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## By the Whey . . .

Seen and heard around the Canton –

Wow! The outdoor dance practice at Belvedere Castle this season has started off with a bang – eleven at the April 13 practice. Congrats to everyone who has made this practice such a success in Whyt Whey, especially **Kate/Aife...Trouble...Whatever...** Dance in Whyt Whey/Østgarðr won't be the same without her. She is leaving our fair province and moving to the swamp – Settmour Swamp, that is. She will be conducting the dance practices in Central Park until the end of June, at which time she'll be moving westward ho. Alas, our loss is the Swamp's gain. Luckily, she won't be so very far away and we'll see her often (we hope). Aife has promised to see which of the current attendees feel comfy enough to continue in her place, leading the practices. Fare well, Aife.

**Ioldanach Dyfrgi** wrote to tell us all of a very interesting learning opportunity at the New York Academy of Medicine's Rare Book Room. On May 5, the Academy opened a new exhibition, "A Feast for the Eyes: A Meal in Books," which featured books from the library's cookery collection. The opening lecture was delivered by Francine Segan (author of *Shakespeare's Kitchen*), entitled "DaVinci's Table: Renaissance Feasts." Thanks, Ioldanach, for giving us a "heads-up" on this worthy exhibit. There are so many events and opportunities like this in our humble little Canton.

The Scandinavian Day demo in Owl's Head Park in Brooklyn took place on May 14. **Alexandre** reports a nice turnout at the demo with half-a-dozen each fighters and fencers, and a few more than that in artists and artisans. The crowd seemed receptive and a good time was had by all.

It's always good to hear from **Dearbhorgaill**. She updated us on her participation in the *Endless Mountains Medieval Festival* in Eisental, May 28 through June 12. Did anybody get the chance to go see her latest performances? Please let us know.

We'd just like to say thanks and well done to our Østgarðr Minister of Arts, **Ællin Olafsdotter** for keeping us so well informed of local events, both in Society (cheerleading arts participation at the Owl's Head Park Viking Day demo in Brooklyn, for instance) and Mundane (like the manuscript exhibit at The Morgan Library).

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# June Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Outdoor Dance Practice / Nutley Practice	2	3	4
5	6 Josie Wood's	7 Union Square Practice / Astoria Fencing Practice	8 Nutley Practice	9	10	11
12 Archery Practice Østgarør War Practice, Kissena Park	13 Josie Wood's	14 Union Square Practice / Astoria Fencing Practice	15 Outdoor Dance Practice / Nutley Practice	16 Whyt Whey Commons	17 Østgarør Commons	18
19	20 Josie Wood's	21 Union Square Practice / Astoria Fencing Practice	22 Nutley Practice	23	24	25
26	27 Josie Wood's	28 Union Square Practice / Astoria Fencing Practice	29 Outdoor Dance Practice / Nutley Practice	30	1	2

# July Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3	4 Josie Wood's	5 Union Square Practice	6 Nutley Practice	7	8	9
10 Østgarør War Practice, Kissena Park	11 Josie Wood's	12 Union Square Practice	13 Nutley Practice	14	15 Østgarør Commons	16
17	18 Josie Wood's	19 Union Square Practice	20 Nutley Practice	21	22	23
24	25 Josie Wood's	26 Union Square Practice	27 Nutley Practice	28	29	30
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## Events at a Glance

K&Q Archery Champions, <i>Barony of Beyond the Mountain</i>	<b>June 4</b>
Barren Sands War, <i>Shire of Barren Sands</i>	<b>June 10 – 12</b>
Midsummer Faire / King's & Queen's Equestrian Championship, <i>Barony of Stonemarche</i>	<b>June 10 – 12</b>
Landsknecht Vereidigung, <i>Shire of Eisental</i>	<b>June 17 – 19</b>
Northern Region War Camp, <i>Shire of Glenn Linn</i>	<b>July 1 – 4</b>
East Kingdom War Camp, <i>Shire of Eisental</i>	<b>July 22 – 24</b>
Pennsic XXXIV, <i>Kingdom of Aethelmearc</i>	<b>Aug. 5 – 21</b>
Feast of John Barleycorn, <i>Canton of Northpass</i>	<b>Sept. 10 – 11</b>
Lakewood Ren-Faire XXIV, <i>Barony of Carillion</i>	<b>Sept. 17 – 18</b>
Coronation of Darius and Roxane, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	<b>Sept. 24</b>
East Kingdom University, <i>Shire of Rusted Woodlands</i>	<b>Oct. 1</b>
Kingdom Crusades, <i>Kingdom of Atlantia</i>	<b>Oct. 7 – 9</b>

(please visit <http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html> for further information)

## Directions

Whyt Whey Commons : 7:30pm – in June – 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.)

Manhattan Dance Practice : 6:30pm – Belvedere Castle in Central Park, New York City (enter the Park at W. 81<sup>st</sup> St. and Central Park West and proceed to the green, open area leading up to the Castle)

Kissena Park Practice : 11:00am – Kissena Park at 164<sup>th</sup> Street and Underhill Ave. in Flushing, Queens – for schedule & directions, contact Jibril at [jibril.aldakhil@gmail.com](mailto:jibril.aldakhil@gmail.com)

Union Square Practice : 6:30pm – north side of Union Square Park, New York City (take any train to Union Square)

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 : 11:00am – Blue Mountain Sportsman's Center, Cortlandt, NY – for more

## By the Wbey . . . (cont.)

The Tuesday night practice in Astoria will continue through June and will then be on hiatus until the Fall. **Llywellan ap Rhys**, our new Østgarðr Rapier Marshall, has been running this practice for a while now and gleefully reports how hot and bloody the practice gets at times. Sounds good to us.

Oh, we don't want to nag, but we would love so much to include event reports in these pages. Those of you who attend events and are so inclined to report and let the those of us who couldn't attend in on the action, please do so. Like, totally, what happened at **Steffen's All Ax Challenge**, fer sure? By the Wbey can't be everywhere, ya know!

**Elissa Corsini** was kind enough to let us know about the terrific exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art called "The Great Castles of Great Britain." Recently, the exhibit focused on the castles of Wales. We happen to know that there are more castles per square mile in Wales than anywhere else in the world. Sounds like a great exhibit. Thanks for letting us know, Elissa.

**Lord Aethelstan Saint Maur** has been leading the discussion regarding the re-awakening of the former incipient Canton of Broken Bridge. A meeting was held earlier this month to explore the possibilities. How did it go?

*Sick Call* [well, whatever else can we call it?] – Way too many of our folks have been incapacitated by surgery/injuries and such lately, to let them go unnoticed. Here now we wish a "Hope you are feeling better," to all these varied Østgarðrians, Whyt Wheyvians and such:

**Sir Valgard** – throat surgery

Llywellan – broken ankle

**Don Luis de Castilla** – broken toe

**Mael Eoin** – surgery

**Gem** – surgery

Elissa – lots of medical testy

Everybody, please take care of yourselves and know that we all wish you a speedy path back to normalcy (whatever that is!).

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## By the Whye . . . (cont.)

**Ailith** (mka Eppu) was very excited to let us know about her participation earlier this month with *Las Sirenas*, one of the choirs at City College, whose program was based on the history of her country, Finland. As usual, By the Whye was unable to attend (oh, how we wish we could be everywhere at once!). Eppu, how did it go?

**Fiacha's** group, *Elegant Arts*, conducted a 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian dance class on Sunday, June 5 in midtown. They're running a dance event in Hartford, CT on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, as well. Busy, busy, busy! Everyone, if your interest lies with dance, be sure to let Fiacha know, as he is very well informed of opportunities to participate in historical dance in our area.

Please contact **Jibril** at [jibril.aldakhil@gmail.com](mailto:jibril.aldakhil@gmail.com) for information regarding Østgarðr war practice at Kissena Park this summer. Let's get ourselves in good fighting form so we can kick some Middle Kingdom butt at Pennsic in August!

Speaking of Pennsic – if you find yourself in need of some garb for the war, **Jenna** reminds us that it's time for *Stitch 'n Bitches!* – any of you who need help sewing clothes for Pennsic can do so at her place. Just contact her at [jazzquinn@juno.com](mailto:jazzquinn@juno.com) to set up a time when you can get together.

What an adventure it was to get to the Whyt Whye commons meeting last month! In the wilds of Manhattan, we had to navigate a landslide on the Upper West Side! Who knew?

But, believe us, it wasn't because of the landslide that it was decided to hold the Whyt Whye commons meetings on a quarterly basis until further notice. It's just that people come and go so quickly here in our humble little Canton (Toto, too!), it seemed like a good idea to hold meetings every three months. That should be enough to cover our business. So . . . our next commons meeting will be in Sept. If anything extraordinary presents itself, the hardy Whyt Whyevians will mobilize and be more than ready to tend to the task at hand.

Of course, the most important thing for the functioning of our humble little Canton is the ability to host events. To that end, your Seneschal and Chronicler have been trying to find that Holy Grail of Whyt Whye – a good event site. To that end, we visited the *New Explorations in Science, Technology and Math (NEST+M) School* in the Lower East Side earlier this month and discovered a great site with potential for events – in exchange for the possibility of partnering with the students, teachers and parents at the school for providing education experiences for the kids (something everyone in the SCA in Østgarðr does so well). The potential here is exciting and we look forward to developing a relationship with the school that will be beneficial for all concerned.

In that same vein, Ællin mentioned at the last Whyt Whye commons meeting that **Thomas Trueheart** might also have line on a space. Everyone . . . please look around for a space you think might work for an event in Whyt Whye.

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## Call for Submissions

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

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### By the Whey . . . (cont.)

Finally, everyone in Østgarðr offers their condolences to our seneschal, **Baron Sean de Londres**, on the death of his mother. Dear Sean, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

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

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