



Bezant Under Glass

Pennsic Lessons By Isabel Taylor

The Known World can be an intimidating place for newcomers. What I have learned in my short time in the SCA is that, regardless of how well someone tells a story, the best way to learn and grow is through experience. Recently, I've been able to reflect on how much I have been able to learn from attending Pennsic.

At my first Pennsic, I was very unsure about where we, my family and I, fit in. The humble number of people I had gotten to know was dwarfed in comparison to the SCAdians in my camp surroundings. It's human nature to shy away from unfamiliar surroundings and groups of people. Yet, by staying near my own tent, I was condemning myself to be an outsider. When Tuesday's spaghetti dinner rolled around, I found my comfort in my promise to help a friend. As I ladled sauce, I had the opportunity to speak to each person in N18 without the awkwardness of wondering what to talk about. It was simple...meat sauce or vegetarian. After that night, the faces in camp were more familiar and I was not a stranger to them. I figured out that even people who had been around the SCA for a long time could still be shy and need an ice breaker. The lesson I learned: Service and volunteering are an opportunity to get to know people.

After attending Pennsic a second time, the significance of a Household became clearer. The common area of camp is like the living room where we all gather to be together as a family. Just like at a house, there are chores that need to be done to keep our camp clean and ready for guests. When I returned from Pennsic, my home felt empty; as if part of my family was missing. I couldn't wait until the next event to see everyone again.

On the drive to Slippery Rock this year, I reminisced about the Pennsics past and concluded that to me, as it does for many others, Pennsic feels like going home for the holidays. We gather to celebrate, share a wonderful meal, remember those who are no longer with us, sing songs, tell tales of the good ol' days, share what is happening in our lives, and uphold traditions. We even gather around a tree.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me along my journey into the Current Middle Ages. I look forward to many more years of fun and friendship together.

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Project and Gaming Nights

Do you have a project you would like help with? Do you want to help someone with a project? Do you just want to get out of the house for an evening? Well there are 4 Project Nights a month! So come out and join the fun!

- On the 2nd Wednesday of each month a Gaming and Desert Revel will be held at the home of Their Excellencies Vlachus and Una.
- On the 3rd Wednesday of each month Project Night is at the home of Braile and Bella!
- On the 4th Wednesday of each month Project Night will be at the home of Urbain and Beline.
- On the last Monday of each month Eamon and Isabella open up their home for Project Night.

Check the Roaring Wastes web site for locations and information.



Baronial Officers



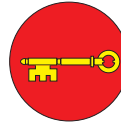
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Attention Archers

· Due to new member rules at the club. We are being asked to lock the gate behind us. If you are planning on going, please email Forester Eamon(lordeamon@aol.com) so he can give you his cell phone numbers in case you arrive and the gates are chained shut. He will come and open the gates for you. Also, due to other Club rules, it is necessary to ask people to pay \$10.00 to shoot.

Canton of Brackendelve



The Canton of Brackendelve holds its meetings the first Thursday of every month (minus August).

Our meetings take place at the UWUA Local 223 Union Hall, 15160 Commerce Drive North, Dearborn. Meetings start at 7:30pm, and all are welcome to come.

From I-75 take Schaefer North to Rotunda. Turn Right on Rotunda. Follow Rotunda to Commerce Drive North, turn right. Address is 15160 North Commerce Drive. The Union hall is the 5th or 6th building on the right.

From I-94 take the Schaefer/Greenfield exit. Follow Schaefer to Greenfield, turn Right onto Greenfield. Continue to Commerce Drive South, turn right. Commerce Drive South will turn into Commerce Drive North after you pass Rotunda. Address is 15160 Commerce Drive North.

Baronial Calendar

Sundays

Archery Practice

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Lincoln Bowmen

Check the Baronial web site for dates

Fight Practice

Summer Sunday Fight Practice

April/May-October

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Norman J Halmich Park

3001 13 Mile Rd. Warren, MI 48092

Tuesday

Fight Practice

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

St.. Charles Church

(November thru April)

The Keep

(May thru October)

Wednesday

First Wednesday

Baronial Meeting

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cana Lutheran Church

Thursday

First Thursday

Brackendelve Canton Meeting

7:30

UWUA Local 223 Union Hall,
15160 Commerce Drive North, Dearborn

Come Visit the Roaring Wastes Website

The baronial website has a new look! Many changes and improvements have been occurring on the baronial website.

Visit the Discussion Forums section. This section is dedicated to news in the barony and the cantons. For general discussions, enter the Feast Hall. For happenings in the Barony or any of the Cantons, go to any of the individual news groups. There is also a section for Events and Demos

We also have a new picture gallery in the making. You can upload or view pictures from events and even artwork!

There is even a place to view our baronial newsletter!

The website can be found at
www.roaringwastes.org

If you haven't registered yet, please do!



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The *Bezant Under Glass* is the official newsletter of the Barony of Roaring Wastes, located in the Metro-Detroit area. The Barony of Roaring Wastes is the third oldest barony in Michigan and is bordered by the Riding of Hawkland Moor and the Barony of Cynnabar.

The Barony of Roaring Wastes consists of one canton: Brackendelve (Downriver area) and one shire: The Shire of Altenburg (Mt. Clemens area).

Email article submissions, artwork, and questions, to chronicler@roaringwastes.org

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Middle Kingdom Events for October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		October 2013					
		4-6...Fields of Cloth of Gold {Barony of Illiton} [Metamora, IL]					
6	5...The Coronation of Cellach and Vukasin at Red Dragon {Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]	8...War of the Wings VIII {Barony of Sacred Stone (Kingdom of Atlantia)} [Boonville, NC]	9-13...Rendezvous at the Bridge XXIV {Shire of Riviere Constelle} [Gentryville, IN]				
		11-13...What in Samhain {Canton of Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]					
13	14...Dragon's Quest II: A Newcomer's Event {Barony of Brendoken} [Dalton, OH]	15...Midrealm Fall Crown Tournament {Barony of Sternfeld} [Noblesville, IN]	16...Ale to the Victors {Canton of Weddake} [Howell, MI]			19	
		26...All Hallows Revel III - Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun {Canton of Lochmorrow} [Glasford, IL]					
20	26...Ealdormere Crown Tournament {March of Saint Martin} [Kingdom of Ealdormere] [Brigden, Ontario]						
27	28	29	30	31			

Middle Kingdom Events for November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
		November 2013					
		2...All souls in Living Memory {Canton of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]					
3	2...Barony of Flaming Gryphon, Baronial Championship {Barony of Flaming Gryphon} [Dayton, OH]	4...Fall Harvest {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Allegan, MI]	5...Royal University of the Midrealm and Aethelmarc Academy {Barony of Cleftlands} [Cleveland, OH]	6-10...Crystal Ball XXX {Barony of the Shattered Crystal} [Highland, IL]			
10	9...Road to Redemption in Santiago de Compostela {Marche of Gwyntarian} [Akron, OH]	11...United Glass Arts Day {Canton of Three Hills} [Kalamazoo, MI]	16...A Grand Day of Tournaments at the Barony of Cynnabar {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI]	16...Fall Bransle {Shire of Rivenvale} [Warren, OH]			
17	18	16...Fighter Symposium {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Byron, IL]	16...Saint Nicholas Toys for Tots {Barony of White Waters} [Plymouth, IN]	23...Midrealm Bardic Madness {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Zeeland, MI]		23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Middle Kingdom Events for December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
December 2013						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7...Christmas Toy Tourney {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY] 7...Winter's Night Feast {The Shire of Afonlyn} [Muncie, IN] 14...Yule Feast {Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr} [Toledo, OH]						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Middle Kingdom Events for January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
January 2014						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4...Pentamere Twelfth Night {Barony of Cynnabar} [Howell, MI] 18...Twelfth Night L'Arte dell'Italia {Canton of Tree Girt Sea} [Chicago, IL] 18...Winter Revel {Shire of Rivenvale} [Youngstown, OH] 18-19...Winter Revel {Canton of Three Walls} [Ionia, MI] 24-26...Festival of Maidens: Ride of the Valkyries {Shire of Wurmwald} [Urbana, IL]						
12	25...A Regular Event in the Ceflands: A Feast at Candlemas Tide	14	15	16	17	18
{Barony of Cleftlands} [Medina, OH]						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	