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MONDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Archery normally held on Monday is on hold until good weather next Spring. Contact Lord James the Small at 635-3214 for information on the monthly indoor archery practice being scheduled.

TUESDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Fiber Arts first session is at Master's Rhys's on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 10700 Ranch Rd. Contact Contact Lady Noemi at 637-5293. A second meeting session is on the second Wednesday.

Windkeep Work Night at Master Rhys's- is the first Tuesday evening of each month at 10700 Ranch Rd. Contact Master Rhys at 632-1133. Please join us.

Research at the Library is the second Tuesday evening of each month at Laramie County Library 2800 Central Avenue. Contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320 (til 5 December) -M'lady Gwenyth at 634-2730 thereafter.

Research not at that Library-Windkeep Work Night- is moved to the third Wednesday evening of each month for the winter at 10205 Powderhouse Road contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320. Please join us.

Taster's Revel is the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Lion's Park Community Center from 7 PM to 10 PM. Feast by reservation only. Donation of \$5.00 per person. If you wish to prepare the feast for the monthly Taster's Revel please contact Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for times available and information. Please call Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for reservations.

Fencing Practice normally held on Tuesday is changed to Saturday until good weather next Spring. Contact M'lord Peredu at 778-3132 for practice information. See Saturday Shire Happenings for information.

WEDNESDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Fiber Arts the second session is on the second Wednesday evening of each month at Master's Rhys's 10700 Ranch Rd. Please contact Lady Fekete at 637-5293.

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THURSDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

Fighter's Practice normally held on Thursday is changed to Saturday until good weather next Spring. Please contact Lord Evan at 632-1715 to insure the loaner armor will be available. See Saturday Shire Happenings for information.

Fencing Practice normally held on Thursday at Fighter's is changed to Saturday until good weather next Spring. Contact M'lord Peredu at 778-3132 for practice information. See Saturday Shire Happenings for information.

POPULACE Meeting- is normally the fourth Thursday evening of each month after Fighter's Practice, except during winter, when we move inside at the Library, 2800 Central Avenue at 7:00 p.m.. Please contact Lady Renate to get on the agenda. November and December POPULACE Meeting are the THIRD Thursday, November, 19th and December, 17th respectively, due to the Holidays. Please join us.

SATURDAY SHIRE HAPPENINGS

GOOD NEWS !! An indoor fighter's Practice site has been found and reserved. Windkeep has the use of the National Guard Armory, 5500 Bishop Blvd. We can use the facilities on select Saturdays from noon to 8:00 p.m.. Check the calendar for dates. Please call Lady Renate at 635-1320 or Lord Evan at 632-1715 to confirm dates, times and for access. A donation for each attendance is appreciated. The two main rules of our interest are "No person under 18 years of age shall be allowed without a responsible adult present and responsible during the entire time on the premises for any activity". And second "Proper shoes shall be worn on the gym floor at all times". We will be responsible for any black marks and armor gouges.

Directions: Central Avenue exit off I-25. Turn west (left), then north (right) on Bishop Blvd. Turn left at the Headquarters Wyoming National Guard brick sign. Travel past first "10-mile speed sign". Building is on the right. Use door # 5. Park in the lot before the second "10-mile speed sign".

WINDKEEP AWARDS AT A&S, OCT 10

LORD MLODN THE MERCHEANT - STAG'S HEART
LORD JAMES THE SMALL- AWARD OF ARMS

HOSPITLLER'S REPORT

On a lazy summer afternoon I found myself drifting away to a time when a Lady was someone special, and the Lords kissed a Lady's hand. Only in the SCA do you get to live this dream.

As the new Hospitaller of Windkeep I hope to introduce many people to the shire. Not only do I plan to speak to anyone interested in starting to play, but I am going to introduce those who have been playing for a long time, so I'll start with me...

...My mundane name is Sandy Sailors, and I have been playing in Windkeep for about 3 years, only to become a formal member of the SCA about a year ago. I am married to Griffin Mordythiwr. I have two sons; one who is working out of town, and Owen Blaidd who you ALL know.

I was unable to get too involved before this year because of mundane commitments, so Hunter's Feast was my first formal event. I have attended Superday's or Banner Tourney, the Octoberfest, Goblin Walk, Bows in the Snow, and Taster's Revel. After enjoying Brigands in May and meeting people from all over the Kingdom, we started traveling to fighter practices in Bofharrach and Unser Hafen. Several weekends have been filled with events such as Glory, Fields of Gold, Unser Hafen Defender, Unser Hafen Equestrian Championship & Archers Fair, and most recently the Outlands Arts & Sciences Collegium.

I don't dress for heavy fighting, but enjoy watching. I have worn the fencing mask, but don't handle a blade very well. I hurt my arm several years ago, so archery is out. I do, however, LOVE to sew. I have altered patterns and even designed my own. I enjoy hand stitchery that I can share with others. If anyone needs help in a project, I'd be glad to assist.

The shire badges are currently being made, please ask about wearing one. The new brochure is available to pass around. If anyone has questions that should be addressed in the handbook, let me know, I am trying to revise the one we have. I'd love to see each of you show up in garb more often, that is part of the fun.

I am personally working on my device and name, which will probably change ten times before they pass. Currently call me Nessa or Nesta, which is Welsh about 1200. I work Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, so you will see me at most events and practices. I have my own feast gear, and make my own garb. I have yet to receive any special awards except for the support from each of you.

My goal is simply to help every one of you have access to the information you need to follow your dream in the SCA, and enjoy playing in the SCA.

Look for someone else's dream and accomplishments in the next Windswept.

Nessa

SENESCHALE'S REPORT

Since this is the last Windswept issue for 1998. I would wish all who read this "Happy Holidays". I also wish a special thank you to all my officers past and present who have endeavored to accomplish all the requirements of their offices. A thank you to Mistress Aldyth for providing most of the Taster's Revels. Master Rhys for the many hours of support of Windkeep activities, and to both of them for opening their home to all the activities, guilds, archery, and work nights. Several of you have done things anonymously that I am not aware of who to thank individually, however I do thank you for supporting Windkeep. Lastly I wish to thank Mlodn the Mercheant for taking up the slack on things needing done and for times when I have needed help with the newsletter, typing reports which I wrote

SCHOOL DEMO'S REPORT

Over many years, our Shire has built quite a reputation doing demonstrations for the local area, and in specific, the schools. We have done as few as 5 and as many as 13 in a single school year. We service the 5-6th grades primarily, and East High School. For the past couple of years, the primary demo team has consisted of Rhys, Renate, Bjarki, and myself. Noemi and Asta have assisted as their time permits, and so has Mlodn. With the loss of Bjarki and Asta this year to college, we are in need of teachers. During the next few weeks, I will be doing a call around to see what we can come up with before the schools start calling for our assistance. Please consider helping if you can.

Our demos follow a pretty prescribed script. Not because it is the right or only one, but because the schools are very comfortable with what we do. New ideas are welcome, and we will pass it on to the schools.

We come in a week before the primary demonstration to teach Heraldry. The schools already have our handout, and print one for each pupil. Depending on the number of classes, we need 1-3 people for this part, and it is from 1 hour to 3 hours in length. Basic Heraldry is taught, with an emphasis on the simple, and the encouragement of making their own heraldic device. We "grade" them as either an art grade or social studies grade, as the teacher wishes when we come back the next week. That part of the demo is somewhat harder. If the teachers have a specific area they want covered, we do that. If not, we have usually 2-3 hours to fill with 20 minute or so presentations on parts of Medieval life. Our usual coverage is real life in the Middle Ages (clothes, food, and medicines), Arms and Armor, Trivia, and Inheritance. If there are heavy weapons fighters who are willing, we have a 15 minute tourney. We have had fencing or dancing instead.

Nessa has put me in charge of scheduling, so let me know if you can help. You do not have to go to EVERY demo. Just one or two would help tremendously.

Aldyth

KNIGHT MARSHAL'S REPORT

Greetings

We have been having some fun this summer, but with the coming of winter is it time to put away your armor in order to prevent the dreaded monster rust from damaging it? I think not!!! With great thanks to M'Lady Nessa, we have a winter fighting sight. Nessa, my most profound thanks go to you for your efforts in locating this site.

Over the past few months, I have seen many things happen here and am glad for most of them. With the help of Master Rhys and Lord Mavrikii (Mavellic), we have begun armoring and Training our fighters once again. I am glad to see all of you at these activities.

Now the information you all want. The fighting site will be open from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. each Saturday, with only a few exceptions. These will only be once a month and are due to the Wyoming National Guard's activities. I have chosen these times by popular consent, most of the people I spoke with felt that the afternoon/evening time frame was the best. I am sorry that I can not accommodate everyone, but as someone once said, "The Needs Of The Many, Out Way The Needs Of The Few".

Once again, My Thanks to all who have helped me begin to rebuild the corps of fighters here in Windkeep.

In Service Lord Evan Embleton

EXCHEQUER'S REPORT

August 5, 1998 – October 2, 1998

Balance Forward \$3,090.57

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Newspaper	\$ 6.00	Food Feathers	\$186.11
Feathers Event	\$350.00	A&S Admin	\$ 28.82
Taster's Feast	\$ 30.00	Site Taster's	\$ 50.00
Variety	<u>\$119.50</u>	Food A&S	\$ 98.14
		Newsletter (Aug)	\$ 14.65
		Newsletter (Sep-Oct)	\$ 14.40
		Food Taster's (Aug-Sep)	\$ 83.46
		Return Item	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Total	\$505.50	Total	\$487.58
	Ending Balance:	\$3,108.48	

HUNTER'S FEAST

DECEMBER 5TH

The harvest has ended, the hunters are home, and Yuletide is fast approaching. The Shire of Windkeep asks all who will to pause with them to reflect upon the world and join them in a Hunters Feast to be held December 5, 1998 at the Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The site will open at 12 noon and close at 11:00 p.m.. This site is DRY. The event is limited to the first 175 reservations, and alcohol is not permitted on campus. If you desire crash space, or discount motel reservations, contact Master Rhys.

We need not be blessed with clear weather during the day, Windkeep's indoor Fighter's Practice Site at 5500 Bishop Blvd shall be available, therefore there will be heavy and light weapons pick-up fighting from 1:00 to 5:00. Indoors at the hall, there will be good fellowship, dancing, and whatever games as can be devised. Directions to Fighter's Practice available at the troll.

A bardic competition will be held during the feast, as in past years., with a gift of silver to the best entertainer. There will be a sign-in sheet at the troll.

Throughout the day there will be an informal competition for best hunters theme (garb/table setting/banner) to be arbitrarily judged by the kitchen staff.

There will be a soup and bread donation lunch from about 1:00 p.m. until about 2:00 p.m.. The main feast will start about 6:00 p.m. If the Crown attends, and so wishes, court will be held prior to the feast. The feast will consist of the bounty of the land and whatever the hunters and gatherers of Windkeep provide. If you are vegetarian, or have food allergies, or aversions, please contact Mistress Aldyth and she will prepare dishes suited to your tastes.

The fees for the event are as follows: Site and Feast \$10.00 with smalls under age 6 free, and those ages 6-12 half the price. For reservations made, but paid at the door \$15.00. For availability of reservations after Nov. 15, contact Mistress Aldyth directly. Please mail reservations to the autocrat, with checks made payable to SCA-Windkeep. Be sure to include legal name, society name, address, phone number and member number, and local group on your check Also include a list with all of the above information if you are paying for others.

If you would like to help clean up or serve, please contact Mistress Aldyth directly.

Merchanting is allowed in the hall before the feast, but must be coordinated in advance.

Directions to the site: Take 1-25 to the College Drive. turn off. Turn East and continue on College Drive, about 5 miles to the College, follow the signs. Take 1-25 to I-80 east follow I-80 to the College Exit, turn right on College Drive about a mile to the College, follow the signs. The site is on the North side of the college complex. Site is in the College Community Center. There will be signs.

Autocrat: Master Rhys Afalwin (Larry Hammons), 10700 Ranch Pd, Cheyenne WY. 82009, (307) 6324133, email: MasterRhys@aol.com

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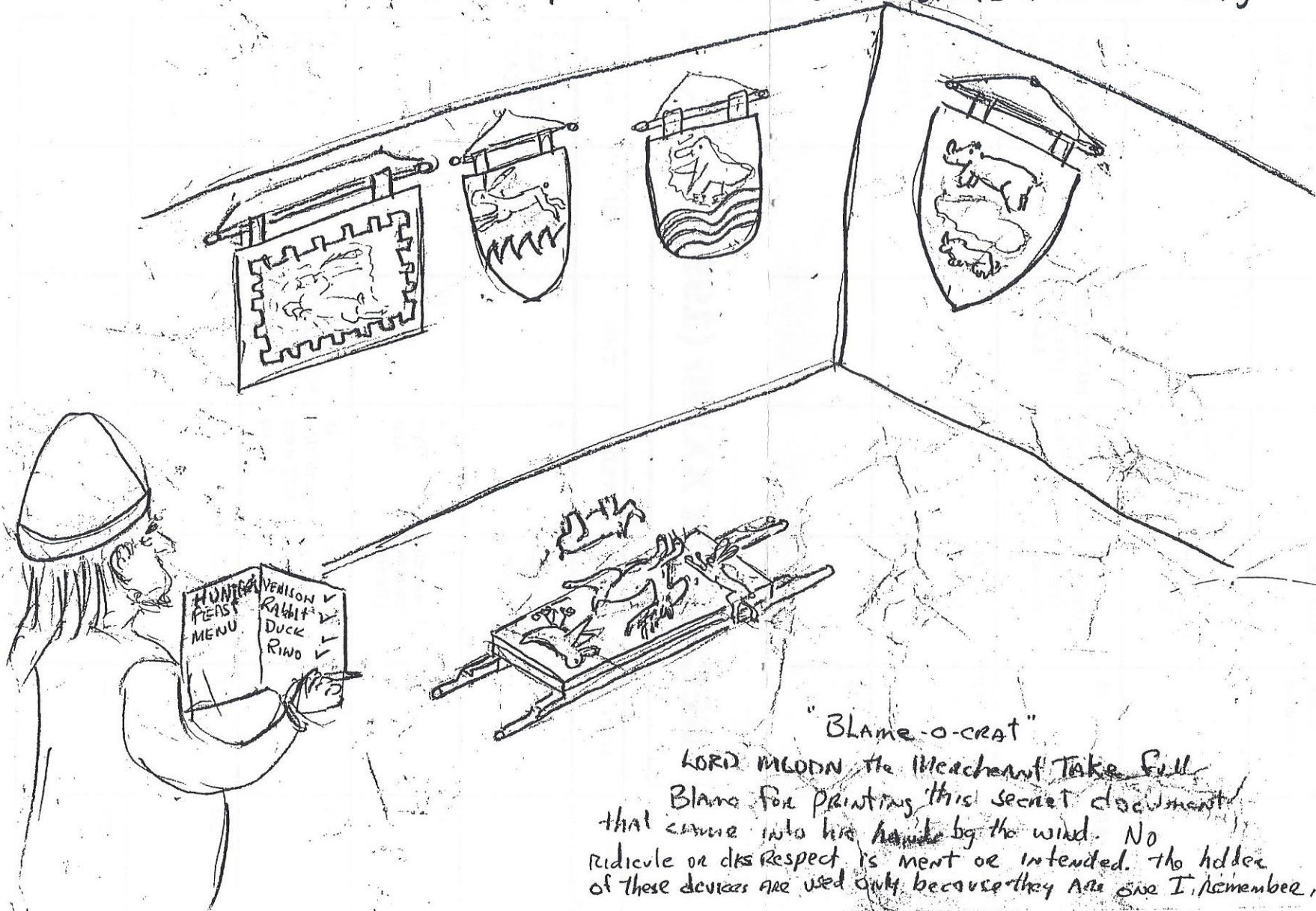
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Archery Practice Outdoors	3 Work Night Fiber Arts	4	5	6	7 Fighter's & Fencer's Practice
8	9	10 Research Night At the Library	11 Fiber Arts	12	13	14
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27	28	29 Windswept Work Night	30	31		

MOST TOP SECRET LAST DITCH DESPERATE HUNTER'S FEAST STOCK
THE LARDER PLANS (only to be implemented under dire circumstances if our hunts fail)



"Blame-o-crat"

LORD MUDN the Merchant Take Full
Blame for printing this secret document
that came into his hands by the wind. No
ridicule or disrespect is meant or intended. The holder
of these devices are used only because they are one I, remember,

OUTLANDS CORONATION

Nahrun Kabirun, November 14, AS XXXIII (1998)

The Shire of Nahrun Kabirun is pleased and proud to be asked to host the coronation of our new King and Queen of the Outlands on Saturday the 14th of November, ASXXXIII. We welcome you to our warm and generous shire, the new site for the feast and coronation is at Celebration Hall at 100 N. Main St. and tourneys are at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, (304 W Bell) in Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

The tourney site will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and reopen from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday for tourneys and war practice. Parking is available at and near the tourney site - but it is limited, so gentles should come prepared to carry their tourney gear a short distance.

The Lists for the Queen Champion Tourney and the Protector of the Queen's Heart will open at the marshall's discretion and both of the tourneys will begin after opening court which will be held at 9:00 a.m. There will be fruit, cheese and breads provided by the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun for all those participating in the tourney on Saturday and drinks will be sold as a shire fund raiser.

Since both tourneys will be held on Saturday, Sunday will be a full day of pickup tourneys, melees and war practice to begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be archery shoots along with the heavy and light weapon tourneys and war practice. This site will close at 5:00 p.m. The tourney site is dry. The shire will provide waterbearers and will also sell other liquid refreshments as a fundraiser. On Sunday the shire will hold a box lunch auction with scrumptious meals prepared by our populace with all proceeds going to TRM travel fund.

Coronation Court will be held at 6:00 p.m. and the feast will follow. A delicious feast will be prepared by the cooks of Nahrun Kabirun under the able direction of feast autocrat and head cook Lady Caer. The feast will follow the theme of 10th- 11th century northern Europe and will include some vegetarian dishes. A list of ingredients will be available at the feast, however please contact Lady Caer if you have special dietary concerns. Wine and/or ale will be served with dinner as well as nonalcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar revel after the feast and coronation until approximately. midnight. The tables will contain candles and linens so you will not need to bring those for your feast set up. Feast site will open at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and close at 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning. There is ample parking at the feast site.

The shire has arranged for crash space among its members. We have also arranged for a block of rooms and a special SCA rate at the Sleep Inn of \$39.95 (plus tax) per night for 4 "official" guests per room. Rooms include 2 queen beds, bath and continental breakfast and use of the pool and jacuzzi facilities. A block of rooms and a special SCA rate has also been arranged at the Comfort Suites of \$54.00 (plus tax) per night for 4 "official" guests per room. Rooms include two beds, a separate room with a sleeper sofa, microwave, small refrigerator, a deluxe continental breakfast and use of the pool and jacuzzi facilities. Though two separate buildings with 2 separate facilities, they share a parking lot and are conveniently located to the I-25/University Ave exit and on the direct route to the site. Reservations must be made by calling the hotels directly and asking for the Society for Creative Anachronism group discount and reservations must be made by November 2nd to receive the discount. The number for reservations at the hotel is: (505) 522-1300, do not call the 800 reservation number.

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OUTLANDS CORONATION

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There is camping (either tent, pavillion, or RV) available at Delmonte RV Park at 2224 S Valley (which is very close to the feast/tourney location). This location includes shower facilities and the rate is \$8 per night. Reservations are strongly suggested by calling Delmonte directly at (505) 523-2992 before November 2nd.

Directions to the Tourney Site: Take your best route to Las Cruces, New Mexico via I-25. Exit at University Ave. and go west down University Ave through 3 major intersections with traffic lights. Merge to the inside lane after the 3rd light. Travel to the next traffic light on the corner of University and El Paseo (apprx 1 mile from I-25 exit). Make a left turn onto El Paseo and travel south around a small curve (you will travel under the I-10 underpass) that puts you at the intersection of El Paseo and Main/South Valley with another traffic light. Continue straight, going west, the street will take you across a railroad track, into Mesilla Park and will now called Union Ave, continue past Harrelson St(1 block) to Linden(the second block), turn right on Linden. These are rural blocks, so they are long, but Bell is about 1 and 1/2 blocks on Linden to your left. The Mesilla Park Recreation Center sits at the corner of Linden, Bell, and Mansco. Their will be visible SCA signs and a troll booth on the outside of the building for registration.

Directions to the Coronation/Feast Site: Take your best route to Las Cruces, NM on I-25 and take the 6B exit West into Las Cruces. You will exit onto North Main St. Follow North Main, traveling west, through the intersection (with light) of Elks Drive and then continue through lights at El Camino Real and Spitz/Solano Ave. for about 1mile to 1 1/4 mile. The road will curve to the north stay on Main through the intersection of Main and Madrid and travel approximately 1/4 mile past a Pizza Hut on your left to the Celebration Hall which is also on your left as you travel north. There is a very large parking lot for our use on the north side of the building. The building has a sign which says Desert Sun on the front, and Celebration Hall on the tall standing sign. There will be a troll booth inside the building. To arrive at the Feast Hall from motel crash space, simply go from Univ. Ave to I-25, and there will be directions given at the tourney site for best route from toureny site to feast site.

Site fee for the event is \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for members, \$7 for feast only; children under the age of 6 are free. Everyone 6 or over theage of 6 who attends the feast must pay the feast fee. Make checks payable to SCA - Nahrun Kabirun. Reservations are suggested.

Questions, to arrange crash space or shuttle service from the airport, or offers of assistance should go to the autocrats.

Co autocrats: Lady Maigenn O Calside (Barbara Hammond), 1935 Thomas Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, (505) 522-2439, Irshlss2@aol.com (please leave a message if no answer)

Lady Drusilla of the Drunken Archers (Dina Hursh), 2903 Devendale, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005, (505) 523-1347, dina5@zianet.com

Feast Autocrat: Lady Caer Draighen (Ra Williams) , PO Box 6482, Las Cruces, NM 88006, (505) 522-8727

OUTGOING HERALDS QUESTION

I HAVE MIS-PLACED A "DANCE" IN THIS ISSUE, IF YOU FIND IT PLEASE LET LORD MLODN KNOW.

CAERTHAN TWELFTH NIGHT

JANUARY 2

Caerthe Winter Holiday Faire January 2, XXXIII (1999)

The glorious Barony of Caerthe invites one and all to relieve the gloom of winter with merriment and games. Be prepared to show your skills at indoor jousting and darts and other sundry games aimed at delighting you and sparking your laughter. Here is a grand opportunity to display your finery and imagination. Elegance shall be highly prized!

The site is the Adams County Fairgrounds northeast of Denver, Colorado. Site opens at 10:00 a.m. The Lunch stall will be open from 12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. coinciding with the Game stalls and activities which will be open from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.. Feast will be served at 6:00 p.m. after Royal Court. The day's schedule may be subject to change. This is a DRY site.

The gracious Lady Adelia d'Alviela will prepare a sumptuous feast for 250 people of bread and flavored butters, lemon rice and garlic chicken, spinach and rice casserole, stuffed dates and sugared nuts, pickled eggs, olives, mushroom pasties, beef with bog berry pie, lemon bread and almond wafers. Menu is still subject to change and any updates will be published.

There will be many games including jousting, darts, and pin the favor on the Knight. Prizes will be given for best men's, women's and children's clothing, most festive garb, the best hat in the hall, the best use of bells etc.

Volunteers are needed for many tasks, especially help in the kitchen and kitchen clean up. If you are interested in getting involved please contact either the autocrat or the cook.

Fees: Site only \$5.00
 Site and feast through 11/15/98 - \$11.00
 Site and feast through 12/15/98 - \$13.00
 Site and feast from 12/15/98 on - \$15.00
 Children 12 and under are half price for site and feast
 Lunch is \$2.50

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CAERTHAN TWELFTH NIGHT

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Make checks payable to the SCA - Barony of Caerthe.

50 places for off board seating will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Send Reservations to: Lady Yukihana Tetsutaka at 2100 W 100th Ave #467, Thornton, CO, 80221. (303)-464-0289.

Autocrat: Lady Taryn Brannick, mka Ronni Hunter, 647 Knox Court, Denver, CO, 80204. (303)-893-4816. Vhunter@spike.dor.state.co.us

Head Cook: Lady Adelicia d'Alviela, 450 Lilac Circle, Louisville, CO, 80026. (303)-673-9584.

Directions: From North or South, take I-25 to 120th Street. Go East on 120th to Colorado Blvd. Take a left (north) on Colorado. Take a right onto 128th (east) until it ends at a T-intersection. Take a right (south). Take the first left onto Henderson Rd. (east). Take a left into the fairgrounds. There are fairgrounds signs and there will be SCA signs. From the East take I-225 North to I-70 West. Then take I-270 North to I-76 towards Ft. Morgan. Then take state hwy. 85 to 124th street. Take a left (west). Cross Brighton Rd. 124th will become Henderson Rd. Follow Henderson Rd. west until you reach Adams County Fairgrounds. Take a right into the fairgrounds. There are fairgrounds signs and there will be SCA signs.

WINDKEEP'S TOYS FOR TOTS

NOVEMBER 21, XXXIII (1998)

The Shire of Windkeep cordially invites one and all to a day of Philanthropy, fighting and fun as we host the first annual Toys for Tots Tournament on November 21st at the Wyoming Army National Guard Armory at 5500 Bishop Blvd. The day will include tournaments in heavy weapons and lights weapons, dancing, games and any other pastimes as can be devised. An A&S contest is also planned with the best Gryphon in any medium as the theme. At the end of the day a pot luck feast will fill the belly as the fun of the day has filled the soul. All this for the small sum of one new unwrapped toy.

The site will open at 12:00 noon with the first tournament planned for 1:00 PM, The pot luck feast will start at 5:30 PM and the site will close at 8:00 PM. Donations to the feast are most welcome. Contact Lady Renate Koven for details.

Directions: See Fighter's Practice directions back cover. There will be signs.

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EISTEDDFOD

Unser Hafen, November 7, AS XXXIII (1998)

The Barony of Unser Hafen invites all gentles to our Eisteddfod on November 7, 1998. The event will include a Bardic Competition, a Feast Day, and Merchants Fair. The event will be held at the Nunn, Colo. Community Center, in Nunn Colorado. The site will open at 10:00 am and close at 11:00 pm.

Baroness Llamrei and Lord Lochlain will run the Bardic Competition. The competition will select the new Bard of Unser Hafen, but prizes will be given in several categories including a young peoples division. Those wishing to enter the bardic must perform three pieces. They may be any combination of the traditional bardic arts of song, story, poetry or dance, and at least one of the pieces must be an original composition.

The Feast Day will be coordinated by Lady Amice. The first course of the feast will be served at noon, and the last will be served about 6pm. Feasters will be encouraged to watch and participate in the Bardic and to visit our Merchant's Fair between the removes. The Feast will be limited to 75, so make your reservations to the Autocrat early.

The menu for the feast will be (subject to sales and the cooks whim):

1. Salmon cakes with white dill sauce, Honeyed carrots, A light soup (broth or onion), Shortbread cookies.
2. Orange-rosemary chicken, Rice pilaf, Green beans almondine, Cherry dumplings.
3. Beef with roast leeks and parsnips, Savory noodles, Renaissance Salad with poppyseed dressing, Welsh cakes.

All Merchants are encouraged to contact the Autocrat for this event to reserve space. We will be located 30 minutes from Cheyenne, 20 minutes from Greeley, and 35 minutes from Fort Collins and will be encouraging people to come and see the Fair with their Winter shopping in mind.

The site fee is \$3 for adults, \$1 for those 7 to 15, and under 7 free. The feast fee is \$7.00 for the Feast Day for adults (this equates to \$2 for lunch and \$5 for Feast), \$3.50 for 7 to 15 and under 7 free. Make checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen.

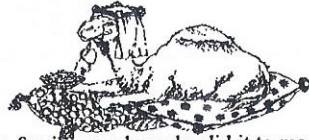
Autocrat: Mistress Theresa die Tanzerin (Terry Foppe), 622 Whedbee, Fort Collins, CO 80524, (970) 482-6608, tmf15@aol.com

Head Chef: Lady Amice de Fayel (Patty Chapman), 1920 2nd St., Greeley, CO 80631, (970) 352-3265

Bardic: Baroness Llamrei (Laurie Huckaby), 2012 Orchard Place, Fort Collins, CO 80521, (970) 490-2936

DA'UD BOB'S MOVIE REVIEW

GUINEVERE ★ ★



Oh, no! It happened again! And this time, it wasn't even a family member who did it to me. Not even a distant relation by marriage or nothin'. No, this time it was a peer of the realm. A member of the Order of the Laurel. Someone whom you would normally expect would appreciate nothing but good art. And she didn't even deliver it herself, but had one of her minions do it for her. (I'd say "evil minion", but Billy Borek's not all that evil. A little devilish, sometimes, but hardly evil.)

Now, I'll admit, Mistress Lassair had warned me about this one. Months before, she had mentioned it to me. I just wasn't expecting, on that pleasant evening, the videotape. (It is impossible to put in print the full effect of those chilling words, "the videotape". Trust me, it's far, far scarier in real life than it reads here in black and white. The soulless, lifeless words you only can read here should be read by Boris Karloff or Vincent Price or maybe Darth Vader for you to get the correct effect they have on me.) In any case, this month Da'ud Bob reviews the made for TV movie, *Guinevere*.

Starring Sheryl Lee in the title role, with Sean Patrick Flanery as Arthur, Noah (Dr. Carter) Wyle as Lancelot, Brid Brennan as Morgan le Fay, James Faulkner, and Donald Pleasence as a nearly bald Merlin, this well-crafted retelling of parts of the Arthurian legend from the viewpoint of his queen, *Guinevere*, is "based on the novels [please note the plural, there] of Persia Woolley". *Guinevere* as Warrior Queen. *Guinevere* as the "heart" or conscience of Arthurian Britain. *Guinevere* as the brains behind Arthur's brawn. All with what are occasionally extremely heavy overtones of 20th Century neo-paganism as the underlying foundation. In other words, *Guinevere* has almost as much to do with either real history or the Arthurian legends as Richard Gere's First Knight did.

In this version, *Guinevere* and Lancelot meet and fall in love in the north at "the sanctuary for the old religion" run by high priestess Morgan le Fay. It seems Lancelot was a foundling, and Morgan raised him. The two, with others, are being trained as "Warriors of the Triple Spiral", the triple spiral being the cycle of birth, life, and death. Now, Morgan wants to bring about Arthur's downfall, not because of anything her half-brother Arthur did, but because of what his father, Uther, did in raping Igraine, Morgan's and Arthur's mother. But *Guinevere* wants her father's blessing before she weds Lancelot, and this doesn't meet with Morgan's plans. After that, things get a lot more complicated.

Good points. Arthur's cloak. Not so good points. Camelot, *Guinevere*'s kingdom, is placed in north central Britain. (Historically, the Arthurian legends are centered near Wales.) The use of coats of arms and heraldry. (Arthur was chronologically centuries before the advent of heraldry.) Merlin's cope at Arthur's coronation. The round table was *Guinevere*'s idea. Maelgwn's castle is placed at the bottom of an extremely narrow valley, not a defensible place to put a castle. (When your foes can look down into the courtyard, you can't expect your men to be anything but slaughtered by a rain of weapons from the overlooking hills.) Arthur, like many another stick-jock, tends to think with his gonads. (It's realistic, but it's not a good point.) Arthur enthusiastically discussing the new wonder weapon, the crossbow.

Zero breasts. 1 1/2 gallons of blood. Eleven dead bodies. Fighters roll. Thunder rolls. Knife fu. Sword fu. Poison fu. Gratuitous grapes. Gratuitous rosebud. Gratuitous references to "the White God" and "the Goddess". Academy Award nomination to Sheryl Lee as *Guinevere* for playing the role with such passion. 92 on the Vomit Meter. Two stars. Da'ud Bob says "Check it out!"



DA'UD BOBS' MOVIE REVIEW

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ★ ★

Water, water, everywhere, and all the plots did shrink;
Water, water, everywhere, the script drove me to drink.

No, I know that's not how "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner" really goes. But my version here applies so much more to this month's movie about a different mariner. Or would you prefer, "In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed, and sailed, and sailed, and sailed, and sailed the ocean blue"? Because that would apply to this movie, too. Or should we simply borrow, with minor modification, an old Hemingway title: "The Mad Man and the Sea"? Now, I'm not saying this little miniseries was long. Personally, I don't think it was any more lengthy or tedious than, say, Christopher Columbus' first voyage was for the common seamen aboard his ships. Day after day, nothing but empty horizon to look at. Yeah, that's about how this movie felt to me. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews Christopher Columbus.

Starring Gabriel Byrne in the title role as the great navigator himself Faye Dunaway as Queen Isabella, and - in alphabetical order - Rossano Brazzi, Virna Lisi, Oliver Reed as the egotistical Captain Martin Pinzon, Raf Val lone, Max von Sydow as King John II of Portugal, Eli Wallach as Father Taliaferro, and Nicol Williamson as King Ferdinand, this 1985 mini-series actually doesn't do too bad a job of recounting the life and trials of the "Admiral of the Ocean Sea". There are some things in the movie that you have to ignore. For example, this is the first time I had ever heard that Columbus sailed to Scandinavia and heard the story of how Eric the Red discovered Vinland. (No, really! That's just the way the movie put it. As if 15th Century Scandinavians were (1) still recounting the story, and (2) didn't know the difference between Eric and his son, Leif "the Lucky" Ericsson.) As another example, they had Isabella, the Catholic Queen, expressing some anti-Inquisition and pro-Jewish sentiments. Oh, yeah, that really would have happened. Not!

Good points. Chris's brother calls him Cristoforo. (A native Genoese, Columbus' name in Italian is Cristoforo Colombo.) Real mail armor. Much of the costuming was pretty well done. They filmed some scenes inside the Alhambra in Granada.

Bad points. (In addition to the Eric the Red story and Isabella's sentiments.) Signing documents with a feather. (Ask me about what a real quill pen looks like sometime.) Scimitars carried by the Moors in Granada. Belly dancing costume at Carnival. Columbus' brown hair. (He was totally white by the time he was 30.) The Spanish flag used by Ferdinand and Isabella is more modern than the one used during their lifetimes. 20th Century moral ideals espoused by 15th Century Spaniards. The Carib natives wearing loincloths and "bikini" tops. (Columbus was quite specific. When they greeted him, they were "naked".)

Zero breasts. 1 1/2 gallons of blood. 53 dead bodies. Waves roll. Fog rolls. Cigar smoke rolls. Fire fu. Musket fu. Sword fu. Fever fu. Cannon fu. Hurricane fu. Gratuitous gypsies. Gratuitous heretics. Gratuitous Hawaiian belly dance by "Carib" girls. Gratuitous love-making in the sand. Gratuitous anti-slavery sentiments. Gratuitous anti-Inquisition sentiments. Gratuitous pro-Jewish sentiments. Gratuitous ugly figurehead. No Academy Award nominations. A 93 on the Vomit Meter. Two stars. Da'ud Bob says "Check it out!"

HUNTERS FEAST FIGHTER'S PRACTICE SITE DIRECTIONS

Please stop at the site and check with the troll prior to going to the Fighter's Practice site at 5500 Bishop Blvd.

Directions: Central Avenue exit off I-25. Turn west (left), then north (right) on Bishop Blvd. Turn left at the Headquarters Wyoming National Guard brick sign. Travel past first "10-mile speed sign". Building is on the right. Use door # 5. Park in the lot before the second "10-mile speed sign".

HUNTERS FEAST DIRECTIONS

Laramie County Community College (LCCC) is located at 1400 East College Drive. Take best route to Cheyenne. College Drive exits at the west off I-25 and at the north off I-80. From south and north travel on I-25 take exit 7 College Drive east and continue about 5 miles to the college on your left. Turn left onto the north service loop to the site. From east and west travel on I-80 take exit 364 south on College Drive about 2 miles to the college on your right. Turn right onto the north service loop to the site. There will be signs.

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