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By the Whey . . .

Seen and heard around the Canton –

Well, we had a great turn-out for Whyt Whey’s September commons meeting. Lots of the old guard and one new folk as well. Thanks everyone for coming. The meeting minutes are available to read on the web site – <http://whytwhey.ostgardr.org> – but the biggest news is that we have a new Minister of Arts and Sciences, **Lady Tauna Ælswith**. Greetings and welcome to Tauna. And on a further administrative note, Whyt Whey is overflowing with provincial officers: **Brithwen** is our new provincial Seneschal, **Lile** serves as Chatelaine and **Ællin** as Arts & Sciences Minister. Way to step up, Whyt Whey!

One of our favorite Østgarðr events is John Barleycorn and this year’s edition was as enjoyable as ever. The tournaments were very satisfying, with our own Whyt Whey Knight Marshal **Luis de Castilla** taking third place in Sir Edward’s written contest. (Good job, Luis. A lot of us took that test informally and didn’t do as well!) **Lord Friedrich** prevailed as the Provincial Archery Champion, **Lord Llywelan** received a Sea Star for his service running the fencing tournament (the first “John Barleycorn No-Name Fencing Tournament”), our beloved and very much missed Mimi/**Medb** received her AoA (in absentia) and **Erlan** received her well-deserved Maunch. The feast was a blast, with performances by **Judith** and **Rufina**, among others, in a romp with a guest appearance by **His Majesty Kelson**. Hooray for Northpass. What a wonderful day.

It wouldn’t be a By the Whey without a notice from the “**Lord Ervald** Extracurricular Files.” We would love to have a report on his performance in *The Sword Politik*. Of course, we don’t really need one – a picture IS worth a thousand words.

Our Østgarðr Arts & Sciences Minster, Ællin, makes note of the fact that there is a lot of newcomer activity lately – and that’s a good thing. Of course, the challenge is making sure there is enough Gold Key to help ease newcomers’ way into to game. Storage for Gold Key and sewing nights to make more garb are needed to help the process along. Lile is planning “Newcomer Nights” to cover many topics of interest to those new to the game. The first one is being held at 7pm on Thursday, October 27 at the home of **Jan aff Wisby** and his hustru **Johanne** in Broken Bridge – keep your eye on the all the provincial e-mail lists for more info. Also, **Alia** and **Owen**, in Queens, have been hosting a Project Night on monthly Thursdays (usually the first). Wow! A lot of stuff is going on.




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October Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 Ft. Tryon demo	3 Josie Wood's	4 Union Square Practice	5 Nutley Practice / Outdoor Dance Practice	6 Broken Bridge Commons	7	8
9 Archery Practice	10 Josie Wood's	11 Union Square Practice	12 Nutley Practice / Outdoor Dance Practice	13 Whyt Whey Commons	14	15
16	17 Josie Wood's	18 Union Square Practice	19 Nutley Practice	20	21 Østgarðr Commons	22
23	24 Josie Wood's	25 Union Square Practice	26 Nutley Practice / Outdoor Dance Practice	27	28	29
30	31 Josie Wood's					



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Medieval Festival @ Ft. Tryon Park, <i>Canton of Whyt Whey</i>	Oct. 2
Kingdom Crusades, <i>Kingdom of Atlantia</i>	Oct. 7 – 9
Crown Tourney of Darius and Roxane, <i>Barony of Dragonship Haven</i>	Oct. 15
Haus von Halstern Winter Wolf Tournament, <i>Shire of Rusted Woodlands</i>	Nov. 5
Seraglio, <i>Barony of Settmour Swamp</i>	Nov. 12
Agincourt 2005: Ce Qui Si? (What If?), <i>Crown Province of Østgarðr</i>	Nov. 19
100 Minutes War, <i>Shire of Rusted Woodlands</i>	Nov. 19
Saint Andrew Visits His Bubbie, <i>Barony of An Dubhaigeainn</i>	Nov. 26
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Some of you may have seen the request from **Llwyn ni Padraigh** on our various e-mail lists for the loan of weapons to accompany an exhibit entitled *Wounds in the Head: Mending Head Injuries from Pericles to Bonaparte* at the The New York Academy of Medicine Library. The exhibit did feature weapons that SCAdians were gracious enough to lend. Congratulations on a successful exhibit. And “well done” to those of you who were able to help.

Mistress Rufina is kindly offering her expertise to those of us who want to learn how to construct a cotehardie in the traditional manner. It looks like there is plenty of interest in at least one cotehardie workshop. The chat on the various e-mail lists included lots of input on different methods of making patterns and/or adapting modern patterns for this ubiquitous piece of medieval garb, including using a modern pattern for cheerleading uniforms (yes, a humble chronicler is one of those who relies on modern patterns – help Rufina!). Which led Ervald to ask, “Didn’t a king once threaten to have cheerleaders for the College of Heraldry until they passed up this device?” Which king, we’d like to know.

Continued kudos for **Broken Bridge**. They just keep coming on strong. Their latest Project Night was Sept. 27 at the home of Jan and Johanne. And commons meetings continue on the first Thursday of every month. We are so happy to see our neighbor across the river doing so well.

Master John Elys brought this to our attention a couple weeks ago – a falconry demonstration in Central Park on Sat., Oct. 1. Did anyone get a chance to see this? It sounds wonderful. So much to do in our fair canton.

Our Østgarðr Chatelaine, Lile, has taken to filing reports on all recent events, demos and practices in the area. What a welcome addition to our e-mail correspondences. Of the Queens Farm demo, she says, “It was a good weekend: the weather cooperated, the demo had a good turnout of SCAdians both days . . . Ervald, and **Mael Eoin** for the heavy weapons and Llwellyn for the fencers. And of course, **Countess Brekke, Baron Ian Mitchell, Baroness Katherine Gillesfleur, Mistress Elizabeth Cameron, Mistress Andrea, Lord Renier verPlanck, Baron Master Sean deLondres, Lady Judith, Lord Friedrich Grimm, Baron Sir Diablu** . . . and everyone else who showed up to help out and participate.”

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Baron Alexandre and myself were very sorry not to be able to make it to the Queens Farm demo. We were busy making and serving food to the populace gathered in Settmour Swamp for the coronation of **Their Majesties Darius and Roxane**. Mistress Andrea was kind enough to post words of praise on the Whyt Why and Østgarðr lists. It was a great day, full of pomp and circumstance and chariot races and volcanoes. You had to be there.

Vivant! Their Majesties Kelson and **Geneviere**, deemed it meet to induct Jan and Johanne into the Order of the Silver Crescent at their last court. Congratulations to them both and thanks for years of great service to the kingdom. And we're happy to announce that Her Majesty Geneviere awarded her Queen's Order of Courtesy to **Sir Valgard** at the same court. A great day for these worthy Østgarðrians.

And congratulations to Andrea and Reijnier, celebrating their fifteen years of marriage in October. In honor of their anniversary, they have organized outings and explorations into the local area, including a recent trip upstate to the apple / wine country in Ulster County. **Elianne** reported that Renier and Andrea planned a perfect day, including a hayride, apple picking, wine tasting and good fun with good company. And they have more such days planned: an artists' expedition to Kremer Pigments, followed by a trip to the Met to see the *Prague, the Crown of Bohemia* exhibit and then the famous (or infamous) Greenwich Village Halloween Parade. Oooo, what an October!

Even though it's getting colder, the plan is to continue the Tuesday night Union Square practice through November. Brrrr! There is still a great turn-out each week, with fighters and non gathering to discuss and instruct and create – **Alarich** the stonemason carved a spindle for Ællin right there on the spot a couple of Tuesdays ago.

One of Whyt Why's biggest events is the yearly Fort Tryon Medieval Faire demo – the first Sunday in October. This year was no exception to the awesome participation by Østgarðrians from near and far. Our Østgarðr Chatelaine, Lile gave an enthusiastic overview of the day's events via e-mail, but didn't mention just how very busy she was, handing out information about the SCA, as well as taking time to answer any and all questions about our organization. Many thanks, Lile, for a job well done. The demos are so important to us as we continue to interest new people in the SCA.

Oh, what a good idea! Andrea and Reijnier are setting up a support area for all Østgarðrians who will be entered in Crown Tourney on Oct. 15. Best of luck to all our valient fighters – do us proud!

Lady Sancha and Lady Judith are conducting a meeting in Washington Square Park on Friday, Oct. 14, to rehearse some silent mumming scenarios, which they say could be "memorized" for future performance. As one who has had the good fortune to perform with the Coribantes, your humble chronicler would like to encourage everyone who has a hankering for performing, or just plain fun, to participate. Judith and Sancha are really wonderfully talented and (in my humble opinion) really know their stuff.

More performance news – **James / Thomas Trueheart's** play, *The Mysteries of the Castle of the Monk of Falconara* (described as a gothic comedy, with apologies from Thomas for being out-of-period) will be presented at the 4th Annual Spotlight on Halloween Festival at Spotlight On Downstairs at The Monster, 80 Grove Street – Sheridan Square in the Village, Friday, Oct. 14, Saturday, Oct. 15 and Wednesday, Oct. 19. Thomas, best of luck to you. And . . . break a leg!

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We thought the drive home from Sated Sultan through the driving rain and flooded parkways was tough! It sounds like all the hardy folks who ventured down to Kingdom Crusades really had a wet time. Mael Eoin reports that it was "indeed very, very wet . . . thank goodness it wasn't also cold. All in all, it was by no means a bad time . . . quite the opposite. Good times and great people." Good times and great people also describe Sir Diablu's Sated Sultan. There was very delicious food, great drumming, dancing, good cheer and a bit of theatre, thanks to **Master Richard** and **Sir Edward**. Can hardly wait for the next one!

It would not be an understatement to say that the province was rocked by the announcement that Ian and Katherine have decided to step down as Viceroy and Vicereine after 26 years of service. Twenty-six years – isn't that amazing? They and the new kingdom senechal, our own Sir Edward, will be determining the procedure by which the new titular heads of the province will be selected. Mistress Andrea and Lord Reijnier have already announced their candidacy. More candidates are sure to be announcing soon. But more than anything, this is a time to reflect on the grand history of the province and the era of Katherine and Ian – and all the possibilities for the next 26 years.

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

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