



## A Cleftlands (Middle Kingdom) Newsletter - 7/21/2022

### Pennsic: Things to Do There and at Home

by Lady Claricia de la Mere

The war started with the Midrealm. At least, that's how the legend goes. The tale goes something like this, depending on whom you ask: King Cariadoc of the Middle wanted to engage in battle with the East Kingdom, and sent a declaration of war. They did not take him up on this, so the King took matters into his own hands by moving to the East and becoming King there. In A.S. VII (1972) he found the very declaration that he sent East when he was the Midrealm King - and accepted. He led his armies west, but was defeated by his former forces. The stakes? The loser had to maintain the Barony of the Debatable Lands (Pittsburgh, PA).

To know how much of this is true, you'll have to ask someone who was there!

My first Pennsic was in 1998 and this story was new to me. That's one of my favorite things about this event: there's always something different to do, something new to try. Not going to war? Celebrate from the comfort of home! Here are a few ideas of how to spend the time, either at Pennsic or not:



*Newbridge at Pennsic - a camp home to many Cleftlanders*

#### At Pennsic

- Watch a competition you've never seen before. Never watched a rapier battle? Don't know where the archers shoot? Find out what it's like!
- Find the Runestone on Runestone Hill.
- Visit Enchanted Grounds (where everything is as period as possible).
- Have a party just for your camp - s'mores and hors d'oeuvres? Ghost stories galore?
- Play a game - Did you know that several merchants host game nights? (May be changed due to Covid :( )
- Look at all the camps. Give your feet a rest and take the bus around Pennsic. Marvel at the skill and creativity of your fellow campers. Visit Cleftlands camps - we put together an issue all about them here: <http://wiki.cleftlands.org/images/f/fc/Internebbles-Aug15-2021.pdf>
- See a performance. Many Cleftlanders perform at Pennsic! Support them and expand your horizons.
- Create your own cool drink combination. Sorbet in ginger ale? Ice cream tea? The ice cream wagon will make it!
- Walk in opening ceremonies. Wear blue and white and join Cleftlands (10:30 am at Midrealm Royal).
- Attend a ball, or at least go watch. These were a big deal in period, see what it's all about.
- Buy something delightful just to treat yourself.
- Plan your next project.

#### Not At Pennsic

- Have a fire - either at home, or at one of the fabulous Metroparks. Many shelters are open use.
- Take a class. There are tons of recorded SCA classes online for free. Here's the Midrealm repository: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RoyalUniversityoftheMidrealmRUM>
- Visit a museum. The Cleveland Museum of Art could take up days of time - and it's got air conditioning. Or, go online to any museum in the world, without getting sweaty.

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# Archery Ranges for Nebbles: Part 1

By Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari

There are an excellent number of ranges on which to practice archery around and near our Baronial territory. This is the first of several articles offering places where one might go to practice their bowmanship.

I'll first cite that there are indoor archery ranges in the area, such as the upstairs space at the Parma Armory. This can be useful in the winter months, but all of these places will charge you an hourly fee – when I last visited the Parma Armory, it was \$18 per hour (there are annual memberships available). Maximum distance for shooting in the Parma range is 35 yards – the animal targets are easily wheeled to the sides. Note that they insisted I use the special higher-density butts made for crossbows, despite my pointing out that my bow was an 80-pound draw – less than some of the compound hand bows they were hosting. They then added another \$5 per hour because, crossbow.

Parma Armory, 5301 Hauserman Road, Parma <https://www.theparmaarmory.com/>

For those of us on a tighter budget, and wishing the pleasant company and support of fellow SCAdians, I highly recommend attending the practice at the home of Foresters Gwyneth and Muldonny. Their backyard accommodates a 45-yard shoot, and the 35-yard line can handle 6 archers at once (even with a rotund old crossbowman in a chair). Bonus: you are guaranteed a certified marshal on site, so points can and will count! Watch our Baronial FB postings for announcements of upcoming practices.

Cleftlands Baronial Archery Practice, 411 Douglas Blvd, Richmond Heights

Alternately, Brendoken archers have been using the Hampton Hills Archery Range for their practices. Just a few miles west of the Blossom Music Center in part of the Summit Metro Parks, the well-maintained field accommodates shooting to 50 yards from at least 8 shooting posts along each of two neighboring lines. There are handy picnic tables, “bow-hanger” posts, and a nearby restroom. Check with the Brendoken archery announcements regarding their practice schedule (or contact their marshal THL Saradwen/Sally Burnell) on Facebook. Or you can shoot there any day from 6 a.m. to dusk, should you choose.

Hampton Hills Archery Range, 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls

Watch for more write-ups from Lord Tarmach about places to practice archery!



*The Hampton Hills Archery Range*

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## Pennsic: Things to Do At Home - continued

- Read. Now's the time to binge that book that's novel - or that research paper you keep meaning to look up. Watch a performance online. World-class musicians, singers, and actors are available virtually.
- Take a walk somewhere wonderful (then go inside and take a nice shower for as long as you want).
- Try a new type of food.
- Camp in the backyard. You can still use a real bathroom!
- Catch up on a project - you'll be ahead of the game.
- Learn about a new time period. Find a documentary or even a TV show that's set somewhere you don't know much about. Enjoy from your couch.
- Buy something delightful just to treat yourself.
- Plan your next project.

No matter where you are or what you decide to do, enjoy it. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and tell us all about the memories you made and the things you learned.

Want to see some Cleftlands memories from years past? Check out the [August 16, 2020 issue of the newsletter!](#)

## News of the Society

- Duke Martin Lochner joins the Board of Directors as Director-Elect to Seat G, effective October 2022. <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-director-elect-seat-g/>
- The Director of Seat A, Gigi Coulson, resigned as a Member of the Board of Directors: <https://www.sca.org/news/resignation-director-seat-a/>
- But then Aaron Palomides of Buckminster was selected to fill that same seat (A) effective immediately: <https://www.sca.org/news/people-on-the-move-director-seat-a/>
- Register to attend the July 24 Quarterly Board Meeting at 1pm Sunday: <https://www.sca.org/news/registration-now-open-for-the-july-24-2022-sca-quarterly-board-meeting/>
- The application period for the position of SCA Archivist has been extended until August 31: <https://www.sca.org/news/applications-extended-sca-archivist/>

## News of the Kingdom

- Pennsic? Pennsic.

## News of the Barony

- Cleftlands will not be holding Baronial meetings or practices on July 27, August 3, August 10, or August 17.
- For dates and times of Baronial musters for the pavilion set up/tear down, Opening Ceremonies, ranged/group photo, armored, and rapier groups, see THL Jolicia's notes: <http://www.cleftlands.org/2022/meeting-minutes-20-july-57>
- August 24 will be the first meeting back after Pennsic break.
- August 31 will be a revel - The Post-Pennsic Ice Cream Social. Bring what you learned and share.
- Duke Laurelen will be hosting "History with Laurelen" sessions at regular meetings following Pennsic from 8:45-9:15. Join to ask your questions about the history of Cleftlands.
- Photos are needed for the Barony's Instagram feed, to get Cleftlands out there to all the hip young kids. Contact Lord Hrafn if you have images to donate to the cause ([social@cleftlands.org](mailto:social@cleftlands.org))

## 5 Questions for Cleftlanders - Lady Katherin verch Rhys, APF (mka Angela Reese) (she/her)

### 1.) What was your first SCA event?

Ice Dragon in the Rhydderich Hael. I was asked to sew some garb for a friend who was being taken to her first event; while we were fabric shopping they said "hey, you'd enjoy this too, make yourself some garb!" My second event was Pennsic that same year.

### 2.) What are your two favorite activities in the SCA?

Number 1 is learning and teaching any sort of craft - I generally try to find a new craft to learn each Pennsic. Some I keep up with, some not. Number 2 used to be dancing, at least until my knees decided to stop supporting that hobby; now it's more likely to be cooking, especially making cheese.

### 3.) Tell us about your most favorite, or most memorable, event that you have attended.

That's a tough question - there have been many! Taking a break from the kitchen at the Feast of St. Clariel and being serenaded by Owain Phyfe, since I'd had to miss his performance. Pranked by Certain Evil Cooks (you know who you are!) when serving high table at another Regular Event, and shattering bits of sugar paste eggshell all over their majesties. Leaving an event in garb and actually getting the "Are you in a play?" question. The Pennsic of the Black Eye...I'm sure some of you recall those wild and crazy stories...

### 4.) You've been a feast steward several times, what are some of your favorite period dishes?

I think my two favorites from the Feast of St. Clariel were the salmon (baked in basically just grapefruit juice and pine nuts), and the fantastic nut tortes which used a truly insane amount of mixed nuts. My general favorite whenever it is served is the basic saffron custard daryole - yum!

### 5.) What is your favorite SCA-related movie or TV series?

Absolutely The Princess Bride!





## Upcoming Midrealm Events

**July 29-August 14 - Pennsic War;** All the things. Slippery Rock, PA. Learn more:

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

**August 20 - Hunt for the White Stag;** Calling archers! Also thrown weapons, heavy and rapier. Casco, MI. More:

<http://roaringwastes.org/WhiteStag/>

**August 26-28 - Constellation Academy of Defense;** Tournament of Defense (rapier), classes, fun. Spencer, IN. Learn more:

<https://sites.google.com/view/cad-2022/home>

**September 1-5 - Mounted War Games XI;** Largest Midrealm equestrian event. Also rapier. Bluffton, IN. More info:

<https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/mounted-war-games-xi/>

**September 3 - Mistress Mary Garrett Memorial Event;** Friendship feasting, dancing, a&s, ranged, heavy, rapier. Logan, OH

**September 3 - Middle Kingdom Academy of Defense;** Rapier, classes on rapier Urbana, IL. Learn more:

<http://placeforstuff.net/events/2022-MKAoD/>

**September 9-11 - Baroness Wars VIII;** A&S, ranged, heavy, rapier. Taylorville, IL.

<https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/baroness-wars-viii/>

**September 9-10 - Harvest Days XXXVIII;** Tournament of Arts, Tournament of Chivalry, more. Xenia, OH. Learn:

<https://wingedhills.wixsite.com/harvestdays>

## Random Period Object - Cleveland Museum of Art



Knife Sheath, Korea, 1100s CE

<https://www.clevelandart.org/art/2022.38>  
<https://folkency.nfm.go.kr/en/topic/detail/7155>

Size: About 8.5" long

Gilt silver with a brass ring.

A *jangdo* was a small dagger that was worn with everyday clothes and carried for self defense. Both men and women used them - men wore them openly on their coat strings or at the waist, while women carried them in pockets or the outer collar of their jackets.

They were often objects of fashion, and subject to several bans or other official restrictions over the years. In the late 16th and early 17th centuries, the *jangdo* became a symbol of women's chastity.

This particular example is the sheath only, and was likely displayed as a luxury item. The decorations are of dragons and phoenixes with floral bands.

## July-August 2022 Cleftlands Events

- Thursday, July 21 7:00pm - **Armors' Guild Meeting** - Ealdred & Clairiel's Garage: 234 Adams St, Berea, OH 44017; <https://bit.ly/3vBVzBR>
- Tuesday, July 26, 7:30pm - **Needleworkers' Guild Virtual Meeting** - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261643621?pwd=UGx1TTdPcVdNNWtHZFhDZkxY-R0d5Zz09>
- Wednesday, August 24, 7:00-10pm - **In-Person Cleftlands Meeting - First meeting back after Pennsic!** St John of the Cross School, 140 Richmond Rd, Cleveland OH 44143.
- Thursday, August 25 7:00pm - **Armors' Guild Meeting** - Ealdred & Clairiel's Garage: 234 Adams St, Berea, OH 44017; <https://bit.ly/3vBVzBR>

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## 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!

*Photo of the Hampton Hills Archery Range courtesy of Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al Khazari.*

*Photo of Newbridge by Dame Alys Katharine.*

*Photo of Lady Katherin was taken by an unknown gentle.*

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