



Tales from the Mist

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Shire of Wintermist,
Kingdom of Caid

From the Seneschal

Greetings Wintermistians,
Soon 3.5 Baronies Friendship Event will be upon us, and we must still prepare. As most of you are aware, I'm in charge of the raffle, and yes I'm still looking for donations. What am I looking for? (Just in case it hasn't been made clear) I looking for items that others will covet, hand-made art projects are fantastic, but also anything that you've had for a while in the SCA and just don't use anymore, as long as it is still in good shape. Please do not donate items that are outdated, or in poor shape.

Wintermist Calendar

- April 11: Business Meeting—Tony's Pizza on Mt. Vernon Ave 7:00 pm
- April 12: New-comer's meeting at Collette's home 6pm
- April 14: Brewer Fellowship Meets 1pm
- April 17: Fellowship of the String 6:30pm at Bolo's House
- April 26: Bardic Practice at Brendan's house
- April 28: Metal and Woodworking fellowship 10am
- May 4-6: 3.5 Baronies Friendship Tournament/Event
- Sundays at **10 am** Fighter Practice at Patriot's Park

How does the raffle work? It is what I'm calling a 'first come first serve' raffle. You buy tickets, at a whopping \$1 each, and when I call your number, you come up and choose which item you want. A maximum of two items can be won per participant, if your numbers are called more than once. All the proceeds from the raffle will go toward our trailer fund! In addition, volunteers will receive a raffle ticket for every 2 hour shift they complete.

~Kali Raqs Xahar



Pictured: Raffle items collected

Photos: by Kali

Caid Calendar

- April 14-15: Collegium
- April 20-22: TC War, Nordwache
- April 21: Dun Or Anniversary
- April 22: Cast Iron Chef, Lyondemere
- April 27-29: Starkhafn Anniversary

From the Chronicler

I am starting another (hopefully) regular feature for the newsletter which I'd like to call "Dear Officer". In this feature, I'll be collecting questions directed towards our Wintermist Officers from the populace. So, what I ask from everyone (officers included) is this: Please come up with a question for the officers that you would like an answer to and send it to me (chronicler@sca-wintermist.org). I will determine who would best answer the question and send it to the appropriate officer. When they give me an answer, I will put the question with the answer in the newsletter. The questioner can choose to be known or anonymous—it's up to you! I know everyone (and especially newcomers) have a zillion questions on how or why things are done, this is a great place to gather all the questions and get them answered. I look forward to hearing what you want to know!

For the Dream,
~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa

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Meet Your Neighbor: THL Sarah Minet

The Honorable Lady Sara Minet hails from England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1580-90 AD). She chose this persona after taking a class on Shakespeare as a senior in High School. when she wrote a paper on Queen Elizabeth. Since that time she has found Queen Bess fascinating. And once she learned the SCA covered the period in which she live, she was hooked.

Sara found the Society back in 1989 when a friend asked her to join the group being formed out at the local college. The first year she was involved, she served as the herald for the group. The second year she was seneschal. Her first event was Naevehejm's Frost Dragon Tournament, where she met and fell for Lord Brendan Morgansbane, to whom she is married. Her favorite event is Collegium because she loves learning. She also loves conversing with other Wintermistians and learning from them. She also enjoys Great Western War because there are numerous people and opportunity to learn more skills. Her favorite craft is Illumination that she has practiced since 1991 after an introduction to the art at a Heatherwyne Collegium. She says she is "proud of being a member of the SCA, proud to help others, proud to serve the society, proud to help out so that they and I will have fun and learn in a group that accepts an amazing amount of diversity in human beings ." In her SCA future she would like to learn more about illumination as well as other skills, and to be someone people are proud to know, such as all the people who has helped and taught her over the years.

Arts and Science Categories

Lion Quarter

- APRIL:
 - Garb (accessories);
 - Calligraphy & Illumination
 - MAY:
 - Ceramics;
 - Fighter Garb
 - JUNE:
 - Weapons;
 - Tools (Metal & Woodworking)
 - JUNE:
 - Food Challenge (TBA)
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From the Autocrat: 3.5 Baronies Friendship Event

By now, you should all be aware of the upcoming, 3rd annual 3.5 Baronies Friendship Tournament. Well, this event (like all the others) cannot happen without the help of volunteers! We have two wonderful Baronies who have committed to running a small part of the event (and I'm hoping to grab one more, but we'll see). Let's show them what we can do! I need people to run the troll, be field marshals, help with the lunch, and assist in running the courtesy table. Also we need help with the less desirable tasks of setting up, collecting trash, and breaking down the site. If you are willing to comit to any of these tasks, please sign up with me, Lady A'isha, and, as Lady Kali says, every 2 hours of volunteering gets you one free ticket for the raffle.

Also: this year there are T-shirts! But, to make this happen, I need enough pre-paid orders to get them printed. At least 15 orders need to come in by April 20 in order to have shirts for sale at the event. You can either pay me on line (as outlined in the Wintermist Group's Facebook page) or bring me your payment at the Shire Meeting on April 11. If you've seen and liked the Team 3.5 shirts that last years team members have worn, you don't want to miss out!

See you at the event!
~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa

Olaf's Head by Michael of Wintermist

Martius Ano Domini 1232

The arrow stuck in the seat board by my leg and I looked down at it for a brief second thinking what a strange bird it was, then I realized its true nature and that the archer wouldn't miss a second time. I whipped my horses into a gallop just in time, as the second arrow whizzed by my head and lodged itself in the rump of my lead horse, which screamed and broke into a dead run, dragging me and the cart bumping along the Silk Road at a great speed. I thought that I had escaped the ambush of the caravan when men suddenly leaped out from the sides of the road, grabbing on to the bridles of my lead horses, trying to bring the horses to a halt. Two others grabbed onto the sides of the cart and started to climb on. I kicked at the closest one and managed to catch him with the toe of my boot just under his eye, and with out a sound he fell from the cart. His companion avoided my next kick, and pulling a long knife from his belt, came at me. Suddenly the bandit got a strange look on his face and fell from the cart, and I caught the sight of a arrow sticking out of his back as he fell. Looking up, I spotted one of the Mongolian mercenaries that had been hired to protect the caravan notching an arrow in his bow as he rode by on his pony. He deftly put that arrow into one of the bandits holding the bridle of my horse, and I glanced to the other side of the cart just in time to see a second mercenary dispatch the other bandit with his sword. Then the mercenaries wheeled their ponies and where gone.

Free of the of the ambush, my horses resumed running, and I was too busy trying to stay on the cart to look around anymore. The horses eventually came to a halt far from the ambush. I looked around to see where I was and saw another cart from our caravan coming up the road behind me. As the driver pulled up beside me, we looked at each other then suddenly both began to laugh. It was a good-to-be-alive laugh, and I have never had a better one. After a time a couple of mercenaries came riding up on their ponies and escorted us back to the rest of the caravan. We had lost our food cart to the bandits, and as I looked at the arrow sticking out of my lead horses rump, I thought that we would be eating horse stew until we reached the next town with a market place.

The dead were laid out along the road, bandit and companion alike. Among them was my friend Olaf, a viking from the North lands. He was the cook that had driven the food cart at the end of the caravan, and though his cooking was bad, he always had a bottle of wine and a laugh to share, and I would miss him greatly. The mercenaries were using their swords to cut off the heads of the dead. I knew that they were doing this to collect the Khan's bounty, but when one of them grabbed Olaf and prepared to decapitate his body, I stopped him and said that Olaf, our cook, wasn't a bandit. The mercenary looked up and said that the Khan would give a gold piece for his head just the same, and with a quick slash tossed Olaf's head in a bag with the rest.

A week later we reached the capital of the region and made many a good trade for our goods at the market, and replaced our food cart and our cook. The new cook cooked better than Olaf, but he was a surly man who never laughed and was stingy with the wine. The Khan paid a bounty for the heads, giving us a gold piece for each one, but the next morning when we left the city gates, we were greeted with a grisly sight. There along the road each head was mounted on a post, including Olaf's, which was prominently displayed. In death his mouth was open and one eye lid had drooped closed, making it look like he was winking and laughing that the Khan would pay a gold piece for his worthless head.

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Current Champion of
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the Flock

Sir Helgi Hrafnfaedhir



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