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By the Whey . . .

Seen and heard around the Canton –

We received notice that they'll be making a chocolate mead at this month's Brewing Workshop at **Uji's** place in Lion's End. There are some medieval foodies in our midst who might remind us that chocolate is "non-period." To this, all us chocolate lovers say, "Bah! Brew on!"

Huzzah to **Lord Ervald**. We must congratulate him on all the hard work he did organizing the various demos at the Brooklyn Children's Museum. They were such a success that the museum has agreed to let our fighters practice there on Tuesday evenings. Talk about a win-win!

Congratulations are also in order for **Gülügjab Tangghudai** (you know, **Puppy!**) who received a King's Order of Excellence for his immersion in Mongol culture. (He has taught himself Mongolian and has actually been to Mongolia.) The award was bestowed at Birka. Vivat to our favorite Mongol.

The results of the Whyt Whey poll are in. The question: Which NYC borough do you live in? The results:

- Manhattan, 17 votes, 53.12%
- Brooklyn, 6 votes, 18.75%
- Queens, 4 votes, 12.50%
- Bronx, 1 votes, 3.12%
- Staten Island, 1 vote, 3.12%
- Other, 3 votes, 9.38%


Hmmm – interesting. But where is "Other?" Can one get there by subway?

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February Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Queens Practice	6	7
8	9 Josie Wood's	10 Brooklyn Practice	11 Nutley Practice	12 Whyt Whey Commons Queens Practice	13	14 
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March Calendar

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Events at a Glance

Love, Lucretia Borgia Style, <i>Barony of An Dubhaigeainn</i>	Feb. 14
Black Gryphon Inn, <i>Canton of Gryphonwald</i>	Feb. 21
The Northpass Arms Presents, <i>Canton of Northpass</i>	Mar. 6 & 7
K&Q Bardic Champions, <i>Shire of Iron Bog</i>	Mar. 6
Celtic Silliness - The Lord of the Celts, <i>Crown Province of Østgarðr</i>	Mar. 13
Mudthaw XXIV, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	Mar. 20
11th Annual East Kingdom Brewers Collegium, <i>Canton of Northpass</i>	Mar. 26 – 28
Coronation of Kelson and Geneviere, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	Apr. 3
Newcomer & A&S Collegium, <i>Shire of Iron Bog</i>	Apr. 17
Spring Crown Tournament, <i>Barony of Ruantallan</i>	May 1
(please visit http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html for further information)	

Directions

Whyt Whey Commons : 7:30pm – until further notice – 552 Riverside Dr., basement community room, New York City (take the 1 train to 125th St. and proceed up Tiemann Pl. to Riverside Dr. 552 is the second building down the hill to the right)

Whyt Whey Cook's Corner : 7:00pm – 552 Riverside Dr., #2G, New York City (take the 1 train to 125th St. and proceed up Tiemann Pl. to Riverside Dr. 552 is the second building down the hill to the right)

Østgarðr Commons : 7:30pm – various – please see <http://www.ostgardr.org>

Josie Wood's Pub : 6:00pm – 11 Waverly Pl. (at Mercer St. in Greenwich Village), New York City (take the N or R train to 8th St.)

Queens Practice : 7:30pm – St. George's Church, Queens – for more information, contact the Whyt Whey Knight Marshal, Jibril at idefendu2@optonline.net

Brooklyn Practice : 7:00pm – Brooklyn Children's Museum – for directions, visit the Museum's web site at <http://www.bchildmus.org/BCM2/plan/directions.html>

Brewing Workshop : for more information, contact Uji at (516) 351-2713 or virtualspud@yahoo.com

Nutley Practice : 6:30pm – Reform Church of Nutley, Nutley, NJ – for more information, contact Sir Tanaka at Tanaka@aol.com or (973) 265-8727

By the *Whey* . . . (cont.)

Macbeth – Macbeth – Macbeth! **Sancha** is busy these days (and nights) rehearsing a puppet and mask adaptation of Shakespeare's play in which she will be performing as the principal masker / puppeteer / performance-material-generator. It is called "So Much Blood," and is her senior thesis in performance. Performances are Feb. 26, 27 and 28, with two performances each night, at Columbia University. She invites us all to come see it! Sounds terrific. Break a leg, Sancha.

Lord Lev of Whyt Whey was kind enough to forward the results of the Oxhide Tourney at Birka:

Total Number of Fighters: 138

Total Number of Fights: 2260

Average number of fights per minute: 12.5

Sounds like the fighters were way too busy to get *any* shopping done. Poor dears.

You heard it here first. Whyt Whey's next event will be on Sat., June 19 – our first annual **Midsummer's Masque in Whyt Whey**. Plans are being made for dancing, bardic entertainments, poetry recitations, theatrical performances, delicious sweet edibles – everything needed for a magical summer evening. Please watch these pages for more information.

Watch out, **Zorich**. You're not the only one who gigs around town. **Baron Alexandre's** rock band, the One-Eyed Bishops will be playing at the Baggot Inn in the Village on Sat., Feb. 21. Baron Alexandre has promised to post more information on the Whyt Whey e-mail list as the date gets closer. Come on down and cheer him on. Freebird!

Thanks so much to **AEllin** for this update about **Medb's** surgery: Medb's mother reported that the surgery went well, but that she is experiencing some pain and will continue to for a while. We are happy that everything has gone as well as can be expected and all hope that her recovery is rapid and that she will be back among us soon. We miss you, Mimi!

That's all for now. See you next month! And remember . . . please send your items for *By the Whey* to ltrue@panix.com.

Thanks!

Call for Submissions

Please submit your articles, artwork, event and meeting notices, etc., to the Whyt Whey Chronicler, Eularia Trewe (Lorree True) at ltrue@panix.com.



In honor of Valentine's Day, here is a sonnet that I wrote for my lady love some years ago. It was written as part of a full-length verse play of the Elizabethan style, loosely based on the life of Christopher Marlowe.

— ALd'A

Sonnet #1

The wind blows free across her raven hair,
And takes from out my lungs the very breath.
Her smile removes from me all daily care,
Her absence wounds my heart unto my death.

For love of her my soul I do give o'er,
For love of her I give away my all.
Her love has closed forever heaven's door,
My life I spend forever in her thrall.

What good salvation if it be alone?
Damnation better far if but with thee.
The meanest three legg'd stool a golden throne
If by my side my dooméd love I see.

Abandon all your hopes as I have mine,
And let us dwell both damn'd by love divine.

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