



# The RivenSTAR

*Monthly*

## Double Demo at West Lafayette Jr.- Sr. High School November 14

Four members of the Barony of Rivenstar put on a demo for two separate groups of students at the West Lafayette Jr.- Sr. High School on Friday. Baron Moonwulf Starkaardheresson presented his talk on arms and armor of the middle ages. He brought two axes, three swords and a bow with arrows to demonstrate different periods and styles of armor as well as distinctions in the class of the man at arms who used them. He was dressed in mail and had his helm also for display. The first group of students were junior high students who voluntarily gave up part of their lunch period to attend the demo. They were very full of questions and almost did not let Wulf get away. He could easily have spoken to the group for the entire time allotted but he graciously gave way to Lady Marilynde of the Rocks who brought several examples of calligraphy that she produced as well as some court scrolls made for her and some books on the subject. She did not have time to demonstrate actual calligraphy due to the shortness of the class period. Olwen of Buckland went out to her garden that morning and picked some late fall vegetables to bring in for display to show what the average citizen of the middle ages might have had in his diet at this time of the year. She had a gigantic leek (Wulf later laughingly called it Leekzilla). She also brought in a parsnip, radish and some chard as well as some herbal greens. Olwen was also able to describe her garb in detail and give examples of what the average person wore. Marian Hryhorcova followed up the others with some examples of Benedictine chants compared and contrasted with some Madrigals of the English School. Time ran out with the first group right at the introduction of the madrigals.

The second group of students were the high school Medieval Society Club students who also were there on their lunch period. Several of them were in garb as it was a LARP day for them. The demo followed the same order for both groups but was a bit more relaxed and flowed better the second time around. Wulf began again with the arms demo. He had them all in the palm of his hand and a lively discussion ensued. Olwen had a chance to play the "Where in the World" game with these students; giving examples of food items and the students tried to guess the country or area of origin of that food item. Rocky was able to raise more interest in the calligraphy books she brought, several students looked at them during the demo. Marian had time to introduce several madrigals and the demo wound up with Marian and Rocky singing an impromptu round of "I'll Say It Anyway" accompanied by the Rivenstar Madrigal Singer's CD version of the tune. All in all a very successful, enjoyable demo. The club seemed to appreciate the effort.

*Looking for a few good stories, photos or poetic thoughts. Please give your Chronicler a break and contribute something to the RivenSTAR.*

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**Regular Weekly Activities Info**

**Mondays**

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
 Held in the PMU Terrace Room or Stewart Center  
 See Purdue schedule for room location (subject to change)

**Tuesdays**

Archery Practice  
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**Wednesdays**

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus  
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**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.  
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**Business Meeting Notes:** In interest of space only officer highlights will be noted, though officers may have been present with no news to report.

Monday, November 3, 2008 Event Reports: Takaya, Wulf and Fanchoise went to Grand Pageant in Sternfeld. Nine rapier fighters were in the Courtier Tourney and seven were in the Baronial Tourney. Wulf won the Baronial Champions Tourney. The final participants looked like they had matching armour. It was a one blow fight, but what an elegant blow it was. Feast was quite interesting; planned by Mary Gilmore. During the Pas d'Armes, the Baronesses were setting conditions at each round! Takaya judged the costume part of the A&S contest. Johann gave out a traveling prize of a drinking horn. Duchess Elena took a first for her poem in the Bardic Contest. Side note: Azriel of Iron star had an accident earlier this year and someone from Rivenstar (Molly) called back to Sternfeld to let people know she'd just passed an accident involving someone from the SCA. It happened that both cell phones in the car were messed up so that they could receive calls but not send any. Due to the call Molly made, they were reached and weren't stranded as they would have been. Sincere thanks were forwarded to Molly.

Upcoming Events: Crystal Ball is this weekend.

Officer Reports: Herald—Janusz has not received any award recommendations yet, Wulf has had two so far.

A&S—reminder, the Cook's Collegium is coming up in a couple of weeks.

Chronicler—almost have an issue ready.

Madrigals—it will be a fine performance that you all have heard many times by now.

Student Org.—field trip to Crystal Ball.

Demo for Med-So Nov. 14th

Chirurgieon—Dani will greatly reduce her medicine pack going to War because she's not going to Point anymore. She'll still have the medicine cabinet and a very well stocked pack for Rivenstar's use.

Marshal—Practice as usual.

Chatelaine—the Chatelaine was not present but Pieter told a story of the guy who came to clean the carpet at his house who recognized Pieter from a demo that he did at the Stegmeyer's for home schoolers over 15 years ago!

Current Topics: 3 Saints and a Tiger or Kraken vote came up. Tiger was overwhelmingly voted in. Erin is now the Apprentice Autocrat because she came up with the theme. The date is reserved with the kingdom calendar but not yet confirmed with Cary Camp.



Monday, November 10, 2008

Event Reports: Crystal Ball—Everyone had a great time. Rivenstar dancers danced until 6 AM and they're pretty sure they won! The classes were excellent—no one passed out! Leonie taught the Rivenstar dance at the Caruso Ball and was bombarded with requests for music and choreography. Note: Stay away from Leonie for a week (at least, or maybe a month) because she learned the Spanish Pavon and she may get you!!

Pieter, Gallien and 100 of their closest friends attended KWAR on 11/8. There was much rapping and educating! The Order of the Bronze Ring took a group photo with Sibyl front and center. Most of the 70 Warders were there. Pieter was an "expert" contributor to "Conflict Resolution on the Battle Field". Basically he mostly contributed examples of conflicts on the battlefield and what happened. Pieter also fought until he fell down (this being because he won) and came in second in the other two tourneys. He won the Authentic Accoutrements

Tourney. He had authentic courtly garb and fought in the Period style of a master who said “Do not fight always in one style.” Pieter bested Warder Don Mateo de Madrid and won an exquisite Maximilian helm crafted by Warder Marco Borromei. Warders and Dons fought single rapier. Gallien sat in and took Master Phillippe’s class on “how to dance as a courtier while wearing a blade.” It was a great site. There was no feast but many good restaurants nearby.

Officer Reports: A&S—Cook’s Collegium coming up in Al Jafar. Olwen is coordinating classes for Christmas Court.

Chronicler—New issue is out. She expects to hear wonderful things about Crystal Ball “in writing!”

Chatelaine—Report was in on time. Gold Key will be at fighter practice on the last day before Court. Friday Nov. 14, there is a demo at West Lafayette High School. Mainly an A&S demo. Check in at the office then proceed to room 2227.

Marshal—Throwdown at Sternfeld tomorrow.

Current Topics: Spring event—Tiger theme, think about Indian food?

Today is Pieter’s Birthday! Many Happy Returns!



Monday, November 17, 2008

Event Reports: There was a demo at West Lafayette High School. Rocky, Wulf, Olwen and Marian attended. Olwen spoke on garden supplies. Rocky offered examples of calligraphy and Marian spoke on different types of music. The biggest hit of course was Wulf who spoke about arms and armor. Gallien presented his “make-up” mead class on Saturday. The class made a Strawberry mellow mel.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Court opens at Noon at Cary Camp located off 26 east. A&S classes early on, followed by Feast about sixish or whenever Takaya gets there. Papa Day will do a silver smith class.

Officer Reports: A&S—Olwen coordinating A&S at Court, please let her know if you plan to teach a class.

Chatelaine—we did the demo at WLHS. If anyone needs garb, see her on Wed 12/3 at fighter practice.

Chronicler—Bad Chronicler, she forgot to take

photos at the demo.

Marshal—New Society handbook is out, changes are in effect immediately but will not be enforced until the New Year. Practice this Wed but not the one after. Get new Uber cards before the end of the year.

Current Topics: Gallien received some questions about the Spring Event already. There was discussion about more regional rapier training events. Could we host a melee oriented rapier training event in the spring, maybe Dragon Rapier and Melee School (DRAMS). John raised the question of a woods battle at Cary Camp.



Monday, November 24, 2008

Event Reports: Sigulf, Giulianna, Olwen, Loretta and Erin Carik attended the Cook’s Collegium. There were good classes like the Theory of Slaughtering which Sigulf took. It was taught by Brother Johann, concerning the finer points of killing chickens and how beef was basically dissected by muscle groups. Giulianna learned about puff pastry and Sigulf also learned about Scandinavian foods, such as cheese making and food presentation. There was a lunch for sale but also a pot luck with nice items.

Officer Reports: Chronicler—next issue will be out next week. Send stuff.

Herald—get recommendations in for awards at Christmas Court

Chirurgion—All is well.

Student Org.—Amalie made it back to PA for the holiday. Waiting for info on future meeting rooms.

High School Org.—Entire club is having a T-tunic sewing day the next two Fridays.

Dance—coming off a break. Back on Sunday 12—3

Marshal—fighting in Sternfeld tomorrow and Mynydd Seren on Wed. But none here.

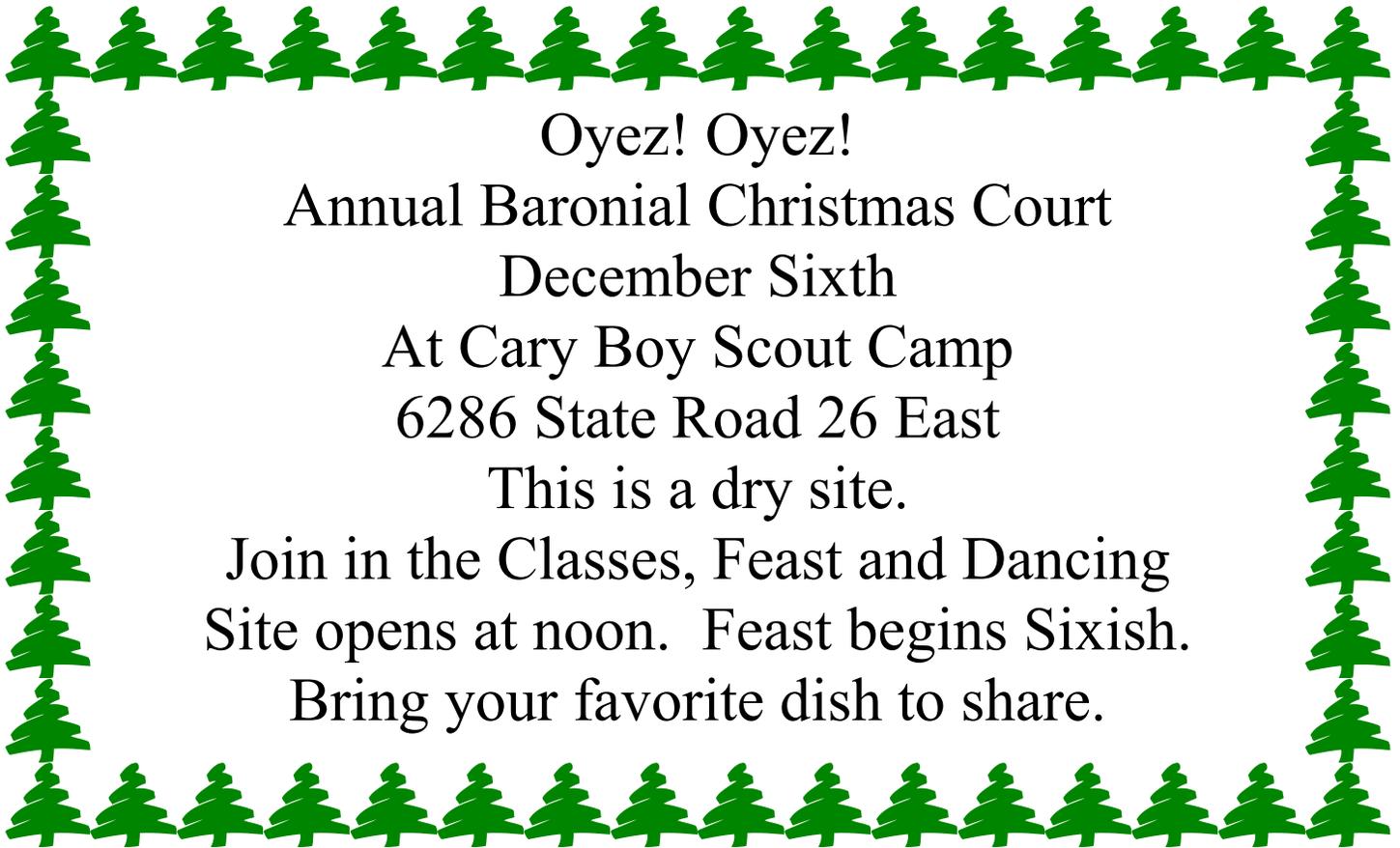
Current Topics: Spring Event—We need an Autocrat. Please consider volunteering.

Christmas Court—New Site. Classes start at Noon.

Feast at 6ish, Court following Feast with Dancing later.

New Year’s Eve Party at Baroness Takaya’s House starting about 7:30.





Oyez! Oyez!

Annual Baronial Christmas Court

December Sixth

At Cary Boy Scout Camp

6286 State Road 26 East

This is a dry site.

Join in the Classes, Feast and Dancing  
Site opens at noon. Feast begins Sixish.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 30 Dance 12-3 STEW 306	1 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 320	2	3 Armored practice 8-10 Purdue Ar- mory.	4	5	6 Christmas Court at Cary Camp Noon-?
7 Dance 12-3 STEW 306	8 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) Terrace Room	9	10 Armored prac- tice 8-10 Purdue Armory	11	12	13
14 Dance 12-3 STEW 306	15 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) Terrace Room	16	17 Armored prac- tice 8-10 Purdue Armory	18	19	20
21 Dance 12-3 South Tower	22 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) Terrace Room	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 Party at Takaya's 7:30 into the New Year	Jan 1 	2	All clip art on this pg from Microsoft Publisher 2007