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Announcements



Greetings from your new Acting Chronicler,

With your assistance, I hope to grow this small, quarterly newsletter into an interesting publication that you can look forward to reading each season.

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

In addition to preparing the newsletter, I would also like to prepare a **March of St. Martin member directory**. For new people, such as me, a directory would be very helpful in learning both SCA and mundane names, and putting faces to all of those names. I would also like to include contact information, individual or family photos (in garb), and a brief blurb about your SCA interests and experiences. For privacy reasons, only the information you agree to have published would be used, and the directory would only be given to our own group members and approved guests. We will talk more about this at upcoming meetings.

I look forward to serving as group Chronicler.

Anne Fairamay (Lynn Smith)

March of St. Martin Calendar Of Events

(items in bold are local events)

DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION
Mar 25, 2006	A Kid in King Edward's Court	Thorold, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
Mar 25, 2006	Clancy Day	Windsor, ON (Shire of Starleaf Gate, Midrealm)
Apr 01, 2006	Eoforwic's Corporal's Course Day 1	Toronto, ON (Canton of Eoforwic)
Apr 01, 2006	Forward into the Past	Kitchener, ON (Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog)
Apr 08, 2006	St. Maximus' Day Market; featuring The Elite Tournament of Renown	Stratford, ON (Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog)
Apr 15, 2006	Northern War College	Kitchener, ON (Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog)
Apr 22, 2006	Coronation	Burford, ON (Barony of Ben Dunfirth)
Apr 29, 2006	Lord Mayor's Market Day	Toronto, ON (Canton of Eoforwic)
May 01, 2006	<i>A.S. XLI begins</i>	
May 05 - 15, 2006	A 40th Year Celebration	Randle, WA (An Tir)
May 06, 2006	East Kingdom Crown Tournament	Valleyfield, QC (Kingdom of the East)
May 06, 2006	Dandelion Festival V	Petawawa, ON (Stronghold of Tor Brant)
May 06, 2006	Eoforwic's Corporal's Course Day 2	Toronto, ON (Canton of Eoforwic)
May 12-14, 2006	Baron Wars IX	Perrysburg, OH (Marche of the Marches)
May 13, 2006	Lady Mary Memorial Tournament	Fort Erie, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
May 19 - 22, 2006	Ragnarok VII	Rockwood, ON (Barony of Ramshaven)
May 20, 2006	Akhbar's Feast of Nations	North Bay, ON (Canton of Flaming Sky)
May 27, 2006	Crown Tourney XVII	Cookstown, ON (Canton of Caer Draeth)
Jun 03, 2006	Pikeman's Pleasure	Millbrook, ON (Canton of Petrea Thule)
Jun 10, 2006	Marshall Meadows: Feast of Love	Winchester, ON (Incipient Canton of Offangaard)
Jun 13 - 18, 2006	Murder Melee in the Meadow XXIII	Waterdown, ON (Barony of Ben Dunfirth)
Jun 23 - 25, 2006	Frothing at the Mouth	Sudbury, ON (Shire of Brennistein Vatn)
Jun 30 - Jul 03, 2006	Trillium War II	Whitby, ON (Canton of Ardcreag)
July 06 - 09, 2006	Warriors and Warlords XIII	Black River Falls, WI (Kingdom of the Middle)
July 08, 2006	Storming of the Gate X	London, ON (Shire of Trinovantia Nova)
July 15, 2006	Baronial Champions Tourney	St. Catharines, ON (Barony of Rising Waters)
July 16, 2006	(Sarnia) Hobbyfest	Centennial Park (March of St. Martin)
Aug 04 -20, 2006	Pennsic XXXV	Cooper's Lake, PA
Sept 01 - 04, 2006	Tournament at Baron's Howe	Bonfield, ON (Barony of Skraeling Althing)
Sept 23, 2006	Coronation	Alvinston, ON (March of St. Martin)

March of St. Martin meetings:

Wednesdays 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's web site and/or newsletter, *The Tidings*. Please refer to www.geocities.com/marchofstmartin or these publications for further information on the events listed.



Arts & Sciences

We decided to try something new with March of St. Martin A&S activities. 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. The inkle loom will also be available for those who might like to give it a try.

A&S Topic/Project of the Month

April is Stitch 'n B** Banner Making Month** – starting April 5th our group will be working on March of St. Martin banners. Please bring sewing scissors.

May is Millinery Madness Month – starting May 3rd we'll explore hat making and head coverings. Bring your ideas, design dilemmas, and basic sewing supplies (scissors, thread, pins, needles, etc.).

June is Jewellery Making Month – starting June 7th we'll try making our own period style jewellery or modifying the modern stuff to suit our purposes. *Perhaps we can even talk one of our own A&S award winning members into demonstrating his casting technique... if he's not too busy fighting.*

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 2).

Speaking of Spring...

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

William Shakespeare (1564 – 1616)

www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/w/williamsha151972.html

Sweet April showers do spring May flowers.

Thomas Tusser (1524 – 1580)

www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/t/thomastuss176204.html

He was as fresh as is the month of May.

Geoffrey Chaucer (1342 - 1400), *The Canterbury Tales*, 1390

www.quotationspage.com/quote/26757.html

On the Cover



Lord Marcus Caiaphas of York provided the shield-shaped March

of St. Martin banner artwork. It was then transformed into an illustration of the new 26" by 36" rectangular banners our group will be making in April.

This Day in History

March 25, 1133 - William the Conqueror orders 1st Domesday Survey of England

March 25, 1306 - Robert the Bruce crowned king of Scotland

March 28, 1496 – Mary Tudor was born

April 15, 1452 - Leonardo da Vinci was born

No Seam Circular Pouch You can make it without sewing!

by Anne Fairamay

This design was inspired in part by a recent conversation I had with an experienced leather craftsman. He suggested that the simplest style of drawstring pouch, one that required no sewing, would be a gathered circle. The bag can be opened flat and laid out to thoroughly examine its contents.

I couldn't find any patterns or instructions for this type of pouch, so I developed my own.



Materials:

- ✿ 12-inch circle of non-fraying fabric such as lightweight leather or felted wool
You can also use a woven fabric to create your own non-fraying fabric circle... but you will have to sew. Cut two 13-inch circles; it helps to reinforce the outer edges with fusible interfacing (positioned for the eyelets); using a ½-inch seam allowance, sew the circles right sides together, leaving a small opening to turn the fabric; slipstitch the opening.
- ✿ 2 pieces of lacing or cord, 40-inches each
- ✿ Optional: 16 metal eyelets (with an opening large enough to thread two strands of the cord or lacing).

Directions:

- ✿ Draw a circle approximately 12-inches in diameter.
- ✿ Mark 16 dots evenly around the circle, approximately ½-inch from the edge.
- ✿ Punch holes where you marked the dots. A hole punch is recommended for leather. A seam ripper, or small sharp scissors do the job of creating a small hole in felted wool.
- ✿ Metal eyelets are recommended, but optional. Follow manufacturer's directions.
- ✿ Thread 2 equal lengths of lacing or cord through the holes/eyelets.

The "I can never find the tool I need" method:
Trace around a large dinner plate or bowl.

The "I can never find the tool I need" method:
Fold the circle in half and pin at the edges on the fold line. Unfold the circle and refold it so the two pins meet. Pin again at the edges on the fold line. Unfold the circle and refold it so that two pins on one side meet two pins on the other side. Repeat with the pinning. Unfold, refold and repeat. You now have 8 pins equally spaced around the circle. Keep folding and pinning, or eyeball it for the remaining 8 pins.

Other options:
Make eyelets using the sewing machine (buttonholes), or sew them by hand.

Drawstring basics:
The knotted ends should be on opposite sides of the circle, and the two strands of lacing/cord drawstring should run together.

To wear the pouch:

- ✿ Grab one drawstring on one side of the bag and the other drawstring on the opposite side.
- ✿ Pull to tighten, adjusting the gathers into loose folds.
- ✿ Loop the drawstrings on your belt.