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## By the Whey . . .

### Seen and heard around the Canton –

After being on hiatus for so long, *By the Whey* had a lot of catching up to do in the last issue. So much so, that a couple of really important items were left out. So, first and foremost . . .

Congratulations to **Brekke** on the birth of her grandson, Logan, last September. We feel confident that he is the most perfect child in the world, right Brekke?

And we didn't mention that **Lady Judith** was elevated to the Order of the Troubador at the East Kingdom Bardic Championship in December. Vivat, Judith. We can hardly wait for your next performance.

**Ællin** was kind enough to forward us information about the archery practice coming up this month in Staten Island. Please see the Calendar and Directions pages for further info.

**Ervald**'s been keeping busy. We're glad to hear it. He updated us on the various screenings of his film, *After the Apocalypse*, his interview on the Joe Franklin radio show and his continuing appearances at Comic Strip Live. Keep those cards and letters coming!

So how did the SCA fencing demo at Loew's Jersey City go last month? We heard that the old-time movie palace is a beautiful place. How about a full report? Anyone care to submit one?

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# February Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Astoria Practice and Dance	2 Nutley Practice	3	4	5
6	7 Josie Wood's	8 Astoria Practice	9 Nutley Practice	10 Whyt Whey Commons	11	12 Archery Practice
13	14 Josie Wood's 	15 Astoria Practice and Dance	16 Nutley Practice	17	18 Østgarðr Commons	19
20	21 Josie Wood's	22 Astoria Practice	23 Nutley Practice	24	25	26
27	28 Josie Wood's					

# March Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Astoria Practice and Dance	2 Nutley Practice	3	4	5
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## Events at a Glance

Black Gryphon Inn: "Tavern of the Rus," <i>Canton of Gryphonwald</i>	<b>Feb. 5</b>
Valentine Dance Revel, <i>Barony of Bhakail</i>	<b>Feb. 12</b>
Estrella War, <i>Kingdom of Atenveldt</i>	<b>Feb. 16 – 24</b>
Winter War VIII, <i>Shire of Northern Outpost</i>	<b>Feb. 26</b>
Mudthaw: L'Homme Arme, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	<b>Mar. 5</b>
Nordenmall, <i>Shire of Nordenhalle</i>	<b>Mar. 5</b>
Bear's Tavern, <i>Canton of Northpass</i>	<b>Mar. 5 – 6</b>
Hrim Schola, <i>Shire of Frosted Hills</i>	<b>Mar. 12</b>
Celtic Silliness, <i>Crown Province of Østgarðr</i>	<b>Mar. 19</b>
Gulf Wars, <i>Kingdom of Merideis</i>	<b>Mar. 14 – 19</b>
Coronation of Kelson and Geneviere, <i>Shire of Rusted Woodlands</i>	<b>Apr. 2</b>
E K Southern Region Spring War Practice, <i>Shire of Owls Reste</i>	<b>Apr. 15 – 17</b>

(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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St.)

Astoria Dance Practice : 7:00pm – St. George's Episcopal Church of Astoria, 1422 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., Astoria – for directions, contact Lady Aife at [songspell@yahoo.com](mailto:songspell@yahoo.com)

Astoria Fencing Practice : 7:00pm – St. George's Episcopal Church of Astoria, 1422 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., Astoria – for directions, contact Llywellan at [thmccann@aol.com](mailto:thmccann@aol.com)

Nutley Practice : 7:30pm – Reform Church of Nutley, Nutley, NJ – for more information, contact Sir Tanaka at [Tanaka@aol.com](mailto:Tanaka@aol.com) or (973) 265-8727

Archery Practice : 11:30AM – Willowbrook Park Archery Range, 1 Eton Pl., Staten Island – for more information, contact Lord Friderich at [ch1235@hotmail.com](mailto:ch1235@hotmail.com)

## By the Why . . . (cont.)

As we reported last month, the Astoria's Fence 'n Dance is going great. There have been lots of participants (weather permitting!) – many of whom seem to be having trouble deciding whether to fight or dance! Hence the submission by **Elianne** of her take on the “Fence a little, dance a little” conundrum. Thanks, Elianne, we got a giggle out of that one.

Well, your Humble Chronicler missed the Metropolitan Museum outing hosted by **Valgard** last month. Sounds like it was fascinating afternoon, in spite of the snowy conditions outside. Our main question is, are fur bikinis period?

We (meaning your Humble Chronicler and **Baron Alexandre**) were up in Montreal for the King & Queens Rapier Champions that weekend, where, we are pleased to report, Their Majesties elevated Alexandre to the Order of the Pelican. Even though we were freezing our fannies off, a good time was had by all. Especially Alexandre, who was so pleased to have received so many good wishes from the folks down here in Østgarðr who couldn't make it to the event. Congratulations to Master Alexandre.

And finally in the “Our Loss is Their Gain” department, our own **Jan van Antwerpen** and his lovely lady **Pamela**, have left our fair city for the wilds of Long Island. We know An Dubhaigeainn will be enriched by their presence in the barony. But it's not too far away. We hope to see Richard and Pamela a lot back in their former canton.

Just a reminder, all issues of the Whye Whye Cloth published by your Humble Chronicler are now accessible on the Whyt Whye web site for viewing as a .pdf file. Check it out at <http://www.avigne.org/sca/whytwhey>.

That's all for now. See you next month! And remember . . . please send your items for By the Why to [ltrue@panix.com](mailto:ltrue@panix.com).



Thanks!

# Oenological Extemporanea - Part I

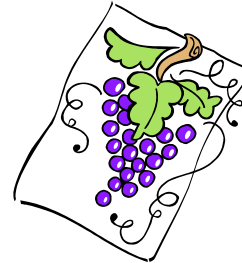
*recently seen on the Ostgardr Archivist List*

**Jibril:**

Fie! Fie on't! Curse the red!!!!

**Alexandre:**

White wine is pale, it thins the blood,  
Red wine makes the complexion good,  
To cast aside the good grape skin,  
Use just the juice is mortal sin.  
In red, red wine, we should delight  
And scorn to taste the meager white.



**Jibril:**

I like my wine chilled, full, soft pale and white.  
Roll upon tongue, caress cheeks. O delight!  
Iambic pentameter on short notice is not my forte!!

**Alexandre:**

To contradict, I hesitate  
My iams danced with feet of eight  
And I will surely go to hell  
For writing such poor doggerel.  
  
Should one instead choose longer form of verse,  
It takes on gravitas that might seem odd.  
If this is for the better or the worse,  
Depends on if one likes one's feet well shod,  
Or if instead one floats without a care  
Across the line with feet remaining bare.

(to be contin-

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

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