

Across the Hills



April, Anno Societatis XLIII

From the Chronicler

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Endless Hills does Euriol of Lothian, your Chronicler, send fond greetings,

I wish to thank all those gentles who have been submitting articles and artwork for publication in the “Across the Hills”. It is these articles and artwork that create the compliments I’ve received from the Kingdom Chronicler. These compliments I pass on to you as well as my deepest appreciation.

The May issue of the “Across the Hills” is to be a themed issue as a build-up to Melee Madness at the end of the Month. The theme is anything “Spanish”. I am looking forward to your contributions.

If you are not sure what you may be able to offer in the way of an article or artwork, please contact me. I know that there is an incredible amount of talent in the Barony and publishing your work in the “Across the Hills” is a great way of sharing your knowledge.

I remain as always in service to the Crown & Coronet,

Euriol of Lothian



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A very eventful first event

My first sojourn into these current middle ages began in late February 1987. It was a Saturday night, and once again I was "hangin' with friends" ignoring my homework from college (I know I know, but I did get it done). One of my friends, Frodi, told us all that we couldn't do our normal Friday/Saturday hang out the next weekend, because he was going to be taking him and his wife to an SCA event. I looked up with interest and asked "what's that?" After a lengthy discussion about the SCA, what it was about, and what one needed to do to get involved, I turned to one of the ladies there and asked "can you sew? if I get you some material by tomorrow, can I get you to make me some 'garb'?"

That Friday evening, after class, we all piled into their '74 station wagon (yep it was that old, and rickety), and drove 3 hours into the foot hills of Sacramento California. Remember here that I went to school just outside of Sacramento, and because of the roads, and the hills, and how out of the way this site was, it STILL took us 3 hours to get there.... even though it was about the same distance as driving from say Scranton to Binghamton. I had my new garb. I was dirt poor at the time, so I could only afford to buy enough material to make a sleeveless tunic, and a pair of short pants. (more on this later). I had a pair of leather sandals, so I wore them. There with me in the car were: Frodi, Micca - his wife, the lady who had made my garb, and 2 other new people.

It had been in the 90's that day, and as we drove into the foot hills I commented on the fact that "boy you guys really packed a lot of stuff, there isn't hardly enough room for my blanket and pillow in here." Looking into the back, the station wagon was piled high with food, clothes, bedding, a large tent, chairs, cooking utensils, cloaks, heavy looking boots, and big pieces of what looked like busted furniture, it had tape all over it.

We got up to the site, and Frodi told me that since it was my first event, and I had spent all my money for the month on my garb, they were not only going to feed me for the weekend, they were paying for my 'site fee'. I was baffled why there was a site fee at the time. Now I know why ☺

Setting up camp a heavy wind came through and brought the temperature down from the 90's to the 70s. It also brought down a good dozen tents that were destroyed that weekend. We walked around a bit after setting up camp, and eventually had to make our way back to camp and curl up in blankets. I was the only one who didn't bring a sub zero sleeping bag. My blanket from my dorm room and the pillow were all I had to keep warm. ... brrrr.

The next morning, the frost on the tent cracked as I stepped outside. the rain that had started about 2 AM, had turned into snow. and there were several inches on the ground. (this being the first weekend in March, it made sense, even though coming from the low lying areas I hadn't dealt much with snow in the past several years).

As I came back to camp for breakfast, The light snow began to turn into a moderate rain. (it's about 8 AM by this point). and I was happy for the rain, because it was a lot warmer than the snow had been. though my leather sandals were still sopped from the snow and mud. I slipped a couple of times, but luckily had not gotten mud on my shorts nor tunic.

By 10 AM the rain stopped, and the field that had been setup for the Crown Tournament was a mud bog. but... there was no where else to hold the tourney. all of the other flat places in the camp ground were filled with tents. I later found out that over 1000 people went to that Crown tourney. I was in awe at the site of all of the period pavilions around the fighting field - which people in the West Kingdom call "the Erik" -- there is a history of the naming of the Erik that used to be online if you are interested.

Frodi had me help him pull the rest of the stuff out of the car, and I asked him what happened to the wicker furniture that was in the back. he picked up his sword, and a glave and said "these are not wicker, these are weapons". Baffled, I looked on as he pointed me to the fighting field. Pickups were going on. They had a warm up melee, and the fighters were slipping and sliding all over the field. I watched a couple of them went down helm first into the quagmire.

Frodi made it to the fourth round, and I was his page for the day. It was pretty cool to be standing there holding his weapons and extra armor bits and watch. I ended up standing next to a lady who was fretting the entire day. When I asked her what she was so worried about, she said "My Lord said he was going to win the Crown for me today." At the end of the day, I was standing 20 feet away as I saw her lord place a wreath of flowers on her head, and proclaim that it was her love, and her devotion that inspired him to win, and his sword arm was only the instrument which helped him show his love for her. He stood there covered in mud from the last few bouts, grinning from ear to ear.

Shortly after the fighting was over, we had a revel that included dancing, and story telling. That evening I was enthralled by the stories that Master Frederick of Holland had to share with us all. It began to rain again. so the bunch of us from our camp went back to camp, and bunked down for the evening. all 10 of us in the tent - yes we grew over the weekend, because the rest of Frodi's house hold showed up, and we lost at least one tent to the storms.

Trying to stay warm, I got the puppy to lay down next to me, and we had been stacked in like cord wood to keep warm. the last person in the tent said that there was over 6 inches of snow on the ground, and it was only 11:30.

The next morning, I woke up, slowly, not remembering where I was. I recalled something about a friend handing me a flask and saying "this will keep you warm in your blanket." Don't ask what it was, because I couldn't tell you. As I began to come to wakefulness, realized I had my arm around some one and they had the softest cloak. I stroked it lightly, and began to open my eyes to see what it was made of. that's when the afore mentioned puppy licked my face from chin to forehead. What a way to wake up ☺ We couldn't find Frodi in the tent, and went to the parking lot to see if he was already packing up. We found him there. Asleep in the car, with his foot on the window. We knocked to wake him up, and he pulled his foot away, but leaving the sock frozen to the window. (eww)

We packed up that morning in the growing sun, as the day began to steam from the snow and frozen mud thawing on the field, and headed home. As we were leaving Frodi's place for our respective homes, he said "I'm sorry I know that event sort of sucked with the snow and rain and all. I hope you'll give the SCA another chance to show you how nice it can be." I thought for a moment about standing next to the lady who was to be crowned our queen. How nice she was, how personable she was. How she introduced me to her lord. Jade of Starfall was and still

is a nice person. I looked at Frodi and asked him "when can I go again? where's the next event happening?"

March Crown 1987 was nick named "Freeze in the trees" because of the 100 degree temperature swing that weekend.

Until I moved from West Kingdom to Aethelmarc, I went to March Crown and as many events as I possibly could. I count March as my anniversary, and I am thankful for the friends, no family that I made within the SCA.

It's funny, someone called me a dinosaur the other day. that's what we used to call the first eventers who were still active.

I don't feel like a dinosaur. They are all much more stately than I am.

In humble service, I remain

Lord Eirik Haarfager Goransson



Shrympes

This seafood dish was served during the first course of the feast at Fasching this past November.

Shrympes. ¶ Take Shrympes, and seth hem in water and a litull salt, and lete hem boile ones or a litull more. And serue hem forthe colde; And no maner sauce but vinegre.

-Austin, Thomas. Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books. Harleian MS. 279 & Harl. MS. 4016, with extracts from Ashmole MS. 1429, Laud MS. 553, & Douce MS 55. London: for The Early English Text Society by N. Trübner & Co., 1888.

GODE COOKERY TRANSLATION:

Take shrimps, and boil them in water and a little salt, and let them boil once or a little more. And serve them forth cold; And no manner sauce but vinegar.

INGREDIENTS:

Fresh shrimp - cleaned.
Salted water
Red wine vinegar

DIRECTIONS:

Boil shrimp in salted water until done; remove from water and let cool. Serve cold with vinegar as a dipping sauce.

THL Kateryna ty Isaf

Aethelflaed, Queen of Mercia

by *Edain ingen Raghalligh ben MacDonald*

(Chronicler's Note: This is part of Lady Edain's A&S 50 Challenge to research and write articles on 50 Unrecognized Medieval Women. For more information on her challenge, please visit http://www.squidoo.com/sca_medieval_women)

We reach way back into history for Aethelflaed. She was the daughter of Alfred the Great of Wessex, the first man to be called "King of all England" (although it was still made up of semi-autonomous kingdoms/earldoms, which swore allegiance to Alfred). She was born sometime around 872, and appears to have been the King's eldest living child.

At about age 15, she was sent to marry Ethelred, Earl of Mercia, thus uniting in marriage Wessex and Mercia. There was a Danish presence in England at the time, and it was also fighting for control of the island. In an attempt to break up the marriage alliance, an armed group of Danes attacked the Princess's party. While many were killed, Aethelflaed and others used an old trench for defense and fought off the Danes. She was able to complete her journey to Mercia and wed.

This union formed the basis for the true unification of England. Mercia was a strong power in its own right, and rather than attempting to bring it under the control of Wessex, Alfred introduced the idea of an Angle-land which was greater than any of the smaller kingdoms. The Mercians were descendants of the Angles, and history records that it was Alfred (a Saxon) who came up with the concept of England as an "Anglo-Saxon" kingdom.

Aethelflaed played an important part in the ruling of Mercia, signing agreements on the behalf of her husband. Some think that she may have been the true power, but is also possible that they ruled more as co-rulers. When Ethelred died in 911, Aethelflaed took control of Mercia herself (as regent or co-ruler with her daughter, who was heir), which is when she earned the titles Lady of the Mercians and Queen of Mercia. She ruled for 8 years, retaking Derby from the Danes and creating several cities and founding Gloucester Abbey.

Aethelflaed died in Tamworth in 918 while on campaign against the Danes. Unfortunately, her daughter, Aelfwynn, completely lacked her mother's strength and ability to rule. King Edward the Elder, Aethelflaed's brother and ally against the Danes, took control of Mercia from his niece and completely consolidated it into his English realm. Aelfwynn

Sources and Suggested Reading

Wikipedia: Ethelfleda. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethelfleda>

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Barony of Endless Hills

(Unofficial) Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2009

Call to order

Tigernach called to order the regular meeting of the Barony of Endless Hills at 2:17 pm on March 8, 2009 in Forty Fort, PA.

Roll call

Officers Present: Tigernach, Barbary Rose, Gunnar, Deineira, Robert, Kateryna, Tufa, Scott, Gaeth
Others Present: Maria, Candy, Banshee, Po, Primo, Giovanna, Jeremy, Amy, Dawn, Matt, Khris

Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the meeting conducted on February 8, 2009 were approved. Motion by Euriol, seconded by Kateryna.

Important Dates

March 14, 2009

Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade.

March 22, 2009

Regional fight practice in Sterlynge Vayle.

March 15, 2009

Redaction workshop (2pm) at Euriol's.

March 26, 2009

T-Tunic workshop (7 pm) at Robert & Amy's.

March 28, 2009

Ice Dragon

April 5, 2009

Barony Meeting at Gander Mountain in Dickson City 2pm.

April 18, 2009

Coronation

May 2, 2009

East Kingdom Ladies Con-fed event.

May 3, 2009

Barony Meeting at Borough Building in Forty Fort (2pm). Fight practice and A&S. Melee Madness meeting (1pm)

May 8-10, 2009

Spring Crown Tourney in ACG.

Old Business

Ice Festival

Good turn out, fencing, fighting, A&S parade. The council is very pleased with our participation.
Great Demo!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Announcement was published in the Across the Hills. Staging time for the parade is at noon.

Melee Madness

Meeting held this afternoon. Looking for items for piñata for youth activities, see Failend.

Officer Reports

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Website information from the past month

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First Time Visitors 19

Returning Visitors 6

The Festival of Ice Parade (2-12-09)and Demo(2-14-09)

Thank you to all the fighters,walkers and equestrians that came out and braves the weather and made our presences grand at the parade! Thank you to all the fighters, A&S and armor display participates and the others who walked around the festival and helped answer the populace questions. Your cooperation and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated!

The St.Patrick's Day Parade in Scranton will be 3-14-09

I have made up holiday magnets with our Barony website on them to give out on the parade route. See Lord Tufa for meeting times on parade day. We will have a Celtic theme so if you have Celtic garb or anything green to wear bring it out for parade day! Please contact me if you need garb for the parade or a ride to the parade in advance and I will help you prepare.

Melee Madness is 5-29, 5-30 and 5-31-09

Gunnarr is autocrat and Lance and I are co-autocrats of the event. Please contact me if you need garb and feast gear for the event or if you need a ride to the event in advance and I will help you prepare.

My current projects are making the gold key inventory into a online file with pictures of each article of clothing so that you may look at the inventory and pick your outfit out then come and try it on. This will eliminate me carrying around big boxes of clothing and rummaging through it all to find what is needed. This way everything is organized and easy to find.

Plus I am working on a youth handbook that will help kids learn about the SCA and and what it has to offer for them. Coloring pages and history made easy for all ages. This isn't just a Baronial project but a Kingdom level project for me.

New Comers Meetings (Note W-B Has Changed!!!!)

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Dickson City at Borders in the Cafe at 7PM

Every 4th Wednesday of the month in Wilkes-Barre at Barnes and Noble at the Arena Hub Plaza in the Cafe at 7PM.

No Garb required to attend meetings. No fee to attend meetings.

Baron's Report

No report submitted.

Chronicler

The March 2009 issue of the Across the Hills was distributed on Febuary 27. The 6 complimentary hardcopies are yet to be mailed. Some of the complimentary hardcopies for February were distributed at College of Three Ravens on February 28, the remainder will be mailed with the March copies. I received another compliment from the Kingdom Chronicler on the March issue.

Barbary Rose is my drop dead deputy. I would like to train someone formally as Chronicler who would be able to replace me when my term is over. Anyone who is interested please contact me.

As a reminder, I'd like to have a themed issue for May on all things Spanish. Please, please, please submit articles, artwork and other items of interest.

Web Minister.

The website continues to be updated. Please remember to email me with the new business meeting dates/places each month.

I will be starting the Great Melee Section this month, and Gunnarr has sent me enough to get started with.

My term will be up in November, so someone should start thinking about replacing me.

Knight Marshall

Fight Practice is going on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30pm. When weather warms up will be looking for outdoor venues.

Armor's Guild

Meetings on hiatus for March due to move. Will resume again in April in Avoca.

Fencing

Deputy Marshals: Lord Po, Lord Stefan and Baron Ulrich

MIT's: Baron Robert (sponsored by Lord Po) Ichabod (sponsored by Lady Dei)
- Ichabod is also creating the fencing tournament(s) for Melee Madness and will act as MIC under my guidance as well as the other Marshal's present - as part of his MIT training.

Authed: 20

New Auths: Gunnar (Heavy Rapier)

Injuries: None reported

Equipment issues: Foil DQ'd at Sterlynge Vayle practice

The Rapiermaniacs Welcome the following new fencers: Felene & Taranach

Additional Notes:

- Ichabod continues to MIT at Tuesday night practices and assist at events. - Several fencers continue to go up to Sterlynge Vayle to assist with their new fencers
- Several fencers attended the Clarks Summit Ice Festival parade & demo.
- Open practices continue on Tuesday evenings (8ish to 11ish) at the Forty Fort Borough Building
- The monthly all day practices at the Forty Fort Borough Building on Sunday's also continue

Upcoming Rapier Events:

- March: Demo: Monday March 23 Demo - St. Michael's 9ish to noonish
Demo/Event: St. Patrick's Day Parade
Event: Ice Dragon (Buffalo, NY)
- May: Melee Madness

Herald

There are a number of name and device submissions that will be happening. Lady Amy's name and device have been worked on. Lady Giovanna is working her heraldry. There was a court at Ice Festival Demo. Court report was published in the Across the Hills.

Scribe's Guild

We are always looking for individuals who like to create scrolls, scroll cases, and illuminations for future Barony or even Kingdom awards! Please contact Barbary Rose for class info—most workshops can be worked into pre-monthly meeting days, more often if necessary or desired

Cook's Guild

Redaction workshop is scheduled for March 15 at Euriol's. Currently exploring Spanish cuisine in anticipation of the feast at Melee Madness.

Exchequer

Check book balance \$4613.25 as of March 9, 2009. The year end report is done. Four checks have been written off as donations to the barony since they were not cashed within six months of being issued. A budget for 2009 has been approved by the financial committee. Candy is a new deputy exchequer. Inventories are due, turn them in as soon as possible.

Arts & Sciences

Quarterly report submitted on March 2nd to Kingdom, Regional A&S officers

My deputy is Mistress Euriol of Lothian, who answered my request last month--

Events--

Feb. 12-14, Clarks Summit Festival of Ice, Parade and Demo Parade on Thursday evening went on as planned, even with 40 MPH winds and a wind chill to match--special thanks to the Equestrians who braved those winds along with their mounts! We had people in garb, banners, fighters, and a float... Numerous artisans hosted a show and tell for the demo on Saturday Feb 14, from many areas other than Endless Hills...despite the crowded conditions, I believe the public has a better idea of what we do in our spare time! We had wool spinning and carding, period games, an awesome armor display, garb, illumination and calligraphy... The sponsors (Abington Business and Professional Association) were very pleased with the whole event.

Feb. 15--A recipe-redaction session was held by Mistress Euriol at her home

Feb, 26--A T-tunic making workshop was conducted by THL Kateryna ty Isaf, 9 people attended and there are plans for another such session in the future.

Upcoming events--

March 8, 12-2pm (before the Baronial Business Meeting) we are having a quill-pen making workshop at the Forty-Fort Boro bldg, downstairs where fighter practice is normally held. We will be trying our hand at making pens from feathers as they did "back in the day"...I have a number of feathers from turkeys that we will be sacrificing to the cause, and time permitting we will "test-drive" our creations to see how well they work! All supplies furnished, but if you have a favorite carving tool (for forming the quill tip) please bring it along...Please see the announcement on the Endless Hills email-list for more details, or contact the A&S Minister (ME) These pens will be used as the Barony thank-you token to all entrants of the Illumination category at Ice Dragon.

March 14--Scranton St. Patrick`s Day Parade/Demo--our annual 2 mile A&S display!
A day for all Celtic personas, but everyone is Irish on that day!

March 28--Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon, Rhyderrich Hael...I plan to enter at least one item for competition; Mistress Euriol will be entering as well...will anyone else be planning to exhibit/compete at Ice Dragon? There is a Fashion Show as well as The Pent...

Minister of the Lists

Gaeth is stepping down at MOL and Giovanna is the new MOL. Lady Amy is the new deputy for the MOL.

Minister of Youth/Youth Marshall

I received the box of Youth art supplies from the previous officer, inventoried it's contents and forwarded the inventory list to Tigernach the week after the Ice Festival.

I will be seeking to augment the arts supplies this year with such common items as paint brushes, paints, etc. through donations or purchase as the case may warrant.

I am still awaiting information as to my Youth Warrant. I have not yet received ANY word from

Kingdom nor have I received any reply from either Caryl or Aoife as to where in the process it may be or if there is anything I can or need to do to complete the process. Tigernach has since found out there is apparently a form which needs to be completed by me, however, where and what this form is has not been supplied as of yet.

I have been working with Gunnar on Youth activities for upcoming Melee. There will be two 'major' activities:

Piñatas (documented to period):

- There will be three 'levels' (Young, tween to teen and big kid)
- We will be having a piñata making get together in the upcoming month to create them
- Decoration of the piñatas is under discussion as to whether they will be completely done by the get together group or by youth at Melee.

Tablero de Jesus adapted to youth play (NOTE: this is under discussion due to period authenticity issues):

- This is planned to be a 'living' game play

In order to fill the piñatas with a diverse and creative content, I am petitioning the populace for such items they may like to supply. Items can be given to me or Gunnar at any Baronial meeting or fight practice at which we are attending.

Thrown Weapons

If weather continues to improve, will announce practices.

Canton of Riverouge

No report submitted.

Equestrian Marshall.

There was one EQ event for this month. Festival of Ice Parade
MIC Gunnar

There were 4 horses and 5 riders.

We welcomed 2 new riders to our ranks
Art Carpenter and his Stepson Tyler Cartwright
Both authorized as general Riders

There were no incidents other than being extremely windy and COLD

Plans:

Equestrian meeting at Ice Dragon

Will be traveling to Sylvan Glenn April 4

Will be attending women's confederation event at the Ukrainian Homestead May 2

Melee Madness May 29,30,31

Archery Marshall

Gunnar is the new deputy. Those interested in archery, please contact Robert so practices can be arranged.

Chirurgeon

I would like to have a deputy. Don't get hurt. If anyone is interested in being a Chirurgeon you need to be certified in Red Cross First Aid & CPR.

Seneschal

I attended the Rattan Symposium and College of Three Ravens. I am stepping down in November. I am working with Kateryna to have a workshop on being a Seneschal in the near future. Letters of intent for Baron & Baroness are due before the May meeting. Quarterly report has been submitted.

We have been approached by the Boy Scouts for doing a demo at Lackawana State Park. Bids are needed for Investiture this November. Would like the bids by the May meeting.

New business

Baron Robert makes a motion to participate in the Boy Scout demo in May 2010, seconded by Luminista. Approved.

There was discussion about having a baronial practice on a Sunday in April.

Adjournment

Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert. Tigernach adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.

April's Husbandrie (Abstract)

1. *Some champions lay,
To fallow in May.*
2. *When tilth ploughs break,
Poor cattle cries creak.*
3. *One day ere ye plow,
Spread compas enow.*
4. *Some fodder buyeth,
In fen where it lieth.*
5. *Thou champion wight,
Have cow-meat for night.*
6. *Set hop his pole.
Make deep the hole.*
7. *First, bark go and sell,
Ere timber ye fell.*
8. *Fence coppice in,
Ere hewers begin.*
9. *The straightest ye know,
For staddles let grow.*
10. *Crab-tree preserve,
For plough to serve.*
11. *Get timber out,
Ere year go about.*
12. *Some country lack plough-meat,
And some do lack cow-meat.*
13. *Small commons, and bare,
Yield cattle ill fare.*
14. *Some common with geese,
And sheep without fleece :
Some tits thither bring,
And hogs without ring.*
15. *Some champions agree
As wasp doth with bee.*
16. *Get swineherd for hog,
But kill not with dog.
Where swineherd doth lack,
Corn goeth to wrack.*
17. *All goes to the Devil,
Where shepherd is evil.*
18. *Come home from land,
With stone in hand.*
19. *Man cow provides, —
Wife dairy guides.*
20. *Slut Cisley, untaught,
Hath white meat nanght.*
21. *Some bringeth in gains,
Some loss beside pains.*
22. *Run, Ciss, fault known,
With more than thine own.
Such mistress, such Nan,
Such master, such man.*

-Thomas Tusser, five hundred pointes of good husbanrie (1580)

MELEE MADNESS

May 29-31—Meshoppen, PA

Madness in the form of battle fever has once again descended upon the Barony of Endless Hills! The Spanish Inquisition is upon us! To keep the Inquisition at bay the entire event will take on a Spanish flavor.

On May 29-31, 2009 the Barony invites all to join us as Melee Madness returns with the classic Warlord tourney and five man melee teams. Enjoy a day of martial activities in preparation for Pennsic. Participants in the Warlord tourney are asked to bring something for submission to the Warlord chest.

Swashbuckling Matadors wanted! Grab your favorite cloak and prepare for our morning Bull-fight tourney! (Bring your daggers and case of blades as well- to better portray longhorn and shorthorn bulls!)

Our afternoon itinerary includes the arrival of a Spanish treasure galleon: and a ship to shore melee!

Æthelmearc Equestrians! Tack up your mighty steeds! Don Quixote may make an appearance! There will be Spanish themed games. A devious challenge course is being designed for riders' enjoyment. All riders are welcome to participate. Horses must have a current Coggins, which will be checked before unloading. Box stalls are \$10.00, plus a \$5 refundable deposit. Horse Information Forms are available at the gate. The Baronial Champion will be chosen by Baron Ulrich from the Barony riders competing that day.

The Annual Seven Pearls A&S Championship will again be held at Melee Madness. Open A&S and Bardic competitions will also be held for the glory of the arts in Æthelmearc. The theme is open, with documentation for A&S requested.

MERCHANTING is free. Merchants must pre-register with the autocrat. Merchants need to bring their own day shades/tents, tables, and chairs.

Youth activities will take place during the day. Failend Brecc O'Conaill will be coordinating.

The site is the Wyoming County Fairgrounds, Route 6, Meshoppen, PA 18630 (no street address). The site is discretely damp, period containers please. Enclosed flame and portable fire pits are permitted. Banners and pageantry are encouraged! GATE opens Friday at 4:00PM and closes at 1:00PM Sunday.

Tent camping is free. CAMPING sites with an electric and water hook-up for RVs are available at \$25.00/weekend. Contact the reservationist to reserve.

A DAYBOARD to satisfy a hungry fighter is included. FEAST will be the usual fantastic and abundant Endless Hills gourmet production. Contact the Feast cook, Mistress Euriol of Lothian, (Cassandra Baldassano, euriol@ptd.net) to address dietary concerns.

Site Fee: Adults \$10.00, Youth 13-17 \$8.00 Children 5-12 \$4.00, Under 5 free. Family cap on site fees \$30.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

Feast Fee: Adult \$9.00, youth 5-17 \$7.00, 4 and under Free

\$3 NMS applies to adults without proof of membership at gate. Checks should be made out to "SCA, Inc. - Barony of Endless Hills." Reservationist: THL Kateryna ty Isaf, Isaf (thlkateryna@verizon.net) Karen Macek, 1119 Springbrook, Moosic, PA 18507 (570) 451-1386...do not call after 10 PM). Autocrat for the event is Lord Gunnarr of Endless Hills, (papagg350@yahoo.com) Dave Gable, RD 2, Box 501, Dalton, PA 18414 (570)-563-1684).

Local hotel available is the Shadowbrook Inn and Golf Resort. It is located in Tunkhannock Pa and is approx 10 miles from the fairgrounds.

Phone number: 1-800-955-0295

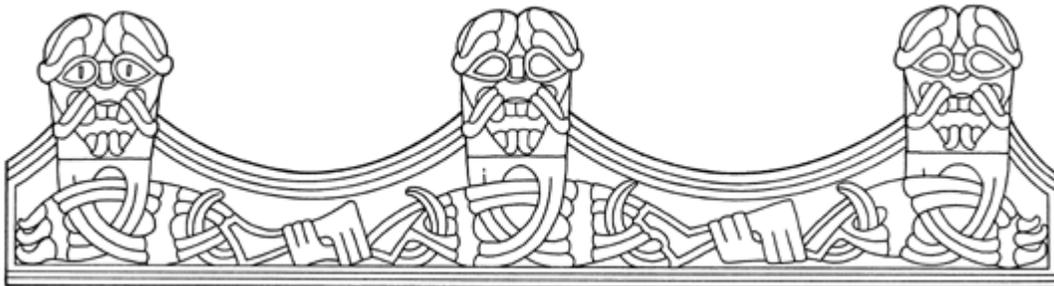
Directions:

From the South: Take your best route to Interstate 81. At exit 194, Clarks Summit, take Rt 6 west. (*) At Factoryville, watch for signs as Rt 6 splits off to the right. Continue about 27 miles (adhere to the speed limit in Meshoppen!). Approximately 1 ¼ miles west of Meshoppen turn left at SCA sign. Go ½ mile; turn right, up the hill, and follow sign to troll.

From the North: Follow I-81 to Clarks Summit as from the south or you can shave some miles and time with a pretty road. Get off I-81 at exit 230, Great Bend/Halstead, and follow Rt 11 south to Nicholson. About 4.5 miles past Nicholson turn right and follow route 6 west. Follow from (*) in 'South' directions.

From the East: Find your best way to Rt 6 West. From Clarks Summit, follow the South directions at (*).

From the West: Find your best way to Rt 6 East. About four miles after Laceyville you will see the Wyoming County Fairgrounds on your right. Go past the Fairground's entrance about ¼ mile, turn right at SCA sign. Go ½ mile, turn right, up the hill, and follow sign to troll.



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