



The newsletter of the Cleftlands, Vol. 4: Issue 17, July, 2001

## Barony Marches Forth to War

The drums of war are heard in the east, fast approaching. Have you finished last year's projects yet? Well, it's just about time to shove them in a box and forget about them until after Pennsic! Wherever you are, on the Serengeti with Newbridge, Three Bears and Nosse Eldesar, hanging with Darkyard, in the back acres with Bork, down by the lake with Morwayffon or the Goats, remember the immortal words: be prepared. After all, it will rain, it will snow, it will be hot...

Building on last year's success, there will be a baronial party again at camp Bork, see Nial for details. Lord Nial is also organizing a pavilion on the battlefield to provide shade and refreshment to our combatants and their comrades. Please see him to volunteer a slot of your time and man the pavilion.

There will be an August issue of *The Forum* this year. The Chronicler is looking for war correspondents to write of the glorious deeds of Cleftlanders in this great contest, be they martial or gentle in nature. See her for details.

Lothar de Normandie will be leading the troops again this year as Standard Bearer, alongside His Grace. Our battle unit comprises twenty five of the kingdom's finest, let's all watch for them

## Cleftlands to Host Fall Coronation



Enthusiasm and good cheer resound through the Barony of the Cleftlands. Thanks to the hard work of Darius Abdul-Wajid and his team which labored to put together an excellent proposal, our barony will be hosting the coronation of Ragnvaldr and Arabella Saturday, September 22nd. The last coronation held in Cleftlands was Emrys and Emmelyne's in 1986.

The Bohemian National Hall on Broadway Avenue which so splendidly housed last November's Pandidactum will again serve as protection from the elements with ample room for fighting, feasting, merchants, and all the activities attendant upon a kingdom-level event.

Excitement runs through the entire barony at this chance to shine. Her Ladyship Angharad and Lady Devona di Simoneti are planning a sumptuous eastern European feast for the esteemed Russian Viking. Already plans are forming for performances during the feast, activities throughout the day for children, teens and adults of all ages, games, classes and an arts and sciences competition. And of course heavy and light weapons tournaments.

The official event announcement with a staff list is available on the Cleftlands website at: <http://cleftlands.cwru.edu/Coronation.html>

The webmistress is hoping to install an improved web hosting program by Pennsic so fewer have to suffer the dreaded 'maximum number of users connected to this site' error.

to perform with their usual aplomb.

With the Pennsic War looming barely over a week away all eyes turn to... the web? The Pennsic website is expanded and updated including special sections for the Arts and Sciences and Security and more.

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn30/>

Also there is a separate Pennsic Chiurgeon's page:


<http://www.geocities.com/pennsicchirurgeon/>

The Coxcomb Academy of the Performing Arts, perhaps better known by their former name: The Pennsic Fools' Academy, is planning a full schedule of activities available on their website:


<http://coxcomb.org/main.htm>




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## The Cleftlands Battle Song

By Sir Ephraim ben Shlomo

*The Battle Song was presented by Sir Ephraim at our Baronial Standard Bearer's Event, April 24th 1999. (AS XXXIII) and also appears on our Baronial website. It is here included for your enjoyment and patriotic use at the war.*

When the Cleftlands come to battle,  
When we take up sword and shield,  
When our foemen, trembling, see us,  
Knowing we shall never yield;  
Who among them would not reckon?  
Who can blame them if they turn,  
Knowing we bear with our army  
Strength to make the waters burn?

[Chorus]  
Like a rain of fiercest fire,  
As a river all aflame,  
We're to muster; foemen, tremble!  
Know ye well the Cleftlands name.

We care not one whit for glory.  
We've not come to claim renown,  
But to serve our noble Barony,  
Serve the Oaken, Serve our Crown,  
And to do all things with honor  
Twinborn with our warriors' might;  
Then to share with daylight's foemen  
Campfire's friendship come the night.  
[Chorus]

Soon the winds of war will slacken,  
Peace prevailing o'er the land.  
But for now we're called to battle,  
Weapons firmly ta'en in hand.  
Bend your bows, take up your scutae.  
Proudly bear your fencers' steel.  
Show them what your hearts are made of;  
Let them taste of MidRealm zeal.  
[Chorus, twice]

# Dancers Lay Siege to Squire's Castle

Saturday June 30th rain clouds threatened, but by 10 am the sun was shining through much to the relief of the Cleftlands Dance Guild which gathered at the Cleveland Metropark's Squire's Castle for what was jokingly referred to as the first meeting of the Cleftlands Film Society.

Along with their best garb, the dancers brought friends and props to make the old gatehouse a castle indeed for the talented camera of their director, Hely D'Isigny. There were eight committed dancers as well as several extras including the dramatic Aurore De Vie, the becoming Branwyn FitzPayne with her spinning wheel and the ever elegant Lady Sarra Bossard. A few quick establishing shots of the castle's inhabitants going about their picturesque routine and the music began. Karl Von Kohn's violin lead a merry band of dancers out of the castle for the first dance, Bransle Pinagay. Many of the extras who had not specifically intended to dance joined in for the simple french dance. Several times through to get all the right shots and the Cleftlanders retreated inside once more to break for a celebratory picnic lunch.

A sumptuous repast of period and



non-period snackables had the dancers in good cheer when bad news struck... wedding guests! There was to be a wedding in the castle that afternoon. An unavoidable occurrence on a beautiful June Saturday at the Castle which cannot be reserved but is available for public use. The dancers scrambled to step through Manschaft Pavanne quickly and to get themselves and their props out of the way of the wedding, which to the delight of all was held in medieval garb.

After Manschaft Pavanne, the dancers traipsed out the back door of the Castle and onto a free square of lawn to continue dancing. The wedding guests were not at all inconvenienced and several of them actually enjoyed watching the guild do one last run through of Bransle Pinagay for close-up shots.

The final dance, Chestnut, was danced well away from the castle and out of the traffic pattern of the two more wedding parties which showed up to have their pictures taken with the castle. Requiring only six dancers, the rest of the extras lounged in the background an attractive audience. Lady Aurore was pleased to inform the director she was 'ready for her close up'.

By three thirty there were three dances done and filmed and the exhausted party finally stripped off top layers of garb and lounged in the shade... as the skies finally opened up in a sprinkle of rain. The timing could not have been more perfect... the rain let up in time for the dancers to adjourn to a local ice cream shop to toast the filming's success with triple scoops and root beer floats.

The idea for a video of medieval

dancing was born a few months earlier by Hely d'Isigny at a Guild meeting, but none could have imagined just how much fun the project would be. Hoobahs and cheers to all, in particular Lord Timothy who acted as Assistant Director and kept everything running smoothly.

The final purpose of the video, other than the personal enjoyment of those who participated, is likely to be for demonstrations or perhaps for teaching dance. The final video will probably not be long, less than 20 minutes, and may have additional computer animation added explaining dance steps. Right now the director is mostly concerned with the credits sequence and coming up with a catchy title. Former Premier Dancer Lady Vashti suggests "Sunday in the Park with the Cleftlands", Edward Brackenburye, being the only Squire in attendance at the shoot, felt that the name of the Castle was important to include.

If the final product is successful, there is talk of doing another video for the Scribe's Guild. Of course, the participants feel that the project has been successful regardless of how the film turns out.

-Milesent Vibert-

**The Cleftlands Dance Guild meets every second Monday of the month at the Euclid Public Library, and also meets during regular Baronial meetings. You don't have to be any good at dancing to join! See Milesent for details.**

# Notes and Hoobahs



Congratulations to Dame Alys for her years of service organizing classes for Pennsic. This was her last year in the post, and as a crowning achievement, there are well over 1000 classes on the schedule this year!



Milesent has been working to compile an online directory. With generous help from Brian Crick and Donasian di Sicinio, the web ministry hopes to implement a searchable version of this directory complete with online correction and addition forms. See Milesent for details. Also, please see her if you have any corrections from the current printed directory so she may include them in the online version. It is our hope that the baronial directory will become a 'living document', continually updated and easily printed out when new paper directories are needed. No one's personal contact information, or even their legal name, will be posted on the web without explicit permission.



Darius is hoping to put together a Cleftlands Middle Eastern Dance Troupe. See him for more information on ME dance and culture... AFTER coronation.



Congratulations (or condolences?) to Vincent Furnier for officially joining the populace of the Cleftlands.



It's too late to recommend anyone for awards at war, but this is the time

to send in your recommendations for Coronation. There'll be the requisite two courts- give Their current and future Majesties something to do at them!



Lord Karl, as always, is looking for your A&S activities, much of your Pennsic preparation probably qualifies! Also, while at war, if you attend a particularly edifying class, he'd love to receive write-ups on them.



Ephraim will be autocrat of this year's January event. No, it's not too early to plan! He hopes to make this a 'teaching' event. If you ever wanted to help out an event but weren't sure how to, now is your chance to join the staff and work alongside a mentor. Ephraim will be compiling a booklet on 'how to run a January Event' based on the experiences and writings of his staff.



Baycrafters! Baycrafters! Baycrafters! Lady Alex is organizing full tournaments in fencing and heavy weapons, with prizes! Gift certificates to Muldoon's! Lady Sarra will be coordinating a full day of classes as well. You will be teaching your fellow SCA members as well as the public. This is going to be one heck of a demo, sign up soon. You must be on the sign up sheet to get into the fair for free.



Lady Lyonnete is trying to re-start the Servers' Guild, with the hopes of maintaining a constant resource of



skilled servers for the barony's use at feasts and to spread knowledge on how to serve, serving etiquette, and historical aspects of serving. See her for details.



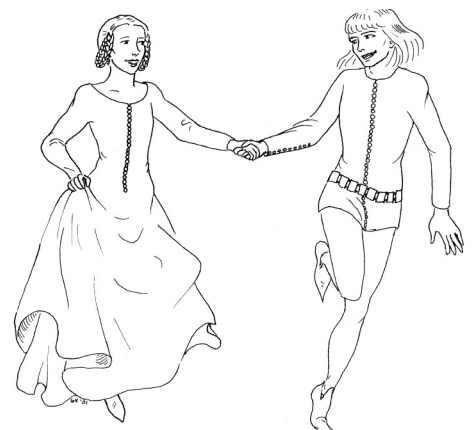
Missing anything? There is still a lost and found for: Standard Bearer's, NOWM, and (good gracious!) the January Event. See Kathryn ferch Rhys, Crispin, and Lady Sarra, respectively. Lost and Found items from January not claimed by the time of the Baronial auction at Pennsic will be auctioned off.



Congratulations to everyone who had a chance to fight or talk with Duke Sir Caraodoc of the Bow, first king of the Midrealm, who attended Cleftlands regular meeting two weeks ago.



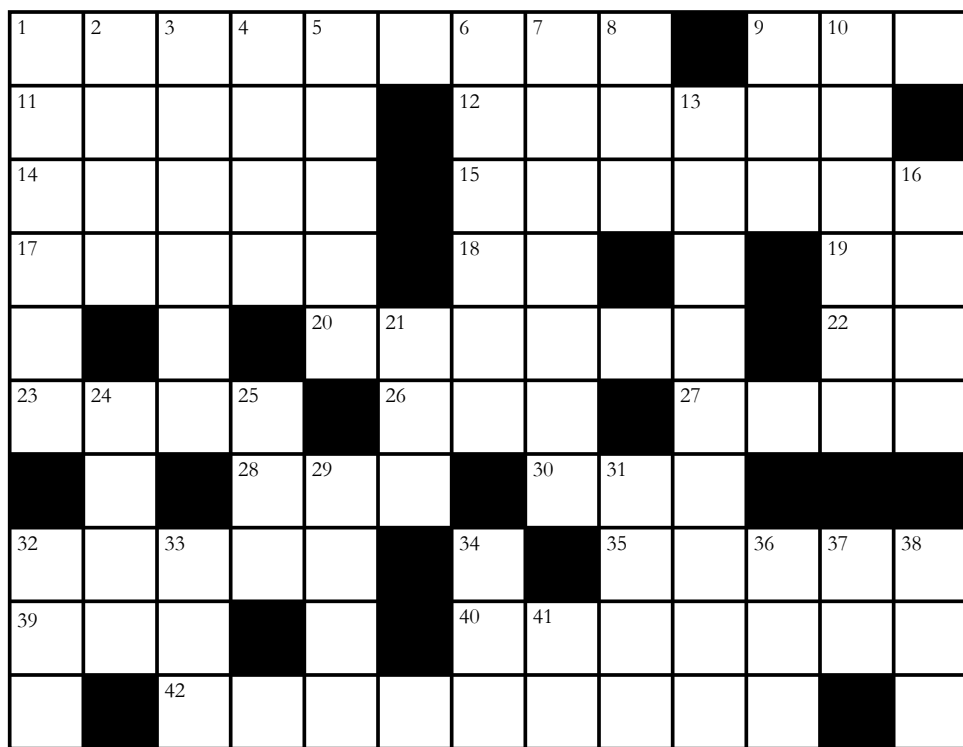
This is your newsletter! If you have comments, suggestions, complaints or concerns, please see either Lyonnete or Milesent. Do you know of any happenings in the barony or congratulations that should be noted here? Tell us! And have a safe and happy Pennsic all those who are attending.





# A Cleft-word Puzzle

Just a little something for the slow car ride to Pennsic. I tried to keep it all SCA-related! Enjoy, and we'll see you back at the end of August! -Lyonnete



## DOWN

1. It attaches to the fault
2. OOP dance style
3. Term used for a social class
4. One fight
5. The \_\_\_\_ hand.
6. Body part susceptible to wrap shots (slang)
7. When melee opponents can see eye to eye, they are this.
8. To prepare hides
9. Page wright's domain
10. Permits.
13. Mottled green semi-precious stone. (used in period jewelry!)
16. What a rapier combatant used to carry around before schlagers.

21. To recede, as a tide.
24. A chaperon, in England
25. Like this puzzle, or us.
29. Employs
31. A mordant for dying
32. A "hennin" is one.
33. Type of one household's mascot's animal.
34. Organization we all know and love.
36. Latin for mouse.
37. Don't hydrate, and you might end up here. (abbrv.)
38. Tree-Girt-\_\_\_\_
41. Gold, in herald-speak.

## ACROSS

1. A sling for Goliath
9. Camping with your 10,000 closest friends.
11. Ancient Greek teller of tales.
12. Molten glass decoration
14. The first crew on site, usually.
15. Behavior not befitting a Lord or Lady.
17. Hard, flat stone used to draw or write on.
18. "This doesn't apply to me" abbrv.
19. One of the peerage orders, briefly.
20. We have two every year.
22. A king's "I".
23. The informal Syr Theodric
26. Smallest medieval domesticated animal.
27. Part of a church
28. To make a knight
30. A duke or a decoration
32. Combat time-outs
35. Pieces of a piece of armor.
39. "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing"
40. "Sewing", literally, but used to name fashion, particularly when it is 'haute'
42. Where the tenens go to hold the field against the venans.

## Dates to Remember:

**August 3rd:** Pennsic Begins

**August 17th:** Cleftlands Auction and Party  
at Bork Camp

**August 18th:** Pennsic Ends

**August 29th:** First meeting post-Pennsic  
and desert revel

**September 1st, 2nd and 3rd:** Baycrafters  
Medieval and Craft Faire Demo

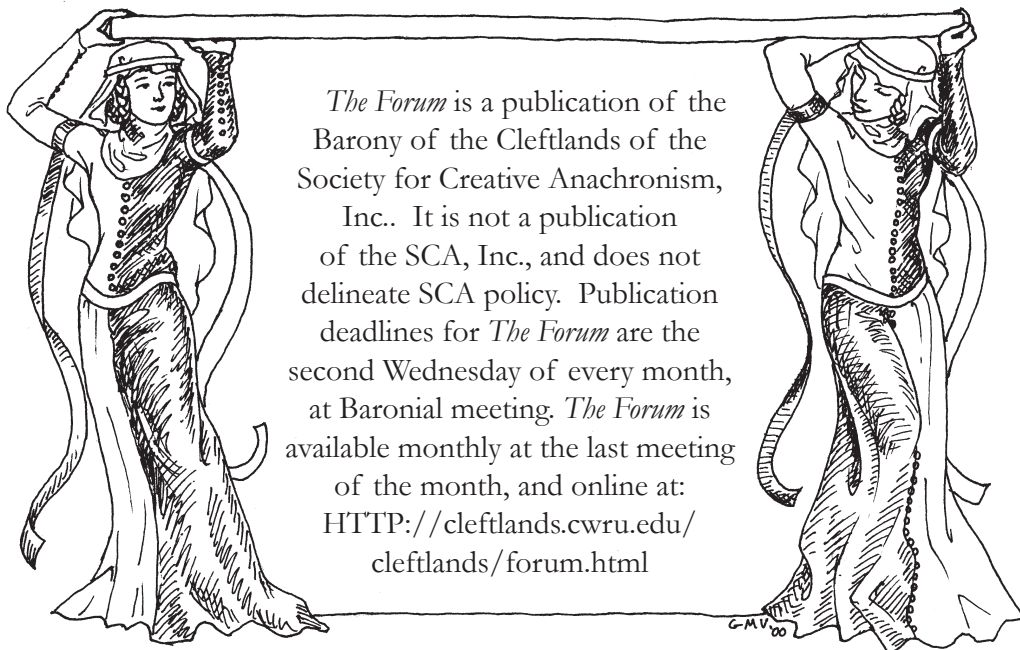
**September 22nd:** Coronation of  
Ragnvaldr and Arabella in Cleftlands

*...And anyone who can think past then is way, way  
too dedicated...*

## Crossword Solution

*You'd better not be peeking'...*

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