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Peasants frolicking; detail of a page from *Horae*, Paris, 1506.

If you would like to see your work featured in next month's issue of *The Plume*, please submit your articles or other items to the Chronicler by **March 26th!**

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*Unto the Stellar Barony of Namron do We send our warm greetings!*

Gulf Wars is nearly here! Preparations are being made throughout the Barony to get ready. Garb is being sewn. Armour is being repaired. Tents are getting dusted off after a winter of storage. Food is cooking. You can hear people humming their favorite campfire bardic songs under their breath.

But all this activity is not just for Gulf Wars. While it may be the biggest event for many of us, it also marks the beginning of the very fun and busy spring eventing season. Shortly after returning from King's Arrow Ranch we will showcase ourselves at our biggest recruiting event, the Norman

Medieval Fair. The week after that we will be hosting the entire Kingdom as two of our own are crowned as King and Queen. The week after *that* our Baronial neighbors in Wiesenfeuer will be investing their new Baron and Baroness. A few weeks later we will be having our *own* Floralia celebration at Namron's Beltane event.

There are so many fun things to do coming up and we hope that you can join us for any or all of them! If you have any questions about what is going on or how you can be involved, please reach out to us.

*Micolay and Uliana*

BARON AND BARONESS OF NAMRON  
LORD AND LADY OF SKORRAGARDR



## Alice's Observations

Hi!

Mom and Dad took me to Provençal Games this month. It was a lot of fun. I got to see my friends Liam and VB and a lot of my parent's friends. Mom tells me that in a few weeks we are going to drive a long way to go to a big event

- my first Gulf Wars!

She has been busy making me things for it - I should soon have shade for my wagon so I can cruise around and see everything and a new coat in case it is cold!

I am excited for it and all of the other events coming up this spring!

I have a secret, if you come find me at March's populace meeting and tell me what spring event or SCA activity you are most looking forward to, I will have a little treat for you.

Cheers,

Alice





## FROM THE CHRONICLER

*Greetings unto the Populace:~*

Spring is already upon us, which means it's our BUSY season.

While on your event adventures, please consider turning in an 'event report' to me so those who were not able to attend get a glimpse of what the event was like. If you don't want to write up a whole thing, that's cool. I have a handy dandy event report form that you can fill out and I'll write it up for you! Please see page 26 of this issue for the event report form.

As always, any submissions you would like to make for the January issue of *The Plume* are due by March 26, 2020.

*Your submissions are what  
makes this publication  
successful.*

For submissions, please contact me at [chronicler@namron.ansteorra.org](mailto:chronicler@namron.ansteorra.org) or 405-532-5236. Also, please let me know if there is anything you would LIKE to see featured in *The Plume*.

Joyfully in Service,  
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# From the Seneschal

*Greetings to the Populace of  
Namron, the Canton of  
Skorragardr, and the Baronial  
Outpost of Oak Spring!*

February has been a busy month with events cranking back up, and many members of our Populace preparing for Gulf Wars. Your Baronial Officers have been hard at work providing great activities, classes, and practices. I encourage you to attend some of them, make new friends, or learn new things.

The Marshals have done an amazing job with waivers, keeping our Barony at a 100% submission rate! Whoosh!

## *Officers Positions:*

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting a decision for our Target Archery Marshal. I would like to express my personal gratitude to HL Cian ap Reys for his service in that role that went far above and beyond its expectations. If

you've ever been to an archery practice with him, you've seen his passion and his patience with new archers. Thank you.

**We currently have two offices open for application:**

- Treasurer, which closes on 5 March 2020, at 9 p.m. CST; and
- Historian, which closes on 25 March 2020, at 9 p.m. CST.

We are very excited to announce that a laptop will now be provided for use by the Treasurer!

Feel free to contact me with any questions before submitting your applications.

## *Special Topic Workgroups:*

Two informal workgroups are available for any member of the Populace who would like to participate. The majority of the information gathering could be completed during one or two meetings, so there is not a significant time investment involved. And there might be snacks.

- The first is a Protocol Workgroup, focusing on outlining the proper display of heraldry, setting up court, and noting changes that become necessary when we have Crown presence at an event.
- The second is a Pre-Event Checklist Workgroup, who will assemble notes for prospective Event Stewards, including information such as bid requirements and recommendations, sourcing information for a bid, etc.

If you are interested in helping with either Workgroup, please send me an email at [seneschal@namron.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@namron.ansteorra.org).

### *Bid Announcements*

HL Villana Palazolo and Baroness Caterina Giovanni will be providing Tavern at Beltane this year; and Lady Kathryn Cranesgrove, with mentorship by Lady Ophelia Warde, will coordinate Gate at Coronation in April. We had great bids for both positions and it's always exciting to see people volunteering for these important service positions!

### *Business Meeting*

We launched a new format for the monthly Business Meetings, and it went pretty well. We'll work out the kinks as we

move forward. The new format opens with announcements from the Baron and Baronowa, moves on to new business discussion led by the Seneschal, and then into a training session. The Business Meeting is open to the Populace, but training classes are tailored toward Baronial Officers. Much of the information could be relevant in your non-SCA life, so feel free to join in! Attending is also a great way to learn more about what is happening in the background to keep the business side of the SCA running smoothly, if you're interested in that.

The March Business Meeting is cancelled due to my successful conspiracy to attend Gulf Wars.

I close with a reminder to Officers who will also be attending Gulf Wars to set your Email Vacation Responders!

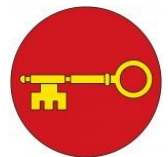
Keep on Whooshing!

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# Honey-glazed Carrots and Parsnips

FROM LADY OPHELIA WARDE, IN HER CONTINUING SERIES OF NORSE RECIPES IN HONOR OF  
THEIR EXCELLENCIES, BARON MICOLAY AND BARONOWA ULLIANA

This makes a dramatically pretty dish, the snowy parsnips contrasting with the orange of the carrots. I like to use smaller carrots (not peeled baby carrots, but smaller, slender whole carrots) and leave them whole. It's hard to find truly small parsnips, so you may have to slice them lengthwise in half, or even quarters. (If they are very large don't hesitate to dig out the hard pith in the middle.) Peeled sliced beets, red or golden, make a nice addition/substitution, too. Put them in the pan when you start the carrots.

Root vegetables such as these were set in iron or soapstone pans, with hot wood coals heaped up outside the pan to the rim, and demanded little attention from the busy cook except an occasional stir to keep them from sticking.

- 1 pound slender carrots, scrubbed or lightly peeled, left whole
  - 1 pound parsnips, scrubbed or peeled, cut in half lengthwise, or quarters if truly large
  - 3 Tbsp butter (more if needed)
  - 1 Tbsp honey
  - 6 mint leaves, lightly torn or chopped
1. Melt the butter under medium low heat in a large heavy skillet.
  2. Add the peeled or scrubbed carrots first, as they take longer to cook than the parsnips. Push the carrots about in the butter until they are coated, and after 5 minutes, add the parsnips.
  3. Cover the skillet and keep it over medium-low heat, stirring every once in a while to check they are not browning too quickly. It will take about 20 minutes for them to be tender.
  4. Dribble in the honey and give the vegetables a final stir to make sure all are anointed.
  5. Remove to a serving dish and snip or tear the mint leaves over all.

Easily serves six, unless you are a rabbit.

Mint is such a strong grower. It's practically a weed. In fact, in my garden it is a weed, which is why I like to use it every chance I can. Its cooling spiciness is the perfect foil for the sweetness of the vegetables.

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# THE HOSPITALER TEAM IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF DRINKING VESSELS FOR BELTANE!

All donations collected will be handed out to any newcomers who do not currently have a drinking vessel at the Hospitaler tent at this year's Beltane. If you would like to donate any please see Lady Katheryn, Lady Cheryl, Lady Nuala, or HL Branwen

## Hospitaler Team

- *Hospitaler: Lady Ophelia Warde*
- *Lending Library: Lord Ragnar Kelson of Durham (Kelly Durham)*
- *Gold Key(Loaner garb): Lady Nuala Keane*
- *Secretary: Lady Katheryn Cransgrove*
- *Deputy: HL Branwen Mackay*

# From the Minister of Children

*Happy March, Namron-*

We have lots of events coming up and therefore a lot of children's activities.

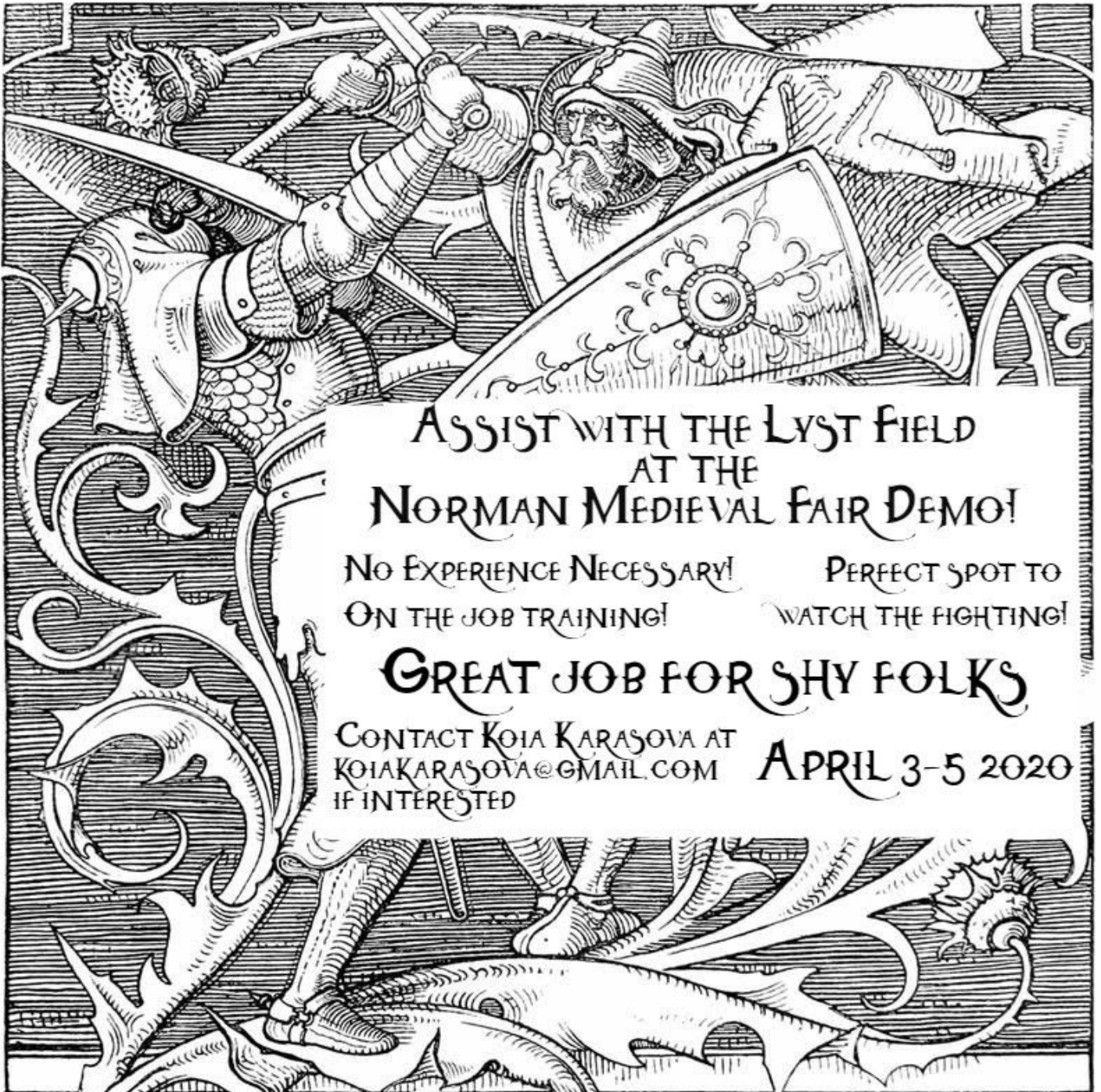
I will hopefully get a meeting planned soon for those who have shared interest in helping with MoC activities. If you are curious on ways to help the MoC in any way, join us at the meeting. Be on the lookout for an announcement for that. If you have time during Medfair to lend a hand or just check out what the children have going on, come on over. Also, I am

needing help with Coronation. We have most of the activities planned for that, but need some extra hands as I will be a bit busy that day.

I'd also love to hear some suggestions on things you think would be fun for the children to learn. Or if you have a skill to teach them, I think it would be wonderful to have outside teachers.

Yours in service,  
*Dýrfinna Mikaelisdóttir*  
NAMRON MINISTER OF CHILDREN





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## HERALDRY MYTHS AND FACTS

**Myth:** You have to have an AoA to register a device

**False:** You can register a device at any time.

**Myth:** If you register a name for a particular time period, you have to wear the clothes from that time period

**True and False:** You can register a Celtic name and only wear Celtic clothes OR you can register a 16th century Italian name, and wear Viking, Turkish, Celtic, and anything else your heart desires. How you dress and play is 100% up to you

**Myth:** There are certain things you can not put on your device.

**True:** There are certain charges that are reserved for certain groups or people. Also, there are certain charges that are not allowed due to mundane use or offensiveness.

**Myth:** You can only register one name and device.

**False:** You can register up to 6 names and one devices and up to five badges.

## FROM THE HERALD

*Greetings Namron!*

Heraldry is running rampant in Namron as people as multiple people have submitted their names and devices.

Please be patient with me as I get my feet under me in the new office. Also, I try to work on items as quickly as possible, and as much as I would love to work on heraldry all the time, mundane life and work must come first. I am working through the list of those who have contacted me and will continue to work with those who have in the order that they contacted me.

When it comes time to submit paperwork, there are some rules we have to follow:

- each submission is \$8
- submissions must be paid for by check or money order
- as herald I am not allowed to collect your payment, the exchequer must collect it with me there so that way all the paperwork is filled out correctly (this is for everyone's sanity)

If there are any questions about names, devices, or the submission process, please contact me.

YIS,

*HL Villana Palazolo*

NAMRON HERALD





# Hospitaler's Pen and Quill

*Greetings, Populace!*

Exciting season is coming up for recruiting! Our biggest recruitment event is the Norman Medieval Fair! We are looking for volunteers to help walk around our area to hand out Namron cards and speak to visitors about the SCA. If you are interested please let me know!

Lady Nuala Keane has come up with a great idea to help visitors to our demo at the Medieval Fair easier. We will be using QR scan codes for each Barony, Canton and Shire. Each QR scan code will have specific contact information to assist people to get connected! We will also have a list of zip codes assigned to each group in order to ensure interested individuals do not get missed!

If you have other ideas that might be helpful for the Hospitaler Team to use at the Information tent at the Medieval Fair please reach out to us!

After the Medieval Fair is over, we will have a Newcomer Meet and Greet Night! Please watch your email or the

Facebook page for more information on this fun night to greet new people and share with them all things SCA!

At Beltane this year the Hospitaler Team will have a Newcomer area and we will hold a Newcomer's Bingo!! If you have newcomers that are planning to come, please have them visit the Newcomers tent!

Please watch for information regarding loaner garb! Nuala Keane is in charge of loaner garb and will send information via email and Facebook regarding how to get loaner garb and when deadlines to request it by.

YIS.

*Lady Ophelia*  
NAMRON HOSPITALER



## TO BRING OR NOT TO BRING...

A couple of weeks ago, I started thinking about packing for Gulf Wars. Since this is not our typical weekend event, I know that a lot more items need to be taken to help survive the week, be it hot, be it cold, be it wet, or be it dry.

For some of our populace members, this will be their first trek to Mississippi to experience this annual 4 kingdom event. I was wondering what some of our hardened GW veterans have learned to take (and what to leave at home), so I asked the populace for their MUST HAVES and HAVE NOTS. Here are some of the things they said:

1. Baby Wipes - they "Make life so much easier when you don't have time to hop in the shower (Cuz it's full or just short on time in general) and you need to feel refreshed"
2. Rain Boots - (or other shoes good for rain and mud). This was mentioned a few times. As well as other good shoes for walking. Cause there's A LOT of walking.
3. HAND WARMERS - This was mentioned over and over, including the larger warmers to throw into sleeping bags to help warm up feet
4. Rain ponchos/umbrella - it's gonna rain, y'all. And the umbrella can double as a portable sunshade
5. A bag or tote to keep your clothes dry - I'm seeing a theme...
6. A battery powered fan for the tent
7. A heater for the tent
8. Gloves, hat, warm socks
9. A cup or mug
10. Snacks
11. A doormat or plastic rug
12. A broom and a rake
13. Freeze what you can to save on ice
14. A mid-week run to town for fresh produce
15. A cloak, which can easily double as a blanket
16. fire ant killer
17. Solar charges
18. Garb for ALL SEASONS

The have nots list was not as extensive, but there were still some great things on there.

1. Wait until you're there to run to the store to get food and drinks. You can save a lot of room this way and pack things like blankets in coolers
2. Too many pots and pans.
3. Too many blankets. Bring items that you can use for multipurpose (like your cloak)

I hope this helps a little bit with your Gulf Wars planning. If you're uncertain if you should bring something, please don't hesitate to ask some of our 'hardened veterans'. They would be more than happy to tell you to bring that extra bottle of sunscreen or to leave that giant floor loom at home.

Thank you to everyone who commented on my Facebook post!

For your convenience, here is a SMALL packing list for Gulf Wars:

Garb	Mundane Clothes	Sheets	Umbrella
Coat	Medication	Blankets	Knife
Cloak	Makeup	Chair	Serving Ware
Rain Boots	Hothands and toes	Cover for Chair	SCA Membership Card
Boots	Kitty Litter	Kettle	GW Printed Book
Flats	Bucket	Tent Light	Sewing Kit
Shower Shoes	Scoop	Tent Heater	Phone Cords
Towel	Trash Bags	Razor	Call Bank - OFS Use
Soap	Basket	Mug	Shampoo & Conditioner
Feast Gear	Belt	Tent	Ant Killer Powder
Pouch	Sleeping Bag	Tent Scotch Guard	Wallet for cash
Pillow	Mattress	Batteries	

## From the Rapier Marshal

*Greetings Wonderful Barony!*

March is here, and that means one thing for our rapier community: Gulf Wars!!!

Our newcomers are authorized to fight, we're running melees during the last half of practice, and it's so much fun! If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to come join us!

Youth and adult practices continue at Old School Business Center at 201 N Broadway in Moore on Thursday evenings. Youth starts at 6 pm and adult practice starts at 7. Adult practice is for Rapier and Cut and Thrust. Loaner armor is available for both!

The week of War, both the Wiesenfeuer marshal, Darrien, and myself will be in Mississippi, but I am going to reserve space at Southern Hills UMC, 8200 S Penn in OKC for anyone who wishes to attend practice if a marshal and an officer are willing to hold it. Loaner gear will be there. Our usual practice space will be occupied.





Make sure to join us for practice on the 26th because it's your marshal's birthday!! I want to fight lots of people!!

Yours in Service,

*Lady Sabine Fulhaberin*  
RAPIER MARSHAL



## BARONIAL Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice 12-3*	2  Open Arts & Science 7:30-9	3  -Firestorm Ink 7-9  -Firestorm Skills Practice 6:30 - 8:30*	4  -Chivalric Fighter Practice 6:30-9:30* -Youth Chivalric Fighter Practice 7:00-8:00*	5  POPULACE MEETING/  -Youth Steel Combat 6-7  -Adult Steel Combat 7-9	6	7
8  Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice 12-3*  Cook's Guild Meeting 5-7	9  Open Arts & Science 7:30-9  Nålbinding Class 7-9	10  -Firestorm Ink 7-9  -Firestorm Skills Practice 6:30 - 8:30*	11	12  -Youth Steel Combat 6-7  -Adult Steel Combat 7-9	13	14  <b>Gulf Wars</b>
15  <b>Gulf Wars</b>	16  Open Arts & Science 7:30-9  <b>Gulf Wars</b>	17  -Firestorm Ink 7-9    <b>Gulf Wars</b>	18  <b>Gulf Wars</b>	19  BUSINESS MEETING  <b>Gulf Wars</b>	20  <b>Gulf Wars</b>	21  <b>Gulf Wars</b>
22  -Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice 12-3*	23  Open Arts & Science 7:30-9	24  -Firestorm Ink 7-9  -Firestorm Skills Practice 6:30 - 8:30*	25  Chivalric Fighter Practice 6:30-9:30* -Youth Chivalric Fighter Practice 7:00-8:00*	26  -Youth Steel Combat 6-7  -Adult Steel Combat 7-9	27  Commander's Crucible	28  Commander's Crucible
29  -Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice 12-3*	30  Open Arts & Science 7:30-9	31  -Firestorm Ink 7-9pm  -Firestorm Skills Practice 6:30 - 8:30*				

\*WEATHER PERMITTING

**Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice** is held at 4200 E Franklin Rd, Norman, OK 73071

**Business Meeting** is held at Norman Public Schools Administration Building 131 S Flood Ave, Norman, OK 73069

**Chivalric Fighter Practice** meeting location is TBA (due to Oklahoma weather). Check the Facebook page for more information.

**Firestorm Armored Combat Training & Skills Practice** meeting location is TBA (due to Oklahoma weather). Check the Facebook page for more information.

**Firestorm Honey Guild's** meeting dates & location are TBA. Check their Facebook page for more information.

**Firestorm Ink Scribal Guild's** meeting location is TBA. Check the Facebook page for more information.

**Firestorm Siege** is held at 406 S Mustang Rd, Tuttle, OK. Practice time & date TBA. Please make sure to check the Facebook page for more information.

**Namron Cooks Guild** is held at 729 Accipiter, Norman, OK 73072

**Open Arts & Science** is held at West Wind Unitarian Universalist Congregation 1309 W Boyd St, Norman, OK 73069

**Populace Meeting** is held at West Wind Unitarian Universalist Congregation 1309 W Boyd St, Norman, OK 73069

**Steel Combat Practice** is held at Old School Business and Event Center 201 N Broadway St, Moore, Oklahoma 73160

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## Medieval Terms of Endearment

**myne owne hertis rote:** literally 'my own heart's root'. Rote in Middle English, referring to the roots of a plant or tree, could (as in Modern English) be used figuratively to mean the depths of something, its inmost part. So this means 'you who are at the very centre of my heart'.

**my sweeting:** 'my sweet one'.

**my darling:** 'my dear one' (actually *dear-ling*, 'dear little one'). A similar word, *deoring*, 'dearing' also exists, but didn't stand the test of time. *Dereworthy darling* ('precious darling') is also a fairly common phrase.

**culver:** 'dove'. (And also, *dove* itself).

**my honey:** yep, totally medieval. (See *William of Palerne*, l.1655). One of the MED citations is a line from a religious poem, "Jesu, my hony swete, My herte!"

### Some affectionate terms for a child:

**miting:** 'little mite'

**youngling:** 'young one'

**dillydown:** This is apparently related to the Old Icelandic *dilla* 'to lull' and *dillindo*, 'lullaby'. The one appearance of it in Middle English is from the Towneley Plays, from fifteenth-century Yorkshire:

A pratty child is he  
As syttys on a wamans kne;  
A dyllydowne, perde,  
To gar a man laghe.

[A pretty child is he,  
as sits on a women's knee;  
a *dillydown*, indeed,  
to cause a man to laugh]

Citation: A Clerk of Oxford;

<https://aclerkofoxford.blogspot.com/2011/11/medieval-terms-of-endearment.html>

## FROM THE DESK OF THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

*Greetings, Namron-*

GULF WARS IS UPON US!!!

Gather the Host!! The Trimarans need lumps!!!

We have had an excellent turn out for armoring days! There will be more of these days after war and they will be more structured.

**We will not be having practice March 11th or March 18th.**

As always, we are in need of donations of material and expendable things for loaner armor maintenance (rivets,

leather, pickle barrel, etc.). Speaking of loaner armor, if you are going to Gulf Wars and don't have a particular piece of armor and want to borrow it, time is running out! The week before Gulf Wars is not the time to get it! Please do it now!

Practice has had a magnificent turn out. Youth as well!

*Ragnar Kelson*

*of Durham*

KNIGHT MARSHAL, NAMRON



## FROM THE THROWN WEAPONS MARSHAL

*Greetings, Namron,*

Although regular practice has been spotty, we do have missile activities galore in the coming weeks! Gulf Wars will bring us a Thrown Weapons Tournament for a War Point, and many sponsored fun throws throughout the week. Beltane is home to our annual Baronial Championship throw, and this year we will have a fun throw featuring Roman Plumbata!

We can't wait to see you on the range!

YIS

*Bantiarna Órlaith inghean Uí hUallacháin*

THROWN WEAPONS MARSHAL, NAMRON





# ANSTERORRAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH 2020

### **14-22** Gulf Wars

Out of Kingdom; Lumberton, MS

Progress: Crown, Heirs

Circles: Centurions, Masters of Defence

<https://www.facebook.com/Awarwithnoemies/>

### **27-29** Commander's Crucible

Stronghold of Hellsgate, Belton, TX

Progress: Queen

Circles: Pelican

## April 2020

### **03-05** The Medieval Fair of Norman Demo

Barony of Namron; Norman, OK

Activities: Arts & Science, Chivalric, Youth Chivalric, Dancing, Drumming, Rapier, Youth Rapier

Barony of Loch Soilleir & Barony of Stargate, Livingston, TX

Activities: Archery, Chivalric, Rapier

<https://www.facebook.com/events/540281436840830/>

### **03-05** Pearl and Ruby Anniversary Elfsea Defender

Barony of Elfsea; Hamilton, TX

Progress: Crown

Activities: Archery, Youth Archery, Chivalric, Youth Chivalric, Equestrian, Rapier, Youth Rapier

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2541767206143406/>

### **17-19** Wiesenfeuer Baronial & Royal Huntsman

Barony of Wiesenfeuer, Oklahoma City, OK

Activities: Archery, Bardic, Chivalric, Middle Eastern Dance, Middle Eastern Drumming, Rapier, Tavern, Thrown Weapons

<https://www.facebook.com/events/204716267237922/>

### **11** Spring Coronation

Barony of Namron, Ardmore, OK

Progress: Crown, Heirs

Activities: Chivalric

<https://www.facebook.com/events/814761202354816/>

### **24-26** Defender of the Flame

Canton of Glaslyn, Oklahoma City, OK

Activities: Archery, Bardic, Chivalric, Middle Eastern Dance, Middle Eastern Drumming, Rapier, Tavern, Thrown Weapons

<https://www.facebook.com/events/20471627237922/>

### **17-19** Squires, Cadets, and Arcarius

## Event Report Form

In order to get a better idea of how people feel about and/or participate in various events and meetings the group and kingdom hold, here is a form to review said events and meetings!

If enough reports are submitted to me following an event, I (your Chronicler) will use them to garner enough information to write up a small blurb about the event. Then the populace can read about all the fun they missed! You may answer as many or as few questions as you are comfortable with. Any information in the article will be strictly confidential and no names will be used without permission (as per SCA guidelines!).

If you wish for your review to be published directly or are willing to allow it to be quoted in the write-up, please fill out a release form, located [here](#): Email completed forms to: [chronicler@narmorn.ansteorra.org](mailto:chronicler@narmorn.ansteorra.org) A name is required only if you want credit given for your article or are willing to allow direct quotation of said report.

Your name:\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Date of Event:\_\_\_\_\_

1. Is this your first time attending this event?
2. What was the most interesting thing to happen on the way to/from the event?
3. What was your first impression of the event?
4. What was the most interesting thing at the event and why?
5. Would you consider the event worth your time, travel, and money?
6. What was the most unexpected occurrence of the event?
7. What was the funniest thing you saw at the event?
8. Altogether, how much did you spend on the event?
9. How did the event help you experience the SCA or medieval lifestyle?
10. Was the event educational for you and in what way?
11. Describe the garb you wore (was it a "theme" event?)
12. What was your overall impression of the event?
13. What would you have done differently if you had been in charge of the event?
14. How did you contribute to the atmosphere or authenticity of the event?
15. Was royalty there? Which ones?
16. Who won the contests/tournaments?
17. What was served at feast, and what was *good* at feast?
18. What did somebody who didn't go *really* miss?
19. What were some of your *favorite* experiences and moments at this event?

\*Event Report Form published with permission from The Steppes Letter, January 2020

# From the Web Minister

We have a website!

Thank you all for playing "Find the webminister's egg" I enjoyed awarding prizes for all that located it. If you missed it here is a picture of what you missed.



Keep an eye out for the next hidden gem game.

The medfair and coronation sites are live and updated. Go find all the info you need.

If you are heading down to Gulf Wars this month, take a few pictures and share the story with me. I'd like to showcase them on the website under a new Gulf Wars page that will be going up after... Wait for it... Gulf Wars!

The kingdom has sponsored a new theme that has given us access to a lot of new toys for the website.

Watch out for changes coming soon!

Yours In Service,

**MANI ALFSSON**  
NAMRON WEBMINISTER



# NAMRON Champions:

## *Archery:*

LORD ROLAND BLACKTHORNE

## *Baroness's Justice (Rapier):*

DON CORNELIUS MERILÄINEN, WSA

## *Arts & Science:*

LADY KERSTEN MERILÄINEN

## *Thrown Weapons:*

LORD RAULFF SMEITHBERDE

## *Bardic:*

ELSPETH BHORÚMA INGHEAN BHRIAN

## *Youth Archery:*

ARI JONGEIRRSO

## *Brewing:*

LORD RAULFF SMEITHBERDE

## *Youth Rapier:*

CASYN OF NORTHKEEP  
*(child division, 6-11)*

## *Namron's Protector (Chivalric):*

JARL TIMOTHEUS KALAMANOS

AIDEN OF NAMRON  
*(youth division, 12-17)*

## *Foolery:*

LORD CUAIS FLAVUIS VALENS

## *Youth Thrown Weapons:*

ARI JONGEIRRSO

## FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCE

*Hello Great Barony!!!*

We had an amazing February A&S class about gold work!!! Thank you, Anastasia, for teaching such a fantastic class!!!

Now on to March and our busy season ahead. We have Baroness Adena coming in to teach Nalbinding! Please join us March 9, 2020 from 7-9 pm at West Wind Unitarian Church. Come out and learn to make something new to take to Gulf Wars!

Don't forget, we have a two-part class coming up for April and May! Hope to see everyone there.

Also firestorm ink is doing some awesome work and they meet every Tuesday at Natural grocers On 89th in SW OKC! Come out and pant with them!

I look forward to seeing you soon!!!

YIS,  
*Lady Ellyn O'Rowone deGraye*  
MoAS



## FROM THE BANK OF NAMRON

*Greetings Barony,*

The Bank of Namron has \$11750.45 with \$765.30 dedicated to the Ada group, Oak Spring.

*Please note that I can only write checks at Populace and Business meetings.*

I apologize for the inconvenience but checks must be signed by two members of the financial committee.

If you have a heraldry submission, please make sure that the Herald is also in

attendance so that all paperwork can be done correctly!

Yours In Service,  
*Lord Oddo Marsson*

INTERIM TREASURER  
BARONY OF NAMRON



**Riddles** have been around for centuries, the known oldest documented one being from Mesopotamia from Lagash circa 2350 BC. Ancient and medieval literature is full of riddles. They were used both to bring suspense to the text and to pass on cultural tradition. One example would be the double meanings hidden in the written words that composed the foundation of the knowledge of medieval scholars. The *Exeter Book*, an anthology of Old English literature from the 10th century, is a treasure trove of some medieval brain teasers.

## Test your smarts and see if you can best this medieval mystification:

*IC ON WINCLE GEFÆGN WEAX NATHWÆT,  
 PINDAN 7 PUNIAN, PÆCENE HEBBAN.  
 ON PÆT BANLEASE BRYD GRAPODE  
 HYGEWLONC HONDUM, HRÆGLE PEAHTE;  
 BRINDENDE ÞING PÆODNES DOHTOR.*

I have heard of something wax in a corner,  
 swell and pop, lift up the covers.  
 A proud-minded woman seized with her hands  
 that boneless thing, a prince's daughter;  
 covered with her dress the swelling thing.

WHAT AM I?

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LADY SABINE FULHABERIN  
MARCH 26TH

### **MARCH TRIVIA:**

1. March has TWO birthstones. The first is aquamarine, which was said to protect sailors on their trips at sea. The second is bloodstone, which was referred to as the 'martyr stone' and was used by medieval Christians to carve scenes of the crucifixion.
2. March babies' flower is the daffodil, which symbolizes rebirth....and is a sign spring has arrived!
3. Some historical March events:
  - March 1, 1565 - The city of Rio de Janeiro is founded
  - March 15, 44 BC - "The Ides of March" Julius Caesar is killed by Marcus Junius Brutus
  - March 15, 1493 - Christopher Columbus returns to Spain after his first trip to the Americas.
  - March 16, 1521 - Ferdinand Magellan reaches the Philippines.
  - March 25, 1409 - The council of Pisa opens
  - March 28, 845 - Paris is sacked by Viking raiders
4. The name March comes from the Roman god of war, Mars. For many years, March, being the start of spring, was also the start of the New Year. Much of Europe used March as the start of the year. Britain used March 25th as the beginning of the New Year until 1752.

# Medieval Fair Free Lecture Series Upcoming Events

THE MEDIEVAL FAIR FREE LECTURE SERIES IS COSPONSORED BY THE OU CENTER FOR MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES AND HOSTED BY THE PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM.

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MIDDLE AGES JUST FOR THE FUN OF LEARNING!

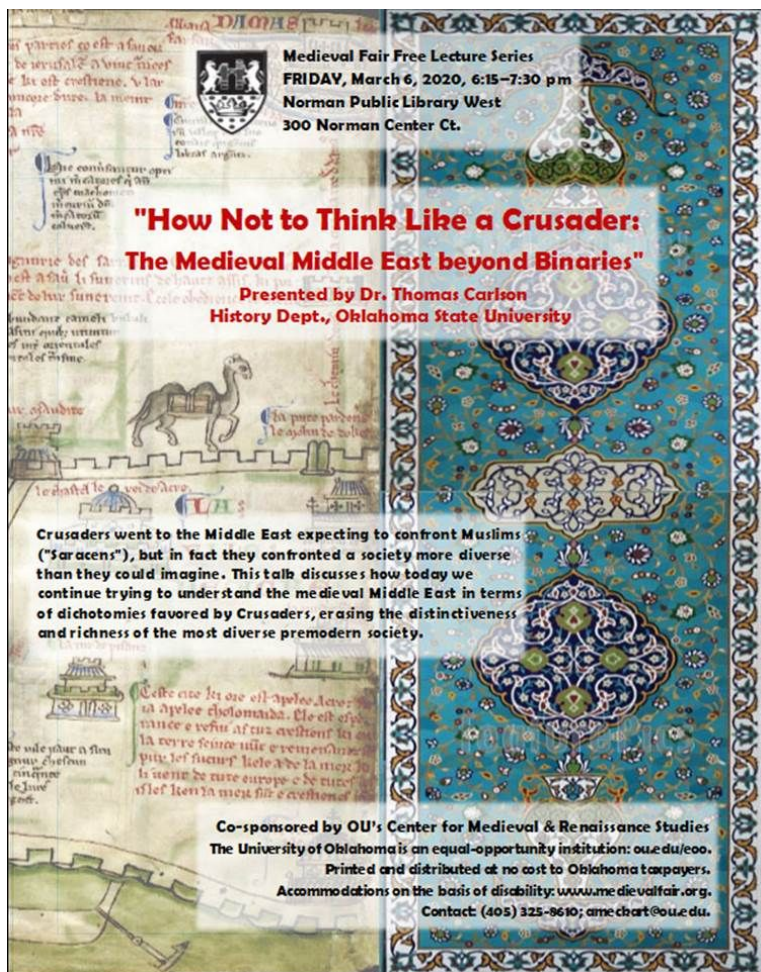
NO PAPERS, NO TEST, JUST INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE LONG AGO.

**Friday March 6th, 6:15-7:30pm**

WEST Norman Public Library, (300 Norman Center Ct.)

## “How Not to Think Like a Crusader: The Medieval Middle East beyond Binaries”

presented by **Dr. Thomas Carlson**, History Dept., Oklahoma State University



Crusaders went to the Middle East expecting to confront Muslims ("Saracens"), but in fact they confronted a society more diverse than they could imagine. This talk discusses how today we continue trying to understand the medieval Middle East in terms of dichotomies favored by Crusaders, erasing the distinctiveness and richness of the most diverse pre-modern society.

Facebook event page [here](#)



**Thursday, April 2nd, 4:30-8pm**

OU Couch Restaurants (333 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Norman, OK 73019)

***“2020 Couch Restaurants Medieval Feast”***

Couch Restaurants is preparing a special medieval feast fit for kings, queens, barons and baronesses! Of course, if you have nobility, you must have entertainment. There will be musicians, jesters, dancers and more present to bemuse their highnesses and guests. More information and event link coming soon.

**Friday, April 3rd - Sunday, April 5th, 2020 10am-7pm**

Reeves Park (2501 S. Jenkins Ave., Norman, OK 73072)

***“44<sup>th</sup> Annual Medieval Fair”***

There's just too much detail to put in a newsletter... Keep checking our website <https://medievalfair.org/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MedievalFair/> for updates.

**Friday, April 17th, 6:15-7:30pm**

WEST Norman Public Library, (300 Norman Center Ct.)

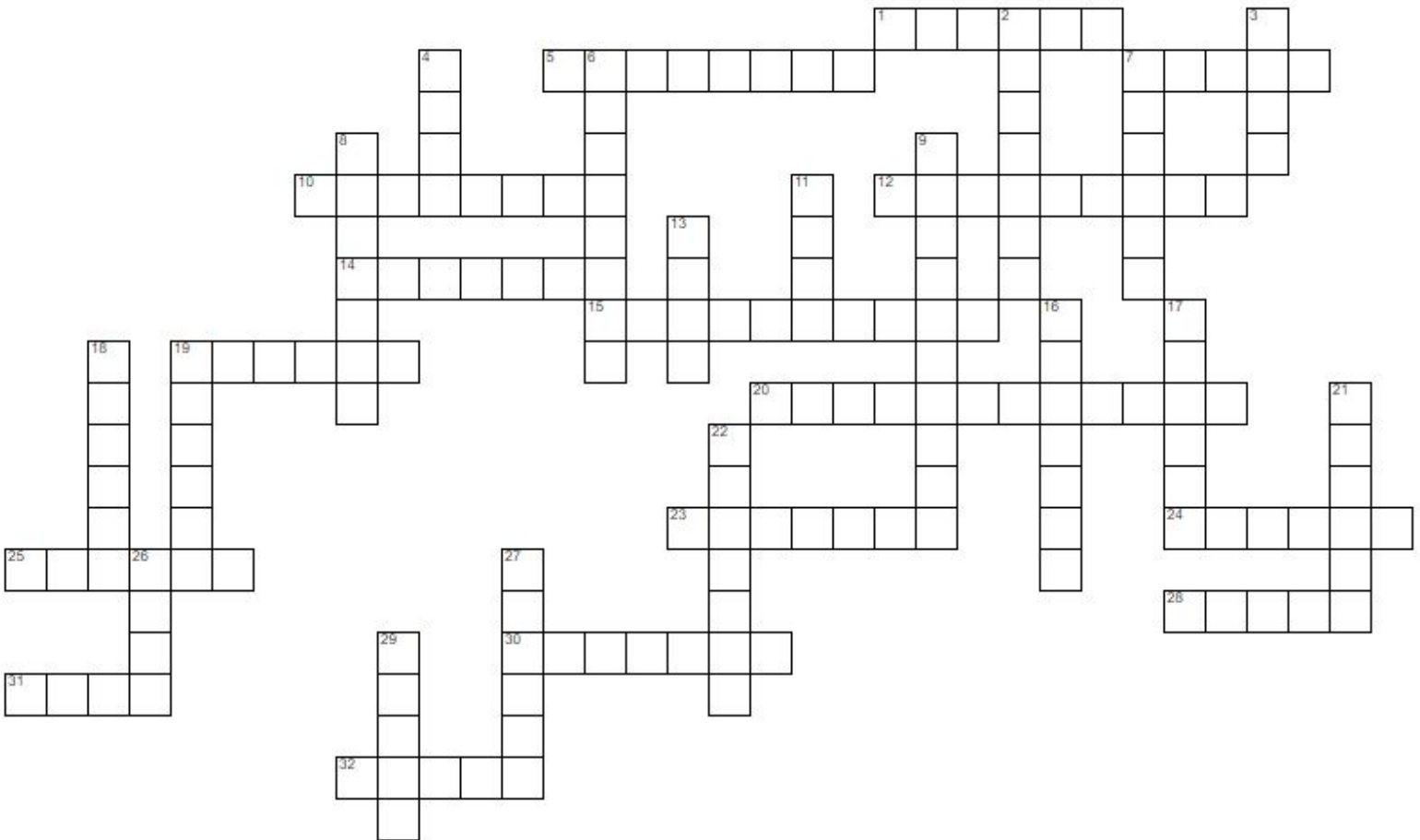
***“Inspired by the Rose:  
Turning a Medieval Romance into a Modern Opera”***

presented by **Annie Holt, Ph. D.**, Assistant Professor of Humanities, University of Central Oklahoma.

Dr. Holt will reveal the inside story of how a medieval classic, the 13th-century Romance of the Rose, inspired the creation of a new opera, due to open in early April on the East Coast. As the opera's creative producer, Dr. Holt will discuss the process of adapting the text, share some clips of the finished performance, and consider how medieval texts and themes still resonate today.

# Medieval Warfare Crossword

Looking for something to do on your trek to Gulf Wars? Why not brush up on some of your medieval warfare and armor terms!



ACROSS

1. The groove forged and ground into the center of a sword blade in order to make it lighter
5. The armor to defend the hand
7. The defense of a knight against the weapons of his opponents, consisting of his complete harness
10. A large crossbow for firing spears
12. A type of catapult that uses a swinging arm to throw a projectile
14. Small square shields applied to the shoulders worn during the 13th century
15. A formation of soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder
19. A battering ram
20. The modern word for a hand and a half sword
23. A small round 'target' shield
24. A short, pointed knife
25. The basic defense for the head
28. The predominant weapon of a knight
30. A sleeveless jerkin consisting only of front and back with a hold for the head
31. A long spear with a small steel head
32. A long shaft of ash tipped with a sharp iron or steel tip

DOWN

2. The preferred weapon of the English after the middle 14th century
3. A notch at either end of a bow for holding the string
4. Interwoven links of iron riveted together to form a defensive metal cloth
6. The proper term for a crossbow
7. A person wielding a bow
8. The part of armor which covers the foot
9. Maker of bows, arrows, and other archery goods
11. A sudden attack on an enemy
13. A mail defense for the head in the form of a hood, often worn under a full helm
16. An armoring technique in which metal is worked outwards to form a dish or bowl shape
17. An armored warhorse
18. The end of a sword's hilt
19. The small corner cut into the top of a shield to accommodate a lance
21. A broad piece of metal or other suitable material, held by straps or a handle, used for protection against blows or missiles
22. A mail shirt, generally extending down to defend the legs
26. A heavy club, typically having a metal head and spikes
27. A fight between large armored forces
29. The oldest form of staff weapon intended primarily for thrusting

Want something simple and easy to throw on to wear to and from the showers at an event?

## Why not a towel tunic?

Super simple and easy to make, add this to your packing list today!

Supplies:

2 towels of the same size

Needle & Thread (or a sewing machine)

1. Layer one towel over the other
2. Pin the ends of the top of the towels together
3. Sew the top corners together, creating shoulders, leaving enough room for your head to easily pass through
4. Sew the sides together, with enough room for your arms to pass through.

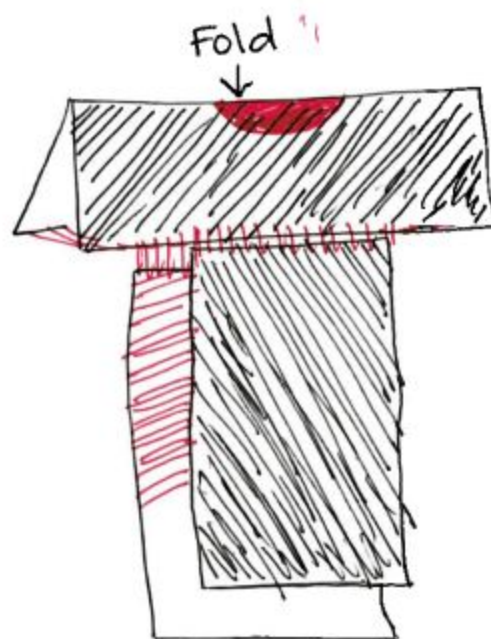
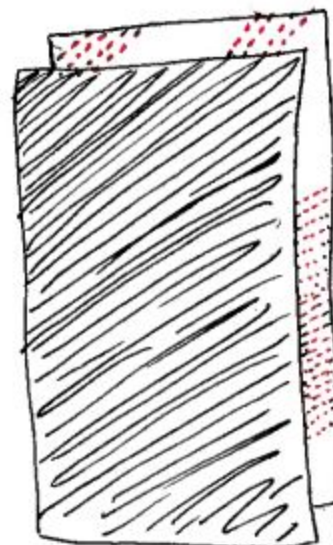
That's it!

This is easily reversible, easy to maintain, and fairly affordable.

OR, if you want sleeves, you can easily use three towels to do so.

1. Fold the first towel in half lengthwise
2. Cut out a neck hole in the middle of this towel.
3. Check size to make sure head can easily pass through the neck hole
4. Center the other towels under the neck hole.
5. Sew the short ends of the bottom towels to the long end of the top towel
6. Sew sleeves and sides of new towel tunic together.

\*use the larger beach blanket or bath sheet towels for maximum comfort. Regular size towels may be too small or too racy for your taste



NOTE:

Red dashes show where you're supposed to sew.

Red half circle shows where to cut out neck hole.

Barony of Namron



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# NORMAN MEDIEVAL FAIR DEMO

**APRIL 3-5, 2020, 10 AM - 7 PM DAILY**

**Reaves Park, 2501 Jenkins Ave, Norman, OK 73072**

The Barony of Namron cordially invites you to join us for this amazing weekend demo! Held annually since 1977, The Norman Medieval Fair is Oklahoma's largest weekend event & the 3rd largest event in the state.

There are many opportunities for participation:



### Fighters

We are in need of both Chivalric & Rapier combatants (especially Friday and Sunday).



### Displays & Demonstrations

Archery, Armory, Arts & Science, Dancing, Drumming, & Siege Engines



### Hospitality

This is a great recruiting opportunity for our entire Kingdom!

**There is no site registration.** There is both paid and free parking available near the fair grounds.

**There are no overnight accommodations on site.**

The site is a public park. There is no smoking & dry by local ordinance.

LEASHED pets are welcome but are not encouraged by the fair due to large crowds.

**The Norman Medieval Fair is located on Jenkins Avenue between Lindsey St. and HWY 9 East. From I-35 take HWY 9 East to Jenkins Avenue. Turn north**

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

To learn more about the fair itself, please visit [medievalfair.org](http://medievalfair.org)

**Event Stewards:** Josseline diMichele [MKA Char Eby] 254-317-0145 [charclary@gmail.com](mailto:charclary@gmail.com) & Brangwyn Steward [MKA Allyson Silkwood] 405-837-3132 [branwen.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:branwen.stewart@gmail.com)

Please no Calls/Texts after 9 pm unless for emergencies

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# SPRING CORONATION

of

*Jason & Margherita III*

APRIL 11, 2020

**Ardmore Convention Center  
2401 N Rockford Ave  
Ardmore, OK 73401**

Exit 33 off I-35 to OK-142/E Prairie Valley Rd. Drive East to N. Rockford Rd and turn South. Ardmore Convention Center is on the West side of the road.

Site opens at 8:30 am and closes at 7:30 pm

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

- Adult Event Registration \$20
- Adult Member Event Registration \$15
- Child Registration (17 & Under) FREE

**Sideboard Lunch Included  
Feast Registration \$10**

Make checks payable to:  
SCA, Inc./Barony of Namron



## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS!!!

At Beltane, Aiden, son of Deinis O Maille, will lead a teen 5<sup>th</sup> edition D&D campaign after evening court on Saturday under the pavilion.

Aiden is a 15 y/o experienced Dungeon Master.

PARENTS please note, there will NOT be adults actively supervising this activity.

Open to kids 12 to 17.

Some pre-generated level one character sheets will be provided. You may bring your own level one character sheets.

Kids bring your dice!

