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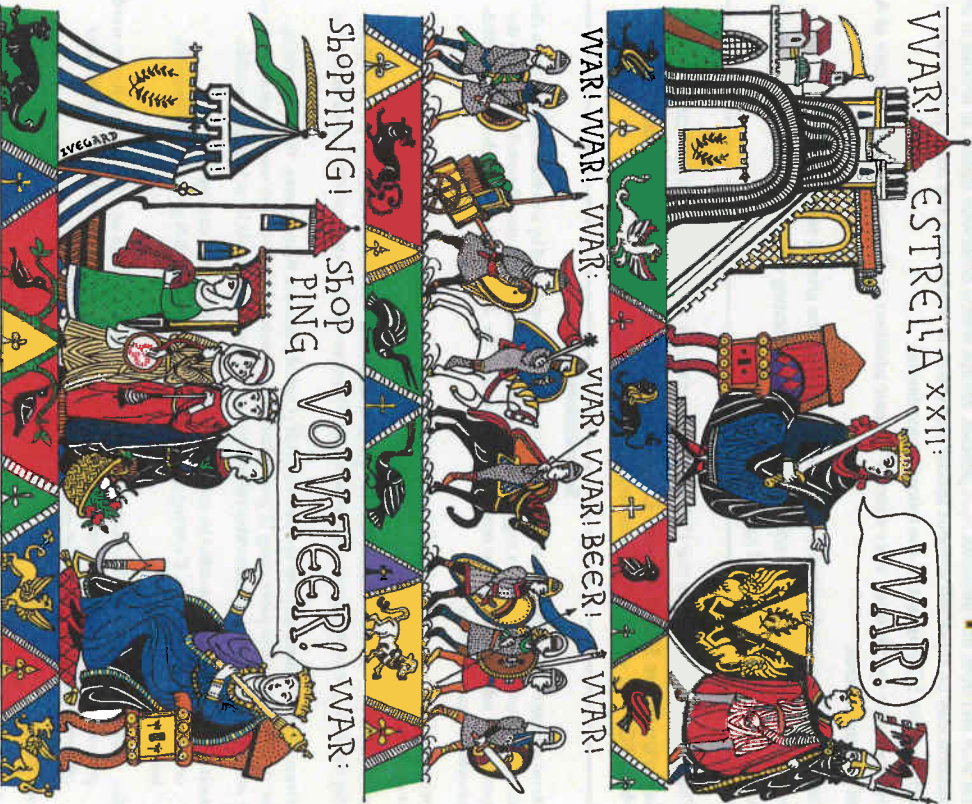


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The information below was taken from the Artemisia web page.

February 2005

4 Masked Ball

Arn Hold

14-20 Estrella War

March 2006

4 Baroness's Champion

1000 Eyes

4 A&S

Otherhill

11 Coronation

Loch Salann?

18 Night at the Tavern

and Baronial A&S

Arn Hold

25 Defenders' Tourney

Loch Salann

25 Love Revel

Stan Wyrm

April 2006

1 Festival of Fools

Arrow's Flight

8 Crown Tourney

Sentinal's Keep

15 Spring Thaw

Twae Linnes

22 Feast of St. Pyres

Cote du Ciel

29 Convocation

Kingdom

25 Love Revel

Stan Wyrm

May 2006

6 Arts & Sciences

Kingdom

13 A&S/Champion's Tourney

Northgate

13 Middle Eastern War

Arrows Flight

19-21 Best Little Army

Arn Hold

20 Shire Birthday

Otherhill

26-29 Quest

Gryphon's Lair

27 Gallow Games

Crystal Crags

June 2006

3 Melee Madness

Loch Salann

7-11 Uprising

1000 Eyes

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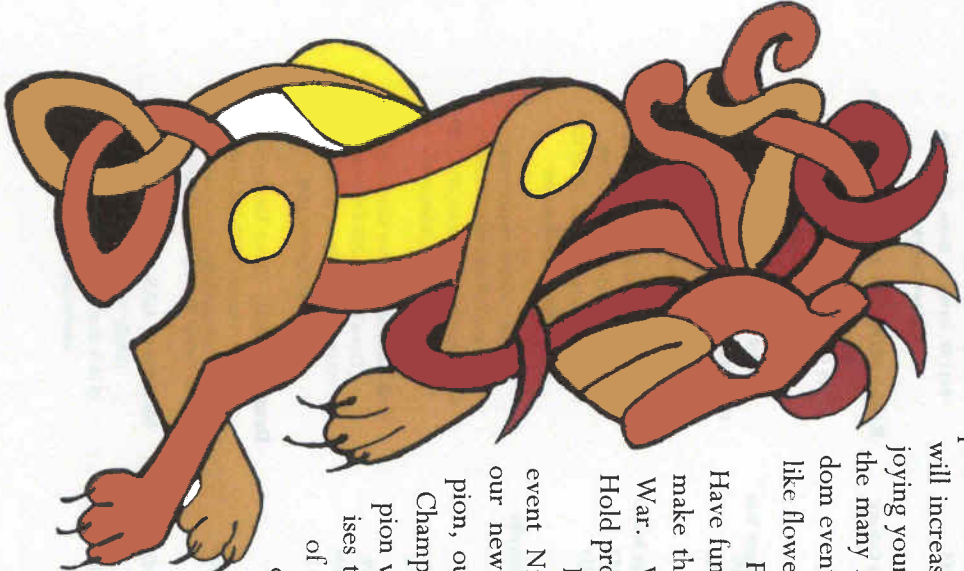
Their Excellencies Missive

Greetings to the good people of Arn Hold,

February is upon us, the time when St. Valentines Day reminds us to cherish the time we can spend with the people we care about. Now that winter is headed out and spring is fast approaching, the opportunities for us all to gather together will increase. We look forward to enjoying your delightful company again at the many Arn Hold Events, and Kingdom events, coming up soon. Events, like flowers, are bursting out all over.

First and foremost, **WAR!!!!** Have fun and travel safely those who make the pilgrimage to the Estrella War. We know you will do Arn Hold proud, as you always do.

Next will be the March event Night at the Tavern, where our new Arts and Sciences Champion, our new Rapiet Mooseketeer Champion and the Baroness Champion will be chosen. This promises to be a FUN event with lots of interesting things to see and do for EVERYONE. Included in this will be the three part Baroness Champion challenge which will have prizes awarded to the winner of each segment, with the



labeled, but there are some songs where the music says "go through x n n" where 'n' is a number you create. For this ball, 'n' will equal the number of couples or sets required to get everyone through the dance. To make things move along, if 'n' gets to be greater than eight, it's best to create two groups instead of one big one. Else, dancers get bored, the musicians get tired, and everyone starts to lose interest. Should a dance go so well and be well-enjoyed, musicians are happy to repeat the number for additional enjoyment. Just ask!

Musicians can dance too. In fact, some of them will be setting their instruments down from time to time and joining in the dancing, so the music will be slightly reduced. Please welcome them to the dance floor so they may enjoy the other aspect of the event. Similarly, if you are able to play an instrument bring it along and play with the musicians for a song or two, even if it's 'only a drum.' Keeping the beat is important and the more sound created makes for a better dance.

Finally, please express your appreciation for the musicians. They are working hard to play the music and while they play for the enjoyment, having an unappreciative group to play for does not give much interest in playing again. A personal thank you is always appreciated. Gifts will never be turned away (after all, we're starving artists here) and no one will dismay at any token, large or small. I remember playing music for the dancers at Pennsic a few years ago and one of the dancers came to us holding five large bottles of liquid. He set three of them down and explained that his mead was Known World famous and that he felt that no better place than our cups could be a suitable destination for such a fine nectar. He apologized that he could only leave us three, but he promised his King and Queen some so they would get the remaining two. So that night, the musicians drank better than the royalty (and what a fine brew it was). I think we played much better as the night wore on and the cups were lubricated.

So I leave you with the pleasant thought that as the lights are low and the music starts, this is what the Society is all about: a chance to enjoy some of the finer points of the Renaissance.

-Braden (if you need me, I'll be behind a musical instrument)



Dance Etiquette

for Musicians and Dancers

By Hackmoos Karl Braden Von Soberheim



So you've made excellent use of that bard carefully hidden in a small box and learned your dances, and now you are ready for the ball. However, there is one major difference, you get live music to dance to! Wow! How do you go about working with real people and not canned sound? It's actually fairly easy. These are intelligent people who know their music and are happily sharing their time and effort to play the music so you may dance. There are, however, a few good steps in courtesy that go along with these fine musicians.

First, stating that you are prepared. Someone will ask the dancers en masse if they are "well met." This is to ask if you are ready for the dance. To respond, say "we are indeed well met," or "we are not yet well met." Be sure to say this so the musicians can hear you. To start the music, the leader of the musicians will explain how the music will start, either "there will be an introduction" which is usually 4 measures of music so you can understand the speed, or "there will be 4 beats" which means you will hear 4 beats on the drum to get your speed and off you go. Musicians will work with the dance Mistress to confirm a proper tempo, but if it is not exactly what you remember on your CD, then just go with it.

Now the dance is going... at what is hopefully a steady pace. Musicians will keep the music at a set pace unless it calls for a change in speed (such as Scharatsula Marazula, or Korabushka) but Pavanes and Bransles have a set speed that will maintain through the piece. Keep in mind that this isn't a sound stage with microphones at each instrument, so it will not sound the same as what you are used to. Your best bet is to concentrate on the beat line (drum) for tempo, and listen to the melodic line (usually very distinct) to know where you are in the music.

When will it stop? Most music has a set number of times through as

over all winner to be chosen as Champion. Anyone can enter each part or all of the challenges, which will be fun for all. Artists and creative folks please get your projects ready to present for consideration by the populace for the opportunity to be Baronial Champion of Arts and Sciences. Honorable Lady Giliana will be coordinating the competition. Yes, works in progress are welcome. And getting those cooking, sewing, carving, scrivener project started for March should give you plenty of time to have them completed by June for entry in the Laurels Prize Tourney at Uprising; which is open to everyone.

Speaking of Uprising, the web site is up and pre-registration has started. The deadline for advanced registration is May 20th, and there are perks for being among those who pre-register. Such as closer parking, better choice of campsite, and more land allocated to the Baronial Encampment. This will be the 20th anniversary of Uprising, and the Event Stewards (whom we had a change to get details from personally at a recent 1000 Eyes Event) have made it clear that there will be much that is new and different happening; this will not be the same old Uprising. This year, as in years past, there WILL BE a Baronial encampment, and there WILL BE the traditional Friday Night social gathering for all members and friends of the Barony of Arn Hold. Details forthcoming. Go to www.uprisingwar.com to print out a pre-registration form and reserve your spot.

Also in March, We will be traveling to join our cousin in the Barony of Loch Salann, as a farewell celebration is hosted to honor the end of the reign our beloved Majesties, King Morgan and Queen Esbell. This will also be the coronation of Michael and Sati as they are elevated to the Griffon Thrones. We hope than many of you will be able to join us.

Know that we value you, the wonderful people of Arn Hold, and we look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months.

Yours in service,

For Don Butterberg, OGP
Baron

Dame Rachel Ravenlock, OGP
Baroness

