



# The RivenSTAR

## Rivenstar's Annual Student Call-out.



The annual student call-out for recruitment was held at the Purdue Armory on Wed., August 28th. There was of course the usual heavy fighting and fencing activities with all the various types of equipment for the guests to see, handle and talk about. The Rivenstar Madrigal Singers also

performed a few pieces. Lady Olwen of Buckland brought her spinning wheel for a live demonstration and Lady Marilyn of the Rocks had examples of calligraphy and illumination and was offering to write the guests names in calligraphy. Wilhelm



demonstrated making chain-mail. Various other people were on hand to answer questions and make the guests feel welcomed.

## Pieter van Doorn and Nan Astrid of York Declared Court Baron and Baroness



On Aug. 24, at Baroness Wars, Pieter and Nan were declared Court Baron and Baroness by TRM Lucien and Catarina

to a happy throng and a standing ovation. (photos Mallie Mhic Aoid')



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**Regular Weekly Activities Info**

**Mondays**

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
 Held in Stewart Center at Purdue  
 See Baronial Calendar back page of this issue.

**Wednesdays**

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus (summer hours differ)  
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**Sundays**

3:00—5:00 PM— Dance Practice (on hiatus)  
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Archery Practice - Some Sundays, look for information on the RivenList

**More Activities!**

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

**Sewing Circles** occur at random times when they are needed.

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**Business Meeting Minutes:****Monday, August 19, 2013**

Welcome to Eric, a new student interested in our group!

**Officer Reports:** Chronicler—Marian gave Breanna (for the Website) and Dani (for the records) a digital copy of all the RivenStars she has ever published.

Baroness—Attend fighter practice and bring things to work on—even if you don't fight, just visit. Call-out will be in a couple of weeks. Don't forget to bring chairs.

Baron—Welcome back and welcome to new folks. It has been a summer! Fighter practice will be at 8-ish at the Purdue Armory on Wednesday.

Chatelaine—Rocky reports that we have been invited to help with the Michiana Renaissance Festival in White Waters. Unfortunately, no one present seems to be available to help.

Web Minister—Breanna updated Takaya's email address and the Herald contact information for Aurora.

Student Org.—Several people attended Purdue's "Get Involved" fair on Saturday. Wilhelm has 3 pages of names of students who may be interested in the club. Wilhelm is looking for two students to take the Purdue Medieval Society positions of Vice President and Secretary. These students may then be prepared to take on the President and Treasurer roles when the current people in those positions graduate.

Herald—Nothing to report. Aurora eagerly anticipates that there may have been something from Pennsic to put in her quarterly report?! She has announced that her pet project may be to create a web-page with all the members names, positions and insignia.

Equestrian—The equestrian group will be attending the Mounted War Games this Labor Day

Madrigali—Now in it's 25th season—has just today, resumed rehearsals.

Beaver Report—There was a Friday night Beaver watch last week but he made no appearance, nor has he done so for a couple of weeks. However, there was a Great Horned Owl heard in the woods at Huis Doorn.

**New Business**—Next Thurs. (8/22) is the Student Activities Fair. Pieter can attend. Wilhelm will bring the banner and tri-fold display board to practice on Wed. Pieter needs cards advertising call-out to hand out at the fair. Call-out will be Wed., Aug., 28 at the Purdue Armory.

Rocky announced that the Chatelaines have begun a new program called "Elders and Novices". It is a way to connect new and experienced members so they can go to a couple of events together. It was discussed that this Barony has been doing that for a long time and will keep it informal as we have been.

**Old Business and War Stories**— The Pennsic storage trailer that is kept on-site is leaking again. It has been patched but that may not hold. Pieter is looking into buying a trailer and having it on permanent loan to the Barony. Maybe the shower could be mounted to the trailer, with the water heater permanently inside the trailer so it would be much easier to set up each year. Takaya has a new tent that she got from Zarena. It is 20 ft. x 10 ft. and will hide the trailer with enough room for the shower. Virnin has found several trailers in Indiana so all that needs to be done is to take it to Pennsic once and leave it there.

Pennsic XLII—The theme this year seemed to be Hitch Hicker's Guide to the Galaxy. Dani was grateful to be allowed the opportunity to borrow a vehicle to haul a trailer to war and everything went great! She reports that she volunteered / socialized at the Chirurgeons' tent and had a great time. Takaya reports that she got there Friday night of War Week and all went well. Wulf and she dressed alike for the first time for the opening! Tues was the ice cream social and they made 215 bowls or 17 batches of ice cream. The camp was packed for the event. Lysanthria did her fire fan routine for the event. On Wed., Takaya helped teach a silver-smith class with Xenon. They had twelve students and it was very successful. Françoise, who stayed on the home-front, took care of three households on pet-patrol. One of Sigulf's birds thinks Françoise is great. No pets were harmed or got loose!

Moonwulf reported that his Sunday night concert went well and that he had lots of fun. He was in two heavy battles as a banner bearer (to please his MD). He only killed people in self defense (with his banner

participated on the thrown weapons team which was beaten fair and square. They threw spears, axes and knives but the other side was very, very good. He reports that even Friday night was good—before the rain came—they enjoyed a campfire with adult beverages and a sing-along. Nan reported that they had some really nice people in camp this year. Foley was good at sound effects and a natural at thrown weapons! The cook group went well and the food was mouth-watering! There was a huge new barn and it was full of artisans—packed to the gills with people and stuff! Pieter chivalrously performed his duties as the “back end of a horse” again for Lysanthria so that she could do battle. Together, they opened the Bridge Battle. Pieter reported fencing a lot. He also reported (modestly) that he did not win every tournament. He came in second on one. He also participate in the “Thugs for Jugs” tournament to benefit breast cancer research. A donation was made to the Susan Komen Race for the Cure foundation in Kira’s name. Wulf reported a non—Moonwulf moment during his fencing in the Battle of La Rochelle when his opponent asked the question, “Are we tired yet My Lord?”, in answer to which Moonwulf pulled out his rubber band gun and shot him in the face.

**Other Business**—Dani reported that she went through all the files and cleaned house as well as organized them. She also announced that she has made a bid to be the Kingdom Chirurgeon so may have to step down as Seneschal if that bid is accepted.



### Monday, August 26, 2013

Welcome to a new member and soprano, Michelle.

**Event Reports:** Pieter, Nan and Kelsey did a demo and manned the table for the student activities fair on Thurs. They talked to many people and even signed up a few. Dani, Pieter, Takaya, Wulf, Gallien, Arantxa & Amelia went to Baroness Wars in Springfield, IL. Takaya remained a neutral observer. There was a castle to storm. Amelia made a marshmallow catapult and had some fun with it. Wulf and Sparrow shared a Moonwulf moment; popping people all down the line. There was a great game of “Warlords and Minions”. Everyone had a really fun time. There was Court before feast at which Elzbieta of

of Killerton was elevated to Pelican.

There was also a small matter of Pieter van Doorn and Nan Astrid of York becoming a Court Baron and Baroness—to a standing ovation of the populace present and to the joy of all Rivenstar. Pieter and Nan were gifted with a crystal dagger from the Baron and Baroness of Shattered Crystal (St. Louis). (Side note: The 40th Anniversary Crystal Ball will take place on Veteran’s Day weekend.) It was a good event and well attended.

Officer Reports: Seneschal—No meeting next week due to Labor Day.

Madrigals—No practice next Mon. We have a new soprano—Michelle. (Long may she sing with us.)

Equestrian—There have been several practices recently. The equestrians are getting ready for the Mounted War Games. They are planning to practice one hour Tues and Wed at 5 PM.

Chronicler—nothing to report. Marian needs to contact Malie for photos from Court at Baroness Wars.

Student Org.—Wilhelm will get information on the call-out to all the people on the lists from the two activities fairs. He is also looking into getting info into the Exponent though it may be too late.

Webminister—Breanna is really excited about Aurora’s interest in doing a Herald’s page.

Archery—Wilhelm as MIT found out that since there isn’t an actual archery marshal, he has to submit the quarterly report by default.

Exchequer—it is the quiet time of year for Guillian.

A&S—Olwen asks every one to bring activities to the Call-out. She’ll bring her spinning wheel and asks Wilhelm to bring his chain mail equipment.

Baron—First: Yay Nan! Yay Pieter! Fighter practice as usual next Wed.

Baroness—nothing new to report

Chatelaine—Rocky suggests starting fighter practice a little early since it is the call-out so that activity is already taking place when the prospective members arrive.

**New Business:** Griffin spoke about trying to get more fighters; recruit new members. He noted that Amtgard (a LARPing group) has a great website and practices in a public place, Tapawingo Park.

He said that this gives them more exposure to possible new members and proposes that Rivenstar revamp the website to make it more flashy and that there be fighter practices in Tapawingo or Hort parks where they can be seen. (it was noted that if they occur, they cannot be official SCA practices.) Francoise suggested that he contact the media minister for rules and possible footage for a website. Wilhelm will also contact Gallien to find out what he has on social media.

Christmas Court—We need to decide on when and where. How about Dec. 7th at University Church?  
Spring Event—Dani will approach the National Guard Armory for reservations for April 26th as a primary date, with April 12 for a back-up. Rocky suggested that the theme for the next Three Saints be “and a Peacock” with a French emphasis and French feast. Rocky came up with the idea so is she the next Autocrat?



### Monday, September 9, 2013

Welcome to Emma and her friend Jim.

**Event Reports:** Pieter, Nan, Takaya and Mikaela went to Mounted War Games in Peru, IN over the Labor Day weekend. It was “Pony Pennsic” - they rode all day, partied all night, showered in makeshift showers and ate in the food court. There were 19 equine attendees—horses and mules. There was even Hound Coursing. The Prince and Princess attended. Congratulations to Mikaela who was the overall Grand Champion of the games. She rode Curly (a Percheron) bareback at the quintain. Last weekend several people went to Gwen’s wedding.

There was archery and thrown weapons practice both Thurs and Sunday last week. Some people hit the target with thrown weapons but none of them stuck. Still, it’s a start.

Griffin went to an Amtgard practice on Thurs at Tapawingo Park at noon.

**Officer Reports:** Chatelaine—If you need garb see Rocky. She keeps adding to the amount of items she has and her husband keeps saying she has too much!

Baroness—nothing to report

Baron—nothing to report

Herald—not present but sent in word that her quarterly report was sent in on time.

Student Org.—Purdue has new requirements which seem to be designed at reducing the number of clubs on campus. Now, three officers have to attend one class each on club management and a member at large also needs to attend a class. This doubles the number of people involved in previous years.

Wilhelm is still looking for a Vice President and a Secretary for the Purdue Medieval Society who will be prepared to step into the President and Treasurer roles when he and Ryan graduate or can no longer fulfill the offices.

Nathan Moody was a guest speaker this evening. He is the Sheriff of Misty Hollow as part of the LARP group Amtgard. He would like to work in tandem with the Barony or the Purdue Medieval Society to recruit new members, do fund raising etc. because there is quite a great deal of cross-over

among the organizations and people who are active in both. Griffin would like to promote two small events this fall while the weather holds. It was suggested that he approach people through the RivenList. He also mentioned that he contacted a couple of people who could do website design and for a small fee of \$12 per month, could maintain the site. Wilhelm will look into Medieval Society funds for that expense if they choose that course. Griffin also asked if anyone has contacted the local high schools for recruitment. In the past the SCA has done demos for specific teachers but not as a recruitment tool. Moonwulf suggested that a better option would be to approach a local public library with what we have to offer and ask if they could use our services. They would then promote the event and we would get exposure to people who were actually interested in the concept.

Chronicler—long overdue RivenStar is out covering the summer months.

Archery / Thrown Weapons—There will be practices on Sunday at 4 and Thursday at 5:30 at Huis Doorn.

Equestrian—done riding for the season.

Madrigals—starting up for the fall season. Christmas Court set has been selected.

Beaver Report—He has been sighted, though the pond is down, he is still there.

New Business: We do not have the National Guard Armory for either of the dates selected for the Spring Event. Dani is going to inquire about availability for (in order of preference) Cary Camp, the Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds and Ross Camp. The next meeting (9/16) will be at the Silver Dipper on the corner of State Rd 26 and River Road at 8 PM. Madrigal practice will be cancelled. There is no room reserved for us at Purdue.

Dani requests that we all watch the RivenList. Pay attention to it and make comments or discuss items as needed.

Off Topic: Wulf is looking for a hunk of metal to make a Viking anvil. Takaya just may have the thing he needs. Don't forget the Feast of the Hunter's Moon is the first weekend in Oct.

Breanna's friend Sadie is looking for a home for a 6 yr. old female cat that has been spayed and is front declawed.

# Photos from Pennsic XLII

Many thanks to Baroness Takaya Mereleone and Lady Catriona for their photo contributions.



Moonwulf and Takaya getting ready for Pennsic XLII Opening Ceremonies.



# More photos from Call-out!



*All Call-out photos are courtesy of Marian Hryhorcova*

# More Pennsic Photos



# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day no meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 311	10	11 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	12	13	14
15	16 No room for meeting Meet at Silver Dipper	17	18 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	19	20	21
22	23 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	24	25 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	26	27	28
29	30 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204					

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	3	4	5 Purdue October Break through Tues.
6	7 Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	8	9 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	10		
13	14 Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	15	16 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	17		
20	21 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	22	23 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	24		
27	28 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	29	30 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	31 Halloween		