

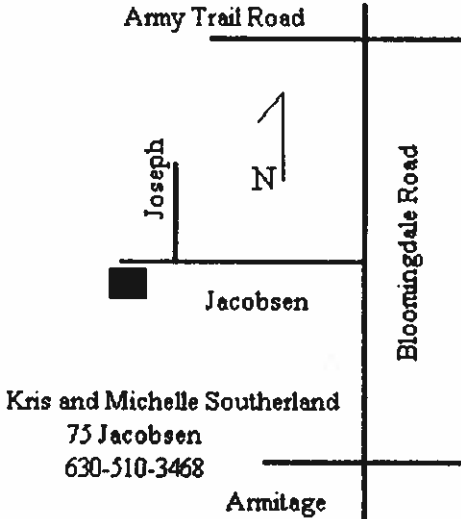
# Chips



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# Next Shire Moot

The next shire moot will be November 23rd at the home of Kris and Michele Southerland. Moot starts at 6:30pm.



# Next Brewers Meeting

The next brewers guild meeting will be held November 23, at Kris Southerland's house, Phone (630) 510-3468. Brewers need to get there at noon to get starters going, the rest can come by at 2pm. At the meeting we would like to discuss and taste stouts and porters. Find a few cool samples and bring them to the meeting. Call Kris ahead of time if you would like to make something. Currently, Kris and Ethelwulf will be brewing Sake and Gavin plans on making something...

# A Day With St. Crispin- Jararvessir

An Event Review by Aldred

Despite several weeks of short sleep and transportation problems getting to the event, A Day With St. Crispin was easily an event to remember. Banners, crests, and heraldic garb lent to the event a special flair and all the attendees wore their finest for the day.

The day began with the introduction of the three Queens who would, with the help of the ladies of the gallery, decide the champion of the day. The Queens were: the Queen of the Amazons, who would judge fighters on their martial prowess; the wise Queen of Carthage, who tested the intellect of potential champions; and Helen, Queen of Troy, who judged on appearance, love and beauty. Since the champion would be decided by more than ability on the battlefield, the Queens asked to see the contenders and their consorts dance before the tourney began.

The fighting was divided into separate types. The first part was combat at the barrier. Fighters contested over a barrier and a fighter was allowed to continue until he received three blows from any number of opponents. The Queens took note of those that distinguished themselves on the field of honour and added those names to the list of prospective champions.

After a short break, the Tenans of Noble Folly introduced a round of challenges by tossing the gauntlet to the Grand Company of the Peacock. For a few years now, these two societies have traded between themselves a rebated sword whenever they met in challenge. Hinting that the Peacocks were not worthy of the sword, since it last came back to the Tenans in a neglected state, the Tenans presented instead a wooden club to the Peacocks. The Peacocks accepted the challenge and trounced the Tenans despite the fact that the Tenans had added to their number Duke Sir Conn to meet the Peacocks man for man.

Several other challenges took place between other groups or individuals.

The last part of the fighting consisted of individuals or teams challenging a tent. When the tent was hailed, the challenger did not know what might come out. It could be another fighter, or three, or four. It might be a ferocious animal. It could be a riddle or a test of knowledge. One individual challenged the tent to be met by His Majesty Duke Sir Palymar, Duke Sir Conn, and Sir Tristan. Two other fighters were immediately pulled from the line to aid this outnumbered gentleman, but the knights proved why they are knights by dispatching the three quickly. Five more fighters stepped forward to meet the three, and were victorious.

The Compagnie du Soleil (me, Culwyn, Bal, and Twm) stepped forward as a group and were confronted by the Queen of the Sirens and six attendants. We were informed that we would be asked a series of questions and for each one we answered correctly, a siren would be vanquished. If we answered wrong, then one of our number would be taken away to a life of servitude to the sirens (hmmm). Our first challenge was to list the Seven Deadly Sins. (No problem) Next were the Seven Knightly Virtues. (Oops...missed courtesy) Then the Five Gifts given to a knight at his knighting. (Crap) Then the qualities that those gifts signify (I didn't know there was going to be a TEST!) I don't remember what the final question was, but we missed that, too.

I attended the event as a member of the Compagnie du Soleil. Our ladies labored to make sure that we were all outfitted in the company burgundy, black, and gold. It was good to know that their efforts were noticed when the Compagnie was called up to receive recognition from Helen, Queen of Troy, for our appearance for the day. From her hands we received golden apple pendants to bestow upon our ladies.

# Electronic Pilgrim

## **Chronology of Russian History**

<http://www.bucknell.edu/departments/russian/chrono.html>

A chronology starting in 860 AD with links to a variety of other sites on early Russian history. Covers a lot about the early Swedes who settled there and will lead you to dozens of other interesting sites.

## **Index of Resources for Historians**

<http://history.cc.ukans.edu/history/index.html>

2,500 separate listings of various web sites on subjects from African studies to the history of weather. Includes topics on many counties, architecture, journals, Russian and eastern Europe, medieval Europe and women's history. However, be prepared to wait since this page will take some time to load

## **Medieval Kingdom of Khazaria 650-1016**

<http://www.khazaria.com>

A history of the tribes ruled by Jewish kings. Includes histories, images, discussion lists and various letters between a vizier and a physician to the Spanish caliph.

## **Russian Department Home Page**

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/~dm10www/wwwdoc.html>

This pages server is sort of slow but there is some information on early Russian history. Also contains a variety of links to other sites.

## **Clothing of the Ancient Celts**

[http://www.radix.net/~lindo/textiles\\_page.htm](http://www.radix.net/~lindo/textiles_page.htm)

An interesting page on clothing from the Hallstate and Le Tene Celts through the Scottish highlands 1100-1700CE. Includes information on weaving, textiles, some archeological digs, dyes and personal appearance.

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Also, the shire event web page will be up and running in the next few days, hopefully before the moot. However, note that the page only is in outline form, I will need to start adding more information as soon as we settle the location and feast info. If you would like to see a sneak peek you can by going to [http // users.aol.com/vwoodevent/welcome.html](http://users.aol.com/vwoodevent/welcome.html)

And as usual, send your suggestions for web sites to me at [ebless@aol.com](mailto:ebless@aol.com) and make sure you visit the Vanished Wood web site at: <http://users.aol.com/vanishwood/welcome.htm>

## Upcoming Events

### December:

6 Boar's Head, Milwaukee WI

### January:

17 12th Night, Chicago IL

24 Festival of Maidens, Champaign IL

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