

TALES FROM THE MIST

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FROM THE SENESCHAL: GREAT WESTERN WAR!!!

Wintermist Calendar

- **Sept 12: Shire Business Meeting Tony's Pizza on Mt. Vernon Ave 7:00 pm**
- **Sept 15: Knewbie Knock-about, Fruitvale Norris Park**
- **Sept 18: Fellowship of the String 6:30pm**
- **Sept 25: Illumination meeting**
- **Sept 27: Bardic Practice at Brendan's house**
- **Sundays at 10 am Fighter Practice at Patriot's Park**
- **Sept 28: Newsletter Articles Due**

Greetings Wintermistians,

Great Western War is fast approaching, so I wanted to write a few words on SCA camping with others. The SCA of course is a reenactment society, so with that in mind we all should try and make an effort to keep to the illusion alive. We can do this with a few simple adjustments to our own personal encampments within the larger shire camp; if you have folding or plastic tables bring a table cloth to throw over the top. Did you know there are also patterns for chair and ice crest covers? If you don't have the time or money for such, throwing a piece of cloth over the top works fine too. Try to keep non period stuff covered or in your tents instead of left out on tables or around the encampment, especially fast food cups, a personal irritation. As far as living within a large encampment at war, well it's all about courtesy; make sure to police your trash, and if you see any lying around, go ahead and throw it away. If you see anyone that needs help, lend a hand without waiting to be asked, people are always grateful for the assistance. And please no non-period music, nothing shatters the illusion like heavy metal blasting from someone's car radio. Also if you have children, please make sure you know what sort of shenanigans they are up too, if they are under twelve they must always be within site or shouting distance of a parent. Sharing an encampment can be a wonderful experience; it just takes a bit of respect and courtesy to others.

~Kali Raqs Xahar

FROM THE CHRONICLER: WILING AWAY A TOURNEY

This past month has been a busy one in Caid! Wintermist has had presence in several events including Crown Tourney and Highland War. If you've never been to a tournament, if you are not fighting, one thing I recommend is to bring a project. There are a lot of people who go from pavilion to pavilion visiting, but in nearly every pavilion there is someone working on some craft. Not only does this keep you occupied, it helps you hone your skills, and is a great conversation piece. This Crown tourney I brought my own project and managed to accomplish a few A&S goals that I set out to learn. I learned how to make bobbin lace, and even connected with other bobbin lace experts. I also tried my hand at the drop spindle, though, despite having a spinner to help, wasn't nearly as successful. The Ogres hung out under the Wintermist pavilion, visited with our neighbors, watched the action and tried to keep cool. Congratulations to the new heirs of Caid!

Highland war was a working war for us, though I did manage to get some play in. We arrived on Friday and set up shop, enjoying the company of our fellow merchants and the wargoers that made it by our booth. On Saturday, I donned my armor with the goal to finally become authorized in Combat archery. If you have never authorized for combat, the marshal's job is to determine that you know the rules as written in the fighter's handbook, and that you will be safe on the battle field. The authorization process was tiring, but finally, with a few words of advice from both the marshal and the earl marshal, I was authorized! My first battle was short, but still I had fun. I met a few other archers and look forward to fighting in future battles. The rest of the war was spent in the shop working on yet another project that I had brought. I heard great things about the various classes that were happening through out the weekend. We saw a few other Wintermistians wandering in the war, some of whom stopped by the booth to say help, and we got a front row seat to several of the tournaments, including the newbie tourney, the lioness tourney, and the great weapon tourney.

~A'isha al-Raqqasa



Caid Calendar

- **Sept 22: Caidan Archery Open, Lyondemere**
- **Sept 22: Longsword/greatsword Tourney, Calafia**
- **Oct 3 to 8: GREAT WESTERN WAR!**

HERALD'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER BY MANUS LE DRAGONIER, WINTERMIST PERSUIVANT

Your Flourish (a Flourish is a group of heralds) has been busy with the registration of names and devices through the summer. We will attend the next College of Herald's meeting on September 9th with more submissions. At the time this was written for the newsletter we have seven submissions entered. Four resubmissions including a device for Estrith Rasmusdatter and Maritgen Zegerzoom as well as a name resubmission for the Companions of Vane and the Companions of the Gillyflower and a redraw of the device for the Gillyflower. The College had rejected the term Guild for these groups as not appropriate as suggested either Company or Companions as a better choice. As new business we will submit three names and devices from our populace.

If you have any questions about getting a name or device or a badge please contact any of the Flourish at a meeting or fighter practice or reach us through the Shire Facebook page.

THE FORTUNE TELLER IN THE NIGHT FROM THE JOURNAL OF MICHAEL OF BERWICK UPON TWEED

Agustus Ano Domini 1232

I woke up as the sun was setting, and as I crawled out from the shade of my cart the heat hit me like a furnace. Here in the Taklamakan, the Desert of Death in the local language, it is too hot in the daytime to travel. We had been traveling at night and sleeping during the day.

I broke my fast with a meal of stewed figs in rice and a long drink. When I was done, I harnessed the camels to the cart and checked the oil in my lanterns. The night would be dark with only the stars for light. I then took my place in the line of carts as we started out, and I wrapped a cloth around my face to keep out the choking dust. As I topped a hill I could see a long snaking line of travelers as darkness fell.

I had been traveling in the dark for some time, carefully following the light of the lantern on the cart ahead of me when I almost ran over an old man traveling on foot lighting his way with a very dim lantern. As I watched I saw him stumble over rocks and bushes in the dark and I called out to him to come ride with me in my cart. With a speed that belied his age, he quickly climbed up to sit beside me. Like me, he had a cloth wrapped around his face and all I could see were his eyes, which in the dark were just pools of more darkness. I told him he needed to get a brighter lantern because his was so dim that I had almost run him over in the dark. His only response, in a deep and muffled voice, was that the light was very dim here.

The old man and I talked about many things as the night wore on, and I told him of my travels and my adventures. Finally as the first light of dawn began to light the sky the Camp Master sent word down the line to circle up and form a camp. As we stopped, the old man took a ring off of his hand and gave it to me and said "I see you are a seeker of enlightenment, maybe this will help you find it". I held the ring up to see it better. It was made of silver with a lantern in the middle made of some sort of green stone, around the edge was writing in a language I couldn't read. When I turned back to the old man to ask what the writing meant he had climbed down and was gone.

As I was getting some food before I turned in for my days rest, I showed the ring to the cook. He looked at it and then showed me the same ring on his finger. He told me that the old man gave rings to any one who was kind to him, or would give him a few coins. Half the camp had received one. Disappointed, I asked him if he could translate the writing on the edge of the ring. He looked at the writing and read aloud "I shall shed my light over dark evil, for the dark things cannot stand the light." The cook gave me a quizzical look, his had only said "You cook good food."

Word from the Fellowships:

From the Metal Workers: We've been given some good ideas, and we have the means to do them, so ... Let's get to making things! Skewers anyone?

From Illumination: Illuminations will be meeting both Sept. and Oct. to paint some promissory notes to be presented at the upcoming coronation

From Sewing: No formal clothiers meeting in October as I expect the interested people will be taking classes at GWW. Maybe we can try to get together there for a chat to discuss what people are working on.

From String: I had a good time learning Bobbin lace, what would you folks like to do next?

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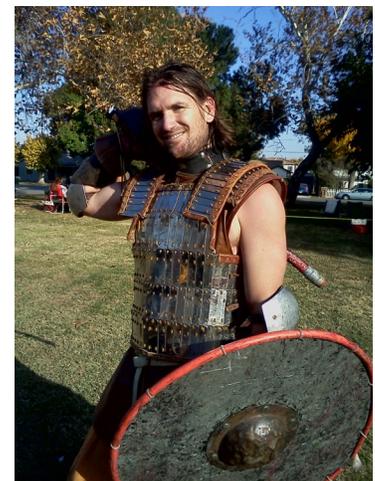
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Sir Helgi Hrafnfaedhir

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