of a family that supports the German National Football team, we enjoyed brauts and sauerkraut, hopped beverages and whacking good game on the telly...er...'scuse me...

Anyway, there was a lot to discuss. First up... Pennsic. The Guild has been asked to assist with two cooking events. The Royal Dinner will be held on Sunday, 3 August at 6:00 pm, in the House Blackstar encampment. Assistance from Guild members would be most welcome to prepare, cook, serve and clean-up. Please check in with Mistress Jeanne by noon on that Sunday.

Bright Hills Open House /Social will be held on Tuesday, 5 August from 8:00-11:00 pm again at House Blackstar. Donations of food stuffs are very welcome. Please contact Mistress Jeanne for that as well. Food deliveries may be taken to the encampment or sent with fellow Bright Hillians who are traveling to Pennsic later.

It was moved, seconded and approved to provide funds for these events if needed.

Please remember fellow Guildes, our Barony needs us, let's get in there and show what we're made of!

Our next subject was Fall Coronation. Thanks to an e-mail from Lady Yseulte we have been informed that Their Highnesses would like a themed event and feast focusing on late 14th, early 15th century. Suggestions include, the English/French menu from Defending the Gate 2013, various dishes from European countries of that time period or a Welsh feast as that is close to the time of Henry V and The Battle of Agincourt. Baroness Wynne, the head cook, will contact Her Highness with menu suggestions and publish them shortly. Lady Beatrice Shirwood has agreed to be deputy. (yea!) Countess Rowan, our Guild Mistress, mentioned the possibility of having Master Huon make his marvelous cookies in the kitchen during feast prep. Both the Countess and Baroness Wynne agreed to pay Master Huon's way into the event if he is agreeable to this request. Lady Yseulte does not yet have a sponsor for lunch, but will ask volunteers soon. We will be serving breakfast to the Crowned Heads on Saturday in their lodge. Feast is to be held outside in the covered pavilion. Breakfast for the populace on Sunday morning will feature feast leftovers, and other breakfast items provided by Cooks Guild. Help with clean-up will always be welcome! There will be a pre-cook most likely on Sunday, 28 September, time to be published later. Recipe testing will be held at next month's meeting...recipes to be published within the week.

Reports from Trial by Fire went from wildly ecstatic to supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (my words). Many enjoyed the day which was described as relaxing, like events of old, fun, joyous and filling! We were assured by the autocrat, Lady Yseulte that everything was well-received and plans are in the works for next year's Trial.

Then there was a break for dessert of bacon ice cream, sangria infused strawberries and more soccer...er...football.

Finally, Lady Livia and Lady Rebekkah presented their view of next year's Baronial Birthday to be held either 14 or 21 February, 2015. Lady Sindara will be head cook and had asked the Guild for our assistance. The feast will be in celebration of Purim and will feature many Jewish delicacies that had our mouths watering at their mention. The plan is to have a milk-based lunch and a meat-based feast as is appropriate to Jewish cooking rituals. Recipe testing will be held at the December meeting.

The Cooks Guild meeting for August will be held at Mistress Brianna's home on Sunday, 17 August starting at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned...sort-of... as most of us then headed to the TV room to watch the World Cup and Germany's eventual victory. Thank-you Seamus and Jacob for opening your home to us! We want to see you both more often.

Should any information be lacking or incorrect, it would be with humble gratitude to be told so that I may make amends.

Submitted by Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri

5. Herb Group: No report
6. Illumination: no report
7. PAGE (Performing Arts Guild Extraordinaire): no report
8. St. Matthias: No report
9. Science: no report
10. Scriptorium – Nothing from the scribal guild to report this month.
Lady Aemilia Rosa
11. TAG: No report
12. Woodworkers: No report
13. Canton of Green Lion's Bay A&S: held an activity day on 7/19/14, but no follow-up report was received

D. Knights' Marshall: Lord Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire - I would just like to remind all of our marshals again if you run a fighter practice where you process signed waivers, I must get copies of those waivers to submit to the Kingdom. Please make sure you get me copies of those waivers as soon as possible. Also I would suggest you keep copies for your own records.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Coronation

Atlantia Arise! Come to the woodlands of the kingdom's northern hills for the coronation of Michael and Seonaid. While destined to be a king of the peace, this canny prince, like Arthur, Alfred, and El Cid, knows it is a kingdom's strength that assures its peace.

Come display your prowess in the martial arts. His Royal Highness would see the kingdom's fighting men compete with great sword and in a Bedford Points Tournament, while Her Royal Highness wishes displays of skill with rapier. Archers are requested to prove their marksmanship and equestrians to show their control of their steeds.

Come show the wealth of the kingdom: the skills of its artisans and scientists. The theme for the arts and sciences shall be Atlantia. There will also be a Tempora Atlantia competition with the time period of 1250 – 1400.

The colors for the day are blue and white, green and gold. The time period is late 14th Century – early 15th Century.

A sumptuous feast is being planned by the renowned Bright Hills Cooks Guild. Heralds and bards are tuning their voices, and musicians are tuning their instruments.

Date: October 3-5, 2014.

Fees:

Site – Adult member \$12; adult nonmember \$17.

Child 6-17 \$6; child 05 free

Family cap – No family (off parents and children) will pay more in site fees than the cost of 2 adults and 2 children (not including the nonmember surcharge.) – \$36.

Feast: \$10 (all those occupying a feast seat will pay the same price)

Merchants are most welcome, and should contact Lady Livi di Samuele at 7927 Mandan Road, Apt. 104, Greenbelt, MD 20770. (301) 807-5476, abramsonsm@yahoo.com.

Reservations: Lord Cairell mac Cormaic (Carl Jacobson), 7927 Mandan Road, Apt. 104, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (443)416-8356; cairellmaccormaicc@yahoo.com. The event will be on ACCEPS soon.

Site: Camp Spencer, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation

Location/Address: 1739 Peach Orchard Road

City State Zip: Street, MD 21154

Restrictions: Since this a Boy Scout facility, it is a DRY site. No Alcohol. No smoking in the buildings. Pets are permitted if leashed and cleaned up after.

Directions: Take your best route to I-95 north of the Baltimore beltway (I-695) and continue to Exit 80. Take Exit 80 and at the light, turn LEFT onto MD 543, Cresswell Road, toward Churchville, staying in the left lane, for 1.9 miles. Turn RIGHT onto MD 136 and follow it for 12.9 miles, passing through Churchville, crossing Route 22, Route 1, and passing through Dublin. Turn RIGHT onto Peach Orchard Road and go 0.2 miles (including around the bend), then turn RIGHT into Camp Spencer at the sign.

Autocrat: Lady Yseulte Trevelyn (Karen Setze), 1629 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD 21114, (410) 721-4752, brunosharp@yahoo.com.



Swamp Thynges XXI: The Return
August 29th, 2014 - September 1st, 2014
Shire of Caer Adamant - Townsend, DE

Event details

Let word be sent out, that in the Shire of Caer Adamant the beloved elder tradition of the Swamp Thynges shall be renewed. Let all who share our borders from Bhakail to Bright Hills and beyond be made welcome in accordance with the ancient laws of Hospitality. Archers! To the Black Bird Forest let thee high, there to loose thy grey geese to fly! For the forest, be full of Deer, Boar, Wolf and Bear! Let ye of coat armor render unto the populace right wise honor by preux deeds achieved upon the tourney list and by gentil comportment. Come ye crafters and bards, brewers and dancers! Come share fire, feast and fellowship. Come ye good gentles all and let the revel commence! "A youth must have seen his blood flow and felt his teeth crack under the blow of his adversary and have been thrown to the ground twenty times. Thus will he be able to face real war with the hope of victory." Roger Hoveden, 12th century Chronicler

On Saturday, Aug 30, we have plans for a delicious day board. To end the day's activities, a pot-luck feast will be had. The Shire will provide the meat of the feast. Those wishing to participate in the feast are asked to bring a side dish to contribute to the meal.

On Sunday, Aug 31, we have plans for a delicious day board.

Merchant space available, and as always- no fee! Please contact the Autocrat in advance to reserve your space.

Site Opens: Friday evening 5 pm

Site Closes: Monday 12 pm

Event Location

Black Bird State Forest
1658 Harvey Straughn Road
Townsend, DE 19734

Directions:

From the North:

Find your best way to Delaware Rt.1 S. Take exit 119A to merge onto US-13 S toward DE-6/DE-300/Smyrna. Turn right onto Rd 47/Vandyke Greenspring Rd. Continue to follow Vandyke Greenspring Rd. Turn left onto Harvey Straughn Rd. Destination will be on the right.

From the South:

Take Route 13 N. Turn left onto Rd 487. Turn right onto Rd 486/Duck Creek Rd. Take the first left onto Rd 47/Vandyke Greenspring Rd. Continue to follow Vandyke Greenspring Rd. Turn left onto Harvey Straughn Rd. Destination will be on the right.

Event Fees

Site : Weekend camping: Adults:\$18, Youth \$10

Day trips: Adults \$10, Youth \$7

5 and under is free

Family cap \$42

A \$5 non member surcharge will be in effect.

Site address: 502 Blackbird Forest Rd, Smyrna, DE 19977

Feast: Feast: Pot-luck fee is to bring a side dish to share. The Shire provides the meat of the meal.

Register at Troll when checking in.

Make Checks Payable to: SCA Inc, Shire of Caer Adamant

Contact Information

Event Steward:

Autocrat:

Lord Wulf Englebach

Matthew Englebach

120 Wilbur St #F8, Newark, De, 19711

Send Reservations to:

Hope Mick

40 Fairway Rd 3C, Newark, DE 19711

Other Contact Information:

Merchants Please contact the Autocrat.



Storvik Revel
August 30, 2014
Barony of Storvik

The Great War is over ... at least for now.

The Barony of Storvik, invites you to join them for an afternoon and evening of fun and frivolity, storytelling and reminiscing. Come, relax and share your Pennsic stories, pictures and demonstrate the A&S skills that you acquired at War. Bring a newcomer with you - the more the merrier! Bards are welcome to entertain throughout the evening. There will also be dancing and board games available for all. This is an evening event with no feast, but you are encouraged to bring food items to share.

Arts & Sciences Activities: dance instruction, dancing, bardic performance

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$10.00	Day-Trip	\$0.00	Feast	\$0.00	Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$15.00	Day-Trip	\$0.00	Feast	\$0.00	Camping
Youth (6-17):	\$5.00	Day-Trip	\$0.00	Feast	\$0.00	Camping
Child (0-5):	\$0.00	Day-Trip	\$0.00	Feast	\$0.00	Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA-MD, Inc., Barony of Storvik

Site: Comfort Inn. 4050 Powder Mill Road, Calverton, MD 20705. Site opens 4pm, closes 9pm.

Site Restrictions: No pets.

Feast Information: Potluck dayboard

Merchanting Information: None.

Martial Activities: No marshal activities planned

Autocrat's Information: Baroness Emma West (Dawn Hutchings) 13501 Steeplechase Drive Bowie, MD 20715 (301) 943-2469, E-mail: ewestsca@gmail.com

Reservations: Lady Tirzah MacCrudden (Evelyn Brady) 17107 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607, E- mail: lltirzah@gmail.com

Directions:

I-95 N/I-495 N/ Capital Beltway N towards Silver Spring/ Baltimore. Take 1-95 N towards Baltimore. Take EXIT 29 A-B, MD-212 W exit, toward Calverton. Take EXIT 29B, MD-212 W/Powder Mill Road toward Calverton. Take first RIGHT at Exxon Gas Station/Giant Food Shopping Center, right at stop sign. 4050 Power Mill Road



Announcements



Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion!

Greetings unto fair Atlantia and her populace!

Please distribute this to your local lists!

Coming soon, there will be a new Kingdom Notable position available: Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion! This champion will be selected during the next reign and its tenure will last for the duration of that reign.

The Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion will be selected for excellence in any static Art or Science recognized from our time period.

The Duties & Responsibilities of the Arts & Sciences Champion:

The Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion is expected to encourage Arts & Sciences throughout the Kingdom of Atlantia.

They should sponsor at least one competition during their tenure.

They should teach in such venues as are available and reasonable.

They are expected to compete as the Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion at Gulf Wars.

Selection of the Arts & Sciences Champion:

The selection of the Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion will be made solely by the King and Queen of Atlantia (in consultation with respected authorities in the A&S community). There are no other judges for this position.

Individuals wishing to vie for this role will be given several opportunities to display their work for Their Majesties to see.

Display space for entrants will be available at: War of the Wings IX, Fall Crown, Kingdom Twelfth Night & Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival.

The new Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion will be announced at Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival on March 7th.

Specific Gulf Wars Requirements for This Position:

The Atlantian Arts & Sciences Champion is expected to participate in the Gulf Wars XX Arts and Sciences Champions Battle. This competition takes place on Thursday, from 8am - 4pm. Details are located here:

<http://www.gulfwars.org/index.php/gw-activities/arts-sciences/a-s-competitions>. They are also highly encouraged to participate in the Meridies-Gleann Abhann Open A&S on the following day.

More details will be released as time gets closer! (Watch this space...) A&S Competitions

www.gulfwars.org

For Gulf Wars XXII, we have multiple A&S competitions scheduled for your enjoyment. Meridies-Gleann...





A Friendship Challenge.

This challenge is meant to help strengthen and grow our Kingdom, as well as us as individuals. Over the next year, I challenge all of you to seek to build and strengthen: friendships, relationships between individuals, households, local groups, and our Kingdom as whole. Consider it a year of tending our garden to help our Kingdom grow and flourish together.

Some ways to do this could be:

1. Hosting joint meetings/fighter practices
2. Opening up your home/hosting a SCA Social, A & S, Newcomers, or All (Social, A & S, & Newcomers all at the same time) Nights
3. Inviting people to join you in your activity that appear to be alone at an event or meeting
4. Introducing yourself to new people or people you don't know very well
5. Sharing your A & S or fighting talents by teaching them to others within the Kingdom
6. Tell someone that you are thankful/grateful for something nice that they did
7. Volunteer and offer to help at events or activities, even if it is not your household or local group is not hosting it
8. Encourage others and help them along the way as they find their way through the SCA

These are only a few ideas. I will promise you this right now, if you invite me to an activity or night that is planned within our Kingdom, I will do everything with my power to get out of work on time to be a part of the event/activity. I will do my best over the next year to encourage and cultivate friendship and the growth of individuals and our Kingdom as a whole. Will you join me in this challenge? I hope so... nothing is fun without having friends by your side :)

Always Yours in Service and Friendship,

Herrin Emeludt Hänsler (mka Emmie Smith)
Southern Regional Deputy Chatelain, Kingdom of Atlantia
Emergency Deputy Chatelain, Kingdom of Atlantia
Head Retainer, Their Excellencies of Windmasters' Hill



Atlantian Garb Challenge

Rules:

There is no limit to the time period or culture, as long it is within the scope of the SCA. Both men and women are encouraged to come join in on this fun. There will be 5 categories for the challenge:

Overall ~ The overall winner is the individual that is having obvious fun with the challenge: they made their own garb, the garb is period appropriate, and the garb is unique and creative in design.

Most Unique Garb ~ The individual that has the most unique and creative garb: they are not required to have made their garb themselves.

Most Period Garb ~ The individual that has the most period appropriate garb: they are not required to have made their garb themselves. Documentation is encouraged for this category but not required.

Best Group / Couple Garb ~ Two or more people who have the best garb combination: they are not required to have made their garb themselves.

Most Congenial Person ~ The individual that had the most fun with it and shared their joy with everyone in a positive/infectious way: they are not required to have made their garb themselves.

As for the theme of Rivals, anything goes! You can go with sports teams, Tom and Jerry, historical rivals, whatever you can think of! Just please stay away from any pairing that is a definite hero/villain (ie Batman and Joker) as that was the last challenge. Please continue to email me if there are questions at erin2325@yahoo dot com!

Thanks
Ailis



The Artisans' Cabinet

THE LORE OF THE JADE

Listen to the epic tale of the goddess Ishtar told by our Assyrian ancestors and you will hear of the powers of the Jade. In this tale we hear of the descent of Ishtar to the realm of Hades. To reach the end of her journey, Ishtar had to pass through seven gates. At every gate the guardian of the infernal regions requested that she remove one of her garments or ornaments. At the fifth gate she removed the girdle of Aban Aladi, whose stones are, the story recounts, Jade, which aid in parturition. The Maha Suddassana Suttanta, recounts the construction of the fabled city of Kusavati. It is said that the fourth gate of this city was constructed of precious Jade.

Jade is referred to in latin as "lapis nephriticus" because it is believed to be a potent cure for ailments of the kidney and renal system. The Greeks call the Jade the "Axe" or "Kidney stone." It is said that if a Jade is worn about the area of the kidney it will cause stones within that organ to break. The Celts it seems were the first to recognize this quality. According to Celtic tradition a piece of Jade is sewn into a small bag which is worn about the loins.

Across the great seas the Spanish and Portuguese have traveled. They tell of people in the lands across these waters called the Aztecs. These ruddy-skinned people used many gems in their medicines. It is from the Aztecs that the Spanish learned their tradition of wearing Jade about their loins to cure side spasms and kidney ailments. The Aztec word for this stone is "Chalchihuitl," while the Spanish call it "Predre de Yjada" meaning "stone of the loin" because of the curative powers attributed to it.

Those who live far to the east (China), place this green stone as a treasure above all others. A most valued gift to give a friend is a Jade carved in the shape of two brothers. This shape symbolizes heavenly love. A Jade carved in the shape of a phoenix is traditionally given to girls when they come of age. When two people are married it is customary to give them a Jade carved in the shape of a man riding a unicorn and holding castanets. To these people Jade is considered the essence of love. When a child is born, a piece of Jade in the shape of a padlock is placed about the infant's neck. This potent amulet, it is believed, binds the child to life and protects him from all diseases and dangers. The Jade is also the stone most often sent with the dead to the afterlife, because it bears with it the love of the bestower.

Carving Jade into various shapes is believed to enhance or hone its powers. In the shapes of birds of prey such as the hawk, it is said to provide the protection of good spirits and will kill small animals who attempt to attack the wearer. It is also believed that a Jade in this shape is effective against fires and droughts. If rain is desired, this stone in the shape of the great dragons that inhabit the clouds would cause this element to fall to earth. Some believe that a Jade carved in the shape of a cross is a powerful talisman, providing protection from all manner of danger and harm. In this same shape the Jade is believed to cure special and rare diseases.

Some wedding traditions come from legends and those who dwell far to our east have many to tell. One tale speaks of a simple man who chased a beautiful butterfly into the garden of a rich and powerful Mandarin. The Mandarin's daughter saw the man and saw that he was comely and fair to look upon and fell in love with him. The Mandarin would

have executed the man if not for the love of his daughter. On the day he announced the upcoming marriage he presented the bride and groom with a Jade carved butterfly for it was the butterfly who brought them together. Lucky is she who receives a Jade carved as a butterfly from her betrothed for it means she is truly loved.

Another wedding custom of the far east is performed during the wedding celebration. To assure happiness and that the married couple will never be separated, it is customary for the bride and groom to drink all manner of refreshment from Jade vessels carved in the shape of a cock. According to legend a beautiful white cock committed suicide for it could not bear to be separated from its mistress. The mistress, the legend notes, had thrown herself into a well while despairing over the loss of her lover.

Perhaps the reason the Jade is so treasured by the people's of the oriental lands, is because it is considered to be the stone of immortality. The Jade, the Chinese say, is the jewel of heaven and the substance of rainbows. It is embodied with the five cardinal virtues of modesty, courage, charity, justice, and wisdom. It is believed that rubbing this stone will impart some of these virtues to the owner. The Jade's durability suggested that it assisted in the prolonging of life. Perhaps that is why Chinese alchemists have encouraged people to consume jade. People were told to mix this stone in powdered form with more palatable foods or beverages or to consume food and beverage from vessels carved of this stone to encourage longevity.

The Chinese create perforated disks of Jade to represent heaven and earth. Barbed and separated Jade disks are considered to be astronomical devices and are said to give guidance in scheduling affairs. Jade accessories are used in royal rituals to ensure good relations between emperors and the celestial powers. During the Shang Dynasty this magnificent stone was worn to ward off ill luck and ensure good fortune. The Shang and the Qing dynasties constructed great gongs of Jade which were used in rituals to promote harmony and enhance dignity of state. During important business transactions the Chinese often hold a piece of Jade and often seek counsel from it. Jade is even used as sacrifices to mark the signing and completion of treaties and transactions.

The Chinese also attribute musical qualities to the Jade. During religious and court ceremonies they employ a chime called the "Stone chime". It is made of 16 undecorated pieces of Jade, each of a different thickness. Another chime, called the "Singer's chime" was created of this stone carved into fantastic shapes. It is said that the great Chinese philosopher Confucius played upon this musical stone whenever he needed consolation. Perhaps that is why many believe that the Jade is able to ease grief.

Amongst those who call the one God Allah, there is an orthodox sect known as the Pekdash. The Pekdash carry a flat piece of Jade everywhere. They say it provides protection against injury and all annoyances. Achametes the Arab writer who studied the Hindu faith wrote a book in the eighth century called the Dream Book. Within this book he discusses the significance of gems and their various colors. A Jade of a light green hue, writes Achametes, will assist an individual in gaining a great name for himself in the world by both good faith and greatness of kingdom. This is because the color signifies religious devotion and good faith.

When a woman is ready to birth her child, the Greeks say to give her a piece of Jade to hold because it is an aid in childbirth. The Chinese also believe this stone to be an aid in childbirth as they recommend it to ease the pain that a woman feels while bringing her child into this world. If a woman is barren, she is given a piece of Jade in the shape of a fish, the symbol of fertility and plenty, because it is believed to make her fertile.

There are other virtues of the Jade. Those who live in the far eastern islands believe it can abolish thirst, cure dropsy, bring victory in battle, protect against lightening, and relieve heart palpitations. According to the Greeks it renders unflinching help to those suffering from intestinal problems. The Turks, Arabs, and Armenians use the Jade as an amulet, because it protects against evil spirits. Like other green colored stones, placing Jade on an ailing eye will soothe it. In Arnobios' Tesoro della Giole, Jade is prescribed as a cure for colic and Caculi. Arnobios further notes that if one wishes to gain the virtue of patience, carry a Jade for it bestows patience and happiness on all who bear it.



Joy To The War
by Deirdre O'Bardon

Joy to the world, its Pennsic War!
A mighty gathering
With merchants, ladies, squires and knights

So joyfully we'll spend ... and fight
 And win the Pennsic War
 And win the Pennsic War
 And win (or was that lose) the Pennsic War.
 We awe the world with witty bards
 Who cannot hit a note
 Although they will gladly sing
 And entertain the gathering
 With 19th century songs
 With 19th century songs
 In 19th (or 20th) century songs.
 We are attired authentically
 In polyester garb
 In colors that were never seen
 By knights errant adventuring
 With arms and hair so bare
 With arms and hair so bare
 With arms and other parts and hair so bare.
 We go to war in moving vans
 So little do we bring
 Just tents and weapons and our clothes
 Food and drink and cash and stoves
 And ice and other things
 And ice and other things
 And ice and the kitchen sink and other things.
 Pennsic is done. We're home once more
 And facing all our bills
 But we will fight and cook and sew
 To Pennsic War again we'll go
 To fight and play and SPEND
 To fight and play and SPEND
 To fight and play and SPEND and SPEND and SPEND!



From the Bright Hills Kitchen:

A couple of years ago, Baroness Cordelia won the Grand Prize for Trial By Fire with this lovely recipe.

Civet of Eggs

Sources: Menager de Paris (174)

Original Receipt: Cives d'oeufs: puchez oeufs a l'uille, puis aiez oignons par pouelles cuis, et les fiolez a l'uille, puis mettesboullir en vin, verjus, et vinaigre, et faiteboullir tout ensemble; puis mettez en chascune ecuelle trois ou quatre oeufs, et gettez vostre brouet dessus, et soit non liant.

Translated: Poach some eggs in oil, then take onions, cut into circles and cooked, and fry them in oil, then boil them in wine, verjuice and vinegar, and boil everything together; then put three or four eggs in each bowl and pour the brouet over, in should not be thick.

- Odile Redon, Françoise Dabban, & Silano Serventi, . Medieval Kitchen,; Recipes from France and Italy, University of Chicago Press, Ltd, London, 1998.

REDACTION:

This recipe may be the ancestor of the famous French dish "oufs in meurette", popular in Burgundy.

I don't currently have any verjuice on hand so I substituted some white grape juice with a touch of lemon for bite and slightly increased the amount of vinegar to compensate.

My Recipe:

- 8 fresh eggs
- 2 large onions
- 2 cups light-bodied red wine (Beaujolais or other gamay)
- 1 ½ Tbsp vinegar (I used and apple vinegar to help out with the lack of verjuice, red wine vinegar is an option if you have the verjuice)
- 2 Tbsp white grape juice
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Olive oil
- Salt and Pepper

Directions:

Peel the onions and cut them into ¼ inch slices. Steam or poach them for 5-7 minutes. (Poached is easier over a campstove).

In a frying pan, heat the olive oil sufficient to cover the bottom of the sauté pan; add the cooked onion and sauté for about 10 minutes or until the onions are lightly golden.

Add the wine, juice and vinegar; bring to a boil and cook at a gentle boil until the mixture has reduced by three fourth and the result resembles a loose jam. Add salt to taste.

When the onions are in their final stages, fry the eggs in olive oil, sunny-side up. Do not break the yolks. Lift onto a warmed platter, lightly salt and pepper, and spoon the onion sauce over them. Serve immediately.



July Demo Pictures



Tourists visit the Bright Hills information table.



The musicians entertain the populace.



Fighters visit the list table



The marshals talk with the fighters



The fighters take the field for the tourney.



Other fighters anticipate their turn.



Who will be the victor?



Spectators listen to an explanation of period archery.



The King of Acre holds court.



Their Excellencies of Bright Hills are his invited guests.

Current Baronial Champions



Archery: Lady Wanda Ostowana
Arts and Sciences: Lady Ailis inghean uí Bhriain
Bardic: Lady Tarquinia Maida
Baronial Warlord: Lord Kollack von Zweckel
Brewer: Barun Gustav Emile der Dunkele Rotvogel
Equestrian: Rachel d'Alton
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Barony of the Bright Hills Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Heavy and Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held most Friday nights from 7:30 PM-10 PM
Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the last Friday of the month (Please See Calendar)

Location: Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

Directions: Exit the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road.

Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road.

The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left.

Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning.



Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lady Nichola Blackwell, 301-404-6133

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar)

Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gate is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts.

NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.



Guild Gatherings:



Bardic Circle/PAGE (Sundays 4-8pm; Call Lady Nina for exact dates or check calendar)

Woodworkers' Guild (Check Calendar)

Lady Nina and Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828.

Directions: Take Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Loch Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave. If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if there is no room in driveway.



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Clothier's Guild

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Cook's Guild

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Gold Key

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