

The Whetstone

News from Curia

There is going to be a demo after Gulf Wars with the possibility of lots of mundanes and press. Everyone needs to remember to haul out their best garb and gear. However, **DO NOT** bring any live weapons (even if they are just pretties) because this will be at a public high school. The Warlord Tourney will be held at the demo. If you'd like to hold a class, please contact Lord Iastreba pronto. There will be classroom space available in the high school itself.

It was decided that bidding for Spring Crown List will be automatic each year.

Black Gryphon

Mother Nature decided to collaborate with us this year on Black Gryphon's Russian theme. By Saturday morning, the winter weather was already preventing some of those who were planning on day tripping to arrive. However, there were still plenty of gentles at our event.

The classes all got rave reviews and ranged a variety of topics. I can personally give a

thumbs up to Magistra Rosemounde's History of Russia, Mistress Eleanor's History of Underwear, and Lady Francesca's Embroidery class.

After classes were over, the Montoni theater group performed a delightful comedy. Not only did they manage to convert our classroom space into a theater in record time, they also gave a lovely, laughter filled performance.

Magistra Rosemounde filled in for Baroness Godelind during court because the Russian snows prevented her appearance at court. The arts and science entry was Raspberries in Vodka made by Kristiana. The judges both enjoyed the entry thoroughly and Kristiana was awarded a book for her efforts.

The feast prepared by THL Aaron Hawksmoore & THL James DeLyon got rave reviews. There have been multiple requests for recipes from the feast. Past Times with Good Company entertained us all during feast and then there was an impromptu storytelling contest after everyone had eaten their fill.

All in all, it was another successful Thor's Mountain event.

Recipe of the Month

Ipcoras, adapted from *Savoring the Past* by Barbara Wheaton, by Magistra Rosemounde of Mercia

With winter howling at the door, a nice hot beverage can take the

*chill
out of that drafty castle. Here is a
simple recipe for a French
version
of Ipcoras, a red spiced wine.*

*6 cups dry red wine, such as
Merlot or Burgundy
2 ounces fresh gingerroot, peeled
and sliced thin
1 Tablespoon whole cloves
2 ounces cinnamon sticks, broken
up
1 Tablespoon whole white
cardamom pods, slightly crushed
3 cups granulated sugar*

*Put all ingredients in a stainless
steel or enamel pot and heat over
medium-low heat without boiling,
for about 15 minutes, stirring to
dissolve sugar. Strain through a
fine sieve to remove spices.
Store in air airtight container
until ready to serve. May be
served
warm, room temperature, or
slightly chilled.*

Joelisms from February

*Everyone was using the porch because
no one wanted to go across the Frozen
Steppes. - Rosemounde*

*You're making that up. - Mistolav
Read it and weep. - Iastreb
Dude, I'm Hessian. - Mistolav*

What kind of beef is frisky? - Ana

I'd help, but I'm wearing velvet. - Will

I don't know what they did to that bird,

*but it was illegal in Kentucky
and parts of Georgia. - Will*

*The Thor's Mountain fighters... most of
them are Laurels. - Juan*

*You're incognito! - Rhiannon
It's one of my many privileges, I'm
awake, but the belt's in bed.
- Hank*

The Pelican Death Croak. - Mistolav

*If I had the patent on the toothbrush that
could reach back and brush
this hangover away, I'd be making that
'3M Post-It Note' kind of
money. - Francesca*

*Roan, your 'fetus' is sweating. -
Francesca*

*Mom, My apprentice brother can't
scramble eggs and carry on a
conversation at the same time.
Didn't you give him an IQ test before
belting him? - Francesca
Have you seen how big he is? Can YOU
lift 60 pounds? NO! I don't
think so! - Roz*

*The Roz Emphatic! It's a new language.
- Catherine*

*The thaw is coming! Let's get out of
here. - Anon.*

*The evil but anal apprentices with
warped senses of humor. - Catherine*

Don't call me 'Sir.' I fence. - Charles

*Why do you have a pocket full of
screws? - Iastreb*

*Because I took a bookcase apart. -
Charles*

You've had a Pelican usurpation. - Zig

Peers are like Legos. Sometimes the colors are different, sometimes the holes are different, but they're all Legos. - Francesca

Sometimes you have to take them apart with your teeth. - Piotr

And if the holes don't fit you can always take a hammer to them. - Francesca

You have a green belt. They'll expect anything out of you. - Catherine

It's a period fake. - Francesca

There'll have to be a smoke break between classes. - Zig

My ulcers would crawl out the top of my throat and beat me about the head and shoulders. - Iastreb

Calamari frittatas. Squid pancakes. - Zig
Destroyed two psyches in one sentence. - Zig

Historical Excerpt

(note: this passage is taken verbatim from a book titled

“Early English Meals and Manners: John Russell’ s Boke of Nurture, Wynkyn de Worde’ s Boke of Keruyng, The Boke of Curtasye, B. Weste’ s Booke of Demeanor, Seager’ s Schoole of Vertue, The Babees Book, Arstotle’ s A B C, Urbanitatis, Stans Puer ad Mensam, The Lytylle Children’ s Lytil Boke, for to serve a Lord, Oly Symon, The Bbirched School-Boy, &t, &t.,

with some forewords on Education in Early England” edited by Frederick J. Furnivall in 1868 (reprinted 1894). Spellings are as in the original.) contributed by Jerusha.

The Ladies and Men of Queen Elizabeth’ s Court



“I might here (if I would, or had sufficient disposition of matter conceiued of the same) make a large discourse of such honorable ports, of such graue cuncellors, and noble personages, as giue their dailie attendance vpon the quéenes maiestie there. I could in like sort set foorth a singular commendation of the vertuous beautie, of beautifull vertues of such ladies and gentlewomen as wait vpon hir person, betweene whose amiable countenances and costlinesse of attire, there séemeth to be such a dailie conflict and contention, as that it is verie difficult for me to gesse, whether of the twaine shall beare awaie the preheminance. This further is not to be omitted, to the singular commendation of both sorts and sexes of our courtiers here in England, that there are verie few of them, which haue not the vse and skill of sundrie speeches, beside an excellent

veine of writing before time not regarded. Would to God the rest of their liues and conuersations were correspondent to these gifts ! for as our common courtiers (for the most part) are the best lerned and indued with excellent gifts, so are manie of them the worst men when they come abroad, that anie man shall either heare or read of. Trulie it is a rare thing with vs now, to heare of a courtier which hath but his owne language. And to saie how many gentlewomen and ladies there are, that beside sound knowledge of the Gréeke and Latine toongs, are thereto no lesse skilfull in the Spanish, Italian, and French, or in some one of them, it resteth not in me: sith I am persuaded, that as the noble men and gentlemen doo surmount in this behalfe, so these come verie little or nothing at all behind them for their parts; which industrie God continue, and accomplish that which otherwise is wanting!

“Beside these things I could in like sort set downe the waies and meanes, wherby our ancient ladies of the court doo shun and auoid idlenesse, some of them exercising their fingers with the needle, other in caulworke, diuerse in spinning of silke, some in continuall reading either of the holie scriptures, or histories of our owne or forren nations about vs, and

diuerse in writing volumes of their owne, or translating of other mens into our English and Latine toong, whilst the youngest sort in the meane time applie their lutes, citharnes, prickesong, and all king of musike, which they use onlie for recreation sake, when they haue leisure, and are frée from attendance vpon the quéenes maiestie, or such as they belong vnto. How manie of the eldest sort are skillfull in surgerie and distillation of waters, beside sundrie other artificall practises pertaining to the ornature and commendations of their bodies, I might (if I listed to deale further in this behalfe) easilie declare, but I passe ouer such maner of dealing, lest I should séeme to glauer, and currie fauour with some of them. Neuerthelessse this I will generallie saie of them all, that as ech of them are cunning in something wherby they kéepe themselues occupied in the court, so there is in maner none of them, but when they be at home, can helpe to supplie the ordinarie want of the kitchen with a number of delicat dishes of their owne deuising, wherein the Portingall is their chéefe counsellor, as some of them are most commonlie with the clearke of the kitchen, who vseth (by a tricke taken vp of late) to giue in a bréefe rehersall of such and

so manie dishes as are to come in at euerie course throughout the whole seruice in the dinner or supper while: which bill some doo call a memoriall, other a billet, but some a fillet, bicause such are commonlie hanged on the file, and kept by the ladie or gentlewoman unto some other purpose. But whither am I digressed?"

W. Harrison, in *Holinshed's Chronicles*, vol I, p. 196; ed. 1586.

March 2006

7 - Business Meeting @ UC, 7pm.
 9- PTWGC @ 7:30 pm @ Alysea's
 12 -Fighter and Rapier Practice in Garb @ Victor Ashe Park 1:00 - 4:00pm
 12 -19 Gulf Wars
 19- Fighter and Rapier Practice @ Victor Ashe Park 1:00 - 4:00pm.
 23 - PTWGC @ 7:30 pm @ Alysea's
 25 - Demo at Heritage High School 10am - 5pm. - Warlord Tourney @ Demo starting at 3pm.
 30 - PTWGC @ 7:30 pm @ Alysea's

April 2006

2 - Fighter and Rapier Practice @ Victor Ashe Park 1:00 - 4:00pm.
 4 - Business Meeting @ UC, 7pm.
 6 - PTWGC @ 7:30 pm @ Alysea's
 8 - Rossini Festival
 9 - Fighter and Rapier Practice in Garb @ Victor Ashe Park 1:00 - 4:00pm.
 11 - Scrollerly, 6:30pm @ Elizabeth's
 16 - Fighter and Rapier Practice @ Victor Ashe Park 1:00 - 4:00pm.
 20 - PTWGC @ 7:30 pm @ Alysea's
 22 - 12 noon Dance @ Iastreb's.

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