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CAUTION:

To all Shire members:
 This issue of the Questing Quill has been especially bespelled by the Wizards' Guild. If all the important news about coming events is not read immediately, the curse of NOT-KNOWING will fall upon you! (And if you call Hastle Castle we will not be sympathetic!)

July
 8 Guild Faire--Autocrat Charles of Galway
 Coronating Ceremonies for Utanward, Shire of Lonely Mountain
 11 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 15-16 Storming of Storm Mountain (or Melee Mess)--Autocrat Sir Mika,
 Lord Longbow (Sub-autocrat Sir Robert, Lord de Spencer)
 Needlework Guild--at Hastle Castle at 6:30 p.m.
 17 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 18 Lagoon Day and Demonstration
 22 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 25 Dwarven Invitational, al-Barran (Santa Clara Canyon).
 29-30

August
 1 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 3 Officers' Meeting--Hastle Castle at 7:30 p.m.
 3 DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES AND ARTWORK FOR AUGUST QUILL
 8 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 12-13 ~~W~~ Defender of Hastle Castle--Autocrats Ladies of Hastle Castle
 15 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 19-20 Atenveldt Crown Tourney, Colorado City.
 22 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 24 DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES AND ARTWORK FOR SEPTEMBER QUILL
 29 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 31-4 IguaCon--For information contact Hastle Castle

September
 5 Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry
 7 Officers' Meeting--Hastle Castle at 7:30 p.m.
 9 Resurrection of Stolen Souls Night (or am Mor Salann Fasach goes to the movies night)--Autocrat Squire Michael the Lucky

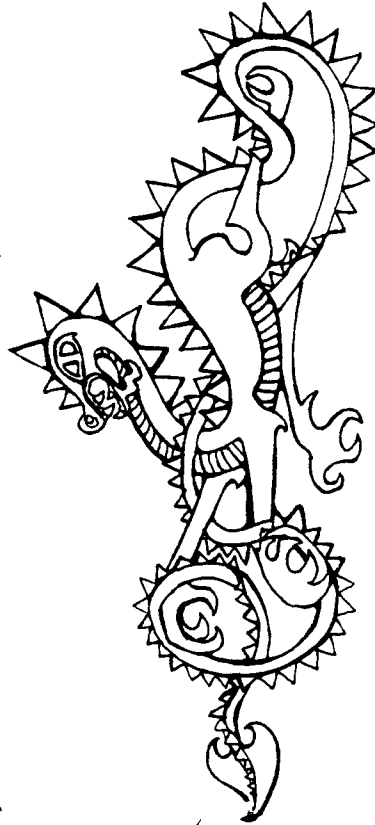
October
 5 Officers' Meeting
 5 DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES AND ARTWORK FOR OCTOBER QUILL
 14 Peasant Harvest Revel--Autocrat Friar Orson
 21-22 Aten/Nest War, Barony of Dreibergen (Riverside, CA)

Fighter Practice and the Ladies for Chivalry meet every Tuesday at Sugarhouse Park (at the Southwest end) at 7:30 p.m. until further notice.

Armorer's Guild will meet Sundays at 12:00 noon by appointment. Contact Sir Robert, Lord de Spencer.

The Needlework Guild will be meeting the first and third Monday of every month at Hastle Castle (3240 So. 600 E.) at 6:30 p.m.

→ These notations indicate an article in this month's Quill.



Defender of Hastle Castle June Lunacy Revel

Dates: 12 and 13 August, A.S. XIII
Times: 12 August at 9:30 A.M. at Memory Grove (approximately 480 Canyon Road---Just east and down the hill from the Capitol Building.)
and 12 August at 7:00 P.M. at the transient Hotel Park Clubhouse
Places: (2771 S. 2670 W.)
13 August at 10:00 A.M. at Hastle Castle, 3240 S. 600 E., SIC.

We, the Ladies of Hastle Castle, are looking for a Defender. Our intensive search will be on the 12th day of August, A.S. XIII. We will not do any judging ourselves and wish no charges of favoritism to be levelled at us and so we request that all of our favors that gentlemen are carrying be turned back to us for the duration of the Tournay. And since we would like our chosen Defender to be skilled in the Gentler Arts as well as being a skilled fighter, we have set some competitions for those who wish for the title.

All entrants are required to enter the Fighting, Handicraft Display and General Courtliness. He (she?) then must enter at least 3 out of the 4 remaining categories.

- 1) **Fighting** - Of course our Defender must be able to fight. (To save us from brigands, dragons and other assorted flakies.) The winner of the list will receive 10 points, the first runner-up 9 points and so on down the line.
- 2) **Handicraft Article** - This object must be done ahead of time and turned in as you are registered. This article must be something you have made. It can be anything from a leather loincloth (model?) to calligraphy to a piece of armor (You won't be able to use it in the List). The judging will be done by all present (on a judging sheet). The work voted the best by the judges will gain 5 points for its creator, the next best will get 4 and so on.
- 3) **General Courtliness** - Again judged by the populace, the gentleman judged the most courtly will receive 5 points, etc.
- 4) **Handkissing** - The populace judges, so make sure someone is watching. Any hand, save your own, may be kissed. (However, I think few points will be gained by kissing the hand of another gentleman.)
- 5) **Compliments** - The compliments should be directed to the Ladies of Hastle Castle, individually or collectively. The populace again will do the judging with 5 points going to the best compliment.
- 6) **Lunch Auction** - Each gentleman should bring a decorated lunch to be bid upon by the populace. To keep the maker of each lunch anonymous, please bring the lunches in sacks or boxes that conceal the decorations. The proceeds will go into shire coffers. The highest selling lunch will bring 5 points for its maker and the next highest 4 points.
- 7) **Performance** - This can be just about anything. Poetry recital, singing, instrument playing, juggling or anything that will show off a talent for performance. These will be performed and judged (by the populace) in the evening. But you must tell us what you plan to do when you register so we can schedule it.

You only have to enter six out of the seven categories (as explained above), but your chances improve for getting more points if you enter all of them.

SCHEDULE: 12 August
9:00 Set up at Memory Grove
10:00 Opening Court
10:30 Weapons Inspection and Registration
11:00 Registration for contestants close
11:30 Lists begin
4:00 Lunch Auction (So if you are going to get hungry before this, be sure to bring something to munch on.)
7:00 Evening Revel - Those who wish to be in Procession MUST be there
7:30 Opening Procession
8:00 Fun, Games, Dancing and the Performance Competition, Declaration of the Defender of Hastle Castle.

When word spread throughout the Shire that some Evil Enchanter had spirited away the gift of stationery destined for their (soon-to-be) High-nesses Wilhelm and Megan, the shirefolk rallied swiftly and determined that the Lost Must Be Found -- and so we went On Quest.

Autocrated by Lord Gallowglass, the shirefolk (augmented by Captain Sir Nicholas de Kane and Lady Katherine Holford, visiting from Caerthe) gathered at the Sherwood Hills Resort where it was rumored that the Royal Gift was hid. At opening court Lord Gallowglass, on behalf of the fighters of the shire, presented Sir Robert de Spencer with a beautiful white belt in gratitude for his devoted service as Shire Knight Marshall. Then Thorad son of Bjorg presented a glass mug he had etched to Sir Robert as a gift for the Shire's new "baby knight". Lady Elaine of the Lion's Tale started the shire's First Gilded Lemon (250 cloves worth!) on its way. Some practice bouts were held to prepare the fighters to meet some of the challenges of the Quest.

At last the Shire prepared itself for the Quest by dividing into seven teams that began their Epic Search in different areas of the Resort. All the teams searched most diligently, but the speediest in finding its way through the obstacles was that led by Sir Mika, Lord Longbow and consisted of Lady Thumzine of the North Sea, Katherine of Land's End, Kathleen of Brookmere and Maya. The Shire rejoiced that the gift was recovered and set themselves to celebrate by even more frenzied passing of the lemon while trying activities that ranged from jump rope to dancing in between Creative Abductions. The people later settled down long enough to hear the Tall Tale Contest --- And the bare-faced effrontery of some of those stories was enough to make your blood run cold (even if the weather hadn't already been doing it).

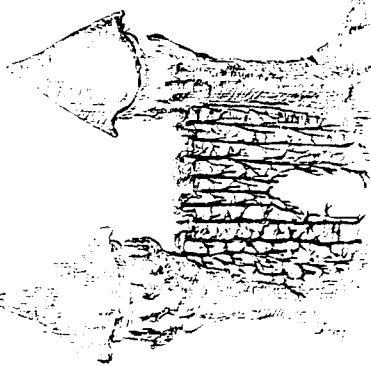
After a break to prepare for the banquet, the people gathered for a procession before settling down to a meal of cornish game hen with all the trimmings. Also, the Wizard's Guild found a volunteer (Thorad son of Bjorg) to wear a medallion for the next month that was guaranteed to have magic properties.

The sumptuous repast over, the business for the evening turned out to be a Kissing auction to benefit the shire coffers and THE QUESTING QUILLS. The enthusiastic auctioneers were Sir Nicholas for the Ladies and Lady Fereilth for the Lords. Before the money pouches were emptied for the evening, \$265.00 had been raised with \$42.00 of this being bid on by Lady Katherine Holford (an Outlandish record, Sir Nick said) by a group of gentlemen that included some "Defenders of the Abbey". The other top sellers were: Sir Mika (\$40.00), Sir Belted Circle (consisting of Sir Mika, Sir Nick and Sir Robert - \$37.00), Sir Nicholas (\$35.00) and Lord Gallowglass (\$32.00). The only difficulty in the Kissing Auction was when Lady Thumzine, Lady Kate and Lady Leah de Spencer barricaded themselves in the ladies room when Sir Nick attempted to auction them off. Then their lords most indiscreetly followed them in and Sir Nick made a big impression (probably his "Courtly Cod" helped) by blundering into the wrong stall.

When things had settled down, Lady Elaine presented the now denuded lemon to her lord, Thorad. When the cloves were counted, Sir Nick was found to have the most (18) and so won a goblet to be etched by Thorad. The winners of the contests were announced and the scrolls were presented. The Creative Abduction Contest was won by the Ladies of Hastle Castle for their spirited abduction of their "daddy", Sir Nick. (Never did I think to see Sir Nick struggling against being carried off by three ladies.) The Tall Tale Contest was won by Sir Robert for his harrowing tale of how he became "Conqueror of the Great Brine Shrimp". Then the List of Chivalry was awarded to Thorad son of Bjorg and the List of Grace to Katlin of Erlauf.

After the traditional "hip-hipping" of everything from the Kingdom to the autocrat, the tired but triumphant people of the shire gathered up their things and began to vend their various ways to their homes.

Submitted this 4th day of July, A.S. XIII by Lady Fereilth Macdonald



Storming Storm Mountain (Or Melee Mess)

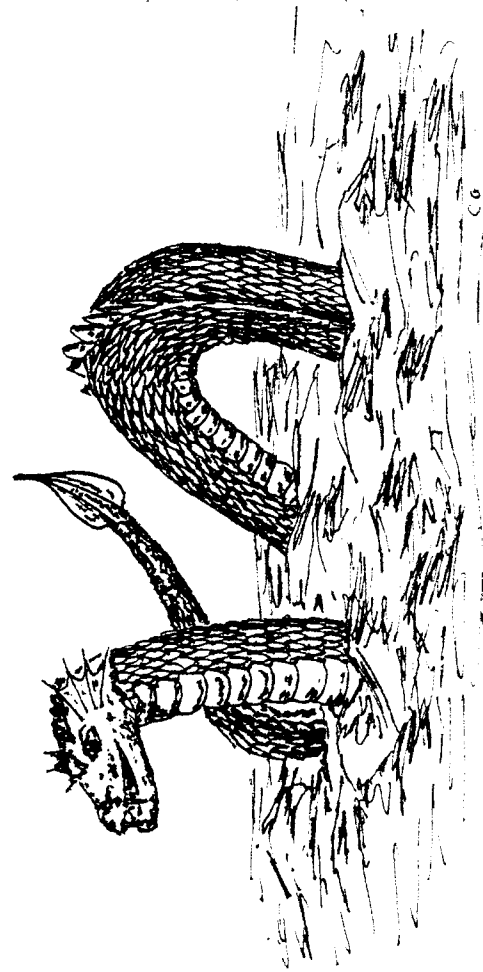
Sir Mika, Lord Longbow with the help of Sir Robert will be leading the Storming of the Storm Mountain Campground. Our fighters will be able to get more experience in group fighting (which should help our forces in the W-A-R that is coming up in October) and the non-fighters will be able to enjoy visiting in a beautiful and relaxing mountain atmosphere. This is also a great area for getting picturesque out-of-doors photos, so bring your soul-stealers. No meals are going to be provided, so bring what you plan to eat. Plans are in the air for various activities, including a Scavenger Hunt.

DATE: 15 July, A.S. XIII

TIME: 9:00 A.M. (Come earlier, if you can. The area can't be reserved around and take up more space!)
and we all need to be there to stake out the area against Mundanes on this holiday weekend. Bring stuff to strew

PLACE: Storm Mountain Campground up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Follow 7200 South eastward until it winds up the canyon. The campground is clearly marked, but if you find yourself as far up the canyon as Mule Hollow (Gepetto's IV), you've somehow missed it.

Bring your armour, lunch, costumes and assorted friends and enjoy a day in the mountains!



Persona of the Month

Be it known to all and sundry, that I, Chauncey Percival Albertoct Seymour Courtney Edward Montgomery von Heidenkreis the First, do hereby depose and set this Historie with my own hand, obedient to various Requests for such from the Authorities of the local Shire.

I was born in the year 1559 in the fair and ancient city of Rottweil on the Neckar River. After the death of my mother (an English gentlewoman several years my father's senior), my father (a petty nobleman) entered the service of the Duchy of Baden, distinguishing himself as a hero, earning the name von Heidenkreis (which he never used publicly.) At an early age I showed inclination of learning, and was placed under the tutelage of various clerics of St. Gerogen. This occasioned much travel in my later youth, not only in the Black Forest but to surrounding lands.

Upon the untimely death of my father I was called home from the University of Tübingen. I had distinguished myself as a chess player and a person of rash and subtle wit. Unfortunately I tended to neglect my studies, other than English, in favor of physics and other sciences the Church frowned upon. However, I did pronounce the Italian master Greco when he passed through on a journey from Vienna to Strassburg. Mainly because of my father's influence and memory I was given the city of Villingen, which I managed to bring into a measure of prosperity by diligent attention to trade. There was no love lost between myself and the Duke, and I presumed to anger him at every opportunity. When he sent a large basket for a tribute of eggs I and my friends stomped on them to make sure we got as many in as possible. The crowning insult was when I, having become somewhat of a public figure, embraced the reformation. With the blessing of my former allies at St. George, the Duke declared me traitor and my lands, titles, fortune, freedom, and life forfeit.

Needless to say, I have had much opportunity to repent of this rashness while in exile. With a price on my head I determined to make my way to my mother's kin in England. I had always heard she was the second daughter of the Earl of Chesterfield, and her gentility and nobility were beyond question. Plying various trades that I might not deplete the monies I had escaped with, I went East through my native Schwaben, then northwest to Holland. There I stayed six months working for a mapmaker, Myrher Bouw, putting my art training to some actual value. Thence I fled to England.

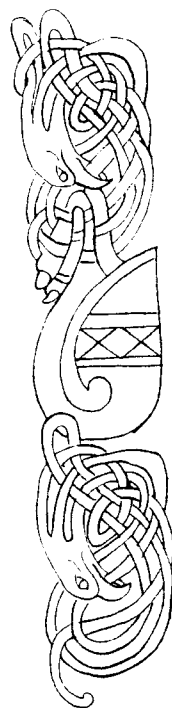
More was awaited me there. I learned just in time that the Earl of Chesterfield was a friend to the Duke of Baden, and that the title was younger than my mother, being instituted about 1550. It being proven impossible to trace her, I determined to hasten across the sea to Rawleigh's Land, being advised by the Wizard Theorand that in the Shire of the Great Salt Waste I should at last find a haven safe. I arrived in A.S. XII with my wife Ann, a Dane from Bornholm, and our two daughters Rhannon and Guevere. My passage I paid in labor, as ship's cook. I proved excellent, but alas was too fond of my efforts, as witness my expansive waistline. Immediately upon arrival I commissioned the building of my castle with the remnant of my fortune, calling it Newbroke.

My purpose is to learn the use of arms, the one thing my education lacked, that upon next meeting with my former enemies (whom I have been told have dared to settle with assumed names in other kingdoms) (a practice I too have made good use of, being known to many in my journeys as Edward the Red, or Edward the Rhymer) they shall feel the weight of my vengeance and retribution.

Done this date, A.S. XIII, anno domini 1588.

Chauncey Percival Albertrecht Seymour

Courtney Edward Montgomery von Heidenkreis



Westward Lies The Salann Fasach

Loch Salann

Here Dwells the
Great Merine Shrimp
(few have returned)

Witches
Landing

Witches Landing

Forges of the
Copper Dwarves

Misty Mountains
Mines of the Copper Dwarves

**For the King
by the Land**

**am Mor
Salann Fasach**

Spallal (Misthewm)
Misthewm

Nanboke
Castle

Chase in the
Yellow Fields

Revel Hall

To Happy Valley

Royal
Mungton

Shiredryn
Chateau

Shiredryn River

To Oz

Shiredryn
River

Kings Highway

Juniper
Keep

Morningshar
Manor

Greenwood
Manor

Castle Zorka

Academy
Castle

Warrior's Den
Enchanted
Wood

Castlewood

Hold Wyle

The Hole

Alban a Gleann



Fair of the
Snowdragon

Sun Hume Mountains

Here dwell the
Ski Sprites

Eastward Lies The Eastern Wilds

[Snowflake]

Courtesan's Challenge

The household of Hastle Castle (minus, alas, Lady Ferelith, who was incapacitated by an infected tooth) flew on a passenger dragon to Caerthe to witness the Courtesan's Challenge Tourney. Lord Gallowglass, Lady Jerilyn and Lady Rhonwen were greeted by Lady Kathleen Caslean an Bharrnigh, who graciously extended the hospitality of the Dragonspine Embassy to the weary travellers (for which we thank her profusely).

The Tourney took place at a park in Caerthe on June 17 and 18 with the first day taken up in challenge matches, a Court of Love, and various competitions in the Gentler Arts by gentlemen of Atenveldt. One challenge, between Sir Theodric Lord Broken Beaken and Lord Thomas the Mute, was over who would have the privilege of bestowing a rose on Lady Jerilyn.

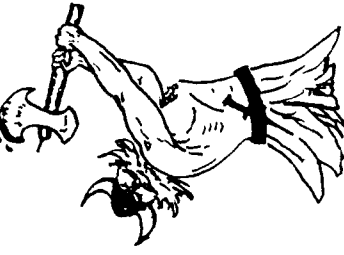
That evening a Feast was followed by a Masque. In keeping with the stated theme of dressing as a member of the Fairy Court or flowers, Lady Jerilyn attended as a Honey-suckle, Lady Rhonwen as a Violet and Lord Gallowglass as a pansy. Gallowglass' un-pansy-like behavior resulted in Jerilyn and Rhonwen having to resort to a "Hertz Kent-a-lord" for an escort in procession - the kind lord being Russel of Barbarossa.

The next day the competition in the Gentle Arts continued, with a Quest ending up the day's activities. Gallowglass was, unfortunately, Nixed in the Quest (gave the wrong answer) and had to do something truly noteworthy (next-worthly, maybe?) to become Un-Nixed.

Unfortunately, the Flying Dragon was leaving, so none of us discovered who was named Courtesan's Champion. However, we enjoyed it (especially Lord Russell's loincloth) and good wishes were sent by Baron Sir Theodric to the Shire.

Submitted this 4th Day of July, A.S. XIII by
Lady Rhonwen y Llysteynydd

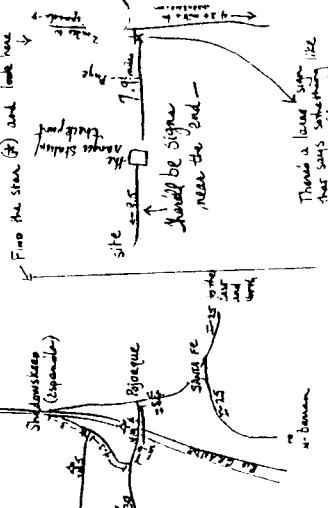
Dwarven Invitational



All folk are invited to the Dwarven Invitational Tourney to be held in a magical canyon at the end of July. This is not a Principality or Kingdom event; it is a Dwarven event. There will be many and diverse contests requiring such skills as cunning, brute strength, charm, speed and the ability to pick a good rock. On Sunday the lists will be held. Fighters may use axe and shield, axe and axe, or two-handed axe. The lady of the winner of this contest will be named Snow White, and will receive the adoration and protection of all Dwarves.

Autocrats: Sir Theo, Dwarf, Lord Mighrinwood (505) 881-4822
Mistress Irminsul, Dwarf-mother Improbable (505) 255-7883

There is water, there's no feast, and there's a charge for camping.



There is a loose sign that says something like "Pine Cliffs" near the site.

Lagoon Day / Demo

Time: 12:00 noon (Society Time)
Place: Pioneer Village Green, Lagoon Amusement Park (North on I-15 between SIC and Ogden)
Date: 22 July, A.S. XIII

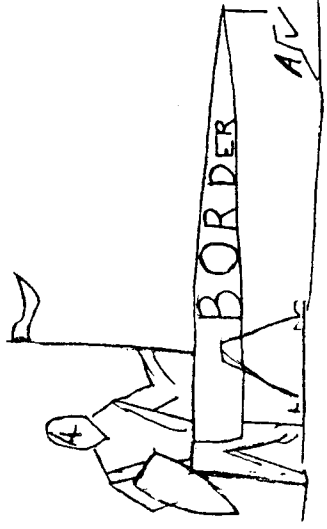
The Lagoon Amusement Park has invited us to do a Demo on their Pioneer Village Green, so let's turn it into a whole day event. We're going to gather on the Village Green starting at 12:00 noon. Bring a picnic lunch and relax in the shade. We have all day to wander around. Two ride passes will be raffled to those arriving before 2:00 p.m. We can have a good time at lagoon and then do two demos at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. right there on the Green.

Come One! Come All! See Lady Ferelith and Lord Gallowglass make fools of themselves in the Wild West Shoot-Out! Ride the Rides! (Ladies, don't forget to hang onto your veils on the Roller Coaster, Jet Star and Wild Mouse!)

For more information (and free parking passes) call Lady Ferelith at 485-9039.

Rough schedule of events:

- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. --- Picnicing, games and dancing
- 2:00 p.m. --- Raffle of the All Day Ride Passes and set up for Demo
- 3:00 p.m. --- Fighting Demo and Dancing Demo
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. --- Enjoy Lagoon (Gentlemen may wear steel, but please don't use it on the mundanes wandering around.)
- 6:00 p.m. --- Fighting and dancing Demo
- 7:00 p.m. --- Enjoy Lagoon (or each other's company)



Shire Spudole

We would like to congratulate Cormak na Gunn and Bramwen of the Marshes on their recent wedding. May joy be showered upon your union.

Congratulations to Michael the Lucky and Cormak na Gunn on their recent Squitedom to Sir Robert.

Lady Rhonwen is looking for assistant field heralds. Anyone interested please contact her at Hastle Castle.

Lady Jerilyn is looking for an assistant chronicler. (I can't handle all the typing myself anymore.) Please contact me at Hastle Castle for more information.

Outdoor Revel Hints

As we get into our round of outdoor's summer revels, it might be wise to remember a few general hints as to what to bring.

- 1) Dishes...Most of our revels have "pot-luck munchies" where you may need a trencher, spoon, and goblet (of course, your belt-knife comes in handy, too.) At feasts never expect the autocrat to have dishes for you! (The exception to this rule being catered feasts like the one at Sherwood Hills.) Could you provide dishes for 60 people? The standard goblet, trencher, bowl, spoon, and napkin will do (those new-fangled "forks" can be used, but aren't period.)
- 2) Capes...As we discovered at Sherwood Hills, always bring your cape! It may be sunny when you set out, but... Also, they are invaluable for spreading on the ground and sitting on or, if it's really hot and you are creative, you can build a sunshade out of it.
- 3) Water...A jug of water or other liquid refreshment is invaluable on a hot summer day when you are doing a lot of strenuous activity. Those insulated ones are best, unless you have some shade to keep it in or like hot drinkables!
- 4) Sunscreen...It gets hot in the Salt Wastes in summertime. And even on cloudy days any area of your body exposed all day will burn. So to save your nose and back and chest, you'll need a good sunscreen. A hint to the ladies--a simple headress can save head, ears and nose from burning and looks very period. And if any of you have young children, be especially careful with them--a baby's skin burns much faster than an adult's.

As you attend more outdoor's revels you will find for yourself what also is necessary in your case. Bringing sun tents and camp stools to increase your comfort, banners to brighten the area, and perhaps even a parasol to carry about are a few suggestions gleaned from my experience at outdoor's day-time revels.

Lady Rhonwen Yllysteuydd

Archery Tourney

The Archery Tourney at Ye Rustic Weekend was a success to all of us who went. We had a wonderful time watching the skilled in our shire hit that bullseye. The winner was Mikaru Sukura our Archery Guild leader. He won a beautiful quiver which is intended as a traveling trophy, which will have each winner's name engraved on it.

The ladies also had a competition in which there was a race run, a flirting contest, etc. Lady Rhonwen Yllysteuydd won as Quintessence of the Ultimate Amalgam of Illicit Loveliness (or Q.U.I.L.) and received a beautiful tatted Juliet Cap tatted by Bevin of a Thousand Songs (this piece was her journeyman's piece in Needlework Guild.)

Later in the afternoon a lunch box auction was held and hopefully everyone was well satisfied (especially that person who bought two.) Zeph de Darwelsure made a fine showing in the javelin throwing contest after lunch. And in the treasure hunt Crispian of Quay and Willa Myopia made an excellent team.

Best of all the revel came in the form of the feast. It was magnificent spread which tasted wonderful. A special thanks to Genevieve's parents who did a lot of the cooking.

The evening's activities were brought to a close with quarterstaving, the winner being Cornak na Gunn, who won a belt buckle. Lady Rhonwen and Lady Jerylyn made an interesting showing in the quarterstaving (and claim they want to keep it up.) Things were finally finished off with a short game of Clench-a-vench and with a closing court.

All of us went home tired and happy after a full and fun day.

Crown Tourneys

The Tournament for the Crown of Atenveltd will be held in Colorado City, Colorado on the 19th & 20th of August A.S. XIII, being 1978 Georgian.

The site is approximately midway between al-Barran and Caerthe. It is a major exit off of I-25 (exit 27), marked Colo City--Rye--San Isabel. The tourney site is a private camping park. There is drinking water, showers, real toilets, a footbridge, a stream, a stone pavilion, trees, and grass. There are also nearby places which sell food, gasoline, and liquor.

There will be a great feast Saturday night. The price is tentatively \$5.00 and may become less. Reservations are requested by the 5th of August.

The Autocrats are:

- Event: Sir Nicholas, Lord de Kane, 115 S. Emerson, Denver, CO 80209
- Farspeaker (303) 777-3968
- Site: Melissa Almanthea, 1314 N. Union, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- Farspeaker (303) 473-3384
- Feast: Lord Jeremiah von Braun, 2016 Elm Ave., Canon City, CO 81212
- Farspeaker (303) 275-6996

The site is fabulous. The feast will be ample, edible, and there is much entertainment planned for it. The fighting should be as fierce and fine as Crown Tourneys always are. Plan to come.

A Few Key Words

First of all---many, many thanks should be given to the Intrepid (foolhardy?) autocrats of the June events, Lord Gallowglass, Genevieve de Waterwood and Mikaru Sukura. Every event seems to be better planned and more fun than the last.

The Shire is honored to have Lady Leah de Spencer selected to be the new 'Principality Mistress of the Arts. She has been (along with her twin sister Sister Scholastica) an outstanding hospitalier and the Shire owes her a great debt of gratitude. While Lady Leah will be serving Crown and Coronet as the Arts officer for the Principality, Sister Scholastica will remain a deputy hospitalier here in the shire.

The new Hospitalier for the Shire of am Mor Salann Fasach is Genevieve de Waterwood. You may have noticed her at events doing the work of a hospitalier even before she bore the title.

I don't want this to sound like "MacArthur's Farewell to the Troops" ("MacDonald's Farewell to the Troops" doesn't sound right either), but after some heavy thinking I have decided to accept the invitation to become Principality Seneschale. Lady Aelflaed of Buckford has become the new Seneschale of all Atenveltd and I am honored to be chosen as her successor. I'm leaving the Shire Seneschal's office in the very capable hands of my (used to be) deputy, Friar Orison Caird. He will do a first rate job and I hope that you will all be as helpful and supportive of him in this often difficult office as you have been with me. I will still be around and underfoot all the time because I will hope to be able to continue to serve this shire as somebody's deputy. I really love this group and want to do what I can to help us continue to grow.

But enough of this. If I keep on, I'll get all emotional and end up crying into my mechanical scabbler. On to other business.

We're still waiting to file for barony status until we have thirty (30) proofs of memberships to send along. I know we have MORE than thirty subscribing members, but I have to have a cover of SOUTHWIND (with address label), a cancelled check, money order receipt or membership card to xerox before I can file the petition. So please get them to me (or any other member of the Battle Castle managery) as soon as you can. I would like to thank those who have already made the effort to get their proofs of membership to me: Lady Rhonwen y Ilysteuydd, Lady Jerylyn of Vert Silva, Lord Gallowglass, Marguerite Ventemiglia, Willa Myopia, Michael the Lucky, Sir Robert de Spencer (and family), Berenice de Spencer, Lady Elaine of the Lion's Tale (and family), Desliffe Collingswood, Leiamka Zorya of Vert Leo, and Genevieve de Waterwood. (With mine that's 13 down and 27 to go!)

Another topic of some concern in our shire is the insidious creep of Mundania into our gatherings. When we started the group we had a rule, because most of us were Science Fiction Fans, that you could only talk about things relating to the S.C.A. When we got a number of new folk into our group we invalidated this rule because it seemed a little silly. Now once again we find a lot of the talk, etc. revolving around mundane matters. We don't want to reinvoke this silly rule, but it is up to you. It is easier to keep in period if you leave your real life self at home. Am Mor Salamm Fasach seems to have gained a reputation in the S.C.A. as doing things well and keeping in the spirit of the S.C.A. I think the reason that we developed this way, to a large extent is because we early banned bringing Mundania into our events. Let's try to get back to our period again and stay there.

That's it for this issue. Tune in same time, same place next month----but with our new seneschal.

Your servant in the Society,
Lady Ferelith Macdonald



Fragrant Messengers

Most of us, even in these perilous times, surrounded by the mundania, have had the opportunity to send or receive flowers. What is little known about this worthy custom is the secret messages the flowers tell, or the language of flowers.

In days gone by, for instance, a young man, in the spring of the year, may have sent to a young lady of his fancy a small bouquet of heather and lilac. The young damsel upon seeing this bouquet would know by the heather that this young fellow admired her and the lilac would tell her he was feeling his first love for her.

She in turn might give the young man a daisy, by way of her nurse, to tell him of her gentle innocence. But perhaps she had always loved this dashing young man in silence, so then, after a heated discussion with her nurse, she might send the young man a gardenia, telling him of her secret love for him.

Upon receiving the gardenia from the disapproving nurse, the young gallant might send back, with the same nurse, heliotrope, telling of his devotion to his lovely lady.

Since it might be unsuitable for these two young lovers to marry or even to be seen together, they would tell of their feelings for each other thru flowers.

Of course the language of flowers could speak of emotions and thoughts other than love. If the young lady had sent to her admirer a spray of basil, their budding (pardon the pun) romance might have come to a sudden halt, for basil means hatred.

A great deal can be said in this most charming and romantic language of flowers. For those who would try their hands at composing floral messages, a list of flowers and foliage and their meanings follows.

Katlin of Eryotel
The Herbalist Guild

Acanthus.....Artifice	Larkspur.....Ardent Attachment
Anemone.....Abandonment	Laurel.....Glory
Anemone.....Pride	Leopard.....Zest
Apple.....Abandonment	Lilac.....First Love
Apple.....Temptation	Lily.....Purity of Heart
Azalia.....Fragile	Lily of the Valley.....Humility
Bachelors Button.....Celibacy	Lotus.....Perfection
Balsam.....Impatience	Lupine.....Imagination
Basil.....Hatred	Magnolia.....Sweetness
Belladonna.....Silence	Marigold.....Disquietude
Buttercup.....Ingratitude	Mignonette.....Modesty
Cactus.....Bravery	Mimosa.....Daintiness
Camellia.....Excellence	Mistletoe.....Difficulties surmounted
Carnation.....Antipathy	Morning Glory.....Departure
Chrysanthemum.....Optimism	Moss.....Charity
Clematis.....Ingenuity	Myrtle.....Heartfelt love
Clover.....Think of me	Narcissus.....Conceit
Columbine.....Cuckoldry	Nasturtium.....Conquest
Cornflower.....Quarrel	Nettle.....Cruelty
Crocus.....Abuse Not	Olive.....Peace
Daffodil.....Regard	Orchid.....Magnificence
Dahlia.....Instability	Pansy.....I think of thee
Daisy.....Innocence	Passion-Flower.....Faith
Dandelion.....Coquetry	Peony.....Bashfulness
Dogwood.....Durability	Petunia.....Anger
Edelweiss.....Immortality	Phlox.....Proposal of love
Endive.....Frugality	Poppy.....Dreaminess
Fern.....Fascination	Primrose.....Inconstancy
Forget-me-not.....True love	Quince.....Temptation
Foxglove.....Insincerity	Rose.....Love, Grace
Fuchsia.....Amiability	Rue.....Disdain
Gardenia.....Secret untold love	Sage.....Domestic Virtue
Garlic.....Courage	St. Johnswort.....Amosity
Gentian.....Loveliness	Snakehead.....Desperation
Geranium.....Melancholy	Sunflower.....Haughtiness
Goldenrod.....Precaution	Syringa.....Beauty
Heather.....Hope	Thistle.....Austerity
Heather.....Admiration	Thornapple.....Deceitful Charms
Heliotrope.....Devotion	Tuberose.....Dangerous Pleasures
Iris.....Imperfection	Tulip.....Declaration of love
Hepatica.....Confidence	Veronica.....Fidelity
Holly.....Defence	Violet.....Faithfulness
Hollyhock.....Ambition	Walnut.....Intellect
Honeysuckle.....Affection	Wisteria.....Poetry
Hyacinth.....Game	Woodbine.....Fraternal love
Hydrangea.....Boastfulness	Wormwood.....Absence, bitterness
Iris.....Eloquence	Xanthium.....Rudeness
Ivy.....Fidelity	Zinnia.....Thoughts of absent friends
Jasmine.....Desire	
Jonquil.....Desire	
Juniper.....Confidence	

To You ~ From Us

24. Thank ye all of you who attended the Rustic Weekend Revel held on June

We, the autocrats, wish to pay tribute in words and glad felt thanks to Desille of Callingswood for help with the fruit, to Squire Michael for help with the arms and moral support, and to Leianka Zorya of Vert Leo for her beautiful calligraphy.

Much thanks to the officers for the support and understanding which they have unceasingly. May the praise of generations slower upon them as our households raise their names in Thanks.

Thankfully submitted,
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