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Saint Augustine's UnFaire

Saint Augustine's UnFaire was a great success this year, despite the best efforts of the tornado that hit the Charles City Fairgrounds early this year. Instead, the Shire resurrected Saint Augustine's UnFaire and held the event at the home of Sofya and Sifrid.

There was food, glass bead working, cheese making, and Viking flotbrod making, and we even had singing provided by our guests. It was a wonderful event that almost turned out not to be. Thank you for all who attended.

In Service,

Lord Sifrid von Eichelborn

From the Seneschal

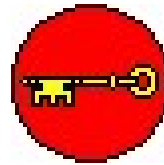


Another summer has come and gone. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not want us to have an event, but our group figured out how to have one anyway; the Unfaire was great. We had almost as many things going on as a normal event. The “Unfaire” had food and food and food, plus classes – even a glass bead class.

We also went offsite for some archery. I had a great time and again have to say that everyone in our Shire is amazing. We have to have more fun than any other Shire in Calontir. Thanks soooo much for making this job easy.

In Service

William



Saint Augustine's UnFaire



Mistress Sofya la Rus

With the tornadic destruction of our traditional event site at the Floyd County Fairgrounds over the summer, and the lack of time to find a suitable replacement, we were forced to cancel our usual event in August.

But since everyone had already reserved the date on their schedules, it seemed a shame to waste the time. So Sifrid and I offered our dacha as a place for everyone to get together for a low-key barely-official chance to work on messy projects.

Amon and Zeta set up a couple of lampworking stations in the garage so we could play with glass. Vincent brought up his demo boxes and took care of curious passers-by.

Stasi put up her entire camp kitchen and Juliana brought her brand new A-frame above-ground cooking set-up. They cooked all day and the rest of us enjoyed wandering over to help chop vegetables, stir the pots, tend the coals and smell the delicious smells.

Jutte held a mini-class on how to make her Viking flotbrod and we experimented with making it on a flat iron griddle over the coals for the first time. (She usually bakes it in the oven.)

Brigida brought the ingredients for making her fresh farmer's cheese so we all got to see how that worked, too. (One of my co-workers stole the last remnants of my leftover share and loved it.)

William and Avelyn coordinated an expedition to the Lime Creek Archery range which was a lot of fun.

In between, we sat around in the back yard along the creek in our camp chairs, migrating and reforming our small groups as the shade moved. We had the fire pit ready (although we never needed it).

King's Company of Archers



Lady Gwynhwyvar ap Clemmets

We arrived on site after dark on Friday. Tiernan and I socialized at the Carbery camp as Gobbán set up the tent with help from Avelyn and Ester. Once everything was set up we all went to bed.

In the morning Gobbán and Tiernan went to gate as I got ready for the day. Then it was my turn to have Tiernan as Gobbán took the equipment to the archery field. Everyone under William and Julianna's shade fly took turns watching Tiernan throughout the day. I even managed to shoot at each distance this year!

Court was held early to avoid the foul weather headed our way. This was Tiernan's first court, and she was eagerly escorted by Gobbán to receive her newcomers mug were Randol was gifted his as well. I'm not sure if Their Majesties or Tiernan were more pleased as she claimed hers immediately by slobbering on it. I was overjoyed to explain to Tiernan what I knew about elevations, as Mistress Esther bat Moshe begged a boon for William and Juliana to be accepted into the Order of the Pelican.

After Court we packed up as we didn't want to weather a storm with an infant then attended the potluck. As usual there was good fun and great company that reluctantly we left to journey home.

King's Company of Archers



HL William Fletcher of Carbery

We had a very nice day for the event, and we had a lot of archery to participate in. I chose not to shoot the clout, but still had to walk out there to help score and stack arrows in the rings. I was able to participate in the rest of the shoots, but must say I was not walking as fast at the end of the day as I was at the beginning.

My crossbow and body treated me better than I expected, and I also got to visit with many friends. I also enjoyed watching the new archers as they found out what a whole day of archery is and that there are lots of wonderful people that come to enjoy as well.

Of course there is court at the end of the event. I got to be part of honoring Bero von Wustenbrunner into the order of the Boga Fyrd. He is a good archer and fun to shoot with. If you see him say hi and get to know him better.

The other things that happened in court were a bit of a blur after Esther bat Moshe started to talk, and ending with begging a boon for both Juliana and I. This was such an honor and surprise for us both to be asked at the same time. All I can say is WOW. And a big thank you to Esther as I now know much more about how much work this is for her and many, many others as well. Thank you all for this and all of your work and thoughts toward our elevation.

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Member Review

*Lady Jute van der Brugghe
(aka: Ruth Thorson)*

*(Known at the time of the article as
Royce Meingnes)*

For this issues edition of the Member Review, we turn to one of our previous member write-ups. Although at the time she was known as Royse Meingnes, she has since changed her name to that of Jute van der Brugghe. She has also once again accepted the position of Seneschal, and Autocrat for our 2014 event. So here is her original member review from April of 2007.

Pleasant and unassuming is her manner; quiet and shy as she sits amongst us. Kind of hard to believe that she is the mother of Iames. This month's member on review, Royse Meingnes.

Royse Meingnes, mka Ruth Thorson, comes to us from Weem Abelfeldy, Scotland in the year of our Lord 1456. She is a widow with three children, two sons and a daughter; all three have married well. She is dependent upon their good will and hospitality, as her husband was killed when George, Fourth Earl of Angus, led the king's army against his kinsman, James, Ninth Earl of Douglas. Unfortunately, her husband was on the losing side and, through an act of parliament, gave all of their lands to the Earl of Angus.

Royse's device is Or on a bend engrailed purpure three roses Or. The idea behind the design was due to her love of roses, and the three roses are symbolic of her three children.

While Royse doesn't currently hold any office, she says "I am more of the ever faithful and helpful retainer sort. Just point me and give me instructions and off I go to my duties to the Shire!"

Royse's favorite part of the SCA is the fellowship she enjoys with the other members. Many is the time you will find her milling through the merchants, sharing her most recent creations, sitting around the campfire sampling the many fine potables made by fellow SCAdians, and sharing one of her many "...there I was" stories.

When it comes to Arts and Science, Royse likes to dabble. She enjoys creating new garb, drumming, embroidery, needlework, and weaving. During Lilies War 2006 she even stayed in a period pavilion of her own making: a circular brown pavilion with gold trim all around the edge.

However, the one aspect of the SCA that she enjoys the most is the research. "If I am on a quest to try something new, I enjoy spending hours finding out more about it." She has even considered taking her old tools out and polishing up on her talents in the art of stain glass. About the only thing that she has no desire to do is to cook. "Nope, don't want to. Can't make me!"

Royse has been a part of the SCA for three years. Her daughter and son-in-law are members. Three years ago, when her daughter wanted to attend Gulf Wars, her husband was unable to attend, so she talked Royse into going with her. "I've been hooked ever since." Upon returning from Gulf Wars Fourteen, Royse proceeded to research the local SCA groups. This led her to our Lady Juliana, who in turn invited her to one of the Shire's meetings. And, as always, the rest is history.

Royse joined the ranks of wet and cold Hillians last spring for Military History Days in Charles City, Iowa. "I can't remember feeling more cold, wet, and miserable in my whole life! And it was a blast! I felt so proud showing my hometown what my Shire represents and what we do."

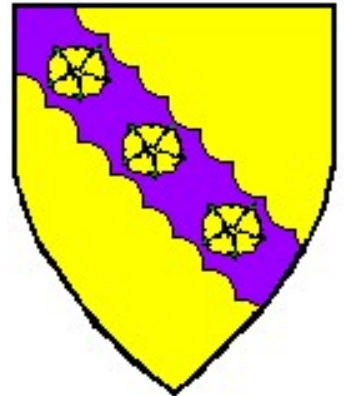
During St. Augustine's Faire last August, Royse stepped up to the position of list mistress. "It was really the first time that I felt like I was truly an active member of the Shire. It was a great feeling to be contributing."

Of course Royse also suffered an unfortunate shock during Lilies War 2006 when she witnessed her son, James, die in battle for the first time. "Aaach...but it was a wee wound and he was resurrected! What mother could ask for more!"

Royse is always on the go looking to expand her interests. She would like to try her hand at archery and participate in archery competitions. She is even looking seriously for a crossbow. Her son, James, is encouraging her to authorize in combat. "I think that is only because he wishes to inflict harm upon my person and live to laugh about it."

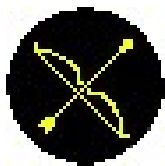
Royse has attended many of our meetings, mixed and mingled with onlookers at our demos, and was very instrumental in securing the site for St. Augustine's Faire 2006 and Ages of War 2007. Royse has been a fun and energetic addition to our Shire. She even expresses some of her hopes and dreams. "Oh yes....and someday I want to be quee..... James....James.....put down that sword! What do you mean "I shouldn't have said that!" Arrghhh!!! Ouch!!! Well I guess I have end this. My son is sending me to my tent...I mean my room. Ouch! Ouch! That smarts!"

Chronicler



Officers' Reports

From the Archery Marshal

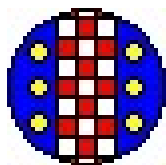


Archery is good, archery is great. The weather is getting colder and the days are getting shorter so get out and shoot while you still can. May your arrows fly true.

Yis Gobbán



From the Exchequer



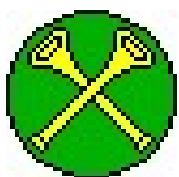
Good day. Continue reading to discover fascinating Exchequer News... Oh wait, there is none. We have money in our checking account. That money equals \$4010.80. Also, the Exchequer's office is in need of a deputy. If anyone is interested, please see me.

Yours in service,

Avelyn Carbery



From the Herald



Greetings from your Herald!

William's device was registered with a proper costrel (flask) instead of the much maligned mariner's whistle.

Stasi's device re-design was decided last month at Laurel and is being proofread to be published in the next month or two. Fingers crossed.

At your service,

Mistress Sofya la Rus



Officers' Reports Continued

From the Chronicler



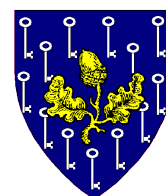
I have some changes handed down by the Society and the Kingdom would like us to follow regarding publication deadlines. That would like to see newsletters publish by the end of quarter. So we are looking at deadlines of March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. That means will need to have all of your information the week prior to these dates to meet the deadlines. The absolute last date will be the 15th of each following month.

Looking forward to December, I would like to have everything going into the newsletter to me no later than December 28th. The best way to get submissions to me is to do a write-up shortly after the event and send it to me along with any pictures.

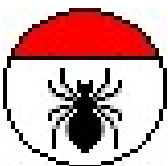
Otherwise, thank you to all who submitted items for this edition. It is important to hear from as many of our Shire members as possible. Not only for the enjoyment of learning what you learned or did at an event, but it is especially nice for people who were unable to attend for one reason or another. So please keep those articles and photos coming.

Yours in Service,

Lord Sifrid von Eichelborn



From the Web Minister



Greetings from the Web Minister!

Our web site has been migrated to the Kingdom hosting service for free hosting as of mid September. Let me know if you find any problems.

Our shire emails, office@heraldshill.org and name@heraldshill.org, were theoretically moved to Kingdom, too, although they still might be connected to our domain registrar, "Domains Priced Right." They seem to be working either way. Let me know if there are any problems with that, too.

Rune Odinson has sent in his letter of intent to take over as Shire Web Minister, having been duly voted on at the September business meeting. Once the Kingdom Web Minister gives us her acknowledgement/approval, he'll take over and I'll be his deputy.

At your service,

Mistress Sofya la Rus



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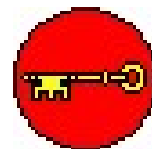
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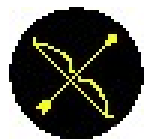
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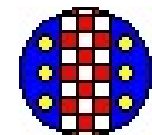
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