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Rivenstar's Christmas Court

Submitted by Katalena Ivanova

Every year we wait anxiously to show off our fancy new garb, to stuff ourselves silly with homemade delectables, and of course to see old friends and family who trek the snow to be with us every year. On December 9, 2006, the extended Rivenstar family once again celebrated its annual Christmas Court.

Our barony is full of talented people and their Excellencies wanted to give the barony every opportunity to show off their talents, so we started extending our Christmas Court to include A&S activities. The morning was filled with A&S displays and workshops such as glass beading and felting. The room was also filled with piles of craft items people wanted to give away. This is a great chance for newcomers to get supplies and fabric to start their own projects.

In the evening, more travelers arrived and the feasting commenced. Once we had no more room for food, their Excellencies held court. One of the most memorable events has to be the children's choir singing Christmas carols. You never realize how many children there are in barony until you see them all standing together. Everyone danced the night away and had a wonderful time. Hope to see everyone next year!

Come Out and Dance!

From 2-4 pm in the Purdue Memorial Union's South Tower, we will be holding dance practices/lessons.

Mark your calendars for:
Sunday 2/25 (day after the Penguin Fling)
Sunday 3/11
Sunday 3/25
Sunday 4/8
Sunday 4/22

No partners are required, but you know your friends want to dance too!

For dance requests or other questions, contact Elspeth at ecember@purdue.edu or call (765) 490-1430.
If you would like to teach a dance, arrangements can be made.

How do I find the South Tower?
From the main lobby of PMU, head up the main stairs. The door to the South Tower is the first door on the left on the second floor, almost directly across from the balcony.

Recipients of Baronial Awards for 2006

Order of the Silver Acorn
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Defender of Rivenstar
Kerkira Anastasia Tamarina, Brianna, Adam Machai, Molly Magee

Order of the Rivenstar
Katrina, Marian, Aendru the Tinker

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Regular Weekly Activities Info

Mondays

8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings

Held in the Stewart Center, PMU South Tower or PMU 118
See Purdue schedule for room location (subject to change)

Tuesdays

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Archery Practice

On hold till Spring!

Held at the Purdue Practice fields [illegible]
Contact Lady Arnora Snorradottin
email: midnite_louie1@yahoo.com

Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice

Held at the Armory on Purdue campus.
Contact Lady Marina da Fiore
email: cantwell@purdue.edu

More Activities!

Equestrian Practices start in the Spring, weather permitting, and are usually held twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm.

Drum Practices will be held on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Morton Community Center. Check the Rivenstar website and email list for updates.
Contact Kat at: izmaragd@yahoo.com

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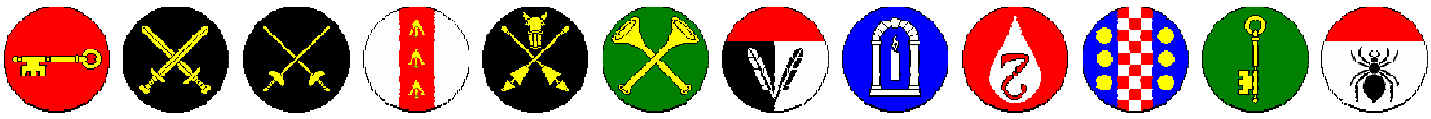

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Rivenstar Takes Commoners Crown by the Funny Bone

Submitted by Kaitlyn MacLeod

Every year, the shire of Mynydd Seren hosts an event called Commoner's Crown. It's a time for all good gentles to come together and let their hair down. Each year, some kind of challenge is given to choose who will be the common king and queen. This year, tokens with numbers were drawn and our beloved Hector was chosen as common king. Now it is customary for a king to choose his consort, but,

Photo Credit: Kaitlyn MacLeod

for reasons unbeknownst to the audience, Hector decided to honor his friend Cecil the Smiling with this dubious honor of being his common queen. The couple were well met and as their first act of lowly business, they filled the positions of their court.

Sir Lothar (as pictured above) humbly offered his services as Queen Cecil's guard. All was well. Then came the time to fill the position of King Hector's guard. Well there was indeed some devious fun here. No sooner did one person volunteer then did another person come up from behind him to "relieve" him of his position. Finally a woman of great stature came with a formidable kitchen utensil to end the horrible affair and take her rightful place as the king's guard.

Not to be outdone by their commonesses, more of the crafty Rivenstar born tried to steal the spotlight. During the evening, the House of the Fiery Rose brought lively music and shimmies to the feast. Ladies Katalena and Gabriella danced with fire (literally) and zeal (no not veal) for the very hungry feast goers while Lord Janusz played like the devil on his drums.

When they were not dancing, the children of Rivenstar let their muse fall upon the food. Each course had its own unique properties; however, filling the olive bunnies with pomegranate seeds so that they gave the bunnies enormous red noses was definitely the zenith of their artistic endeavors. Ahh yes the baklava...even a telescoping fork will not steal you another piece of that delectable delight from the cooks...but that is another story...

Photo Credit: Kaitlyn MacLeod

Lord Janusz proudly presents his highly unusual telescoping fork to their Commonesses Hector and Cecil at the Shire of Mynydd Seren during the feast of this year's Commoner's Crown.

The Barony of Rivenstar (Lafayette, IN) presents THE *Spring Event*:

Three Saints and a Reindeer

April 14, 2007

Constellation Regional War Practice

Games of War: Rapier and Heavy Weapons melees all day, siege engines. More detailed information to follow as plans are finalized.

Games of Peace: Dancing, A&S Classes, Archery, Middle Eastern Drum and Dance Circle (weather permitting). Want to teach a class? Contact Katalena email: izmaragd@yahoo.com

Site: Ross Camp at 9225 W 75 S, W Lafayette, IN 47906. Opens at 9 am, closes at 11 pm.

Site fee: $5 for SCA members. $3 surcharge for non-members. A family fee of $15.

Miscellaneous: Showers available on-site. Camp is otherwise **BONE DRY**. Pets welcome outside. No smoking inside. Buildings are handicapped accessible, but the grounds are not wheel chair friendly.

Autocrat: Master Sigulf Karlnar (Richard W. Pierson), 114 Country Squire Ct., West Lafayette, IN 47906, ldyfrancoise@netzero.net , (765) 463-4071 (before 9 pm Indiana time)

Merchants: No fee, but no indoor space either; please bring your own booth and tables.

Feast: A Viking Spring feast with Ham, venison, meat, veggies, barley, oatmeal, Russian Cream, and more!

Feast Tickets: $8 till 4/1, $10 after.
Send reservations to Tracy Funkhouser,
1428 Virginia St., Lafayette, IN 47905.
Make checks to "SCA Inc - Barony of Rivenstar"

Directions: Best route to I-65 exit #172, east of Lafayette, IN. Turn west on IN-26 and head towards Lafayette. Follow IN-26 to County Line Road (14.9 miles from I-65). Turn left and head south to County Road 75 South (2.8 miles). Turn left and follow CR-75 S into the site (0.7 miles).

Event Bylines Contest!!!

Vote for your favorite byline or submit one of your own!

"More horns, less butt"
"We're taking the kid gloves off"

Bylines must be submitted to the Chronicler by Feb 28th to qualify. Winners will be announced during the Spring Event Feast. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners!