

The Keys to the Kingdom

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OFFICE OF CHATELAIN



Photo by Katriona of the Groves

UPCOMING MEETINGS

War Practice : Sat.
11am, A&S tent 1

Pennsic: TBA

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more information
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The Soul of the Company

The Ice Dragon has once again come to pass and our lands grow warm and green once more. Our event season is well into swing and we are once more preparing for war. New chatelains are sprouting out of all over our Sylvan Kingdom and we are thus renewed!

While I was living in Russia, many moons ago, each of the American students had to come to understand the concept of the "soul of the company". I was an archaeologist back then and the American and Russian companies spent many hours out in the middle of no where, digging and digging and digging. Then at night we would gather around the campfire with guitars and ...let's just say, our beverages of choice. We lived together, we worked together, we ate together. In the end we were no longer two companies of archaeologists, but were one. We had each experienced the soul of the combined company.

Yes, it was hard work. Yes, the--

Camp food was horrid, and we were all bug-bitten. But we were happy. We had come to understand the deep nature of sharing that happens in the most unexpected places and people.

The soul of the company is what I find the SCA.

Especially as we head into event season and initiate new officers into our common experience. I feel this is what keeps people part of the Knowne World for all their lives. For all of our busy office work of organizing, paper trails, and scheduling, it is the soul of the company we are each trying to demonstrate to our Newcomers. At times, it seems like the Modern world has little time for this part of the living of life. But each of us makes time to keep this experience and the magic of those moments alive within ourselves.

I wish you all a wonderful Spring, an adventurous Event season, and many new, and inspiring moments in our collective company's soul.

--Fru Ellisif of Endless Hills

Featured Upcoming Demo

A May Day Celebration

All our lives we have been fighting for honor, chivalry, duty, and glory. We have dared to dream and be something more. Now we have the possibility and privilege to fight for something greater than ourselves. We can fight for hope.

Saturday May 2nd from 11 am to 4 pm join us in the Shire of Misty Highlands as we take up arms and ally with the American Cancer Society, HealthSouth Mountainview and the Morgantown Learning Academy Fencing Club in their fight against Cancer. This is our 4th annual benefit for the American Cancer Society. We have risen over \$2000 in the past four years to benefit ACS. So this year bring your pomp and pageantry, and a few friends

There will be a heavy weapons tournament as a fundraiser. Entry fee for the tourney is \$10 round robin format so everyone gets plenty of fighting! The fencing tournament will be held in the same manner. We have plenty of opportunity for arts and sciences. Come teach, share or display your arts. There is usually media present so pavilions are welcome and pageantry please!

There is no feast and this site is bone dry.

Overnight accommodations are available at local hotels for a discounted rate, if you contact me before checking in. I recommend



Featured Upcoming Demo contd

Euro suites, it is within walking distance of site and for a single room is \$50 per night with the HealthSouth discount. To get your coupon early e-mail me with your address.

Site will open for setup at 10:00 am. This is a Demo style event, where all funds raised will go to benefit the Relay for Life. There is no site fee!!! We have space for A&S displays and classes. Questions contact autocrat Lady Gwyneth McClellan via e-mail at Shelly.Dusic@healthsouth.com or call 1-800-388-2451 ext

The Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Barony of Endless Hills has been part of the St. Scranton's Day parade for many, many years. In snow, in rain, in blustery weather, they were there. This year, the day was beautiful, the sun was shining.

We arranged for a parking lot to get ready in before lining up. We all piled into Lord Eirik's trailer, which has been all done up to look like a castle, and were ready to move out and line up.

Until the trailer broke, sending everyone pushing forward. What to do?? The metal bar holding the trailer to the SUV had bent at a 45 degree angle and gouged the parking lot!! Most of us marched up to our spot in the parade a little disheartened. But Lord Gunnar came to save the day by somehow getting his truck through the huge crowd of parade participants and to our spot in line. We quickly assembled to decorate the truck with banners and shamrocks and garland. Finally, we were ready.

Lady Luminitsa the Oracle had made little shamrock coins into magnets, each with our website address on the back for us to give out at the parade. These were gone within in the first four blocks of the parade. We were stopped several times by radio stations and ...

Scranton St Patricks Day cont'd

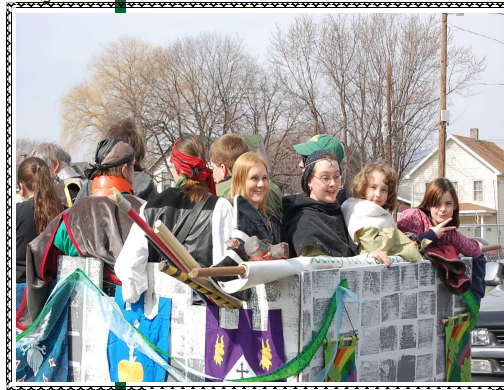
television stations for interviews and footage. While we did not have our equestrians this year, we had fencers, heavy combatants, walkers, and a make-shift float. Because we were smaller this year than in others, we were able to play to crowd more than we had in the past. This was vast improvement. The audience loved us!

People stopped our walkers in the street to try and get our contact information from us. Not just once, but several times. A Newcomer to our Barony, Doovay, had acquired a full suit of plate armor. He was shiny and a walking attraction for us. He even had his picture taken with Miss Pennsylvania, among many other kids, teens, and young women! I think next year he needs to have a banner with the SCA website on it, so that it gets into all the pictures people will want with him!

Lord Eirik cheered on the crowd and shook hands with each of the Scranton Counsel members, as we passed the Grand Stand. LordPo Silvertop danced with his rapiers for the cameras. Rianith and Amber (another Newcomer), held signs up for the audience to gain their applause or "ohhs and ahhs".

To quote Lady Deianeira "Again.. I cannot express my gratitude enough to everyone that was there.. not only was *everyone* team players.. Everyone... absolutely EVERYONE worked together as a family - to accomplish a single goal.. VIVATS TO ALL..."

--Fru Ellisif of Endless Hills



The Endless Hills Parade Participants, as the float breaks!

Photo by Fru Ellisif of Endless Hills

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Growing the SCA Garden

By Fru Ellisif of Endless Hills, based on the "Growing the SCA" class by Luce Antionette of Atlantia, Deputy Society Chatelain.

"We [the Chatelains] are the office that can connect everyone back to the SCA proper. We grow the "magic" and keep the magic veil for Newcomers and remind our established members of that magic again."

This idea is related the first article of our Spring newsletter. It is about what Chatelains have to give to Newcomers. While we have many resources to share and stories to tell, many times we do not consider a Newcomer, more established until they have already partaken of the "soul of the company" at an event, demo, or multiple activities.

Within our local groups, there may be a few different "companies" to visit and revisit. There are those who fight; our athletes who fight with our pride behind them, those who create for our wonder, those who teach and research for our education, and those to create stories and songs to enchant us once more. The Chatelain crosses all these barriers between types of people, for they know how the whole "garden" blooms together into a local group of variety and color. Every member, new or established, comes to the SCA with their own packet of seeds just waiting to be planted. Those seeds of knowledge, creativity, sportsmanship and chivalry are our bridge to the next season of growth of the local group.

Our different companies, like different plan varieties need different soils, water and sun

Growing the SCA Garden cont'd

Levels, and sometimes even their own separate flower bed, so they have enough room to grow. Our Chatelains are our local group gardeners. They keep the local group growing in a balanced way, with a full variety of different types of people, interests, and activities. They can see which flowers bed need more tending and planting. Unfortunately they can't just pop down to the local seed store to get what the local group may need. Chatelains must seek out new way for each group to grow, they must find people with interests compatible to the local group and they must know where to help plant those seeds of new growth.

The growth of new seeds always takes a bit of patience and care. But once a seedling has established it's roots, it's ready to take off. This is a perfect analogy, for our recruitment and retention strategies in the office of Chatelain. All members in our local groups should have a well established set of roots into the local group and SCA proper. Through this they will be able to know their place in the SCA, have sense of belonging to the local group and/or one of the smaller "companies or flower beds" in the local group. It is also a fact that certain plant grow better together, than with others. When showing off our garden to others through demos or events, we need to decide whether to show off our variety or a well rooted section of our local garden. If we are trying to attract certain types of people or interests, then we need to show people we have the flower beds already ready for their own growth, we already have a place for them.

Gardens rarely plant and tend themselves. Each local needs someone dedicated to the overall growth and growth pattern of the local group. Each local group needs their own master gardener!



Hear ye all and attend!
...Knights in Armor
...Swashbuckling Fencers
...Lovely Ladies Dancing



Join the music, the fun, and the combat at:

MEDIEVAL DAY AT THE FARM

1972 NEW BOSTON ROAD, CHITTENANGO, NY 13037

Saturday, the Second of May, in this the common year MMIX

11 of the clock in the morning until 4 of the clock in the afternoon

(MAY 2, 2009; 11 AM-4 PM)

\$5 PER FAMILY

**Knights! Vikings! Pirates! Music! Dance!
Archery! Swords! Armor! Games! & More!**

Lunch can be purchased at a reasonable cost from:

Chittenango Rotary Club

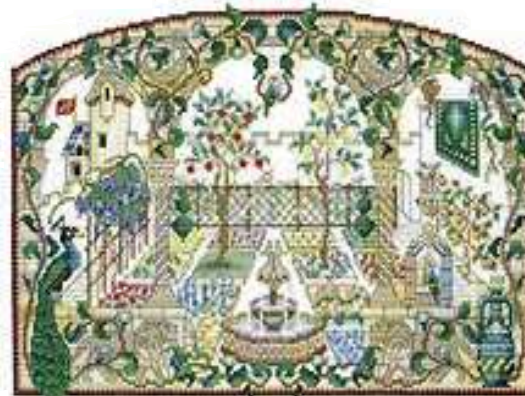
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Otherwise, bring a picnic!

For Information, call: (315) 687-6727



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A Medieval Garden
Design

Quarterly Summary

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Total Newcomers: 44

Demos held: 9

Demos being planned: 9

Website hits: 2,294 unique hits

Website updates:

- Winter Newsletter
- Spring Newsletter
- Links to new Society Chatelain resources
- New website design
- Conversion of personal email to aliased email addresses for local, regional, and Kingdom level officers

Total Groups reported: 21/34

Total Baronies Reported: 6/7

Local Offices Filled: 26/34

Other office projects and goals:

- Meeting at Three Ravens College
- Planning Meeting at Kingdom War Practice and Pennsic
- Work begins on Newcomer Pennsic Booklet
- working on new recruitment and retention worksheet packet for local chatelain and local group recruitment planning
- Begun Newcomer Yahoo Group

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