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Greetings to all members of the March.

Now that we are back in the fall swing and **Coronation** is behind us I would like to take a moment to say some **thank yous**.

First to the **Honourable evil toymaker** our event autocrat and **Lord Maven** his deputy. Next the new **Lady Ailieana** for running troll and keeping our money straight. **Lord Aodhan** did a wonderful job running the outdoor events special thanks to the weather for co-operating. The heavy events were overseen by **Sir Kasimir** in the arena.

A special thank you to **Lady Cassandra, Lord Andrew** and **Cordelia** for an absolutely marvelous feast. To everyone who helped set up, run the lunch table, serve feast, and clean up thank you, thank you, thank you. Our event was a success because of your hard work.

Sionead de Cowes, Seneschal

Hear Ye,
Hear Ye!



Greetings,

Please send contributions (articles, artwork, ideas or announcements) to my e-mail address (above) or to my mailing address (on the cover page).

**Anne Fairamay (Lynn Smith),
Chronicler**



Cooking with Lady Cassandra

by Lady Cassandra Cresswell



Moretum

(Garlic and herb cheese pate) original recipe from A Taste of Ancient Rome by Ilaria Giacomosa p.54

Ingredients:

- ✦ 4 garlic cloves
- ✦ 2 stalks celery
- ✦ 1 tsp coriander
- ✦ ½ tsp salt
- ✦ 1 brick soft cheese
(cream cheese was used to make this for Coronation)
- ✦ 1 tsp olive oil
- ✦ 1 tsp apple cider vinegar

In a blender add all the ingredients and blend well. If you want a little sweeter spread, add a little honey. If you want a cheesier spread, add extra old cheese. Serve with fresh homemade bread. See previous newsletter for bread recipe.

Word Search

an original by TH Lord Gerrard Carpentarius

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- SAINTS
- TAVERN
- TAX
- THROWN
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- WENCH
- WINTER

March of St. Martin Calendar Of Events

DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 28	Crown Tourney XVIII	Fort Erie, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
Nov 4	Feast of the Bear	Toronto ON (Canton of Eoforwic)
Nov 11	Day of the Troubadors	Rockton ON (Barony of Ben Dunfirth)
Nov 11	4 th Annual Northern Collegium	Sudbury On (Shire of BrennisteinnVatn)
Nov 18	Feast of the Hare	Greely On (Canton of Caldrihtig)
Nov 24-26	Knowne World Costuming Symposium	Madison WI (Kingdom of Northshield)
Nov 25	Kingdom A&S	Kingston, ON (Canton of Greyfalls)
Dec 2	Baronial Birthday Bash	St. Catherine's, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
Dec 9	Wassail	location TBA (Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog)
Jan 6	Skraeling Althing Twelfth Night	Kemptville, ON (Barony of Skraeling Althing)
Jan 13	Kingdom Twelfth Night	Mississauga, ON (Canton of Vest Yorvik)
Jan 20	Rising Waters Twelfth Night	St. Catherine's, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
Jan 27	Snowed Inn 6	Pickering, ON (Canton of Ardchreag)
March of St. Martin meetings: Wednesdays (Mid-September to Mid-June) 7:30 - 10:00 in the Northern Secondary School cafeteria (NE corner of Indian and Michigan)		
Most of the above information was gathered from the Kingdom of Ealdormere web site and/or newsletter, <i>The Tidings</i> . Please refer to www.geocities.com/marchofstmartin or these publications for further information on the events listed.		

Arts & Sciences

The **A&S topic/project of the month** allows us to tackle group projects, or explore and play with different methods and materials. Techniques will be demonstrated, ideas will be shared, and items will be manufactured. These monthly activities will take place at the regular Wednesday night meetings, unless otherwise advised. Participation is encouraged but not necessary. As always, you are most welcome to bring your own, possibly totally off topic, project to work on.

A&S Topic/Project of the Month

October we will try various methods for **bag/pouch/purse** making.

November's theme is "what we learned at Pennsic" and includes **water hardened leather, glove making, and a middle eastern hat making method.**

December we will make **cords and tassels.**

Can you talk about a technique, lead a workshop, or perhaps there is something you'd like information or instruction on? Please offer your ideas for future A&S topics or projects of the month to Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lady Una Sewenna (contact info on page 1).



On the Cover

TH Lord Gerrard Carpentarius is pictured at Pennsic 35, preparing to leave his campsite for the annual Pennsic opening ceremonies parade.



Ask Aug

Need some sage advice, or perhaps the answer to a perplexing problem? No need to look far and wide... Aug knows all... and will attempt to come up with some sort of answer. Please remember, Aug has wisdom and knowledge, but no professional credentials, so Aug's advice might be nothing more than entertaining. Send your questions (real or otherwise) to "Ask Aug, c/o the Chronicler".

Dear Aug,

My family and I need new garb! Where do I start? We want to look period (that can vary) and fit in when attending SCA events, but both my budget and time are limited.

Aug Replies:

If you never learnt to sew, now is the time. Quoting Forward into the Past, an online SCA publication found at www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/ForwardIntothePast.pdf. "SCA members usually make their own clothes, although sometimes you can barter or trade services to have someone make you simple garb."

Now that you have decided to sew, or have begged someone to sew for you, you will need to select a pattern or style of garb, and find some suitable fabric.

The same above mentioned pdf file also contains "All Purpose T-Tunic" instructions. This pattern can be used for the whole family. Women's tunics are usually ankle to floor length (shorter for peasants, longer for the upper classes), and men can wear tunics varying from mid-thigh to full length. (Most men I've seen wear a knee length tunic with slim-cut pull-on pants.) For a more authentic look, layer one tunic over another. The "under tunic" might be made of sheet weight off-white fabric with long narrow sleeves. The "over tunic" would be made with shorter wider sleeves, using a different fabric, often with some trim or contrast coloured facing around the openings. Belt the tunics and you're all set.

Other simple styles for women include:

- ✦ 12th century bliaut with hip-belt or corsage
- ✦ 14th century sideless surcoat with underdress

Later styles for women include:

- ✦ Italian Renaissance gowns, fashioned with a short fitted waist and full skirt, and made from rich textured fabrics, elaborately ornate
- ✦ Tudor and Elizabethan gowns, which are similar to Italian Ren in their rich fabric and ornate details

A later period look for men includes jerkins (fitted skirted jackets), doublets (short stiffened bodices), short baggy breeches and hose (made from woven fabric cut on the diagonal).

Both Italian Ren and Tudor/Elizabethan styles can be simplified, achieving a period peasant or lower class look that is perfectly acceptable.

If you want something a little fancier than a T-tunic, but still keep the construction relatively simple, you could try using a commercial pattern. Use caution when selecting your patterns because not all patterns are created equal. They range from being "quite historically accurate" to "bad Halloween costumes". Simplicity, McCall's, Butterick, and Burda all offer some period styles. Ask around at our group meetings — most of us have patterns we are willing to lend to a fellow member.

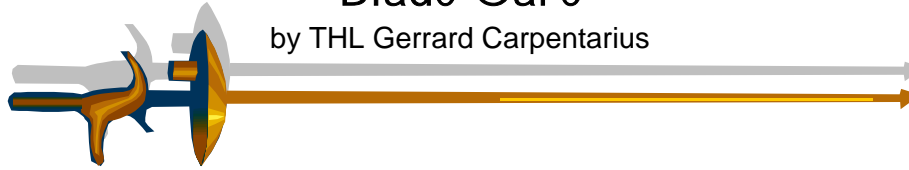
Suitable fabrics include, but are not limited to, linen, linen-blends, lightweight wool, cotton, cotton-blends, and velvets. If you want to look period, its safest and easiest to stick with solid colours (skipping the neons). Remember, fabric doesn't have to come from the fabric store. Sheets, tablecloths, and drapes can make great, inexpensive garb. Look for sales, and shop the thrift stores to save even more.

If desired, embellish your garb with commercial trim, machine or hand embroidery. Belts, pouches, capes, and headwear all add to the look.

Aug the All Knowing

Blade Care

by THL Gerrard Carpentarius



In order to keep your fencing blades in **Prime Condition** here are some simple guidelines that should be **followed every month** (minimal).

1. **Inspect your blades** for “S” curves, cracks, kinks, twists, burrs, nicks, and oxidation.
 - ✦ An “S” curve or twist renders the blade “unusable “!
 - ✦ Kinks that cannot be removed or that recur in the same spot render the blade unusable.
 - ✦ Cracks or weld breaks in the hilt can be re-welded.
2. **Inspect rubber tips** for excessive wear.
Replace any worn or damaged tips.
3. **Tape**
Tape should be contrasting in colour to the blade and tip. Try to avoid 3-layers of taping as this will make a full cleaning of the blade more difficult.

Blade cleaning

Supplies:

- ✦ 4 0000 steel wool
- ✦ 80 grit sandpaper (thick backing); cloth backing works best
- ✦ Cleaning oil such as 10 W 30
- ✦ Sewing machine oil
- ✦ 3 separate (and segregated) wiping rags
- ✦ Good quality “wax”. I prefer **Dubbin Clear silicone wax** (shoe polish)

Full blade cleaning means **removing the tape and tip**.

Remove any burrs with course sandpaper or by using a fine cut file.

Using saturated 4 0000 steel wool (cleaning oil), **polish** the entire length of the blade.
Use the 80 grit sandpaper for any difficult spots.

With the first rag (a segregated rag, used only for wiping), **wipe** down the entire blade.

Using the second segregated rag, **apply sewing machine oil**, wiping down entire blade. Let the oiled blade set for a bit, allowing the oil to penetrate the blade 30 seconds or so.

Using the third segregated cloth, **apply wax** to the entire blade.

Reapply the tip and **re-tape**.

Play safe !! Have fun !!

Submitted by TH Lord Gerrard Carpentarius...

In my diverse effort to " Promote " the " Bardic Arts "
(He He He)

To Filk or not to Filk ? That is the question:

Aleanna of the March

“ Sung to “ Adams Family Theme “

Da da da dum Da da da dum Da da da dum clap clap :

She's pretty and she's kooky.
And sometimes a little spooky.
Her e-mail rhymes with cookie.
She's Aleanna of the March

Da da da dum Da da da dum Da da da dum clap clap :

Her corset makes them pleasen !
Cleavage enough just to see 'em .
Two dollops of ice cream.
She's Aleanna of the March.

Da da da dum Da da da dum Da da da dum clap clap :

(Neat)

(Sweet)

(Petite)

So get cloak or shawl on.
She's someone you can call on.
Wine or ale will get her funk on
She's Aleanna of the March

Da da da dum Da da da dum Da da da dum clap clap

Attendance of Minors at SCA Functions

Duchess Marion FitzWilliam, Kingdom Seneschal, Ealdormere

Events

Minors (under 18 years of age) may only attend SCA events under one of the following two conditions:

One: Minor is accompanied by their legal guardian, and a signed minor waiver is on file at the Gate (or the minor has a blue membership card). The guardian must remain at the event with the minor, and may NOT leave the minor at the event and come back later to pick them up.

or, Two: Minor is accompanied by a designated guardian over the age of 18 and a variety of paperwork completed and signed by their legal guardian. This paperwork includes a complete, signed minor waiver (even if they have a blue membership card) and a complete, signed minor medical waiver, as well as a signed letter from the legal guardian specifically naming the designated guardian for the day. The designated guardian should bring two copies of each of these paperwork items, and file one copy of each with the Gate when they arrive, and carry one copy of each on their person at all times. These paperwork items are required to meet legal and SCA requirements, and MUST be complete and on file before the minor will be

allowed to attend without their legal guardian. The designated guardian must remain at the event with the minor, and may NOT leave the minor at the event and come back later to pick them up.

Situation Two is designed so that an older relative (uncle/aunt, sibling, cousin, etc.) or close family friend can bring a minor (usually a teen) to an event if the parents are not interested in the SCA. This designated guardian needs to be aware, however, that they are responsible for the care and wellbeing of the minor at the event, and for all actions of the minor while they are at the event...just as a parent would be.

Minors who show up and do not meet one or the other of these two conditions outlined above WILL NOT be permitted to attend that SCA event. They will be sent home, and if necessary, a parent may be called to the event site to collect them.

This is ONLY applicable in Ealdormere. For out-of-kingdom events such as Pennsic, you must follow the laws and policies of that kingdom (which in the case of Pennsic is that minors may only be accompanied by their legal guardian or someone with a notarized legal guardianship document).

Emancipated Minors: An emancipated minor would need to produce court or legal documents verifying that they are indeed independent and living on their own. A copy of those documents could be filed at the gate along with the minor waiver, etc. signed by the emancipated minor in lieu of a guardian. The guidelines for emancipated minors do not apply to students at college or university who are living away from home for their studies. Those minors should follow the standard minor event attendance guidelines listed in the first section of this document.

Meetings and Practices

While unaccompanied minors may attend SCA meetings, A&S nights, practices, etc. in any public venue, they absolutely may not attend any function held in a private residence without a parent or legal guardian present.

For meetings, etc. in public venues, it is recommended that a parent or guardian attends at least one meeting to meet the group and discuss the nature and format of the SCA.

If the minor wishes to participate in combat activities without a parent present, contact the Earl Marshal to get the most up-to-date policy information.

Forms

Minor Waivers can be found here: <http://www.sca.org/docs/chldwaiv.pdf>

Minor Medical Waivers can be found here: <http://www.sca.org/docs/treatminor.pdf>

(Editor's note: Printed forms are included in the newsletter for the convenience of those who don't have easy access to a computer and/or printer)

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MINOR'S CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

_____ (hereafter referred to as "the minor")
Print Minor's Legal Name

does hereby state that the minor wishes to participate in activities sponsored by the international organization known as the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation (hereafter "SCA"). The SCA has rules which govern and may restrict the activities in which the minor can participate. These rules include, but are not limited to: Corpora, the By-laws, the various kingdom laws and the Rules for combat related activities. The SCA makes no representations or claims as to the condition or safety of the land, structures or surroundings, whether or not owned, leased, operated or maintained by the SCA.

The minor's parent(s) or guardian(s) understand that all activities are VOLUNTARY and that the minor does not have to participate. It is understood that these activities are potentially dangerous or harmful to the minor's person or property, and that by participating, the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s) voluntarily accepts and assumes the risk of injury to the minor or damage to the minor's property.

It is understood that the SCA does NOT provide any insurance coverage for the minor's person or property; and minor's parent(s) or guardian(s) acknowledge that they are responsible for the minor's safety and the minor's own health care needs, and for the protection of the minor's property.

In exchange for allowing the minor to participate in these SCA activities and events, the minor by and through the undersigned, agrees to release from liability, agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless the SCA, and any SCA agent, officer, or SCA employee acting within the scope of their duties, for any injury to the minor's person or damage to the minor's property.

This Release shall be binding upon the minor, the parent(s) or guardian(s), any successors in interest, and/or any person(s) suing on the minor's behalf.

The minor's parent(s) or guardian(s) understand that this document is complete unto itself and that any oral promises or representations made to them concerning this document and/or its terms are not binding upon the SCA, its officers, agents and/or employees.

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW:

I, the undersigned, state that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose name appears above. I understand that the above terms and conditions apply to said minor and to myself. I further understand that said minor cannot participate under ANY circumstances in armored martial arts, any combat-related activities, combat-archery, or fencing without parental consent where such participation is allowed by kingdom law. The minor will not be able to participate in any SCA activities without entering into this agreement. This document is binding on myself, the said minor and any person suing on behalf of said minor.

Minor's Name (PRINT): _____

Birth date of minor: _____

Home State of minor: _____

Legal Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian

Legal Name (SIGN): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

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MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS

I, _____, the parent of or legal guardian
of _____, a minor, do hereby authorize any one or more of

_____, _____,

or _____, as agents for myself in my absence or incapacitation to consent to any x-ray examination and anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and medical care which is deemed advisable by and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of any hospital whether or not such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the aforesaid agents to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which aforementioned physician in the exercise of his or her best judgment may deem advisable.

I hereby authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the above-named minor to surrender physical custody of such minor to the above-named agents upon the completion of treatment. These authorizations shall remain effective until _____, _____.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Please note any specific health plan or insurance information such as membership or policy numbers on the back of this form. Copies of this form, duly executed, should be in the possession of the named minor; at least one adult named in the document and present at the event; and the parent or guardian executing the Medical Authorization.

The SCA **requires** minor participants (i.e., those having to have waivers) whose parents or legal guardians are not present at the event to have a valid Medical Authorization form. The SCA **recommends** use of the Medical Authorization for all minors whose parents or legal guardians are present.