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Anniversary

Marie Spartali Stillman (1844–1927). The Enchanted Garden of Messer Ansaldo, 1889.

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Notice from the Seneshal: The New permanent meeting place for baronial and A&S meetings is at 1750 Madison Avenue Suite 303. Time: Every Tuesday, 7pm. Please see baronial calendar at the barony's website: <http://www.greyniche.net>. Please note that discussion is being held as to rotating meeting days in order to allow our beloved Baroness to attend meetings, as is right and meet so to do. Business Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, and A&S on other Tuesdays.

The Barony of Grey Niche is located in the greater Memphis, TN area and is part of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann.



German Proverbs

Wisdom

At a round table, every seat is the head place.

Joy and sorrow are today and tomorrow.

Were there no fools, there would be no wise men.

Tis the mind ennobles, not the blood

If you have a favorite proverb, please send to the Chronicler@greyniche.net.

Events

Baronial Curia, January 13, 2016- with processional

Candlemas 2016, February 6 and Regional A&S: A Quest for Knowledge. First United Methodist Church, Millington, TN. This event was again a resounding success, with about 125 people in attendance.

Gulf Wars 2016, had a goodly sized group.

Upcoming: Beltaine 4th Anniversary: April 22-24, 2016 – see later in this issue for more information

Remember that this year's MidSouth RenFaire will be August 20-21 and 27-28, 2016, again at Shelby Farms. Representatives from the Barony are assisting the organizers and it is expected to be double the size as last years.

Demos

February 27, 2016, Annual Blue and Gold Banquet go Webelos and Cub Scout Troup, Advent Presbyterian Church, 1879 N. Germantown Parkway, TN. 11 people from the Barony attended. And the children were very excited and wanted to try on all the armor.



See Jac Corray for full list

Remember, ma peeps, that demos are our friends, chant together now....

Upcoming this Saturday, April 2, 2016, demo at the Down to Earth Festival, Shelby Farms from 8a-4p

Arts and Sciences Meetings

January, February, March there were several meeting of the Greyeaux Tapestry.

February 9th: "How to Make Pins and Other Wire Devices", Evil Kevin (the Chronicler still wants to call him Eeeek but he most kindly goes by E.K.) – most enjoyable class and one that will be repeated by popular demand.

March 8th: "Gulf Wars Prep" -help with last minute GW sewing projects

March 28th: "Dance" led by Leonora Di Vitale as Caedman was unable to lead this time.



Upcoming: Northern Regional Dance Practice, April 30, 2016, Searcy, Arkansas, coordinated by THL Leonora Di Vitale

Miscellaneous

The yearly inventory was completed on January 30th and organized by THL Waffle.

Resources to Check Out This Month

From Countess Heather of Tyson

Bibliocraft: The Modern Crafter's Guide to using library resources to jumpstart creative projects by Jessica Pigza. Wonderful source for learning how to use the library for your research. Currently found at the Germantown Public Library in hardback. Also available on Kindle.

Forknplate.com website is a free, cooking learning/teaching site for foodies.



From Uffa Cynnewulf, having interviewed Duke Sir Kane for source material.

Norwegian Proverb

Heroism

Consists of hanging around one minute longer

This article by Evil Kevin is very timely given the experience of GulfNado at Gulf Wars this last month.

SCA Camping Life with a CPAP.

By Hrafn Knútsson

Having a CPAP means that you have to be concerned with powering the unit. It is not possible to have an electrical outlet at every event but we still can manage to bring our own power. First, I suggest that you be patient and shop the sales for the items I will be discussing. Harbor Freight has been a good friend in finding many of the parts, I'll use (HF) to denote items I have found there. You will also need to use good power conservation, use it for what you really need.

First you need to determine your power needs. Every electrical item in the USA has a label that states the Volts and Current requirements for it. The volts may say 100-200 volts at 50-60hz: this means 110 volts that we use in our houses. It will also have a current listed with A for amps or a mA for micro- amps, round mA up. Power is measured in Watts, most likely it is not listed, but we can calculate it if we know the Volts and Current. The formula for power is Volts * Current = Power. So my CPAP uses 1.70 A with the house volts, $110 * 1.70 = 187$ Watts. You need to figure each item you will have plugged in at the same time, figure each power need; then add up all the power needs. So two CPAP for me would be 374 Watts needed.

You must have an Inverter and a Deep Cycle Marine battery. These two things are really all you must have to make it work but a few extra's makes it better.

The inverter is rated with continuous Watts and Peak Watts. You don't want it too big as you will drain the battery needlessly. So I chose a 400 Watts Continuous with an 800 Watts Peak inverter (HF) for my two CPAP use. It has battery clamps that clip directly to my Battery. I would suggest that you have a second inverter on hand in case you break one. Inverters can short out, you are camping and if it gets wet you must dry it out really good before using it. Check to see what fuses it takes and have spares as well. The inverter takes a minute or two to ramp up after being turned on, so be patient.

The other must have is a Deep Cycle Marine battery. I got mine from Bass Pro Shop during a sale. I went with a DCM 175, mid-sized for what is available. With good conservation I use it about three days before a charge is needed. I also suggest that you get a battery case with a lid, the lid is designed to be on with the inverter connected. The case prevents accidentally

touching the posts, keeps water from the connectors and contains battery acid should it happen to leak. A gel cell battery is available but they are two to three times the cost.

I highly recommend you have a car battery charger. Do not rely on the site to have a charger-- they may not or it may be in use when you need it if they have one. Charge the battery before you go and have the charger on hand in case you find the battery drained at the event. Get a good one, such as a 10/2/50 Amp, this has three settings the higher will recharge the battery faster. The 2 amp trickle charge will takes days to recharge the battery. A voltmeter is good to have as well to check the battery level, a good charger has one built in.

As I said that's what is really needed but if you want to have an extended stay and be off grid because the site has no power at all. Then you can get a 45 Watt Solar Power Kit (HF), it's about \$200 but goes on sale a few times a year for around \$140. It has instruction on the set up, but still need the above items. In the morning you take the inverter off and connect the solar charger on to the battery.

Well this will get you started. The inverter, battery, and charger will cost around \$250. So shop the sales and get on the mailing lists for the sale fliers. When you consider what a motel costs for that one-time stay, you can have a system on hand from that point on for about the same cost. I also have a few hand tools such as pliers, screw drivers, and a battery terminal brush.

Submitted February 2016



**Barony of Grey Niche Presents:
Beltaine: "Honoring Heroes"**

April 22-24, 2016

Piersol Group Camp, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park
910 Riddick Road, Millington, TN 38053

Please join us for a day of honoring heroes! Honoring in song, story, arts, games, and on the Field of Honor. In addition to the Silver Torc Tournament (the longest running tournament in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann) there will be an A&S contest, Archery and Rapier tournaments, and so much more, concluding with a fit for all the heroes in attendance and a Heroes Ball!

The site opens at 5:00 on Friday April 22, and closes at 10:00 AM on Sunday April 24!

Registration:	On Board	Off Board
Adult Member Registration Weekend	20	15
Adult Registration Weekend	25	20
Child Registration Weekend	10	5
Adult Member Registration Daytrip	14	10
Adult Registration: Day Trip	19	14
Child Registration: Daytrip	8	4

Only cash will be accepted at door.

Children 6 and under are free (with no bed or feast). Child price is for under 12 years of age.

This is a discretely wet site (no original containers - pack out your empties)

Merchants must speak with Park Authorities for fee information.

Early bird discount, subtract \$2.00 by April 1st.

In accordance with Kingdom Law, no family shall pay to register an amount greater than three (3) adult member prices for admission to an event as long as they are all members. All family members must show proof of membership. This does include tenting, feast, and bed spaces for more than those covered by the three (3) paid adult member prices. Family is defined as One (1) or Two (2) custodial adults, plus legal dependents age 17 and under. Proof of immediate family relations and age may be required.

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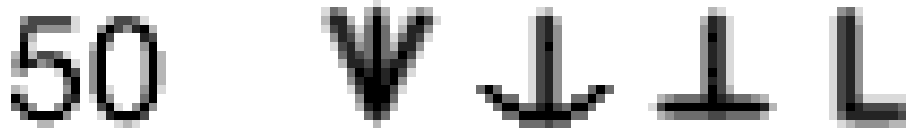
Make Checks Payable to: SCA-TN Inc, Barony of Grey Niche

Reservationist:

Giacomo Falcone (mka-James Baker)
Phone: (901) 826-2448 (no calls after 9pm)
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- Pay-pal is accepted for reservations only. Cash only at the event site.

Directions to Site: Take your best route to the corner of HWY. 51 and North Watkins St, just north of Memphis. Take North Watkins approximately 6 miles north until it ends at a T intersection. Turn left onto Locke Cuba Road and go about one mile to a stop sign. Turn Right at the stop sign onto Bluff Road. Go about half a mile and turn left into the park entrance. Take the first right, immediately past the visitor's center and then the first left. Follow this to the Piersol Group Camp. SCA Signs will be posted.




Call for contributions

Please send your artwork, art documentation, photographs (with modeling permission to publish), stories, poems, puns (we will redact saucy ones, unfortunately, but would love to have them anyway), filk songs, tall tales, anecdotes from events (please!), puzzles, how-to videos (again please supply copyright and source as we can only refer to links when there are copyright issues), handouts (ditto), maps, or anything your heart desires for *The Clouded Issue* to chronicler@greyniche.net. Please send citation of where you found information, if at all possible. Most sincerely, your Chronicler.

Upcoming Chronicler Projects

For the many bibliophiles out there, I would also like to publish a list of member's favorite resources, online or in or out of print. Please send these to me at chronicler address mentioned above OR by facebook message. I will be glad to share this also with such offices as A&S, Youth Marshall, Knight Marshall, etc....

Editorial note



On a similar note, your lowly chronicler, moi, would like to acknowledge the many talents in this group. I would like to print a list of such skills that each member has – or interests. Thou dost not have to be a knowne worlde expert, either! (I know, I know, I am mixing languages) While most of us know who is expert in, say, rapier fighting or wool dyeing, for those just moving to the area or new to the SCA, it might be nice to see such a list. And it also doesn't have to be comprehensive—as we all are continually growing or changing interests.

YIS, THL Rhiadain n'a Rind-Ailue

Advertisements

This chronicler will have to confirm if appropriate, but would like to do advertisements for local SCA merchants.

Finnish Proverb

Let us sing the old songs

When the new ones

Have all been sung

For more information, please see the official Barony of Grey Niche website at:

<http://greyniche.net/>

