



# The RivenSTAR



## Upcoming local & Special Events

### April 2005

- 4 **Rivenstar's Dance and Garb Night**
- 9 **Constellation Regional A&S Faire**  
Riviere Constelle, Evansville, IN
- MK Heralds & Scribes Symposium**  
Shattered Crystal, Fairview Heights, IL
- 16 **Three Saints and a Parrot**  
Rivenstar, Lafayette, IN
- The Coronation of Alaric & Noelle**  
Cleftlands, Cleveland, OH
- 23 **Caroso, Negri, & Santucci -Oh My!**  
Mynydd Seren, Bloomington, IN
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Shadowed Stars, Fort Wayne, IN
- Herbal Symposium**  
Rimsholt, Wyoming, MI

### May 2005

- 6-8 **May Faire**  
Cúil Cholúim, Edinburgh, IN
- 7 **Earrach Fais - Irish Spring Festival & Armoured Easter Egg Hunt**  
Baile na Scolairi, Bloomington, IL
- 20-22 **Chaos Caravan**  
Greyhope, Valparaiso, IN
- Melee in the Woods III**  
Stonecroft, Cato, IN
- 28-29 **Kingdom A&S Competition and Crown Tournament**  
Fenix, Ft. Mitchell, KY

**For the full Middle Kingdom calendar visit [www.midrealm.org](http://www.midrealm.org)**

## Midrealm Fighters Put on Armor to Battle Cancer

By Lady Katalena Izmaragd Ivanova

Earlier this year, Setna Lach, and Egil Arinbjornson, issued a challenge to the fighters of the Midrealm. On Saturday, April 16, they will be participating in the *Race for the Cure* which is a 5k walk in Indianapolis benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. These brave men plan to walk the entire event in full armor and they challenge other Midrealm fighters to join them and do the same. After the race, they will be making the trip to the Rivenstar Spring Event, Three Saints and a Parrot, and fighting for the rest of the day.

So why in the world are they walking in full armor? Partially because warriors and soldiers had to carry their own armor and weapons on their backs before reaching a battle, but more importantly, by recreating this part of the war experience during a highly publicized event, they also have the chance to let the public know more about the SCA.

### How You Can Help

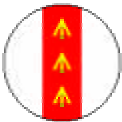
Since this challenge was issued, many more fighters have made the pledge to complete the 5k walk in full armor before coming to fight at our event. You can aid these fighters in their quest either by joining their team as a walker or by sponsoring them. Please visit the *Race For The Cure* website and select the team listed by the name "SCA Middle Kingdom" from the pink menu on the right side of the page. We will also have collection jars at the Rivenstar event to help support the cause.

### Pink Ribbon Challenge

Coincidentally, our event is the final day of TRM Brannos and Rebekah's reign, which heralds the end of the Pink Ribbon Challenge also benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Our Pink Ribbon Champions will be available on both the heavy and rapier lists during the event to face final Pink Ribbon Challengers. The Challenge winners will be announced after Rivenstar's Spring Event.

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# Business Meeting Minutes

## 2-28-05 Business Meeting

Event Reports: Stone Dog Inn

### ARTS & SCIENCES

- The MOAS quarterly report is due in March. Please let Dani know what kind of A&S projects you have been working on or classes you have taught this quarter.
- The sewing circle will meet next on 3-20-05.
- The Oasis Middle Eastern belly dance show *Night at The Oasis* was a great success. Pictures and a video will be available soon.

### ARTS MARTIAL

- Gallien won the Rapier Tavern Tournament at the Stone Dog Inn Event on 2-26-05. His prize was a Scrimshaw dagger made from a swordfish bone. Gallien and Adam also tied for the Best Shtick and Best Death award. Their prize was a box of candy which Gallien shared with everyone at the meeting.
- The Equestrian marshal needs the equestrian authorization info for the Barony's active equestrian group.
- Our siege engines got a workout Saturday 2-26-05 flinging rubber penguins down the hill at Tapawingo park for the Crisis Center fundraiser. See story on pg 4.

### HERALDRY

- Pieter read the Award for the Dragon's Teeth scroll for the ballista crew and presented the original to Baroness Takaya.
- The Herald's quarterly report is due in March. Please let Janusz know if you have received any kingdom level awards this quarter.

### PEN & QUILL

- The March RivenSTAR newsletter is out today!
- Their Majesties Brannos and Rebekah lifted Pieter's banishment on Saturday 2-26-05.
- The website has been updated although Arrantxa would like more information on the feast menu.

### EVENTS

- We will have another Chirurgeon for the event as Dani will be busy serving as autocrat.
- We have more prizes for the event including several Pirate books and make your own treasure chest kits.
- At the Stone Dog Event, Gallien and Rivenstar party won several items which we will use for the event including a drinking horn to be given to the fighters who are walking in armor in the Komen Foundation 5K run/walk "Race For The Cure" in Indianapolis the day of our event. See story on pg 4.
- We decided to pay the site fee for the fighters in the 5K walk.
- The last chance to challenge the Pink Ribbon Champions will be at our event which is also the last day of TRM Brannos and Rebekah's reign.
- The site will open on Friday at 6 pm for feast prep and set up.
- Our new cooks tent for Pennsic may be here by our event.
- Tryphina already has the items for the Sylvia Memorial Raffle, so donations at the day of site are not needed.

## 3-7-05 Business Meeting—Dance & Garb Night

### ARTS & SCIENCES

- The regional A&S is coming up 4-9-05 in Evansville, IN.
- Arrantxa announced her scroll work will be displayed in a local art gallery. More details are coming soon.
- There is a Fleece Faire in Green Castle on 4-8-05 & 4-9-05.

### ARTS MARTIAL

- We will not have fighter practice or Archery in the Armory next week. We will have Rapier practice in Stewart Center.
- We are sending approximately 15 people to Gulf wars to participate in Heavy, Fencing and Archery events.

### PEN & QUILL

- Katalena will serve as drop dead seneschal while Gallien is at Gulf Wars.
- Submission deadline the April newsletter is 3-23-05.
- Give Arrantxa any updates for the web soon as she will be gone for a week for Gulf Wars.

### EVENTS

- As most of our crash space is taken up already, we will post the email for the Lafayette Convention Center on the website.
- CC will run the dancing for the evening ball. Moonwulf has volunteered the use of his sound system.
- We have an abundance of prizes, so we will have random "best of & worst of" contests throughout the day.
- The Oasis dancers are thinking of doing some Polynesian dancing (hula) for feast entertainment.
- Our A&S class list so far includes felting, card weaving, silver smithing, dancing, drumming, Chinese knotting, and embroidery.
- Rocky brought up the new laws concerning raffle ticket sales in Indiana. We are investigating this issue further.
- Bjorn's company will match his donation for the 5K run, so we will also have donation jars located on site at the event.
- Jessie is organizing the fighters who are walking in the 5K run in armor.
- March 25th is the Drink Tasting party at Gallien's House. For those over 21, bring your beverages and blenders.

## 3-14-05 Business Meeting

### ARTS & SCIENCES

- Sewing Circle is 3-20-05 at Dani's house.
- Next week we will have an A&S presentation on how to write your documentation for A&S competitions.

### ARTS MARTIAL

- Fencing will be at Stew 306 starting at 9 pm.

### EVENTS

- Pieter took TRHs to dinner and discussed Pennsic plans.
- Where do we want to put an A&S display? Current suggestions include the A-frame upstairs lobby. We can put the dance classes in the Feast hall so that the teachers can

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utilize the sound system. The A&S display will be a comment notebook display where people can make comments on the pieces and give the artists feedback.

- We can also create an Artisan's Ally where artists can sit around and discuss their projects. This may be positioned next to the A&S display.
- Tryphina is handling the issues concerning the raffle.
- We have the feast hall dimensions for table set up.
- Katalena brought in a sample of a single information handout to give out at troll. This handout will include the daily schedule for combat, classes, lunch info, feast menu, and site map.
- Rocky brought in a cloth covered box filled with goodies that we can use as a treasure chest.
- We are still looking for names for our feast dishes as we have made up most of the dishes we are serving at this year's feast.

### 3-21-05 Business Meeting

Event Reports: GULF WARS!!! Those who went, spent over an hour retelling the many tales of the week long event.

#### ARTS & SCIENCES

- The A&S presentation has been postponed till possibly next week.

#### ARTS MARTIAL

- Heavy Fighting, Fencing and Archery practices will resume at their normal times and locations this week.

#### EVENTS

- Svenki will be the Heavy Marshal for the event. He will also bring the water jugs for the list.
- The Name that Dish contest continues online. Please submit name ideas to Arrantxa, Giuliana or Takaya.
- The Drink Tasting Party is Friday starting around 7 pm at Gallien and Arrantxa's house. Only those who are 21 may attend. Bring your parrot colored mixes and blenders. Ice will be supplied.
- Sigulf suggested that we submit an ad to the Tournament Illuminated newsletter as well as the Pale regarding the Barony's 30th Anniversary Party. He will look into the details of ad submission and deadlines.

Two events on April 9th, 2005

#### Constellation Regional A&S

Hosted by Riviere Constelle in Evansville, IN

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#### Middle Kingdom Heralds and Scribes Symposium

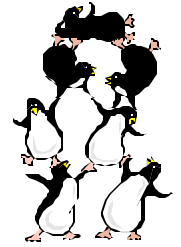
Hosted by Shattered Crystal in Fairview Heights, IL

See [www.midrealm.org/midrealm\\_calendar.phtml](http://www.midrealm.org/midrealm_calendar.phtml) for more information!

## Local News

### Rubber Penguins: The New Siege Engine Ammo?

By Kaitlyn MacLeod



Are rubber penguins becoming the new trend in siege engine ammunition? It's not very likely, but members of the crew did get to "flex their muscles" by launching over a hundred 2-inch rubber penguins at Tapawingo Park for the Crisis Center fundraiser on Saturday, February 26th. Using an onager-style catapult, they dazzled and amused local Lafayette onlookers by flinging these little darling penguins down the hill toward the Wabash River as far as they could. Similar to the Yellow Duck Race, the person who bought the penguin that flew the farthest won the big prize. Consolation prizes for the shortest flight were also handed out.

Our Web Minister, Arrantxa, has posted the eight-second snippet of a practice run on our website for everyone to view. I give the film "two thumbs up" for suspense and an extreme giggle factor.

View the Penguin Flinging Practice Run at:

[www.midrealm.org/rivenstar/Video\\_penguin\\_fling.MPG](http://www.midrealm.org/rivenstar/Video_penguin_fling.MPG)

### The Drunken Parrot

By Kaitlyn MacLeod

On Friday March 25, 2005, Gallien and Arrantxa opened their home to members of the barony to partake in a Drink Tasting Party. Since this year's event is Three Saints and a Parrot and the Post Rev party has a "Margarita Ville" theme, Gallien thought it would be prudent to have an official Parrot drink to serve at the Post Rev Party. So about twenty people got together and did a Caribbean twist with their blenders and shakers to come up with the perfect concoction. Enkara did an excellent job bartending and kept the crew very happy.

Janusz added his spicy drumming to Moonwulf's lighthearted folk style guitar and we all had fun singing along. The highlight of the evening came when the yummy birthday log covered in candles was brought out to Arnora. We sang in her 23rd birthday as only Rivenstar can. Much fun was had by all...see you at the Post Rev party April



## Spring Event News



### Sea Farer's Feast: Name That Dish!

Here is the tentative feast menu for this year's feast. We have some new dishes this year and we really need help naming them for feast. Below are some of the suggestions (some are really bad, so put your thinking hooks on and help us out):

#### *On the Table*

Raw vegetables, spiced apples and oranges, and hard cooked eggs

Rat Soup (tastes just like chicken!)

#### *Main Dishes*

**NEW!** Salmon pastries with spinach and onion

- "Fish With Seaweed and Pearls"
- "Davey Jones Barrel Scrapings"
- "Flotsam Jetsam Pies"
- "Clam Digger's Delight"

**NEW!** Onion pie, Chicken and rice (we are told it has some kind of red sauce!)

- "Bloody Parrot On The Beach"
- "Maggoty Dead Bird"
- "Parrot Peel Off"

Pork Roast with rum currant sauce

Treasure - sweets made with that cane sugar stuff from the New World

Russian Creme (of course!)

### Gulf Wars Highlights next issue!

Until then, check out this great Gulf Wars article on the web!

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050316/NEWS01/503160302/1002>

This online article includes several photos of heavy fighting, fencing, hound coursing and more!

### Do You Have What It Takes to Claim the Iron?

The Guild Fanucci Proudly Presents:

### IRON BARD

Starting at the Great Pennsic War XXXIV, the Guild Fanucci will assemble a panel of Iron Bards par Excellence, in various forms, against whom you may try your mettle. The top scorers during the first 8 days of competition will be invited to the Finals, which will include an Improv round.

Perform head to head with your Iron opponent before the judges, in a pair of pieces, one in the Iron Bard's area of expertise, one not. Topics and viewpoints will be selected that day. Performances each evening at locations to be named and reported widely.

Apply via email to The Chairman at [ironbardz@aol.com](mailto:ironbardz@aol.com). State name, SCA name, contact info, forms you'd consider competing in, and date of arrival at Pennsic.

<http://www.iron-bards.org>

## Rivenstar is Turning 30!

**The 30th Anniversary of the Barony is coming up this fall, and we want to invite all members of the Barony past and present to join us on this momentous occasion!**

The date and location of this event are yet to be determined. If you have any suggestions, please contact our Baron, Duke Moonwulf and our Baroness, Countess Takaya.

### Where Are You Now?

We are also creating a "Where are they now" board to track our extension members all over the country so we can see how big Rivenstar really is. If you are an extension member or have the contact information for an extension member, please contact our seneschal, Warder Gallien Le Cavalier de l'Ile.  
email: [gallien@nlci.com](mailto:gallien@nlci.com)

# April 2005

## Rivenstar, Local, and Special Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 Dance & Garb Nights				1	2
3	 PMU 118 Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	5 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm	6 Fighter Practice 8 pm	7	8	9 Constellation Regional A&S
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### Weekly Activities Info

#### Mondays

7:00 pm - The Rivenstar Madrigal Singers Practice  
 Held in the PMU South Tower  
 Contact Count Baron Master Sir Pieter van Doorn  
 email: sirpieter@juno.com

8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
 Held in the Stewart Center or the PMU South Tower  
 See Calendar above for room location

#### Tuesdays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Archery Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory  
 Contact Arnora Snorradottin  
 email: midnite\_louie1@yahoo.com

8:30 pm - Middle Eastern Dance & Drum Practice  
 Held at Morton Community Center  
 Contact Lady Katalena Izmaragd Ivanova  
 email: izmaragd@yahoo.com

#### Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory  
 Contact Lady Francoise Jean-Marie Katze (Fencing Marshal)  
 email: ldyfrancoise@netzero.net

### Special Events This Month!

#### Dance & Garb Night 4-4-05

Dress up in your favorite garb and boogie down medieval style.  
 Practice your moves for the upcoming Sprint Event.  
 See you in PMU 118!

The Barony of Rivenstar presents THE Spring Event:

### Three Saints and a Parrot



April 16, 2004

Ross Camp

Site opens 9 am & closes 11 pm

**Melees Melees Melees!!!**

**Ship to Ship Siege Engine Battle**

**Last Chance for the Pink Ribbon Challenge**

**Lots of A&S Classes and Dancing**

**Sea Farers Feast with Russian Cream**

**Riveting Entertainment by Rivenstar's Finest Performers**