

Aire Currents

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Canton of Aire Faucon*



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Kingdom Calendar

December 2002

7	Unevent (RP)	Williamsburg, VA
14	Feast of St. Andrews	Harleyville, SC
14	Through the Ages	TBA, NC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Brynna	December 30
Nicole	December 31
Pica	December 31



MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2002

New Business: Winter Solstice: to be held at Camp Rotary; event registration forms to be submitted to Acorn; autocrat requests help with event flyer; MOL needed; reservationist needed; troll will be Maeve; Wolfgang will be asked to do games; someone needed for kid's activities; Gaelan is autocrat; Ronan will be asked to marshal rapier and to be MIC; Brianna is feastocrat; Nicole will decorate the hall; Susanna or Seraphina will run A&S; date, December 14th; (ed. Note, Winter Solstice is now Candlemas and will be held January 25th due to an event conflict) \$150 site fee.

Market Day: November 14 at Camp York, King's Mountain; there will be heavy fighting, rapier, sweet butterbread, and cheesecake; \$8/\$10/\$15 (subtract \$3 w/SCA membership).

Old Business: A&S nights. The 1st Monday is Charlesbury Crossing's dance practice night. The 2nd & 4th Mondays are Bardic nights. The 2nd Tuesday is meeting night. The 3rd Tuesday of every month will be for the spinners. The 2nd Wednesday of the month will be A&S nights. The 4th Thursday is the newcomers meeting.

Seneschal: Read through Curia notes.

Exchequer: \$1245.33 in checking account; "hat" was passed to cover the library meeting room expense

Marshal: Regional practice in Winston-Salem; Jonathan looking for indoor spot for bi-weekly practice through the winter

MoAS: Golden moon entries were reviewed; teaching opportunities at University were discussed; spinner's Tuesday night will resume in November

Herald: OPEN.

Chronicler: Chronicler: Newsletters distributed at meeting

Chatelaine: Newcomers meeting held; while loaner garb was retrieved, it is unusable; Lidia offered to donate one outfit and asked other canton members to do the same; Their Majesties have challenged the populace to garb newcomers with an outfit, pouch, and mug; donating feast gear was also suggested.

THE SENESCHALE'S SENDING

Greetings to all! Well, it looks like we have an extra month and a half to work on Winter Solstice (now called Candlemas). Let's show everyone what wonderful things we can do with that extra time!

In service,
LADY MAEVE

A&S' LIGHT

We had a nice representation of Aire Faucon at The Tourney of the Golden Moon A&S Competition: Lady Katerina Sinij, Lady Lidia Leovic, Lady Seraphina Netka and Lady Susanna von Schweissguth all participated. Lady Susanna won a blue plush sheep and hand knitted shawl.

At Atlantia University in Raleigh, we had four gentles teaching classes: Baroness Kisaiya, Lady Alys Montgomery, Lady Marion la Red, and Lady Susanna von Schweissguth. Thank you, ladies for your fine contributions.



Spinning Nights will begin again on the Third Tuesday of each Month at the Evans' home in Iron Station. November's gathering will be a hands-on exploration of felting techniques. Contact Lady Susanna von Schweissguth (NeedleznPinz@charter.net) for directions.

We hope to see Aire Faucon artisans represented at Market Day, sponsored by The Canton of Charlesbury Crossing, and look forward to seeing lovely new, creative garb at Twelfth Night in January.

Sincerely,
LADY SUSANNA

THE CHRONICLER'S MUSINGS

One of these months, I am going to get this newsletter out in time! Once again, due to real life considerations happening to all of my contributors, the Aire Currents arrives in your mailboxes tardy, my apologies.

I hope everyone enjoys the wonderful article Lidia has written for us as well as the research opportunities it provides. Keep articles like these coming! And we all want more persona stories as well!

Until next month, I remain...

Always in Service,
LADY MAEVE

COSTUMING IDEAS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARY DATABASES

By Lady Lidia Lijovich de Ragusa

The Daily Life Through History series of reference books is a popular resource for general historical research, typically available at public libraries. Recently, an **online** version of the Daily Life In books has been made available to the local populace through NC Live. Many North Carolina public libraries, including the Gaston Lincoln Regional Library in Aire Faucon provide **remote access** to these NC Live databases to library cardholders, as well as to the general public at any of their locations.

The Daily Life books cover a broad range of historical cultures including Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Greeks, Aztecs, Incas, Mayans, Chaucer's England, Elizabethan, Civil War, Frontier, and Victorian. Daily Life in **Chaucer's England** and Daily Life in **Elizabethan England** are two "books" in this database collection that may be of particular interest to SCAdians.

Besides general historical background information, each of these books has topics that include the Course of Life, Cycles of Time, the Living Environment, and Food and Drink. Both have very interesting chapters on Clothing and Accessories/Accoutrements that include period patterns.

For instance, Chaucer's England includes patterns for breechs, a shirt, hose, a kirtle, men's and women's headgear, shoes, and a pouch. Directions for making medieval lace are also given. (The technique shown looks possibly like finger-loop braiding.) Either click on the "Clothing and Accessories" subheading, and browse



each page using the Next button in the lower left-hand corner of the screen or run a keyword search on the term "pattern" (singular).

In Elizabethan England provides many detailed illustrations of period outfits and well as patterns for a smock, bodice, skirt, roll, breeches, shirt, Venetian breeches, doublet, coif, flap cap, netherstocks, garters, shoes, and a cassock. Once again, either click on the "Clothing and Accessories" subheading and browse each page using the Next button in the lower left-hand corner of the screen, or run a keyword search on the term "pattern".

Remember that the Daily Life Through History resources are available in the NC Live collection of databases through North Carolina public libraries. If you hold a Gaston Regional Public Library card, you can obtain a NC LIVE @ HOME password from the Circulation desk at the Main Library or at any of Branch Libraries in Gaston or Lincoln counties. The passwords do expire, need to be obtained twice a year, and must be signed for and obtained in person.

If you have any questions about the Daily Life Through History databases, please either email me at lkleovic@carolina.rr.com. In addition, do not hesitate to talk to any library staff person either in person, or over the telephone.

PERSONA STORY

Lady Ceara ni Neill

Ceara ni Neill is a 29-year old 9th century Irish woman, descended of the great King Niall of the Nine Hostages (ruler of Ireland until his death in 540 c.e.).

It was this lineage, the Clan McNeill, that would settle the Isle of Barra at the western coast of lower Scotland in the 11th century to build the first Kisimul Castle.

Before coming to Meridies and Atlantia nine years ago, Ceara's home was a small castle overlooking the seashore in Meath, about 2 days travel north of Tara*. Her mother having died at childbirth, her father raised Ceara until his untimely death at the hands of Saxon bandits on the road near Clonmacnois ten years ago. Ceara did have a motherly influence, though. There was a baintreach that lived on the castle grounds, who had secretly taught her the Old Ways.

*based on the estimated map of the provinces of Ireland during the early centuries. (Simon James, World of the Celts)

A bard, minstrel and artisan, Ceara is also a member, albeit inactive, of Clanne Preachain, another household dedicated to recreating the lifestyles of early Celtic culture.

She currently maintains PastTimes on the Web, an online newsletter dedicated to the advancement of arts and sciences in the SCA.

VIVATS

To Lord Jonathan on winning the tourney at Silver Chalice XV.



UNEVENT

December 7th, 2002
College of Rencester

The College of Rencester invites all officers in Atlantia to attend the annual Unevent.

Crash Space: Anyone needing crash space should contact the autocrat. There is limited crash space so please contact early. A listing of hotels and motels can be found at http://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/motels_hotels.htm. Any hotel/motels on Richmond Rd are easy to get to from the College. The Days Inn at 902 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA, 23185 (757-229-5060) is the closest.

Cost: No cost. Donations are appreciated.

Site: This year's Unevent will be held at Morton Hall on the Campus of the College of William and Mary, Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23186. The site opens at 9am and closes at 10pm. Site Restrictions: No alcohol, pets, or live steel. Unevent will NOT be in garb. A note on parking: The campus is strict on parking. Do not park in "Reserved at All Times," "Service Vehicle Only," or metered spaces as these are ticketed on weekends. Rencester is not responsible for any parking tickets you may receive.

Autocrat: Iollann mac a Phearsoin (Sean Pearson), 105 Brettwood Ct, Williamsburg VA, 23185, (757) 259-1239 (NLT 9pm)

Website: <http://rencester.atlantia.sca.org/unevent.html>

Directions:

Take your best route to I-64.

From the East: Take I-64 to Exit 242A. This is Route 199 West. Staying in the right lane, proceed to the 4th traffic light (about 6 miles), turn right onto Route 5 East (Jamestown Road). ***

From the West: Take I-64 east to exit 234. Turn right onto route 199 East. Proceed to the 2nd traffic light (about 7-8 miles). Turn left onto Route 5 East (Jamestown Road).***

***Go through one light and proceed until the road narrows to one lane. Stay in the left lane only before this time. After you pass the lake there will be a left turn onto Campus Drive. Park either in the unpaved lot on the left or the paved lot on the right.