



## *A Cleftlands (Middle Kingdom) Newsletter - 10/11/2020*

### News of the Realm

#### SCA News -

- Society Topical Town Hall - Investigatory Process and Sanctions was recorded and is available to view: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=699103467627057>
- Remember these? The Principality of Tir Righ did a dance video: [https://youtu.be/FmsV\\_sFWfXs](https://youtu.be/FmsV_sFWfXs)
- Looking for entertainment? Check out the weekly online content guide on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide>
- Congratulations to the new King and Queen of Lochac, Their Majesties Thomas and Mildryth.

#### Kingdom News

- Congratulations to the new Baron and Baroness of Red Spears, Their Excellencies Marcos De Ribera & Bianca di Michaleto.
- Dame Honor von Atzinger is organizing an A&S "bean count" competition for Twelfth Night. Competition to go live January 8-10 2021. Rules are:
  1. All entries must be submitted no later than Wednesday January 6th, 2021.
  2. One entry per person.
  3. Submit an entry by sending photos or video with description via e-mail to: [honorvonatzinger@gmail.com](mailto:honorvonatzinger@gmail.com)
  4. All arts & sciences items will be allowed for entry except Food or Drink as there's no way to sample them.
  5. A performing arts entry you MUST submit a video of you performing the piece and a written description.
  6. When submitting your entry give your full SCA name.
  7. This contest will be limited to Midrealmers only.
  8. All entries will be put into an album on Facebook as a photo or video with a description. The Middle Kingdom Facebook group will be notified once the album is 'live'. Please share the album only within Midrealm groups.
  9. A Google Survey will be set up for the votes.
  10. Everyone gets ONE vote, play fair and don't vote more than once.
  11. At the end of the voting a winner will be declared and they will receive a TBD epic prize!

### A Review of: The Spanish Princess

*Historical drama "The Spanish Princess" portrays Catherine of Aragon's rise at the Tudor court.*

*By THL Jolicia atte Northclyffe*

"The Spanish Princess," the Starz miniseries about Catherine of Aragon's path from discarded princess to Queen of England, returns for a second season Oct. 11 on Starz.

The nine-episode first season kicked off with Catherine, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, arriving in England in 1501 for her wedding to Prince Arthur, heir to King Henry VII. The remaining eight episodes in the second season will bring the story to its conclusion.

King Henry Tudor, (Elliot Cowan, "Alexander," "Da Vinci's Demons"), the upstart who won the Wars of the Roses, still sits uneasy on his hard-won throne and knows that securing his dynasty is paramount. The king sees a marriage alliance between Spain and England as an important step toward that goal. He has a son, Ferdinand and Isabella have a daughter, what could be more perfect?

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## Cooks' Challenge: Michaelmas

The cooks of Cleftlands rose to the latest challenge from Baroness Angharad by sharing what food they're preserving for the winter. Huzzah to all the participants! Entries showed a myriad of ingredients and methods, but looked invariably interesting. Here is a list of what was preserved, compiled by Baroness Angharad:

- Master Aiden Elfleadur: Michaelmas (quince) preserves.
- Chiffon: Drying mint, oregano, and other herbs.
- Lady Claricia de la Mere: Ground cherry jam.
- Glenn (with Lady Miriana): Dried mint.
- Lord Hely d'Signy: Gouda cheese.
- The Honorable Lady Juliane Beauchampe: Tomato sauce, pesto.
- Baroness Madelaine de Bouvier: Pickled eggs, beef jerky, preserved garlic, pickled peppers, fermented pickles.
- Lady Miriana: Dried pears.
- Lady Nadezhyda the Simple: Frozen currants.
- The Honorable Lord Robert de Cleftlands: Frozen hops for beer.
- Lord Rojhan the Wanderer: Pemmican.
- Noble Wrin the Red: Dried beans, preserved apples in a cool, dry place.
- Lady Elizabetha Marchant and Lord Tarmach: Green tomato pickles, dehydrated fruits, preserved herbs.

You can see more photos and recipes on the website here: <http://wiki.cleftlands.org/images/b/ba/Cooks-2020-Sept-Michaelmas-Preserves.pdf>.

### Virtual Classes for October 11 through October 25:

- Sunday Oct 11 6pm EST- Taking the Teeth Out of Stage Fright by Sophia the Orange and Lucia Braganca a Firenze: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1252472325128644?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/1252472325128644?active_tab=about)
- Monday Oct 12 8pm EST - Introduction to the Anglo-Saxon / Germanic Lyre by Sivrid Brumbach: <https://zoom.us/j/94835573612?pwd=ZfVTeUNQeUQxQXNBVGfKaFJbXM2dz09>
- Tuesday Oct 13 8pm EST - Producing Commedia for Modern Audiences by Niccolo Bartolazzi: <https://zoom.us/j/97445429822?pwd=N0FNTjhXVTdxQXIlbSswM0dOMHICZz09>
- Wednesday Oct 14 8pm EST - Choosing a Bodhran by Liadan Liathan: <https://zoom.us/j/99774545998?pwd=QzdzN3dRK1NGSjNmZk9Va3VBYXdUdz09>
- Sunday Oct 18 3pm EST - Creative Songwriting by Hilla Stormbringer: <https://zoom.us/j/97859926961?pwd=MnNkSFIBbUY5aXJGOXowRiB5VzF0Zz09>
- Monday Oct 19 9pm EDT - Advanced Body Movement for Commedia dell'Arte by Sophia the Orange: <https://zoom.us/j/92422528993?pwd=VDJ6ZjNlck5uZ1ord1Z1OWhLMHZtdz09>
- Tuesday Oct 20 9pm EDT - Engaging Demonstrations & Displays by Aveline de Ceresbroch: <https://zoom.us/j/97910011450?pwd=NURYak5lVDVSRjdGSFp6TXV6MzIQdz09>
- Wednesday Oct 21 8pm EDT - Bodhran Rhythms Workshop 2 - Reel and Polka Rhythms by Liadan Liathan: <https://zoom.us/j/97539621476?pwd=L1hnbml3Sy9TQWQ0TkIhOTFJTUFuZz09>

## Random Period Object - Cleveland Museum of Art



The Wade Cup with Animated Script - Iran, Seljuk Period, 13th Century

Brass inlaid with silver

The Wade Cup uses silver to depict tiny figures of animals and humans that represent the 12 signs of the zodiac. An inscription around the rim is also made up of human figures, animals, and birds that wishes good fortune to the cup's owner.

This piece is named after J. H. Wade, who donated the funds that allowed the cup to be purchased. It is the most famous piece of Islamic art at the Cleveland Art Museum. See closer photos at <https://www.clevelandart.org/>

## For the Combat & Ranged Arts

**Armored:** Duke Eik's Videos:  
Longsword Trap Parry Methods:

<https://youtu.be/ATnchNRnpbQ>

Polearm Thrusting Techniques:  
[https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP\\_Y](https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP_Y)

3 Position Footwork Drill:  
[https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP\\_Y](https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP_Y)

Single Timing Parry - Cut with Longsword Kata:  
[https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP\\_Y](https://youtu.be/uURbXk9BP_Y)

**Fencers:** Warder Velvet's Videos:

Sovereign Space and the Sword:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-d9xd61Cf0>

Youth Rapier - Lateral Movement:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41PO2Uxi6yl&feature=youtu.be>

## Call for Content

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](mailto:clariciadlm@gmail.com).

Thank you and stay well!

## The Spanish Princess - continued

Betrothed to Arthur (Angus Imrie, "The Hollow Crown") since childhood, a teen-aged Catherine (Charlotte Hope, "Game of Thrones," "The Theory of Everything") travels to England to meet the husband she has already wed by proxy. Catherine learns that Arthur's younger brother Harry (the future King Henry VIII, played by Ruairi O'Connor, "Teen Spirit") wrote the romantic letters she thought were penned by Arthur.

When Arthur suddenly dies, Catherine's fate is uncertain. Unless she can find a new foothold in the English court, she'll be sent home and the English-Spanish alliance will fail.

Imrie, who plays Arthur, is no stranger to historical drama. He previously appeared in "The Hollow Crown," a series of British TV adaptation of Shakespeare's history plays.

The miniseries highlights the historical fact that Catherine brought diversity to England's court. Her attendants included Moors, Muslims, and Jews, all descendants of those who had settled in Spain from the 8th century, according to a British National Archives article. In the miniseries, Stephanie Levi-John portrays Lina de Cardonnes, a Moorish lady-in-waiting to Catherine.

"The Spanish Princess" is based on the Philippa Gregory novels "The Constant Princess" (2005) and "The King's Curse" (2014). This miniseries is a sequel to the Starz miniseries "The White Queen" and "The White Princess."

Gregory's novels are enjoyable guilty pleasures that vividly, if not always accurately, portray major historical figures from English history. Her writing leaves the impression that Gregory knows her history and deliberately bends it to give her plots an injection of soap-opera twists to keep readers turning the pages.

Rotten Tomatoes said about the miniseries: " 'The Spanish Princess' blends soapy melodrama with beautifully rendered historical set-pieces to paint a rounder - if still not fully realized - portrait of an often overlooked queen." Tudor lovers who subscribe to Starz, or are willing to pay to view, can check out "The Spanish Princess" now. The rest of us will have to hope it becomes available soon.

References:

<https://www.starz.com/us/en/series/42457/episodes?season=1>

[https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early\\_times/settlers.htm](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/settlers.htm)

## Interview with a Cleftlander - Duke Lucius Aurelius Valharic (mka Tom Noble)

Our editors didn't put this one together - Duke Valharic sat down for a Sisters Interview with Baroness Achaxe and Sir Rauokinn from An Tir. To get up close and personal with the Duke (who also happened to win the last Cleftlands armored tournament in April of 2019), watch: <https://youtu.be/Mrc2ZWb9TT0>

His Grace is not the only Midrealmer featured on this channel. You can also spot Count William of Fairhaven, Duke Cellach, and His Majesty King Felix. Not to mention fascinating faces from all over the Known World. Find their YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/rauokinn/videos>

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## This Week in History

October 11 1138 - One of the most destructive earthquakes ever recorded strikes Aleppo (Syria).  
October 12 1492 - Christopher Columbus first makes landfall in the Caribbean, in the Bahamas.  
October 13 1307 - King Philip the Fair arrests hundreds of Knights Templar in France on charges of heresy.  
October 14 1066 - The Battle of Hastings begins the Norman conquest of England.  
October 15 1582 - Adoption of the Gregorian calendar begins.  
October 16 1384 - [Jadwiga](#) is Crowned King of Poland. She is canonized by the Catholic church in 1997.  
October 17 1091 - A tornado with the strength of a T8/F4 touches down in London, England.

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 13 7:30 pm EST Virtual Needleworkers' Guild Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261643621?pwd=UGx1TTdPcVdNNWtHZFhDZkxYR0d5Zz09>
- Thursday, October 15 8pm EST Virtual Armorers' Guild Meeting - <https://www.facebook.com/events/327411918397483/>
- Thursday, October 22 8pm EST Virtual Armorers' Guild Meeting - <https://www.facebook.com/events/327411918397483/>

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