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Cleftlands News Online During Quarantine Times - 5/24/2020

SCA News & Events

Royal Court of King Felix & Queen Madeleina May 23 - Watch Cleftlands alum Count Alaric le Fevre become Count of the Northern Shore - <https://youtu.be/2byLmwVV9Nk>

Baronial News - Watch Wednesday's Court here: <https://youtu.be/GlzmTTPgWN4>

- From the virtual meeting held May 20. The next virtual meeting will be held June 3.
- Welcome to THL Brangwayn Snowden as the new Baronial Webminister, and THL Sara Bossard as Quartermaster.
- Two officer positions are open! Please consider applying - we need your help! Apply here: <http://www.cleftlands.org/officer-application/>
 - Iron Key - Collects and manages Baronial loaner armor & gear
 - Social Media Officer - Oversees the Baronial social media accounts and makes posts.
- The Youth Minister position will also soon be available, as Lady Zofia steps down in the near future.
- THL Jolicia is looking for a deputy for her position as Chronicler. Contact her for information.
- A virtual Baronial Court will be held June 13. Please submit Baronial-level award recommendations!
- Don't forget to submit your favorite NOWM memories to clariciadm@gmail.com for our upcoming NOWM special feature!
- Reminder that with the Midrealm's change to not requiring membership, all fighters have to submit an individual waiver in order for their authorizations and martial status to be valid. Look yourself up in the Midrealm Authorization Database (The Midrealm's Martial Authorizations) and it gives your waiver status in the upper right hand corner.

To send in the waiver, you can get the form at <https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/rapier/> (the "Consent to Participate" file at the bottom of the page). I don't know why this isn't on the Heavy martial page - but it's the same form for both, so you don't need to worry about that. It gets sent to the clerk of the roster (rosterclerk@midrealm.org)

- The Earl Martial has started hosting a weekly informational meeting open to all martials. The invite is available from the Midrealm Martials Facebook group: Midrealm Marshals Page.

Event Updates -

Ragnarok Rampage (July 10-12) has been moved to a virtual event.

Push for Pennsic (July 10-12) has been cancelled.

Fun Videos - (Down to the last 2 Kingdoms left to submit their dance-off video!)

- Northshield has a lot to shout about in their #SCAdanceoff video - <https://youtu.be/Ssa-3n6npls>
- A compilation of all the #SCAdance videos so far - <https://youtu.be/SIMsW3eROws>
- Avacal is glowing it up - <https://youtu.be/YsqGILrdM3k>
- Red Spears and Cynnabar do their own #GlowUp (starting with a familiar face) - <https://www.facebook.com/cara.kern.3/videos/3282071078472047/>
- Drachenwald sends one out to the women of the SCA - https://youtu.be/MZW965_0phA
- Outlands celebrates their Dancing Queens - <https://youtu.be/O3CKn8sL4nw>

News from SCA Corporate -

- Lis Schraer (Baroness Elasaith ingen Diarmata, OP) has been selected as Society Seneschal-Elect. <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-society-seneschal-elect/>
- Bonny Stringer (Mistress Marcel Orillion, OP) has been selected as Society Exchequer-Elect. <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-society-exchequer-elect/>
- SCA At Home Highlights #8 - <https://www.sca.org/news/scaathome-highlights-8/>

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From the Minister of Arts & Sciences -

Don't forget the May Scribal Challenge is due this Wednesday May 27! May is the Scribal challenge: a blank scroll by a novice scribe. The first novice response to the challenge has been posted: Ragna completed a blank, and posted it on the FB page.



Please continue to check out the calendar for Royal University of the Midrealm classes and those from other kingdoms, made available in the Ethereal realm. Info about RUM classes can be found on the Baronial website's calendar.

Calum is hosting Virtual Armourer's Guild meetings every Thursday. Miriana will be hosting a Virtual Needleworkers meeting next May 26. Info for both can be found as events on the Baronial FB page or on the Baronial website's calendar.

No Kingdom A&S Faire, but there will be a A&S Artisans Meet-up. You need to register to receive feedback by 23-May: this Saturday. You can also register to provide feedback. Collaboration emails linking the two will be sent out by June 1.

12-Sept at Harvest Days there will be a Tournament of the Arts (Chivalry, Defense, and Greenwood Company). More information should be available later.

Virtual Classes for the Week of May 24 through May 31 - <https://www.facebook.com/royaluniversityofthemidrealm/>

- **May 24 2pm EST - The Courtier: Application to the SCA** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/893959857736038/>
- **May 24 7pm EST - Demystifying Safavid Women's Headwear** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2259768944331226/>
- **May 25 7pm EST - Monday with Mathildis: Black Hours Illumination** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/704311643657766/>
- **May 26 7pm EST - How in the World Do You Sew Pants** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1096495760707023/>
- **May 27 7pm EST - Assembling a 14th Century Soft Kit** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/238819790724934/>
- **May 28 8:15pm EST - Irish Pronunciation for Heralds and Bards** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2623286661216291/>
- **May 29 7pm EST - Paternosters: A Visual History of Period Prayer** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1400829513457077/>
- **May 30 3:30pm EST - Witchcraft in Medieval Byzantium** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2509438949156160/>
- **May 31 3pm EST - Music Production, Recording Equipment & Sound Equipment** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/548339052548520/>

This Week in History

May 25 240 BC – First recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet.

May 26 735 - Bede, English monk and historian, dies.

May 27 1199 - John crowned King of England.

May 28 1588 - The Spanish Armada (130 ships and 30,000 men) sets sail from Lisbon heading for England.

May 29 1452 - Byzantine Empire ends when Ottoman armies under Sultan Mehmed II capture Constantinople.

May 30 1431 - Joan of Arc is burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

May 31 1223 - The Mongol armies of Genghis Khan (led by Subutai) defeat the Kievan Rus at Kalka River.

Tips for the Combat & Ranged Arts

Archery: Don't forget about the May challenge!

<https://www.facebook.com/Midrealm-Online-Archery-Dart-Challenge-103331661374255/>

Armored: Duke Eik's Polearm Video #13 Close to Extended Range Attacks Kata:

https://youtu.be/XcaAbk2g_eA

Call for Content

Send in your favorite NOWM memories!!! Give us something to be happy about.

We want to make sure there's a central place to get information and see posts that might get buried, or resources that might not be shared.

If you have info to share - an upcoming virtual gathering, activity ideas, or a great website, please contact me: clariciadlm@gmail.com.

Thank you and stay well!

5 Questions for Cleftlanders - Meet the Champions Lady Jaqueline la Deiciere (mka Cortnee Gaj), Baronial Fencing Champion (she/her)

What are your two main activities in the SCA?
A&S and Fencing.

How long have you been in the SCA?
Going on about three years now.

Name an SCA activity you've always wanted to try.
Too many, but I would love to try metal work, silver work, wood working!

What famous historical figure from period would you most like to have dinner with?

Julie d'Aubigny. She is past period, but was woman who left fire in her wake! Master fencer, well known opera singer, collector of many lovers, both male and female. At one time she burned down a nunnery just to get her girlfriend out.

How do you define courtesy?

How one reflects their respect towards others.



Crafting in Quarantine - Tips for Beginning Illuminators

By Master Sorcha Fraser, Dragon Signet for the Middle Kingdom

So you want to be an illuminator. We're lucky, because here in the Middle Kingdom, the scribal arts are very flexible. You don't already have to be an artist, you don't have to take any special classes; if you want to do illumination, get the supplies and start doing it.

What supplies? Well, there are a lot of different materials and resources out there and everyone has their own opinion on what's good, but here are some very basic tips:

Paper:

~Strathmore Bristol. This can be found at any art supply store. It's a good paper because it's easy to find and can take paint and ink fairly well. One disadvantage is that it's hard to fix mistakes; the paper does not scrape very well.

~Pergamenata. This can be found online at retailers like John Neal and Paper & Ink Arts. It's a good paper because it's easy to fix mistakes. Always buy the heavy-weight. One disadvantage is that skin oils can affect how the paper takes paint, so you need to be careful.

Paint:

~Windsor & Newton Gouache. This is a good standard and can be found at any art supply store and online retailers.

~Reeves. This is a cheaper option and not quite as good as Windsor & Newton, but can be great for beginners.

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Virtual Resources - Great Courses for Free!

Thank you to Mistress Aldermoureis Ventzke

Have a Cuyahoga County Library card? Have one or get one and you can tap into the Great Courses series for free! Go to <https://cuyahogalibrary.kanopy.com/> or <http://cpl.kanopy.com/> then follow the prompts. If you don't have a card, you can apply for one online.

A History of Eastern Europe

A History of India

Famous Romans

Food: A Cultural Culinary History

Foundations of Eastern Civilization

How to Read and Understand Shakespeare

Living History: Experiencing Great Events of the Ancient and Medieval Worlds

Renaissance: The Transformation of the West

Some of the courses include a booklet that is also downloadable from the Kanopy web site.

Story of Medieval England: From King Arthur to the Tudor Conquest

The Barbarian Empires of the Steppes

The Black Death: The World's Most Devastating Plague

The Cathedral

The Celtic World

The Great Tours: Experiencing Medieval Europe

The Great Works of Sacred Music

The History and Achievements of the Islamic Golden Age

The History of Spain: Land on a Crossroad

The Irish Identity: Independence, History, and Literature

The Ottoman Empire

The Rise of Rome

The Roman Empire

The World's Greatest Churches

Turning Points in Middle Eastern History

Understanding Imperial China

Kanopy has a limit of 50 "credit" movies per month. The Great Course ones are not counted in the 50. Which means that you can spend those 50 credits watching fluffy entertainment after you have taken your brain cells for a stretch!

Medieval Poets Celebrated Spring in Verse

By THL Jolicia atte Northclyfe

Spring has inspired poets and songwriters for centuries. The poetry genre called *reverdie*, or "re-greening," is devoted to poetry and dance songs celebrating the arrival of spring. *Reverdie*s are an outgrowth of the troubadour ballads of the early Middle Ages. Many medieval love poems in the courtly love tradition begin with a *reverdie*, equating the speaker's passionate love with joy in nature's renewal.

Sumer is icumen in, which is often sung as a round in the SCA, is an example of a *reverdie*. *Lenten ys come with love to toune*, and the prologue to Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, are further examples.

On the next page are English translations of these poems, along with Shakespeare's *Sonnet 98*, which also references spring. If these poems inspire you, write your own *reverdie* and post it or send it in for the next newsletter.

SOURCES

http://medieval_literature.enacademic.com/492/reverdie

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverdie>

<http://www.luminarium.org/medlit/medlyric/lenten.php>

https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/sonnets/sonnet_98/

Medieval Poets Celebrated Spring in Verse - continued

Sumer is icumen in

Summer has arrived,
Loudly sing, cuckoo!
The seed is growing
And the meadow is blooming,
And the wood is coming into leaf now,
Sing, cuckoo!

The ewe is bleating after her lamb,
The cow is lowing after her calf;
The bullock is prancing,
The stag cavorting
Sing merrily, cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo,
You sing well, cuckoo,
Never stop now.

Sing, cuckoo, now; sing, cuckoo;
Sing, cuckoo; sing, cuckoo, now!

Lenten ys come with love to toune (first stanza)

Spring has come with love to town,
With blossoms and with birds' rounds, o
Which all this bliss bringeth;
Daisies in these dales,
Notes sweet of nightingales;
Each fowl a song singeth.
The threstlecock he scoldeth aye;
Away is their winter woe,
When woodruff springeth.
These fowls singeth fairly much,
And look back on their winter weal, o
So that all the wood ringeth

Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales

When April with its sweet-smelling showers
Has pierced the drought of March to the root, And bathed
every vein (of the plants) in such liquid
By which power the flower is created;
By which the West Wind also with its sweet breath,
In every wood and field has breathed life into
The tender new leaves, and the young sun
Has run half its course in Aries,
And small fowls make melody,
Those that sleep all the night with open eyes
(So Nature incites them in their hearts),
Then folk long to go on pilgrimages,
And professional pilgrims to seek foreign shores,

Sonnet 98 by William Shakespeare

From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laughed and leapt with him.
Yet nor the lays of birds, nor the sweet smell
Of different flow'rs in odor and in hue,
Could make me any summer's story tell,
Or from their proud lap pluck them where they grew.
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;
They were but sweet, but figures of delight,
Drawn after you, you pattern of all those.
Yet seemed it winter still, and, you away,
As with your shadow I with these did play.

Tips for Beginning Illuminators - continued

Other Materials:

You will of course need brushes. Get at least one for fine line work and one that you can use for slightly larger spaces. Have a little saucer or cup for holding water. You may also want to get a paint tray for holding small amounts of several different kinds of paint; paint stores very well and just needs to be reconstituted with a tiny bit of water.

Resources:

If you are looking for images and inspiration online, a couple of good sites are the British Library and the Morgan Library. You can also use Google to help you out, if you just want to see what's out there; use search terms like "12th century French illumination". Just be careful that the images that you find with Google are actually relevant to the time period you're looking for.

There are also any number of print books you can buy to grow your collection, depending on what your interests are. The Bible of Illuminated Letters-Margaret Morgan, for example, is a great book and should be readily available at online retailers.

Perhaps most important, have fun. Talk to people for ideas and constructive criticism. Don't ever let anyone discourage you.