



At Branches Reach

The End of (another) Era

TRM Rurik and Angelik have stepped down and crowned their successors, Duncan and Ilish. As always at the end of a reign, many awards were given. Among those to receive awards were the following shire members:

Meg the Mad was made a Companion of the Golden Alce at Summer's End in the Canton of Beau Fleuve on September 8th

Rouland of Willowbrooke was the winner in Division 2 (ages 10 -13) of the Youth Combat Tournament at Coronation.

You like me, you really like me!

At Branches Reach and it's Chronicler, Lady Meg the Mad, were winners of Aethelmearc's Sylvan Quill and received a nomination for the William Blackfox Award in the category of - Best Electronic Layout and Design for a newsletter.

A thank you from your Chronicler

For the last two-ish years, I have served as Captain of Fence and Chronicler for the Shire. I want to thank everyone who participated for making it fun for me.

Special thanks to:

Yvianne for being Webmistress and for always being there when I needed something to put in the newsletter.

Thorgrim for being our seneschal and keeping things running smoothly.

Aengus for his wonderful sense of humor.

Thank you to the populace for always putting up with late newsletters, misinformation and missing information... and missing newsletters...

I had a great time and Sunderoak will always have a place in my heart, but real life issues (school and gas mostly) are getting in the way of doing my duties. I look forward to staying in touch with all of you and if there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you all,
Lady Meg the Mad!!!

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September 2007

Special points of interest:

- Shire member receive awards
- Shire newsletter nominated for Blackfox
- Several Shire offices are empty

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The Battle of the Thirty pictures printed in last month's

newsletter were taken by Lord Duncan MacAengus of Skye



The fire bug hits Pennsic

Shown below is a shocking example of what the members of the Duck Pond encampment at Pennsic 36 had to deal with. The Fire Bug, also known as Lord Stef, also known as Pyro, attacked the camp furniture and burned it.

Well, most of it... The fire was so hot, it caused a 1/2" thick piece of wrought iron (seen at the bottom of the picture) to bend.

And that wasn't the worst of it...

Dinner that night was to be a 16 pound pork rib roast.

Big Aengus is still waiting for his chest hair to grow back.

Lord Stef got his, though, when the two camp

monkeys were given water guns to attempt to put out the fire. They failed.

They did, however managed to sufficiently cool the Pyro down enough that the fire eventually went out. (see picture on next page)

We're just glad that the roast was delicious, and no tents were melted in the heat of the blaze.

— Meg the Mad!!!



Stefan's Florilegium Files

A Blending of the Past and Present

Over the past sixteen years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a series of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: <http://www.florilegium.org>

I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. Contact me for more details.

I am also interested in volunteers who might be interested in helping me maintain the Florilegium. Everything from collecting materials, editing and web work is needed. Again, please contact me for more details.

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Here are the new files for this month:

In the ANIMALS section:

medieval-dogs-art "Introduction to Dogs in Our Period" by Pavla de la Satu Mare.

In the FEASTS section:

servng-drinks-msg Serving drinks and beverages at SCA feasts.

In the LIFE-STEPS section:

widows-msg Widows and widowers in the Middle Ages.

In the PLANTS, HERBS AND SPICES section:

olive-oil-msg Olive oil in period. Uses. Processing.

Scentd-Oils-W-art "Making Medieval Style Scented Oils & Waters" by Jadwiga Zajczkova.

Here are some of the updated files.

bag-cooking-msg Using plastic bags to warm pre-cooked foods at SCA events.

chestnuts-msg Medieval harvesting and use of chestnuts. Roasting. Recipes.

child-wagons-msg Wagons for hauling children at events.

decadence-msg Decadent SCA camp sites.

larding-msg Inserting fat into meat in period and today.

meat-aging-msg The aging of meat to tenderize it in period and today.

mint-msg The growing and use of mint in period.

molded-foods-msg Period and modern molded foods. Molds.

Pennsic-water-msg Dealing with the Pennsic drinking water.

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attacked by
Kaylan and
Michaela Coriale
in an attempt to
get him to let
the fire go out..
(See previous
page for story)



Meeting Notes

Our new seneschal will be chosen this month. Thank you to our outgoing seneschal, Lord Thorgrim and Good Luck to our incoming seneschal—either Sir Aengus or Lady Constance.

The following offices are vacant or will be soon:

Exchequer

Deputy Seneschal

Captain of Fence

Chronicler

Please submit letters of intent to the new seneschal or any other officer.

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Chronicler—Vacant

Captain of Archers—Vacant

Minister of Lists—Vacant





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