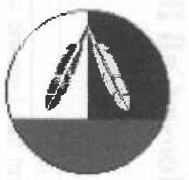




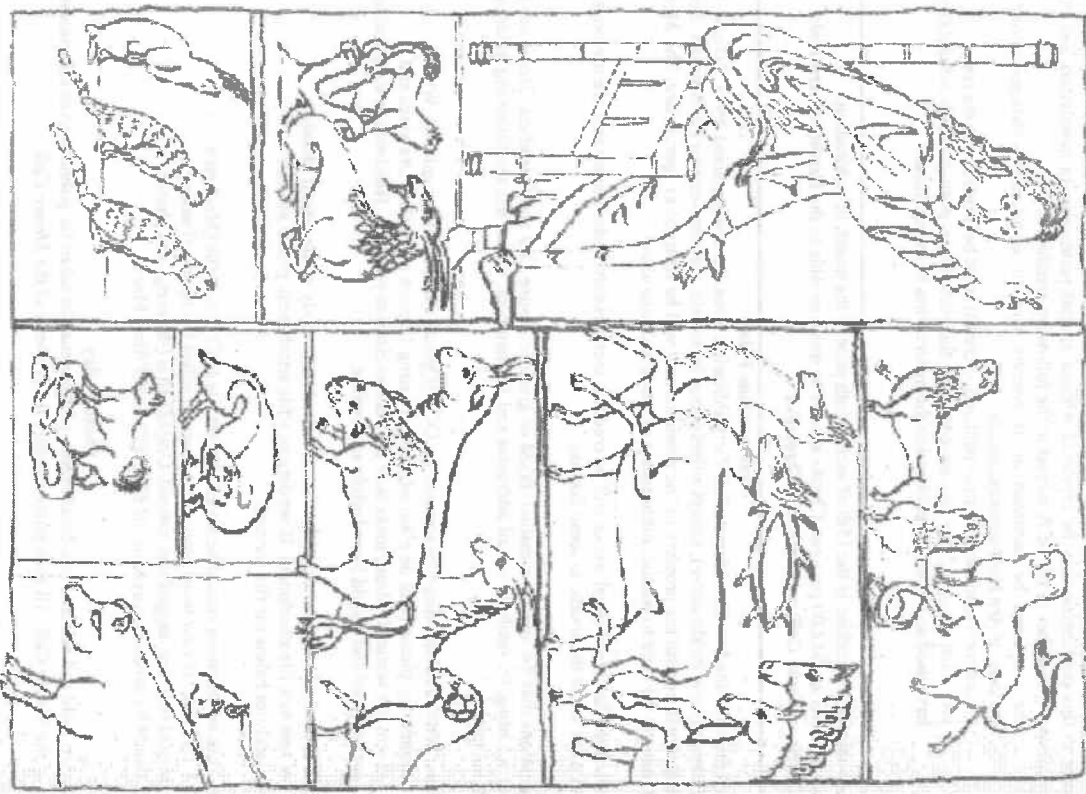
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The information below was taken from the May 2003 issue of the Sage Advice.

May		
3	Artemisian Kingdom A & S	1000 Eyes
10	Kingdom Convocation	Arn Hold
11	Mother's Day	
17	May Day Carosello	Arn Hold
24	Quest	Gryphon's Lair
24	Barbarian Bash	Crystal Crags
31	Melee Madness	Loch Salann
June		
7	Rapier Academy	Loch Salann
11-15	Uprising	1000 Eyes
21	Banner Raid	Castelleone / Dun Braga / Stan Wyrn
28	Sherp Skirmish	Bronzehelm
28	Cupurse Tourney	Dragonmarch
July		
12	Challenge of Sherwood	Arn Hold
19	Dragon's Tear Tourney	Stan Wyrn
19	Iron Chef Competition	Loch Salann
26	1066	1000 Eyes
26	Gaelic Games	Castelleone
August		
2	Artemisian Games	Dragonsmarch
9	Harpy's Nest	Dun Braga
9	Old Farts Tourney	Otherhill
16	Heartwarming	Twae Linnes
30	Rapter War	Arn Hold

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THEIR EXCELLENCIES' MISSIVE

Greetings to the noble populace of Arn Hold from Alric and Catherine, Baron and Baroness.

Springtime is well and truly here, and with the turning of the seasons, the populace's fancy turns to thoughts of...equestrian activities, fighting, archery, Arts, Sciences, and all of the outdoor pursuits in which winter has kept us from engaging. We look forward with great excitement to the coming camping season, and hope to see you all at events around the Kingdom.

May will be a busy month for us and for Arn Hold.

The third of May brings Kingdom Arts and Sciences in the Barony of One Thousand Eyes. We hope that all of our fine artisans are crafting their best works for this competition. Make Arn Hold proud!

On May tenth, Kingdom Convocation comes to our fair Barony. While a day full of business meetings may not sound like much fun, Convocation is an excellent place to meet and talk with the officers from other groups in Artemisia. If you really want to see what makes our Kingdom run, you should plan on attending Convocation.

May seventeenth, we will be gathering for a festive day of horsemanship, classes, and friendship at the May Day Carrousello. Come share a day of pageantry and fun with us as members of the Barony compete to become our new equestrian champion.

Also, if you're planning on attending Uprising, please make sure to pre-register and to get information about the dimensions of your tent or pavilion to Hachmood Braden, so he may begin to organize the Baronial encampment.

We'll see you all in May!

For the honor and glory of Arn Hold,

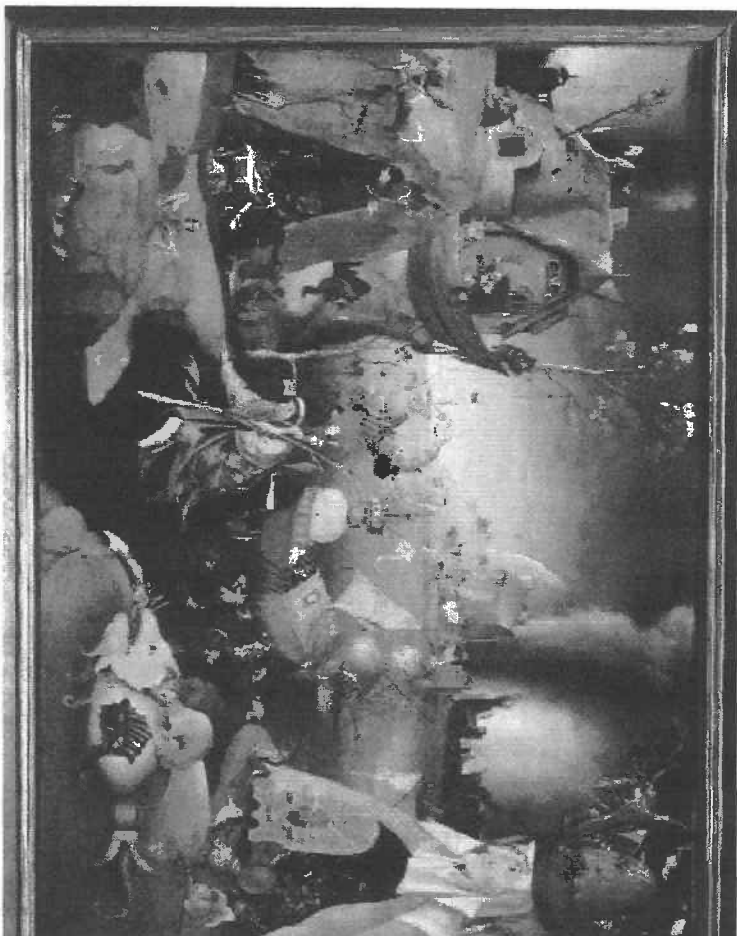
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sweet. If the grain is badly contaminated, cooking is not enough to kill the fungus. Whether bread, dumplings or frumenty, all would have been deadly. It is estimated to have afflicted 40,000 people in that year, poisoned by their own bread.

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St. Christopher Carrying the Christ Child through a Sinful World
Hieronymus Bosch, c1520

This painting was inspired by the madness that could accompany St. Anthony's Fire, the painful, hallucinogenic, often fatal condition caused by ergot poisoning.

THE CORN HAG

An ancient folktale of the dreaded famine
As told by Ruth the Widow

“ONCE, IN THE TIME OF THE EMPIRE OF THE FRANKS, the City of Limoges was riddled with rumor. A witch had been seen in the fields at the dreaded noon hour: the Corn Hag, with her tangled hair and honey arms. Her breasts were black as pitch. She had lured the children of Limoges into the field and given them bread that was transformed. When it was cut, the inside poured out as a black, sticky tar. When the children refused to eat it, she clamped them to herself with an iron grip and smothered them. Those who did not suffocate died of fright.”

How realistic a portrayal of famine and plague?

The people of Limoges had lived from the bounty of the vast oak forests for innumerable years. The great respect they had for the tree is evident in the history of the Druids. An 8th century regulation states expressly that if the acorn or the flour should fail, the Bishop of Metz should provide it.

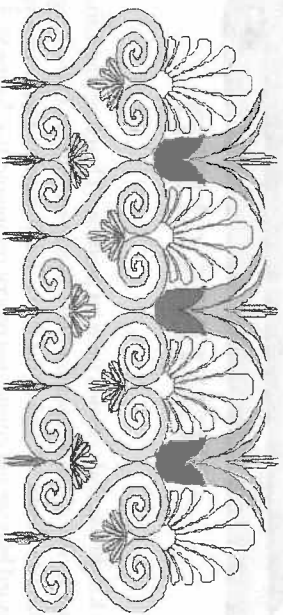
When Caesar and the Romans came, the forests were cleared for the cultivation of grain. Later came the Teutons and the Huns, who drove the natives into the caves of the region. For centuries no peace existed, and the grain was poorly cultivated. But the oaks had so diminished that the people were dependent on the grain.

Rye, a weed of the wheat fields, imported from Persia or Russia, had become the main crop over a wide belt of the Continent. Rye will grow well even in less fertile soils and in very cold weather. Because it survived when others didn't, rye made up the everyday brown bread of the common class of Northern Europe.

In early fall, 857 AD, and again in 943 AD, "St. Anthony's Fire" (Ergotism) wiped out entire villages in a day. Ergot, a fungus disease of rye, contains twenty poisons and makes the grain black and

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FROM THE CHRONICKER

As was detailed in my officer's report at the March Populace Meeting, the Moose Call has been losing money with each issue sent since I took the office last June. Postal rates and printing costs have both increased.

During the meeting, a motion was made and seconded, and unanimously accepted to increase the price for a one year subscription. The new price will be increased to \$18.00 a year. This is equivalent to \$1.50 an issue. Single copies sold will also increase to \$1.50 an issue.

The change will occur July 1. Anyone who subscribes or renews before that period will still get the old rate of \$12.00 a year.

Single issue sales will immediately go up to \$1.50 an issue.

The price of the Moose Call has not increased in better than 5 years, so we are trying to prevent the barony from needing to subsidize each issue printed.

This change will be printed in this and the June issues of the Moose Call.

If you have any questions regarding this message, please feel free to contact me.

In Service,
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Arn Hold Chronicker

