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## By the Whey . . .

Seen and heard around the Canton –

Whew! The weather has been playing havoc with our Tuesday practices – jeepers!



But it didn't stop the fun and festivities from taking place at Mudthaw over in our neighboring Barony of Settmour Swamp. **Ællin, Llywellan** and his lovely lady wife **Lynn, Anne of Whyt Whey, Jibril, Sir Valgard, Baron Alexandre** and your Humble Chronicler were among the local types who made the trip out to the wilds of New Jersey. There was lots of fighting and fencing (Alexandre came in third in the tourney), an A&S competition, a Royal Court presided over by Their Highnesses (Alexandre heralded the Court in high style) and a really tasty feast. **Eularia** and Llywellan were among those who entertained at the feast with a recitation of a 12th century song and a newer poem penned by Baron Alexandre. It was very well received. All in all, a very good day.

Monday nights at Josie Wood's are hopping, with lots of new folks coming by to join the lively conversation and learn about the SCA, Whyt Whey-style. We're glad that the cold winter nights don't deter **Ervald** and **Patrick** and the other Josie's regulars from meeting up and keeping the Whyt Whey fires burning. Welcome all.

Just what were Ervald, Alexandre and sundry other fighters, in full armour, doing in a big puppy-pile in a Brooklyn photo studio this last week? Inquiring minds want to know.

March Calendar						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Astoria Practice	2 Nutley Practice	3	4	5
6	7 Josie Wood's	8 Astoria Practice and Dance	9 Nutley Practice	10 Whyt Whey Commons	11	12
13	14 Josie Wood's	15 Astoria Practice	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	29 Astoria Practice and Dance	30 Nutley Practice	31		

Please note: the alternating Tuesday dance practices got a bit off schedule in March, so please check the Whyt Whey e-mail list for updates or contact Lady Aife at [song-spell@yahoo.com](mailto:song-spell@yahoo.com)

April Calendar						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Josie Wood's	5 Astoria Practice	6 Nutley Practice	There will be no Whyt Whey Commons in April.		9
10	11 Josie Wood's	12 Astoria Practice and Dance	13 Nutley Practice	14	15 Østgarðr Commons	16
17	18 Josie Wood's	19 Astoria Practice	20 Nutley Practice	21	22	23
24	25 Josie Wood's	26 Astoria Practice and Dance	27 Nutley Practice	28	29	30

## Events at a Glance

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>
Gulf Wars, <i>Kingdom of Merideis</i>	<b>Mar. 14 – 19</b>
Celtic Silliness, <i>Crown Province of Østgarðr</i>	<b>Mar. 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>
Crown Tourney of Gaufred-Kelson II & Geneviere II, <i>Shire of Iron Bog</i>	<b>Apr. 30</b>
Sir Steffen's All Ax Challenge, <i>Crown Province of Østgarðr</i>	<b>May 7</b>
Quest XXII That was Zen, This is Tao, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	<b>May 27 – 30</b>
(please visit <a href="http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html">http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html</a> 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

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

Ervald alerted us to a series of staged readings of the entire series of Shakespeare's Wars of the Roses plays, from *Richard II* through *Richard III* which were performed in February and early March. Staging these plays as readings has always been a bit of a fantasy for your Humble Chronicler and I'm glad that it is being done. Alas, I missed the performances. Maybe they'll do it again sometime – it being such a small-scale project!

But speaking of Shakespeare (shameless plug here), Eularia and Alexandre's theatre company, The Deptford Players, is producing Shakespeare's *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* in April. Check out our website – [www.deptfordplayers.org](http://www.deptfordplayers.org) – for all the information. Often condemned as Shakespeare's worst comedy, we thought we'd stage *Two Gents* to let folks come decide for themselves.

There has been some difficulty in finding a space for a repeat of the June Whyt Whye dance event. It looks as if it won't happen in June this year. Perhaps a Harvest Dance instead?

Just a reminder, all issues of the Cheese 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/whytwhye>.

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).

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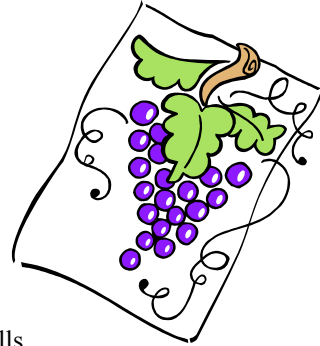
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# *Oenological Extemporanea - Part II*

*recently seen on the Ostgardr Archivist List*



## **Dona Ana:**

What rapier wit and trusty blade do grace these halls,  
and make our hearts most glad their owner does here live!  
What savory collation he does also give,  
and sweetmeat fine and tasty, too, within these walls.  
Mayhap his keen riposte most sharp is wont to gall  
unwary souls, but surely they will all forgive  
both wit and blade. Such grace and skill I must believe  
will envy turn aside when bells to dinner call.

Oh, son of Saracen, I pray, hold back your wrath,  
and leave in peace this gracious, gleeful, glib our man.  
His piety is like unto that worthy bird  
the crown rightly bestowed. I pray, block not the path  
he walks, and let him speak his mind as e'er he can.  
Forgive a poetess her wish for the last word.

## **Alexandre:**

A final word is something I would fain deny  
Although the form you chose did give moment's pause.  
For now we dance upon twelve feet within each clause,  
And words themselves extenuate to make them fly.  
The topic too has changed from that of wine to pie,  
Though both are things we use to fill our gaping maws  
And both are subject to all those most stringent laws  
To wit: a stomach is much smaller than an eye.

The battle twixt the red and white is not yet won,  
We struggle on each with our champion's banner high  
Go back and forth, though far afield we do yet wander.  
And though we combat till the setting of the sun,  
And blanc shouts one, while rouge is still the other's cry,  
I fear that goose's pleasure will not serve the gander.

