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Calendar

OCTOBER

- Wed 12 Windkeep - Fighter practice (check with Thorman, 634-0224)
Sat 14 Windkeep - Needleworker's guild (Elaine, 634-2037)
Caerthe - PEASANT FEAST AND REVEL (Amelia, 303-750-9114)
Sun 15 Unser Hafen - ARD THIR/HAWK'S HOLLOW BORDER SKIRMISH (Llamrei, 303-490-2936)
Mon 16 Unser Hafen - Mercenary Singers of the Northern Outlands (Rhianwen, 303-223-4537)
Wed 18 Windkeep - Fighter practice (check with Thorman, 634-0224)
Thu 19 Windkeep - Archers of Windkeep Introductory Meeting (Maelgwyn, 632-8938)
Sat 21 Unser Hafen - UPPER OUTLANDS FIGHTERS COLLEGIUM (Llamrei, 303-490-2936)
Ard Thir - APPLEFEST (Mavellic, 742-6867)
Sun 22 Unser Hafen - Fighter practice (Llamrei, 303-490-2936)
Mon 23 Unser Hafen - Dance practice (Catriona, 303-226-2018)
Wed 25 Windkeep - Fighter practice (check with Thorman, 634-0224)

NOVEMBER

- Sat 4 Al-barran - CORONATION (Rebecca, 505-268-1666)
Sat 11 Dragonsspine - VIKING VINTR VUNDERLAND V (Selene, 719-597-5259)
Sat 18 Caerthe - LORDS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS TOURNEY AND REVEL (Eadgyth, 303-871-0250)

DECEMBER

- Sat 9 Caer Galen - MIDWINTER AND CAER GALEN DEFENDER TOURNEY (Francesca, 303-442-3421)
Sat 16 Windkeep - FEAST OF ST. CORETIN / HUNTER'S BANQUET (Maeve, 632-8938)

JANUARY

- Sat 6 Caerthe - TWELFTH NIGHT (Duke Christopher, 303-450-7060)

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---- PRAY ATTEND!! ----

The Newsletter Benefit Raffle, scheduled originally for October 28, has been POSTPONED due to the departure of Mlodn & Renate, the original autocrats. It will be held at the Feast of St. Coretin/ Hunter's Banquet in December. Save your money---there are a number of wonderful raffle items there!



From the shire's chronicler....

For those of the populace who have not already heard the tidings:

LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, CROWN PRINCE LEIF AND CROWN PRINCESS ISHTAR, HEIRS TO THE THRONE OF THE OUTLANDS! Coronation will be in Albarran in less than a month; consult the Kingdom newsletter for more information.

I beg forgiveness for the lateness of this issue, but as I was also fighting in the Crown List, I had lots to prepare for ere I could get this newsletter out. This is also my first issue as new chronicler, and though I do not lack experience in these matters, I haven't had time to streamline my system yet.

I welcome and encourage any of the populace who has information, art, knowledge, etc that they would like to disseminate to other shire members to submit it for the newsletter. It needn't be in final draft form; I can help edit it to make it more readable. Some ideas are: a short book review of a helpful medieval book, a favorite early recipe, a fascinating tidbit of historical knowledge, an SCA camping hint that worked for you, or an announcement for a guild meeting, medieval party, etc. Small bits of information can be given to me over the phone (I'm home during the day); all information can be dropped in my mailbox if desired.

I also encourage the entire populace to subscribe to the Windswept. I will admit now that I am very bad about calling people to remind them of goings-on, and thus probably will not do so---if you don't want to miss out on anything, subscribe! It is not that expensive an item, and will benefit you the entire year. I will be striving to make this newsletter worth your money.

In service to the Shire of Windkeep, I remain,

Maeve

Lady Gwyneth Maeve of Falconguard



Local Happenings - ❖ - ❖ - ❖ - ❖ - ❖ - ❖ - ❖

POPULACE MEETING! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next Windkeep Populace meeting will be held at Lord Maelgwyn's house (4301 Hayes Avenue) on Sunday, October 22, 1989, at 7:00 pm (don't come early; we don't get home from church until about 6:45). This will be a POTLUCK DINNER, so bring a dish if you wish to munch out. We have important things to discuss, including our upcoming Feast of St. Coretin/Hunter's Banquet, the formation of the Archers of Windkeep, and subject matter for this winter's Shire College classes. Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and your ideas. Costume not required unless you want to show one off (we'd love to see what you've been working on....).

WINDKEEP EMBROIDERERS AND NEEDLEWORKERS GUILD MEETINGS

The Embroiderers and Needleworkers Guild will be meeting every 2nd Saturday of the month at the home of Lady Elaine the Lonely of Valyrmoode. This month's meeting will be on Saturday, October 14, from 12 noon to 2 pm, at Lady Elaine's house (1431 Hot Springs, Apt C)---the subject will be both herbalism and needlework. Bring any projects you're working on that you need advice on, and bring books. Drinks will be provided. Contact Lady Elaine at 634-2037 for more information.

UNSER HAFEN DANCE PRACTICE

On every 2nd and 4th Mondays, at 7:00 pm at the Harmony Presbyterian Church in Ft. Collins, the Shire of Unser Hafen holds Dance Practice (which some have accused of being Medieval Aerobics in disguise). Come learn a dance or two---brush up on Hole-in-the-Wall, carouse through a Troika, gracefully step through an esoteric Pavane, or, if you insist, be a wallflower and just watch. Costumes are optional (most ladies prefer to learn the dances with long gowns on), and plan on attending the social hour afterwards at Perkin's. Gentlefolk from all over the Northern Outlands think this is worth going to! For more information contact Lady Catriona in Ft. Collins at (303) 226-2018, or contact Maeve (632-8938) for carpooling/caravanning info from Windkeep.

WINDKEEP FIGHTER PRACTICE

Fighter practices are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evenings (around 6:00 to dark) at the Sunken Gardens in Lion's Park---but make sure you contact the Knight Marshall to see if practice will be held (with only 3 active fighters, it's hard to get everyone there at one time). The Shire Pell (practice dummy) is now over at Maeve's keep, and those wishing to work on it are welcome to come over anytime (call first). Although no specific dates for an Armorer's Guild are set, new fighters interested in making armor (or needing help) can call either Thorman or Maeve for information.

UNSER HAFEN FIGHTER PRACTICE

The Shire of Unser Hafen holds fighter practice on Sundays at 1:30 pm, in Spring Creek Park in Ft. Collins. There you can brush up your skills on the biggest variety of fighters in the far North. They also have loaner armor for beginner fighters, and their Knight Marshall, Lady Llamrei, is able to authorize new fighters. For more information, contact Lady Llamrei at (303) 490-2936, or check with Maeve for carpooling/caravanning from Windkeep.

MERCENARY SINGERS OF THE NORTHERN OUTLANDS MEETINGS

The House of the Mercenary Singers of the Northern Outlands (MSNO) meets every 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 pm in Maeve's keep (1st Monday) or the Great Hall (the apartment clubhouse) at Rhianwen's castle (3rd Monday). Everyone is welcome, bring your voice, instrument, and your good spirits (no, not the drinking kind!). For more info, contact Rhianwen at (303) 223-4537 or Maeve (see officers list). Rhianwen's castle is located across the street from the Dance Practice site. Note: bring a blank 90-minute cassette if you want a copy of the MSNO teaching Tape.

Unto all good citizens of the Shire of Windkeep, pray attend:

As was done by all loyal towns and villages in the days of old which we now study and emulate, our worthy Seneschal, Lord Maelgwyn (a member of the House of the Drunken Archers himself) and his Captain of Archers, Rhys, doth call all capable citizens who so desire to begin Archery Training over the idle winter months. By doing such, we will then be prepared if, with the coming of spring and the season of war, a hostile army invades over the northern marches of our fair and peaceful kingdom.

It will be to the benefit of the Shire if we had as many capable archers as we can, and practice-times will be opportunity for friendly socializing and companionship. Training will be with both regular bow and cross-bow, whichever the person desires. Those with their own equipment are naturally encouraged to train with it, but for those lacking, Maelgwyn and Rhys have procured several bows to loan of different strengths, so that even a maiden who has never held a bow will be able to learn the skills quickly (likewise, there will be an extra crossbow for the populace's use).

An introductory meeting for the Archers of Windkeep will be held upon Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 pm, at the home of our Seneschal---Falcongward Keep (4301 Hayes Avenue). At this meeting, basics of archery, a brief history thereof, equipment, and archery in the SCA (rules, standards, IKAC, combat archery in other kingdoms, etc) will be discussed. We will also be measuring draw lengths (arrow length), discussing locations for practice (both indoor and out), and novel archery games to enliven our practices, so bring your ideas.

Everyone is invited to attend and support the Archers of Windkeep!
(Bring a treat to the meeting to share with your fellow archers)

For more information, contact:

Lord Maelgwyn the Traveler (Mike Creegan)
Rhys Gwin Afal (Larry Hammons)

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632-1133

FIGHTERS OF WINDKEEP!

Hark! There is a (friendly?) disagreement between our two neighbors, the Shire of Ard Thir and the Canton of Hawk's Hollow over the "disputed" lands in-between the two regions---Unser Hafen. Thus, there will be a Bor ar Skirmish between the two on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 pm, in Spring Creek Park (the Unser Hafen fighter-practice site). Bring your weapons and sell your skills to the highest bidder! As no one has been paying attention to the fact that Unser Hafen has a sizeable army of its own, the logistics of this battle could be rather interesting. For more information, contact Lord Tracker (303-451-0246) [Hawk's Hollow], Mavellic (742-6867) [Ard Thir], or Lady Llamrei (303-490-2936) [Unser Hafen] for more information.

UPPER OUTLANDE FIGHTER'S COLLEGIUM

for Heavy Weapons

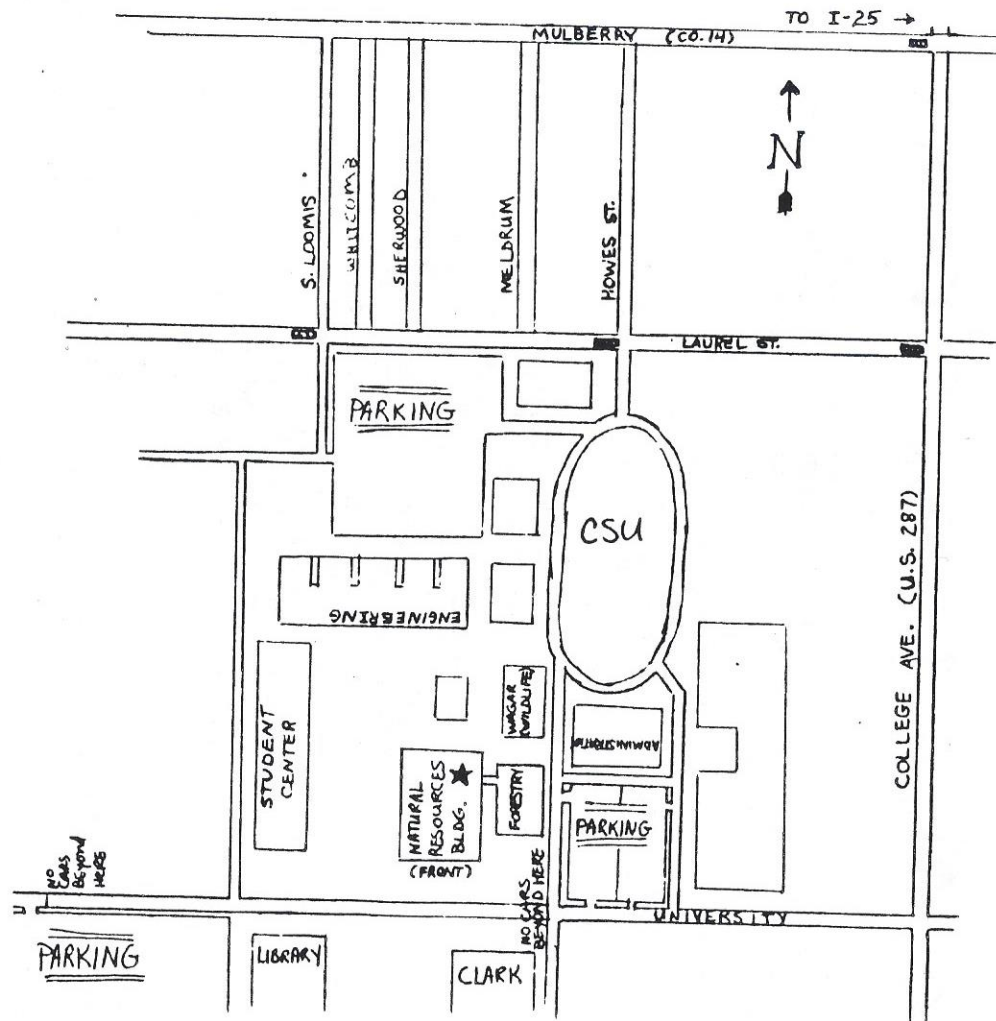
Saturday, October 21 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Room 201, Natural Resources Building, Colorado State University
 Campus in Fort Collins
 No site fee! \$2.00 gets you a tasty lunch from the master cooks
 of Unser Hafen
 Bring your armor, weapons, something to take notes with.

- 9:30 - 12:00 Introductions
 Rules of the Lists
 Marshals and the Marshallate
 How a list runs
 Armor Requirements
 Authorization Process
 The Concept and Practice of Chivalry
 Knights and Knighthood
 Philosophy of Fighting
 } in the classroom
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:00 Practicum: Stance, Movement, Basic Blows, Giving and Calling Shots, Basic Shield Work, Round Shield, Single Sword, Shield Drills, Pell Work, Basic Pole Arm (use and defense against), Left-handed fighting (use and defense against), mental attitudes, basic melee tactics, and much, much more! Some of these classes will not require armor.

We have both indoor and outdoor sites for the practicum. Everyone will come away from this with an understanding of the rules and requirements as they actually are, a working knowledge of how to fight, and some good drills to practice. Emphasis will be on basics -- a must for new fighters, but experienced fighters will find a refresher course very useful. You may find out some things you didn't know, especially about the rules and requirements. I URGE EVERYONE TO COME!

For all interested parties, a research seminar and tour of the CSU library will be conducted in the afternoon, with special emphasis on topics of interest to SCA people -- costuming, art, history, languages, literature, etc, and available resources -- there are more than you think!

To suggest a topic, volunteer to teach, or for more information, call Lady Llamrei Aethnen at (303) 490-2936.



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Shire College Info

Lest ye be bored during the long winter months (yes, they're coming, and they're long...), know ye that the WINDKEEP COLLEGIUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND RELATED TOPICS (known henceforth as the Shire College) will be holding monthly classes on topics as diverse as

MACRO NATURAL DYEING (bring 2-3 yds of unbleached muslin)
MAKING HERBAL BALMS AND LOTIONS
THE BASIC T-TUNIC (bring 2x desired length of material)
HEADGEAR---THE ORNAMENTAL HEAD-ROLL
MAKING A HERALDIC TABARD THE WONDER-UNDER WAY
ELBOW COPS
SIMPLE PAULDRONS
WAXING LEATHER
CHAIN MAIL MADE SIMPLE
BUILDING SCA SWORDS (BRING RATTAN, BASKETHILTS, ETC)
LEATHER STAMPING --- LEATHER CONTAINER
LEATHER STAMPING -- NARROW BELT
LEATHER MATTING --- ORNAMENTAL PLAQUE
MAKING A BANNER THE WONDER-UNDER WAY
CELTIC UNCIAL CALLIGRAPHY
CELTIC KNOTWORK
BASIC LEAF SHADING (13th CENT PAINTING TECHNIQUES)
EMBROIDERY -- GOLD CORD COUCHING
EMBROIDERY --- SIMPLE BLACKWORK
BASIC BREWING

if (yes, there's always an IF) the Shire expresses an interest in any of the topics above (or others that are not included). Come to the Populace Meeting on Oct 22 and let it be known what you would like to work on during the winter for next summer's tourney season. Or call Lady Maeve or Lady Elaine with your ideas.

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THE PREMIER CLASS OF THE SHIRE COLLEGE WILL BE HELD UPON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1989, AND THE SUBJECT WILL BE:

DECORATIVE LEATHER STAMPING --- ARCHERY ARM-GUARDS

The fee for this class will be \$4.00, and all tools and materials will be supplied (note: you can bring your own arm-guard-sized piece of tooling leather and pay only \$1.50 if you wish). Along with learning the basics of stamping and coloring leather, you will create an item essential for archery (unless you like bowstrings hitting your arm...) and something that you can show off at Archers of Windkeep practices.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY OCTOBER 26 (one week in advance) SO THAT THE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS NEEDED FOR EVERYONE CAN BE ACQUIRED IN TIME.

CLASS TIME: Thursday, November 2, 1989; class starts at 6:30 pm.
PLACE: Maeve's house, 4301 Hayes Avenue, Cheyenne, WY.
RESERVATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION: call Maeve at (307) 632-8938.

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FEAST OF ST CORETIN / HUNTER'S BANQUET

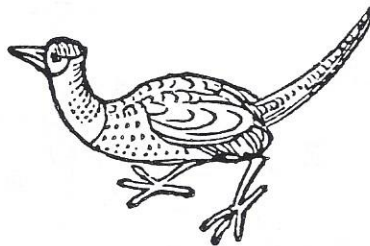
The harvest has ended, the hunters have returned, Yuletide approaches, and the Shire of Windkeep now pauses to celebrate the Feast of St. Coretin with a Hunter's Banquet on December 16, 1989. As the good St. Coretin was granted a miraculous fish from which he cut his supper and tossed it back into its pond (whereupon it regenerated what had been lost), our Feast will have Rainbow Trout in abundance. In addition, the hunters of the Shire, having been successful this season, will contribute Venison, Rabbit, and Antelope for the feast.

Along with the feast, this event will have an Arts & Sciences Display/Competition of any item which has a fish in its design/decoration. Additionally, the Shire of Windkeep will hold its Newsletter Benefit Raffle to benefit the newsletters of both Windkeep and Ard Thir. Many exquisite items have been donated for this raffle, including a custom knife, costumes, feast gear, material, and woodwork. If we are blessed with good weather, we will have archery and/or heavy weapons fighting before the feast.

Feast and site fees, as well as site location, will appear in November's newsletter. Mark thy calendars now, though! Shire members who wish to help serve and cleanup and other such matters, contact the autocrat and/or feastocrat.

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THE POPULACE OF THE SHIRE OF WINDKEEP DOTH WISH TO EXPRESS FOND FAREWELLS AND BLESSINGS OF SAFE TRAVEL TO OUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS, LORD MLODN THE MERCHEANT ZUPAN AND LADY RENATE KOVEN, AS THEY DEPART TO ICELAND, THE ISLE OF THE VIKINGS. THEIR STEADFAST CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SHIRE AS OFFICERS (TREASURER AND CHRONICLER) AND IN OTHER MATTERS (TENT-LENDING, FEASTOCRATTING, SIGN-BUILDING, ETC), THEIR WILLINGNESS TO KEEP THE SHIRE SUPPLIED WITH ASSORTED AND SUNDRY ITEMS SUCH AS BOOKS, RATTAN, FEAST GEAR, AND OTHER THINGS MOST OF US HAD NO TIME TO SCOUR GARAGE-SALES FOR (OFTEN AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE), AND THEIR GENEROSITY AND TOLERANCE IN LETTING THE SHIRE USE THEIR HOUSE AND LAND FOR REVELS, MEETINGS, ARMOR-MAKING, FIGHTER PRACTICES, ETC, IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

MLODN & RENATE---MAY YOUR SAILING BE SMOOTH, YOUR DWELLING FREE FROM VIKING RAIDERS, AND MAY ALL YOUR CUSTOMERS BE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE ACTUAL WORTH OF YOUR MERCHANDISE!

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TIME-VALUE: DON'T DELAY

