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The Newest Heron!

River Abigail Heath, October 23rd, 11:11 PM; 5 lbs, 18.5 in
Photo by Daddy Heath

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SHIRE NEWS

Welcome River Abigail Heath! October 23rd, 11:11 PM; 5 lbs, 18.5 in.

Congratulations to our new officers: Knight Marshal, Ian Kennoven; Exchequer, Cigfran Caer Gwalch; A&S Officer, Thora Drukkard; Webminister, Dagonell the Juggler.

Congratulations to Lord Bjorn Einarsson on winning the fencing bear pit at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Duchess Dorinda Courtenay on winning the great sword fencing tournament at Harvest Raid.

Congratulations to Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre on their performance of “Why the Sea is Salt” based on a Norwegian folk tale.

Happy Birthday to Lady Thora Drukkin who will be celebrating on December 12.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Dagonell's mother who is currently in Buffalo General Hospital after falling down.

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Hallowtide

Shire of Blackwater
November 2, 2013

The winter winds are beginning to blow and we are thinking of the impending snow. Come and let us toast the end of Fall with much merry making and feasting.

Come one and all to celebrate Hallotide the days of summer and fall have passed and we now face the coming winter months when few travel far from their doors. We have a day of food fun and games both martial and table. so come relax and visit with friends.

For those that would like there will be a few classes to expand your knowledge or to help light the candle of interest in to the arts.

For those that are interested in fighting we have some new spins on some old tournaments.

First we will have the Blackwater 60 min challenge we will have a round robin bear pit when you win or lose you move to your next opponent after 60 min he with the most kills wins 2 points for a win 1 for a loss if you need a break take it but the tournament continues with or without you.

Second is the armored duck challenge combatants will have a duck affixed to their helm with one foot of masking tape. As long as your duck is still on you helm you are alive and intact. This will be a roman melee or free for all every one against every one you may ally your self with friends but only one person can win. ducks will be provided as well as tape. If you still feel like fighting

Food Lady Lydia Allen will be whipping up a fantastic sideboard and our own Edward of Blackthorn (local chef) will be making a 10 remove feast. Each remove will feature tapas (little bites) with everything from seafood, lamb, pork, to fruit so be prepared for a delight to your pallet. Beverages will be cider and various infused waters blended to enhance your experience. Contact Russell Chamberlain with dietary

concerns lordnugg at yahoo.com or 716 dash 904 dash 2073. Seating is limited to 100 so make a reservation seating will go fast.

There will be a silent auction where precedes will be split between the shire and the kingdom travel fund. How much does this event cost you might ask, just 8 dollars for the door and 12 for the feast for persons 15 or older. The non member fee of 5 dollars dos apply for those 18 or older. For children 14 and under 4 dollars at the door and 6 dollars at feast for there is a family cap of 20 dollars for 2 adults and children from the same address the non member fee dos still apply. There is no discount on feast.

Reservations may be sent to Her Grace, Duchess Anna Blackleaf (Cheryl Moore, 4115 S.9Mile Rd. #119, Allegany, NY 14706, 716-372-4140 {again, please not after 9pm}). Paid reservations are appreciated as we recognize no other kind, so please make checks payable to SCA New York Inc. shire of blackwater Directions – Please be assured that there will be signs posted.

Take your best route to Interstate 86 (Route 17) to Olean, NY. , get off at Olean, (exit 25) and turn towards Olean (the railroad bridge). Again you should proceed about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and you will see the Countryfair on your right and DresserRand on your left. Turn right at the light N 12th street) and then make an immediate Left on to Buffalo street. procede till you get to the T intersection make a Right (about 3 stop signs) Washington st. go 2 blocks then Turn leftt on N. 9th St. The Trinity United Methodist Church is about half way on your Right. find parking on the street if possible there are limited spaces and we would like to keep them for those that need the elevator or firmer ground.

For those with gps. Trinity United Methodist Church 131 N 9th St Olean, NY 14760

Fall Aethelmearc Academy
Shire of Coppertree
November 9, 2013

The Shire of Coppertree invites all to an Aethelmearc Academy with lots of classrooms! The site is the Little Falls Middle / High School (1 High School Road, Little Falls, NY 13365). The site will open at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov 9th, 2013, and close at 6 p.m.

A simple dayboard of basic stew, bread, & nibbles will be put out in the afternoon, until it is gone, plus any goodies from Cooking Classes, during the afternoon.

** Please note that the school will not allow smoking (inside or out), pets, or edged weapons. Yes, you CAN use all sorts of things, including knives, in a class. Students here regularly use shears, pins, seam rippers, saws, etc. You CAN use alcohol for a class, or in a class – you just can't drink it openly. You just cannot be carrying a knife around as we will have some students here. **

Check-In will start at 10 a.m.

Send reservations to Coppertree's Exchequer: SCA Name: Lady Elwyn Stone (Susan Schiffer), 9658 Elpis Road, Camden, NY 13316 Phone Number: (315) 245-3596 before 9:30 p.m.; e-mail address: elwynstone@yahoo.com Checks should be made out to "SCA NY – Shire of Coppertree". The site fee is \$10 a person, with a \$5 Non-Member Surcharge if you are not a member or do not have your membership card. Photocopies of the card included with a reservation will make check-in go much faster! Children 7 years old or younger are free, Ages 8 to 17 are discounted to \$5. Please help us by making your reservations in advance and tell us if you want to participate in the Cooking Challenge, so we have some idea of how much food to buy.

Autocrat: THL Rowena ni Dhonnchaidh (Pamela M. Boynton, PO Box 7, Fort Plain, NY 13339; phone: 518-688-0545, between 6 and 7 a.m. or between 5-9 p.m.; e-mail: SleepyUnicorn@roadrunner.com)

Directions: It is only 5 miles from the NYS Thruway (I-90) exit 29A, Little Falls. From the toll booth, the exit ramp becomes an

extended road. Go to the stop sign, past a bridge over the Mohawk. 2) Turn left onto SR-5 West and go a short distance to the 2nd red light. 3.) Turn right (at the stop light, and the sign for the Knight's Inn) now going north on Ann St. for 4 blocks. Turn right onto W. Monroe St. when you come to a T intersection (no stop sign, you have right of way). 4.) Turn right onto Top Notch Drive 0.6mi You will see the school and the parking lot on your left.

Availability of offsite accommodations and services: The closest major Highway is the NYS Thruway, I-90. Directions: exit at 29A, the Little Falls exit, and then turn left to stay on SR-5 West / SR-167 West for 0.4 mi. 2.) Turn right to stay on SR-167 / S Ann St 1.3 mi. 3.) Turn right onto High School Rd 0.6 mi. SO – less than 5 miles from the Thruway exit to the school. Little Falls has a Knight's Inn as a major hotel – at step 3 of the above directions. We are arranging a discount group rate at the Knights Inn. It is right next to the movie theater, and the grocery store/mall, and most of downtown. There are several small restaurants as well as McDonalds, Subway, etc. right there. There are also 2 gas stations right there, a hospital within another 1/2 mile. The best restaurant is Beardslee Castle, 123 Old State Road, Little Falls, New York 13365. It is about 8 miles from the site, straight down RT 5 <http://www.beardsleecastle.com/index.html>

Queens Rapier Championship (QRC)
Hosted by Barony of Endless Hills
October 26, 2013

To all Lords and Ladies of the Kingdom of Athelmearc, polish your swords, make your dagger shine, and dust off your buckler. Their excellences, Baron Gunnarr, and Baroness Barbary Rose wish to extend to you a welcome of invite to "The Hills with No End, to fight for Queen Gabrielle, in her Rapier Champion bout. Following the battles, there will be a feast fit to serve a queen- It will be prepared by chef Laird Perote Campbell; any dietary concerns with the menu should be directed to Laird Perote, contact email Behfeast@gmail.com. Reservations can be sent to James Mrozoski at 500 Schooley Ave, Apt 76, Exeter, PA 18643

Feast Per seat \$9 Site Fee Adult age 18 up: \$12 Site Fee
Teen age 13-17: \$9 Site Fee Child age 6-12: \$5 Site Fee
Babe age 5 under: \$0 Site Fee Royal: \$0 Site Family Cap:
\$35 (Menu to be posted as soon as it is available). Baroness
Clarice is in charge of youth activities, Lady Maggie Ilfoster
(Maggie the Other AKA Moose) will be having arts and
sciences, the bards will be singing, and there will be some
dancing and other entertainment. The date is set for
November 16, 2013, from 8am until 10pm. The theme for
this Queens Rapier is Italian. More information will be
updated as we receive it. Directions...Take your best route to
Wilkes Barre (interstate 81), Take exit 170B to merge onto
PA-309 N toward Wilkes-Barre, turn right onto Main St
Bypass, continue onto Main St, continue onto Lower
Demunds Rd, location will be on the right. Location is the
Northmoreland Volunteer Hose Company, 1618 Demunds
Road, Centermoreland, PA 18657 see Google Maps location
here: Facebook event announcement for further discussion
& info:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/499227480146052/>
Lord Mark le Gabler, current Queen`s Rapier Champion, has
published the format for the day`s bouts: Greetings to the
Noble Populace of Aethelmearc, The Day approaches
wherein our Queen will once more choose a new Fencing
Champion. That day will be November 16th in the Barony of
Endless Hills. For all who are interested in vying for the role
of Queen`s Champion, Here follows the format of the day:
Dependent on the number of Fencers we have participating:
If there is a large number of entrants, there will be a double
elimination tournament. The double elimination tournament
will be a best of 3 passes with rotating forms in which you
MUST switch forms after every pass. You do not have to
match forms to your opponent. The ONLY exception will be if
you CHOOSE to match opponents whose only authorization
is in Single Sword. No forms will be repeated unless you
have absolutely no option. If you use your parry choice, all
Parry objects count as your parry choice (meaning you can't
come with Buckler then switch to cloak or stick, etc.) If you
only have 2 authorizations, ie single sword and sword and

dagger, you will rotate between both forms. In the event of a fewer number of entrants, the format will instead be a Round Robin tourney,(one pass each pairing) to set up seeding for a double elimination tournament with the same rules applying as above. I wish each participant the best of luck-and ask that you bring your utmost in skill, grace and sportsmanship! YIS, Lord Mark le Gabler, Rapier Champion to Her Sylvan Majesty, Queen Liadain ni Dheirdre Chaomhanaigh QRC

Kingdom Twelfth Night

Shire of Heronter

January 11, 2014

Join the Shire of Heronter as we celebrate the climax of the winter festivals, when we host AEthelmearc's Kingdom 12th Night! It will be an exciting day filled with lots of fun and games for all ages! We will start the morning with a wide selection of games to test your strength, cleverness, skill and wit. The Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre will perform, not once, but twice, for the enjoyment of all and we will have a period dessert contest to whet your appetite just in time for an elaborate feast! Following the feast we will have a Masked Ball with lots of dancing. So join us January 11, 2014 and celebrate the end of the season. The site is the beautiful First Presbyterian Church at 509 Prendergast Ave. Jamestown, NY 14701. Questions can be directed to the Event Steward, Lady Thora Drukkin (Angela Heath): ladythora@yahoo.com (716) 640-9917 * no calls after 9pm, please * More information to follow soon.

Recipe Redactions by THFool Dagonell the Juggler

I have acquired The Redwall Cookbook by Brian Jacques. It's foods mentioned from the Redwall fantasy series, but since the characters are all mice, moles, rabbits and such, it's actually a nice vegetarian cookbook with recipes that would do well at a medieval feast.

Gourmet Garrison Grilled Leeks

4 medium leeks, cleaned, chopped into 1-1/2" lengths
2 T unsalted butter, softened
1 T grated Parmesan cheese
2 t Dijon mustard

Pre-heat the broiler. Bring a pot of water to boil and add salt. Boil the leeks for ten minutes, then drain and transfer to an ovenproof dish. In a separate bowl, cream the butter and add the cheese and mustard. Spread this mixture over the leeks. Broil leeks until golden, about three minutes.

I found this dish quite tasty and would be willing to serve it at feast. The most time-consuming part was washing and chopping the leeks.

Hotroot Sunsalad

Salad:

3 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into coins
3 medium carrots, peeled and cut into coins
6 small Jerusalem artichokes, peeled, cut into coins
1 small leek, thinly sliced
salt to taste

Dressing:

1/4 c wine vinegar
2 T extra-virgin olive oil
Dash of hot pepper sauce
Pinch of salt

Put a pot of salted water on to boil. Clean, peel, and cut the veggies. This will be the most labor intensive portion of the recipe. Boil the veggies for 10 minutes and drain. While vegetables are boiling, put dressing ingredients in a small bowl and whisk thoroughly. Pour dressing over veggies, toss and serve hot. Serves 2. Very tasty. I think this would make an excellent side dish at feast.

Calendar of Events (contains non-SCA events of interest)

NOVEMBER

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 2 - Hallowtide (Blackwater)

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=866>

November 2 – BMDL Agincourt

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=868>

November 9 – AEthelmearc AEdcademy

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=894>

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 16 - QRC (Endless Hills)

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=887>

November 28 – Thanksgiving (U.S.A.) [No meeting]

DECEMBER

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

December 9-16 – Hanukkah

December 12 – Thora Drukkard's Birthday

December 21 – Winter Soltice

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 25-31 – Kwanzaa

December 26 – Boxing Day (Canada)

December 31 – New Year's Eve

JANUARY

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 6 – Twelfth Night

January 11 – AETwelfth Night (Heronter)

<http://www.aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=895>

January 20 – Martin Luther King Day

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