

The Reed Mace

The Newsletter of The Shire of St. Swithin's Bog

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Greetings, good gentles! This is the first issue of The Reed Mace, the newsletter of the Shire of Saint Swithin's Bog. The name was chosen because a "reed mace" is the English equivalent of a cattail and since our shire is situated in the bog of Johnstown, it seemed somehow appropriate.

The Reed Mace will be sent out to all members of St. Swithin's Bog sometime during the first two weeks of each month. It will contain the date, time and location of that month's shire meeting; a list of fighting practices (if available); upcoming events in our area and surrounding areas and where to get information on them; and a schedule of Arts and Sciences workshops and meetings. Our officers and their phone numbers will be on each newsletter for handy reference. For the first several months the newsletter will be sent out free. We will eventually, however, be asking for a yearly fee to cover postage if you wish to continue to receive it (probably \$3 or so--we'll let you know).

In addition, there will be, on occasion, articles under the heading of "The SCA: Playing the Game." Since our shire is made up of a goodly number of SCA newcomers, these will initially be instructional and introductory in nature.

Also, with this first issue a copy of the Mossy Pages is included with your newsletter. This is our equivalent of the Yellow Pages. Please keep this list as reference! If you have any additions or corrections to the Mossy Pages, PLEASE call the editor.

Remember, this is YOUR shire newsletter and it needs your help and support. We welcome suggestions, articles, questions, etc. (Before submitting an article, however, please check with the editor.)

SEPTEMBER SHIRE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 7:30 P.M.

Cassandra's house: Lisa Hofe, [REDACTED], Johnstown
Phone 539-[REDACTED]

Directions: Take Menoher Blvd. to Millcreek Rd. Turn onto Millcreek, make the first left onto Geneva, then the first right onto Indiana. Cassandra's is the fourth house on the left, beige siding with rust colored trim.



Officers of the Shire
of St. Swithin's Bog

Seneshal:
Morghod Strongarm
536-[REDACTED]

Exchequer:
Don Justinian of Rakovec
255-[REDACTED]

Fencing Marshal:
Kenn
539-[REDACTED]

Apprentice Chirurgeon:
Vivienne Marie Beauvais
535-[REDACTED]

Mistress of Arts & Sciences
Lady Charmaine of Falkensee
255-[REDACTED]

Herald:
Jomela de Villa Ahumada
536-[REDACTED]

FIGHTING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Fighting practices are held Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons during the spring, summer and fall, weather permitting. A winter and inclement weather facility is being sought; if you know of any possibilities, please contact the seneshal. Fighting practices are for all members of the shire for participation in rattan or fencing combat. Come to play or to watch!

*Friday, Sept. 18: Morghod's (Ed Hritz--536-██████)

*Sunday, Sept. 20: Nazgar's (Mickey Wieczorek--539-██████)

Please call Morghod for times and locations of additional fighting practices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIWANI'S DEMO: Saturday, September 19, 3:00-3:30 P.M., Roxbury Park, Johnstown. Contact Morghod for information.

VIKING WINTERFINDING: Saturday, September 26, Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands, Pittsburgh area. See your Sept. Pikestaff or call Lady Adrianna Ramstar (412) 421-██████ for information.

CORONATION OF MORGUHN & ROWAN: Saturday, October 10, Barony of Rhydderich Hael, Buffalo, NY. See your Sept. Pikestaff or call Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope (716) 881-██████ for information.

TIGER HUNT: Saturday, October 17, BMDL, Pittsburgh area. See your Sept. Pikestaff or call Sherry Atri (412) 241-██████ for information.

ARTS & SCIENCES WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

At the September shire meeting, one of the topics of discussion will be the beginning of workshops and meetings for the Arts and Sciences. Lady Charmaine's primary interest is, naturally, garb--researching and construction. We have other members who are proficient in brewing, embroidery and various musical disciplines. We need to begin a series of teaching workshops in all the areas where we have some expertise and perhaps eventually bring in outsiders to help us in areas where we do not. Please think about what you would like to learn or teach.