

# Plague & Pox Submissions

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# Calendar of Events

As of June 1, 1999

(All event information is as reported to the Plague/Pox Staff. Details missing? Incorrect? Let us KNOW!)

A note about event status - Every event is assumed to be official, unless the staff knows otherwise. Questions? Contact the Bocman.

## Ongoing Meetings and Fighter Practices

Note: These are the events I could confirm. If your group has a regular meeting or practice, please let me know! *Shakira*

**Sat & Sun Galacia Fighter Practice** 7-10 PM, Columbia, MD area. Contact Dan for details 410-730-0762

**Sun Viking Camp** monthly meetings/workshops. VA & MD. Contact Thyri for directions and times. 703-359-7081

**Mon Caer Edgemere**, 7-10 PM. Chesapeake Terrace Elem. School Gym. Call Anna for directions and to verify times. 410-477-1895

**Sit and Stitch Nights**, Belle Mead, New Jersey. Contact Kass McGann: 908-431-0131 **NOTE: There will be no Sit and Stitch Nights during the month of August, 1999.**

**Foil/Epee Fencing Practice** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Fencing academy of South Jersey starting at 7PM. Cost: \$5 per fencer Contact Chet or David Most 609-530-0173

**Tues UMCP Fyrdmoot**, Reckord Armory, College Park Campus. Many different workshops (frat, steel, etc.) and conversation. Contact Nikki Privé at nprive@wam.umd.edu or 301-587-8441

**Wed Noble House** Monthly Chapter meetings 1st Wed. 7:30 PM to 9 PM. The Mercer County Library, Lawrenceville branch in RM 4. At the corner of Rt.1 and Darra Lane, Lawrenceville, NJ Contact: David Most, 609-530-0173

**Thurs Fencing Practice** at Forked River United Methodist Church, Forked River, NJ. For more info contact Terry Marr at: 1.marr@worldnet.att.net

**All Longship Company Work Parties** start at 12 Noon at Oakley Farm (Atli's). Contact: 301-ROW-BOAR.

**June 10, 1999 - Last day to update your membership** if you want to vote at the Althyng! Has your membership expired? Contact the Bailiff.

**June 10, 1999 - Last day to mail in your proxy.** Must be postmarked by this date. Contact the Bailiff.

**June 11-13, 1999 - Craft Event.** Hibernia State Park, SE Pennsylvania. Site is Bone Dry. Horses and dogs are welcome! Camping is available. Teachers are needed, call 610-384-1013. For more details, see article this Pox.

**June 19, 1999 - Longship Company Work Party**

**June 25-27, 1999 - Camp Fenby.** Sponsored by the Longship Company, and hosted at Oakley Farm in Avenue, MD, this is a weekend of learning medieval crafts and sciences. See notice this Pox. Contact Thyri or Atli for more information. Cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per family to cover the porta-potty rental.

**Directions to Oakley Farm:** From DC and parts North: Take Rt 5 south from D.C. (otherwise take Rt 301 from everywhere else).

In Waldorf, turn on Rt 5 south. Proceed through Bryantown (where Dr. Mudd was arrested), Hughesville (beware of speed zone), and Charlotte Hall/Newmarket (a great flea market site every Wednesday and Saturday) to Mechanicsville.

Turn right onto Rt 5 at the *Halfway House* restaurant. Proceed through Helen (watch the turn) to Morganza.

Make a right on Rt 242 at the blinking yellow light by St. Joseph's Church. Proceed through the blinking red light at Clements.

About 1.9 miles past Clements, make a left on Rt 470, Oakley Rd.

About 1. whatever miles down the road you will see Burch Road on your left. Oakley Farm is the first dirt road on your left after Burch Rd. Look for the large white farmhouse with green trim (one of 235,892 in St. Mary's County).

From southern Virginia: Take Rt 301 to Rt 234 some 5.9 miles from the Virginia shore ("You in Murlnd, boy!") and make a right.

Proceed through Chaptico (great church and long story) and make a right at Clements, at the blinking red light, onto Rt 242 and proceed as above.

**From New Jersey & the Delaware Memorial Bridge:** Take the bridge to 295 South to 95 North and proceed as above.

**From the North (Pennsylvania, mostly):** There is no exit onto Harvey Road from 95 South. Take 95 South to the 495 split and proceed on 495 South to Philadelphia Pike. Take the Philadelphia Pike exit South towards Claymont. Go about 4 miles to Harvey Road. (You'll see a McDonalds, an Arbys, and a large Goodwill store at the intersection.) Take a right onto Harvey Road, go over 95 (about 1 mile) and follow directions from above.

**July 30, 1999 - Due Date for the August Pox**  
**August 27, 1999 - Due Date for the September (Pre-Hastings) Pox**

**August 29, 1999 - 4H Fundraiser.** 10 AM-5 PM, Robert Miller Air Park. Berkley, New Jersey Camping available for Saturday night - August 28. Details in this Pox. Contact Fox - sunfox@bellatlantic.net

**September 5, 1999 - Scanfest** in Hamilton, NJ. This is one of the largest Scandinavian Festivals on the East coast. We need both costumed interpreters and people in Longship Company T-shirts to interpret the Gyrfacon. We also need a volunteer to tow the Gyrfacon to the event. Contact LongshipCo@hotmail.com if you want to participate.

**September 11, 1998 - Flaming Midget Fest,** Marietta Mansion, Sponsored by Galacia. Details to be announced.

**September 12, 1999 - Feast o' Lethargy,** Moose Hall, Mount Holly, NJ. Sponsored by Companions of the Cross. Contact Cheslov.

**September 18, 1999 - Demo at American Swedish Museum** in Philadelphia. Sponsored by the Longship Company. Contact LongshipCo@hotmail.com for more information.

**October 9 & 10, 1999 - Hastings Faire and Battle,** Marietta Mansion, Glen Dale, MD. Details to be announced. See article this Pox for general idea of what this year's faire will be like. Contact Joe Carpenter at Eogwulf@hotmail.com or phone 609-779-1262 or write 373 Elm Ave. Maple Shade, NJ 08052-2721

**November 6, 1999 - Feast of Plenty (Tentative)**  
**November 12-14, 1999 - Fall War, Pages' Farm,** Port Deposit, MD. Sponsored by Caer Edgemere. Contact Ty or Anna.

**August 2000 - Viking Grand Encampment - Newfoundland, Canada.** The LSCo will be taking the Gyrfacon and (hopefully) the Fydraca to the Viking Grand Encampment to celebrate the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leif Ericsson discovering North America. Contact Atli at 301-SOW-BOAR, or Anarra at LongshipCo@hotmail.com for more information. There's over a year to prepare!

**October 9, 2000 - Leif Ericsson Day Celebration** at American Swedish Museum in Philadelphia. Details to be announced.

**October 2000 - "Refight" of Hastings** - on the ORIGINAL battlefield. Details to be announced.

## NEWSFLASH!

The fee for Camp Fenby has increased from \$10 per person or \$15 per family to \$10 per person or \$15 per family PLUS tightening 10 rivets on the Fydraca per day. :-)

**June 25, 1999 - Due Date for the July Pox AND the Summer Plague**

**July 10, 1999 - Markland Summer Althyng & Feast,** St. David's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, DE (same site as last year) Feast sponsored by Caer Edgemere. The hall will open at 11:00AM, Althyng begins promptly at 1:00PM. The feast will be fully provided. Tickets will be \$12.00 until July 1, after that, and at the door tickets will be \$15.00. Tickets are available from Shakira, Cedric, Anna, & Ty, or by mail from: Anna Kueberth, 2308 Lodge Farm Road, Baltimore, MD 21219-1934. Merchants should contact Anna or Ty at 410-477-1895 or akuebert@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us

**Directions: From the South:** Take 95 North to Delaware Exit 10 (Harvey Road). There is only one on-ramp. Take a left hand turn onto Harvey Road and proceed 2 miles to Grubb Road intersection. After passing through intersection, go another 1.5 to 2 miles. St. David's Episcopal Church will be on your left.

Eric Dennis, Spothhead

Ut and Hello!

Recently, I have received a number of concerned questions, mostly from new members, that all seem to hinge in one way or another on the matter of authority within Markland. Apparently, this would be a good time to go over this again for the sake of our newer members as well as some of the older ones who seem to have forgotten a few things.

Markland is a free association of like-minded hobbyists. As such, the authority exercised over any individual is, and should be, as small as possible. You don't need to have a "sponsor" to join, you don't even need to be part of an official (or unofficial) group. NO ONE can bar you from membership (although a group may keep you from joining THEIR group), can tell you what group to join, if any, and NO ONE CAN THROW YOU OUT! The only body with the authority to remove someone from membership is the Fyrd as a whole, where everyone gets a vote. So as long as you don't piss off a majority of your fellow members, you are in for the duration of your interest.

An event organizer traditionally has the authority to throw anyone out of their event, but they had better have some kind of reason for doing so. You can even hold events that are exclusionary, by making them invitational and not advertising them in the **Plague/Pox**.

So, in summary, if you are having a real problem with someone at an event, then take it to the event organizer and see if they agree with you. But if you have some kind of personal disagreement with someone in Markland, well, that's not Markland's business, only yours. And if you call me about it, I'll just have to quote Abe from **The Outlaw Josey Wales**... "I ain't your Pa,... now SHUT UP!"

Eric Dennis,  
Spothhead,  
Aeldorman,  
lex animata



Linda Kaserman, NannyFodder

Reminder: By the time you read this, it will probably be past the June 10, 1999 deadline for updating LAPSED memberships and sending in proxies for the Summer Althyng. See the May **Pox** for details and don't let this happen again!

Thanks to those that are choosing to renew their August memberships early! All members who are expiring - I'm sending out notices, but our membership has dropped by 50 or more due to non-renewals. You have a 2-month grace period for **Poxes**, but after that - you are REMOVED from the Roster.

**Smoke and Fire News** for June 1999 has an article on MTA. Fred Bauer and his daughter Kelsey appear in a photograph... Unfortunately, the article is focused on later period camps rather than our camps... If you'd like to see it - let me know. We receive copies of **Smoke and Fire** on a monthly basis.

Thanks to Companions for providing the Bailiff with shade from the Sun and a table to recruit from at the West Windsor Renaissance Faire. Thanks to Noble House for coverage on Saturday afternoon and the offers for Sunday (we were rained out).

For those of you who are old, and I mean old, I met a former Marklander from 25yrs ago - Erzebet - Mary Edith...she said to tell those of you who can remember that far back, Ut and Hello!

Again, I am running for Bailiff of Markland. I thank you for your support and cooperation in the last year and hope to continue to serve you in the years to come...

A Reminder from the Bailiff

ALL ADDRESS CHANGES should be forwarded to the Bailiff prior to the change. This will save returns, re-mailings, hassle for the Bailiff and a bit of cash for Markland. Remember to include the Bailiff when notifying the rest of your accounts. Thanks, from the Bailiff.

Shire Reeve's Report

Bill Bauer, Oakstaf Babyeater



UT!

Althyng is fast approaching, and the decisions will be made who is to lead you, the Fyrd, for the next year. As I not running again, let

me recommend one thing - think in terms of the whole organization, not just your part of it. The next Shire Reeve should be a person who has experience and abilities in more than just one area. The last several Shire Reeves (including myself) have not had much balance, leading to certain groups not getting the attention they needed... this is not good for Markland as a whole. So let's get out there, get your vote in, and continue the growth of Markland that we have been enjoying.

As the safety note for this month, let me introduce an old military adage - "first the horse, then the saddle, then the man." I have seen (too many times) folks come off the field, pile their gear next to a tree, and then go off elsewhere - and when time came for packing, they threw their gear into a bag. At the next war, then, they unpacked the gear upon "armor up" call - and I saw grass falling out of the bag from the last campsite. 3-5 minutes, right when you take your gear off, checking it, and then stowing it properly can and will save you a lot of aggravation, extend the life of your equipment, and keep my reeves' blood pressures down from having to argue with you after they fail you.

To end, here is my major piece of advice for safety: think, people.



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## From the Bocman

Well, my friends,

The Summer Althyng is almost upon us

and with it election of officers. As far as I know there is only one contested office, that of Shire Reeve. If someone is interested in the office of Bocman, please call me or drop me an e-mail. I will be happy to explain everything that is involved in the job.

As some of you are aware, Ty and I just bought property in Glenville, West Virginia. I expect to spend much of my summer running between Baltimore and Glenville, getting the new household set up. If I do not respond to your e-mails within a day or two, call my house after 7PM and my husband will take a message and try to get it to me.



Please do not leave things till the last minute, over the summer. By Autumn, things will be back to normal and you can go back to procrastinating.

If anyone has a problem or question about an event form they have already filed, please contact me. Your event is covered by our insurance the minute 2 Witan members sign the form. I do not send a binder (proof of insurance to be sent to the site owner) unless you request it. So please be clear that you want a binder and to whom it should be sent. If the site owner wants proof of insurance, ask if they have a fax number, and we will fax it directly to them.

I'll see you all at Summer Althyng. "Till then enjoy your summer and play safely! And BUY YOUR ALTHYNG FEAST TICKETS EARLY!

## Shire Reeve Candidate, pt1

Many of you folks know me as Drey. After long consideration, I would like to put my name forward as a Candidate for the position of Shire Reeve of Markland. I do this for the following reasons:

I feel that we need to have a person in this sensitive position who is active in a wide range of activities within Markland and is not partisan to any particular group or interest. I think that of all the people who may run for this position, I fit that description best.

I have always attempted to behave in a fair and mature manner. I feel this quality is especially needed in any individual wishing to hold an office on the Witan. This is not the job for someone with an axe to grind. It is a job with serious responsibilities and little room for personal agendas.

I want to see Markland continue to grow. In doing this I'd like to see many of the old qualities of Markland kept; its' openness to new ideas, its' off beat humor, its' wide range of acceptance of interests and support of activities.

At the same time however I feel that we need to go further in supporting the reenactment and living history ends of the organization. It would also be nice to see archery given more attention as an activity, perhaps with a head archer (Chief Yeoman) office created to expand interest.

I do not really want this job, but feel that perhaps the time has come to take the job if the fyrd feels I'm the person to do it. If elected, I will attempt to provide leadership, but make as few judgments as possible. I will continue to delegate responsibility as Bill Bauer and his predecessors have done in order to see that responsible individuals are nominated to the head of the respective activities in Frat, Rec and Fencing. If you can find another person willing to do this job in the manner it deserves, vote for them. If you think I should be that person, please elect me.

Thank you.

Drey (Andrew Mychalus)

## Shire Reeve Candidate, pt2

Kelly Coco announces that he is a candidate for the position of Shire Reeve of Markland.

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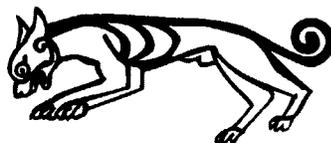


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Get well soon,  
óran!



# Thoughts and Ramblings

Patricia M. Dennis, Shakira



Hello again! Wasn't last month's **Pox** just jammed full? A bit dry, perhaps, but sometimes that is a necessity. Glad I'd finally gotten my 19" monitor - probably saved my eyesight

with all of that fine print! Don't you just love technology?

For those of you who met our new addition (the small and very popular black kitten) at the Easy Living War, you'll be happy to hear that he now has a name - Nikola, after Tesla the great electrical genius. And he's even been named to the royal court, despite having tried to assassinate our noble Queen! (The little brat is nibbling on my ankles as I write this. Kittens, what can you do?)

While I'm thinking about the Easy Living War, it was a great success. Everyone involved should be very proud. Markland made a great showing, the crowds seemed to be having a great time, and I'm told the Lions Club is VERY happy.

David Carter, please stand up and take a bow. You've saved us all from the same old "artwork." Seriously, I've gotten a lot more artwork over the last few months and I'm grateful. David even sent us a cartoon for this issue! (As with all submissions to the **Plague** or **Pox**, it reflects only the author's views and not necessarily those of the editor or staff... just a tad bit of legalese...) It was also wonderful to be able to meet one of our artists at the ELW. Let's keep up the good work, artists!

I've heard that there's at least one person considering taking the **Pox/Plague** off my hands in January. This is good. I'd like to clear up one misconcep-

tion in this area. I am not stepping down as editor simply because my term will be up. It's a lot more complicated than that. I'm not burnt out and I don't want to be burnt out if I can avoid it. We need to nurture our members' talents and this is one way I can help - by passing on the pleasures and the responsibilities of this job.

On that same note, I'd like to thank Lydia for her years of work on our publications. Lydia will also be stepping down at the end of the year - after more than a decade! Her contributions to Markland and to myself as editor cannot be easily quantified. Thank you, Lydia!

Don't forget! Deadline for the **Summer Plague** is June 25, 1999.

That's it. Hope to see a lot of people at various events this summer. Until then, I wish everyone peace, prosperity and most importantly, good health.

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## WANT TO LEARN A CRAFT?



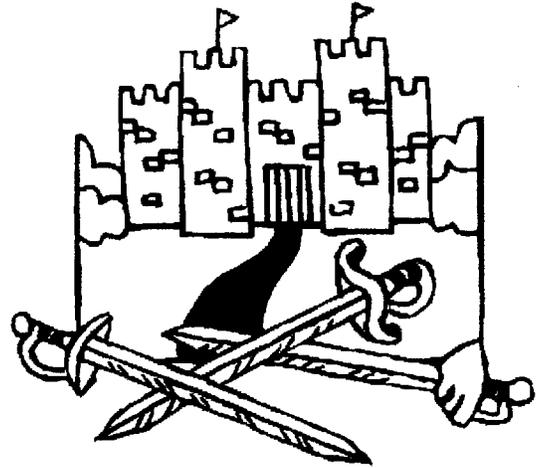
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great chances!

Craftsman Event  
June 12-13, 1999

Camp Fenby  
June 25-27, 1999



# 1999 Summer Althynng & Feast



July 10, 1999  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

Hall opens at 11:00 AM  
Meeting starts PROMPTLY at 1:00 PM

Fully provided feast: \$12 until June 30, \$15 July 1 and later  
\$15 at the door, if available

Contact Anna, Ty, Cedric or Shakira for tickets

For directions, please see the Calendar of Events

For details on the meeting, contact the Witan

For details on the feast, contact Anna (410-477-1895 or [akuebert@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us](mailto:akuebert@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us))

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**CONGRATULATIONS, CHARLIE, HEATHER & EZRA  
ON THE ARRIVAL OF  
MAYA ELISE BROOKS  
MAY 18, 1999**

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## How about a cook's corner?

Cousins, as many of you know, I have a gifted interest & love. Anyone who has attended one of my events knows what it is. Although I do not claim to be an expert in this field, I think I can pull off a great meal. Yes, you may have guessed it, my love and passion is cooking.

I possess no special ability other than knowing what goes right in food, and want to share that idea, info, and passion, with all of Markland. I think a monthly letter/ Q & A / recipe/ cooks rambling "thing" would be well fitted to the Pox. As stated I do not consider myself an expert and welcome advice/ criticism/critique of my ideas ( as well as compliments) and ramblings. My advice

on how to feed the masses on \$ 5.00 per head alone is worth it! Seriously, I think this "corner" would be accepted and appreciated if for no other reason to get to know each other and our individual styles and places in Markland. As House Von Drakën prefers to be as "non-political" as possible, this idea gives those of us who can wield a soup ladle better than a pole arm something to do as well.

So what do you think? Let me know. I'm always open for helping someone out! Give me a buzz at [kyrin@netcarrier.com](mailto:kyrin@netcarrier.com)

In Our Service, His Grace, Duke Kyrim  
Baroosa Edred Arroyo Von Drakën





## Great Medieval Yard Sale, Mark III

The Longship Company's Annual Great Medieval Yard Sale will happen again at Hastings! We have made over \$500 each year we've done this, and deeply appreciate all the donations given by generous Marklandi! Our appreciation is so great, we invite you to donate again this year!! Please contact Atli at 301-ROW-BOAR or Anarra at 410-496-5229 to arrange pick-up of donations.

Or, bring them to Hastings with you. Receipts available for those wishing to deduct the donations on their tax forms.

## From the Queen...

### Announcement from Her Royal Majesty, Queen Squeek of Markland

We have the honor of adding two new members to our court! We welcome

Raven, an English Setter mix. Owner is Brenda Kmiechick The position held on the court is Master of the Hunt.

Nikola, the little black kitten many met at West Windsor, has been appointed Youth Ambassador to the Queen.

On a more somber note, we are sad to announce the recent passing of Rhiannon, the Royal Mistress of the Horse. Our sympathies to her humans, Bill and Amy.

### Paws Prints of Approval

Cheslov Rex, Dave Most, and Kelly Coco

For starting the idea of "Fencing" (Renaissance Art of Defense) in Markland. Our humble apologies for not giving your due.

Angus O'Kelly of The Order of Lost Boys For having an admirable magical iron horse.

Barchan - Founder

For living a half of Century! But watch out for those trees! We want you around for the second half.

### Paw Print of Disapproval

Eogwulf of Bacchus Brigands

For his audacity in thinking he is a better than her Majesty by challenging for the crown. For that I will shake the spiraled Royal newsprint at him. We are not amused.

Sweinchen Deeke

Regent to her Majesty

Squeek, High Queen of All Markland



## Thank you!

From his Grace, The Duke Kyrin Baroosa Edred Arroyo Von Drakën:

It is with great pleasure that I saw so many cousins attend the Second Annual North Penn Renaissance Fete!

Or perhaps I should say rain fete. Well at least it was warmer. I have decided if any household knows some area that needs rain, please contact me and I will organize an event. That should help with weather.

Still, it is good to see so many travel north to play with our group. The area (what little showed) loved it, the church wants to do it again - this fall, (aaahhh!!!), and are very interested in a more "participant" involvement on their behalf. So as a whole we are making our spot in the community! Because of all your help, we did it. It was a success - not actually monetary wise but public relation-wise. All that was there was put together in 2 weeks so to my people I extend a formal Markland acknowledgment of appreciation as their Leader and friend. To all my cousins in Markland a deep, heart felt **Thank You!** To a few in particular: Brian Thomas for reeving, Galacia & Lost Boys for bringing so many north, Caer Edgemere for bringing games. And everyone else that because of my craziness that weekend I did not get a chance to say hi or Thanks to. I'll say it now. And I hope, as with all Von Drakën events, everyone had plenty to eat! As a reminder of those who know what this means, the Feast of Plenty is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 1999, a Saturday. As always, I plan more than last year's and yes, that is possible!

So, to wrap up: Thank you to everyone that helped make our event a success! We hope to see you all soon

### Advertising in the *Plague* and *Pox*

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- Ads for the purpose of making a profit (i.e. commercial ads), or to announce events/services **not** strictly related to Markland, will be charged a fee. The Editor will make the final decision regarding the application of fees for ads. The editor also reserves the right to accept or reject ads, and to determine the timing of their publication. Rates subject to change with notice to the person placing the ad.
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# Camp Fenby 1999

June 25-27, Oakley Farm, Maryland

*Ed. Note: For complete class schedule, maps, and registration form, please contact Thyri or Atli. Shakira*

## About the Event

Camp Fenby is a gathering of people who want to teach or learn various crafts or skills, most of which have some relation to the Middle Ages. Teaching (and overnight camping) conditions are primitive – there's a huge pecan tree to teach under, whatever shade tents people bring, a couple of old tobacco barns, and a forge. Arrangements for electricity must be made in advance. Water is out of a hose from the farmhouse. This is a really laid back weekend. Participants do as much or as little as they want, and class times are somewhat flexible. Some people just come to talk & trade stories & songs.

Camping is strictly mundane and as simple or difficult as you choose. Camp on site near the tobacco barns or stay at one of several reasonably priced motels in the St. Mary's County/Leonardtown area.

**Motels** (All rates double occupancy per night.)

Charlotte Hall Motel,  
Rt. 5 at Charlotte Hall  
301-884-3172 1-800-786-3172  
(mid \$30's + 'phone & key deposit)

Super 8 Motel  
9290 Three Notch Road (Rt. 235)  
301-862-9822 1-800-800-8000  
(mid \$50's)

Two years ago, we found the motel in Leonardtown to have become a welfare hotel. You are forewarned.

## Other Activities

A Saturday night crab feast has been an option in past years. Again this year we will order enough crabs so that we can have a traditional crab feast on the point. Prices and options will be discussed.

Sing-a-long Saturday evening and possibly Friday as well.

The Longship Company hopes to take the Gyrfalcon out for a voyage at some point during the weekend. Participants of Camp Fenby are welcome to take their place at the rowing bench. (A wonderful way to while away the afternoon!) *Bring gloves and suntan lotion!*

## What to Bring

### In General:

Food, fluids (lots of!), mosquito repellent, sunscreen, notebook, camera, skills, sense of humor, something to sit on.

### Camping:

Tents with screens or screen houses are a good idea.

### Children:

This is a working farm in a rural tidewater setting. We have lots of briars, ticks, poison ivy, mud, and deep water. The safety of your children is your first responsibility. We will probably experiment with workshops and activities for the younger kids.

### Clothing:

Comfortable civilian clothing is just fine. Dress for field conditions. Medieval clothing is strictly optional.

## What to Bring for Craft Classes:

### Blacksmithing:

Safety glasses or goggles\*  
welders or leather work gloves\*  
heavy trousers\*  
handkerchief or dust mask\*  
leather or heavy canvas shop apron  
long sleeve work shirt (not too loose)  
boots  
hat, bandana or hair band  
personal water jug or canteen (large).  
\* Required safety equipment.  
Also hammer, vise-grips, hacksaw.  
Nominal fee for coal.

### Silversmithing

Silversmithing: stone settings and silver frames for various shapes. Medallions as stampings, we can work the design accordingly. Multiple copies of objects change the choice of technique (casting etc, which I am not good at). Those interested should try to bring their tools and we'll have a real working session, less of a demo. Begin selecting projects that you want to do/need some advice on.

Please bring whatever you have of the following: Propane torch, hammer, pliers, files, leather stamps or heavy steel nails/rod stock to make stamps from, hacksaw, shears, 6-inch ruler, compass, vinegar, hydrogen peroxide, borax, 200 & 400 grit wet & dry sandpaper, copper/

silver polish with rags, 2 firebricks, etc. Supply fee for silver wire or sheet at cost.

## Woodworking with Viking Tools

David has made tools that replicate the Mastermyr find that he hopes to use to work on constructing a small loom. He writes:

I will have a Viking period wood-working kit to demo/educate with this year. A ground loom or a vertical loom (peasant grade, not furniture grade) will depend on being able to cut some trees of the appropriate fork and size ... The vertical loom will need some rocks (fist sized, 10-20) for loom weights. If we do it right, it could become part of a period encampment. A ground loom was used by the Bedouins so must be portable, a vertical needs a wall to lean against, so was probably less portable. I built one that was free standing, but involved a lot of mortise and tenon work that would take longer than we have in one weekend.

Optional: Hammer, chisel, saw, brace and bit, knife, rope or rawhide for lashing, materials for improvised benches, C-clamps or hold-downs. Also froe, brace and bit, axe. Books or other materials on early looms. Drawknife, metal or wooden wedges, scrapers. Ideas!

## Soapstone Carving

### Small Loom Workshop

MUST PREREGISTER by 6/14/99

To take one of these workshops, pre-register by calling Jan Derry at 301-474-8389 or e-mail to [janderry@erols.com](mailto:janderry@erols.com). A check payable to Jan will be necessary to hold your place. \$10/person for soapstone carving and \$5/person for weaving. An additional materials fee may be necessary depending on final materials cost. Material/tool requirements will be sent to the students when check clears. Classes may be cancelled if not enough people pre-register.

### Basic/Experimental Nalbinding

Small amount of Lopi yarn and needle supplied, \$4. Or bring your own.

### Basic Tablet Weaving

\$4 for materials. Students should bring a large-toothed comb and a very flat stick (like a ruler).

### Bayeau Tapestry Stitches

Supplies fee: \$.50 embroidery hoop, \$1 yarn and needle.

### Riveting

Anyone who has tools or rivets are welcome to bring them. No materials fee

### Pit-Fired Pottery

Bring dried, ready-to-fire pottery. No materials fee.

### Registration & Fees

\$10.00 site fee (\$15 per family) required to cover the cost of the portable toilets. Some workshops will require small fees to cover the cost of materials. The (optional) Saturday night crab feast will also require some additional funding.

To register for camp, send the attached application to Camp Fenby, c/o Oakley Farm, 21924 Oakley Road, Avenue, MD 20609. This is a non-public official event in which non-Marklanders are also welcome to attend and participate. You can contact Thyri, the registrar, at [thyri@pressroom.com](mailto:thyri@pressroom.com) or 703-359-7081. You can reach Atli (or his recorded facsimile) may be reached during working hours at 202-523-5162, e-mail at [asylum@us.HSAnet.net](mailto:asylum@us.HSAnet.net) or evenings (7 to 10 PM) at 301-ROW-BOAR.

Please register in advance if possible, to give the teachers an idea of how many students to expect.

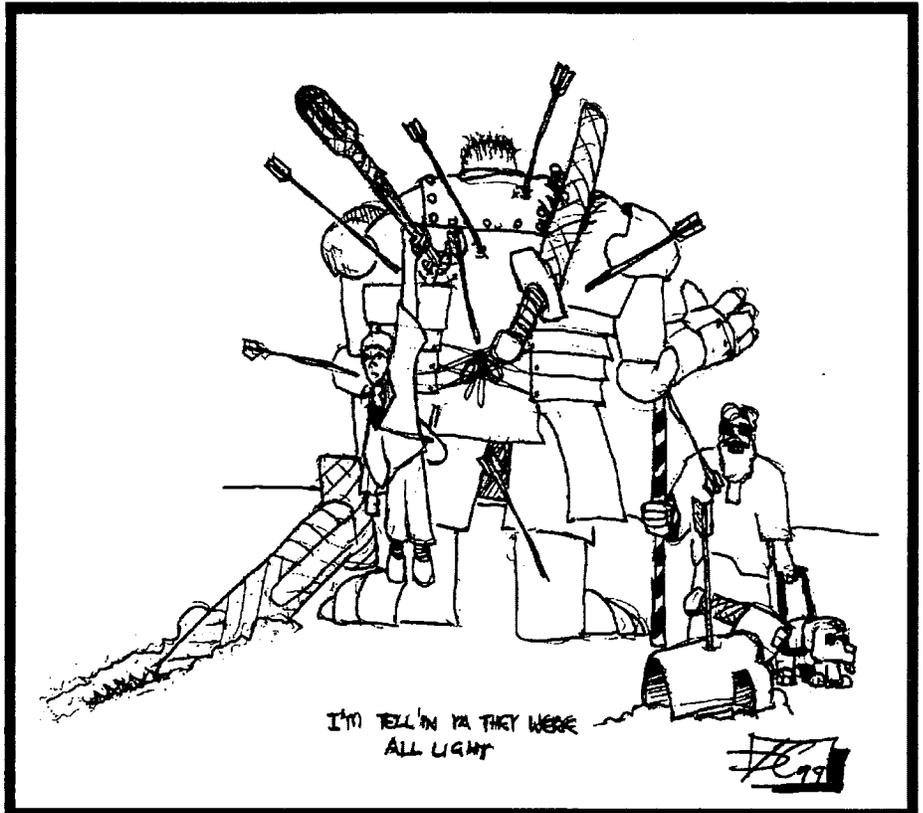
### Caveats

Do not drive over 10 MPH on the farm road.

My wife and mother value their privacy. The portable toilets and outside hose are available for our needs. Please do not wander down to the point or into any of the dwellings unescorted by a family member.

Also, the Trappe house is in a state of deterioration, so large parties of folks stomping about in it will only hasten its demise. Oakley Farm consists of over a hide of land encompassing cultivated fields, marsh, forests and swamp. We will be glad to show you the delineations. If you do go adventuring, please let us know where you are, and when you expect to be back.

*Lyme disease.* Ticks usually have a great year. Which puts us in danger of finding unwelcome critters on our persons.



Please check yourself (or a buddy!) at least once a day, preferably several times.

### Directions to Oakley Farm

From DC and parts North:

Take Rt 5 south from D.C. (otherwise take Rt 301 from everywhere else).

In Waldorf, turn on Rt 5 south. Proceed through Bryantown (where Dr. Mudd was arrested), Hughesville (beware of speed zone), and Charlotte Hall/Newmarket (a great flea market site every Wednesday and Saturday) to Mechanicsville.

Turn right onto Rt 5 at the *Halfway House* restaurant. Proceed through Helen (watch the turn) to Morganza.

Make a right on Rt 242 at the blinking yellow light by St. Joseph's Church. Proceed through the blinking red light at Clements.

About 1.9 miles past Clements, make a left on Rt 470, Oakley Rd.

About 1. whatever miles down the road you will see Burch Road on your left. Oakley Farm is the first dirt road on your left after Burch Rd. Look for the large white farmhouse with green trim (one of 235,892 in St. Mary's County).

From southern Virginia

Take Rt 301 to Rt 234 some 5.9 miles from the Virginia shore ("You in Murlnd, boy!") and make a right.

Proceed through Chaptico (great church and long story) and make a right at Clements, at the blinking red light, onto Rt 242 and proceed as above.

The Pox/Plague will have the following openings at the end of 1999:  
**Features Editor:** Currently Lydia, compiles and writes "Have you heard..." and "This was then" as well as editing other articles as needed.  
**Editor:** Currently Shakira, overall operations, editing, and layout  
For more info on either position, contact Shakira.

# Have You Heard ...?

Lydia

- ... after 800 years, the **British plan to shrink the House of Lords** by removing all the hereditary peers by the new millennium, prior to finding a more democratic way of running the upper house of Parliament. . . .
- ... about **The Treasury of Saint Francis at Assisi** on display at the *Metropolitan Museum of Art* through June 27? This collaborative effort by museums and private collectors in Italy, the Vatican, San Francisco, and New York demonstrates the devastation caused by the Assisi earthquakes, bringing together works from the 13th century created in Assisi or for its Basilica, works that demonstrate the influence that the Franciscan style had on Western art. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10028.
- ... *China's construction projects continue to unearth archaeological treasures*, one of the latest consists of bamboo strips held together with silk threads from the tomb of a Han Dynasty emperor—the strips is the earliest copy to date of **Confucius' classic, Analects**.
- ... a Bronze Age **woodpost circle known as "Seahenge"** is being moved from *the sands of the Norfolk coast* to preserve and study it. Recently uncovered when a peat dune was swept away, the henge is in danger of being eroded away by high tides. Archeologists plan to study tool marks on and evidence of insects in the wood.
- ... about the Met's exhibit, **Mirror of the Medieval World**, on view until July 4th? This extensive exhibit includes works from both the *Cloisters* and the *Museum's Department of Medieval Art*: Bronze Age jewelry, Anglo-Saxon broaches, and Byzantine silver are just a few of the examples listed in their description; for those living close enough to visit often, the Met is also offering feature length film showings each Saturday in June (**The Seventh Seal**, **Lancelot du Lac**, etc.).
- ... that **The Nature of Islamic Ornament, Part III: Geometric Design**, continues at *The Metropolitan Museum of Art* through June, and **The Academy of the Sword: Illustrated Fencing Books, 1500-1800**, exhibit continues at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's permanent Arms and Armor Galleries through September 26th? Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10028.
- ... about **Prayer Book for a Queen: The Hours of Jeanne d'Evreux**, an exhibition in the *Metropolitan Museum of Art's* main building on Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street from May 11 through August 29, 1999. Thirty-two framed images from the celebrated prayer book known as the **Hours of Jeanne d'Evreux**, created between 1324 and 1328 for the Queen of France, includes all of its major paintings plus some of its most engaging decorated pages. MMA, 1000 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10028.
- ... and about **Devotions and Diversions: Prints and Books from the Late Middle Ages in Northern Europe**, through August 29, 1999, in the *Met's Karen B. Cohen Gallery and Charles Z. Offin Gallery?* Woodcuts and metalcuts (many of them unique impressions), several Netherlandish woodcut blockbook pages, and about twenty illustrated books from Germany, the Netherlands, and France—including a number of printed French Books of Hours—are on view. The exhibition focuses on the mid- to late 15th c., the historical moment marking the beginning of printmaking in northern Europe. MMA, 1000 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10028.
- ... **Caravaggio's "The Taking of Christ": Saints and Sinners in Baroque Painting** is on view at *National Gallery Of Art, West Building* through July 18. This painting, recently on display in a larger exhibit of **Saints and Sinners** at Boston College, was missing for 200 years and found in a Jesuit residence in Dublin. The small exhibit includes baroque paintings from France, Italy and Spain. Open Friday-Saturday and Monday-Thursday 10 to 5, Sunday 11 to 6. NGA, West Building, Dutch Galleries, Sixth and Constitution NW, DC. 202/737-4215 (TDD: 202/842-6176). Archives metro stop.
- ... about the *Dumbarton Oaks* exhibit, **Coinage of the Byzantine Empire**, through January 2? Permanent collection of pre-Columbian, Byzantine and classical works. Open Tuesday-Sunday 2 to 5; \$1 donation. Ten acres of formal gardens open noon to 5 daily. One block east of Wisconsin Ave, between R & S Streets in Georgetown, some on-street parking. Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St., NW., DC 202-339-6400.
- ... **that the right to a trial by jury**, a right codified in *the Magna Carta*, may be lost in England and Wales in less serious cases of theft, burglary and assault, if pending legislation is passed into law.
- ... about **Love and War: A Manual for Life in the Late Middle Ages** at *The Frick Collection* in New York City? The exhibit is based on a Middle Rhenish (14-1500s) manuscript by someone known only as the Housebook Master. Open 10-6 Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1-6pm Sundays. Closed holidays and Saturdays in June and July. Admission \$7 adults, students and senior citizens \$5; handicapped accessible. The Frick Collection, 1 East 70th St [between Madison and Fifth Avenues], NYC 10021-0700, phone 212-288-0700.
- ... **new parliaments have been created for Scotland and Wales**, in a process called "*devolution*," but they will continue to be part of the United Kingdom for now; the last time Wales had a parliament was 600 years ago, and Scotland, 300 years ago.
- ... that **Art Nights on the Mall** have returned? Every Thursday night through Sept. 2, four Smithsonian museums will extend their evening hours and host special activities. *The Hirshhorn Museum, the National Museum of African Art, the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and the Freer Gallery of Art* will remain open until 8 p.m. **Art Nights** begin with a pop concert at 5:30 in the Hirshhorn's outdoor plaza, followed by gallery talks and tours, and a film at 8 in the Hirshhorn's Ring Auditorium. All free; call 202/357-2700 (TDD: 202/357-1729).
- ... the *Reduced Shakespeare Company* is appearing at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater in **The Complete Millennium Musical (Abridged)**, through July 25. Tickets are \$25. Call 202/467-4600 (TDD: 202/416-8524).
- ... *Washington National Cathedral's* calligraphy exhibition: **Visions of the Spirit II, Celebrating the New Millennium** opens June 28, closes November 1.

- ... a **Mayan throne and funeral chamber** from the mid-8th c. was accidentally uncovered in *Palenque, Mexico*, during excavation of Temple XIX. Tourists are apparently welcome, but not foreign archaeologists (too many treasures have left the country in the past).
- ... about the show **The Huguenot Legacy: English Silver, 1680-1760**, at the *Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum* in NYC? Over 100 pieces on display through August 8. Closed Mondays and Federal Holidays, Open Tuesdays 10 AM to 9 PM, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday, noon to 5 PM. General admission: \$5.00, Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. \$3, free to members and children under 12. Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, 91st Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City. Public transit routes include the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, and 6 subway.
- ... a **recently excavated Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-220 A.D.) tomb** in *Shangzhou, Shaanxi Province*, contains a well-preserved iron sword, coins, an iron stove—apparently portable, a copper basin and earthenware.
- ... that the *British Museum* is celebrating the Millennium (present and future) with the **Apocalypse and the Shape of Things to Come** by evaluating the Book of Revelations as depicted in art over the centuries? Start saving for your tickets now and choose your flight carefully! Opens mid-December.
- ... about the *British Museum's The Popular Print in England*, on display through August 29? Looks like lots of fun, culled from tabloids, broadsides, and woodcuts, and advertised not to be "politically correct." Admission 1 pound, concessions, 50p. British Museum, Rm. 90. Phone 0171-323 8599/8288/8583 or check their website at <http://www.british-museum.ac.uk/exhibitions/index.html>.
- ... **Letters in Gold: Ottoman Calligraphy** at the *Los Angeles County Museum of Art*? These objects come from the largest private collection of its kind in Turkey. Open weekends 11-8, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday noon-8, closed Wednesday. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 students with ID and seniors, \$1 for children 6-17. LACMA, 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036 Call 323-857-6000 for information.
- ... about the exhibit **Spendors of Ancient Egypt** at the *Virginia Museum of Fine Arts* in Richmond? The exhibit includes works from 5000 years ago to the 7th c. A.D. Closed Mondays and holidays, open Tuesday-Sunday 11-5, Thursdays until 8. Suggested donation \$4, admission to museum free. Tickets required for exhibit. Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 2800 Grove Avenue at the Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia USA 23221-2466.
- ... about the *Folger Shakespeare Library's* exhibit **Seeing What Shakespeare Means** continues through August 21. Open Monday through Saturday 10 to 4. East Capitol St, SE, DC. 202-544-4600. Street parking or Capitol South or Union Station (not close) metro stations.
- ... the *Freer Gallery of Art* has several new exhibits opening this spring: **The Tea Ceremony in Japan; A Breath of Spring**, a 14th c. Chinese painting with related poems; and **Masterpieces of Chinese Painting**, including calligraphy from the 10th to 18th century. Admission: free, Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Freer Gallery of Art, Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20560, Smithsonian metro stop, on the Orange and Blue lines.
- ... that the *Cleveland Museum of Art* is planning a Halloween opening for its exhibit **Still-Life Paintings from the Netherlands, 1550-1720**? The exhibit will be in collaboration with the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. Can't wait that long? See the exhibit at the Rijksmuseum this summer, June 19 through September 19.
- ... the *University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology* is selling a great **Sumerian Riddle T-shirt** - check it out on <http://www.upenn.edu/museum/Games/sumerianTshirt.html>.

## This was then: Prophecies

Twenty years before the Battle of Maldon, a set of popular homilies was composed and distributed widely to priests. Called the Blickling Homilies . . . they were crude but passionate . . . The tenth is entitled 'The End of the World Is Near.' After Maldon, it took on new . . . relevance. . . .

'From day to day we hear of monstrous plagues and strange death throughout the country, that have come upon men. Nation riseth against nation. We see wars caused by iniquitous deeds. . . .

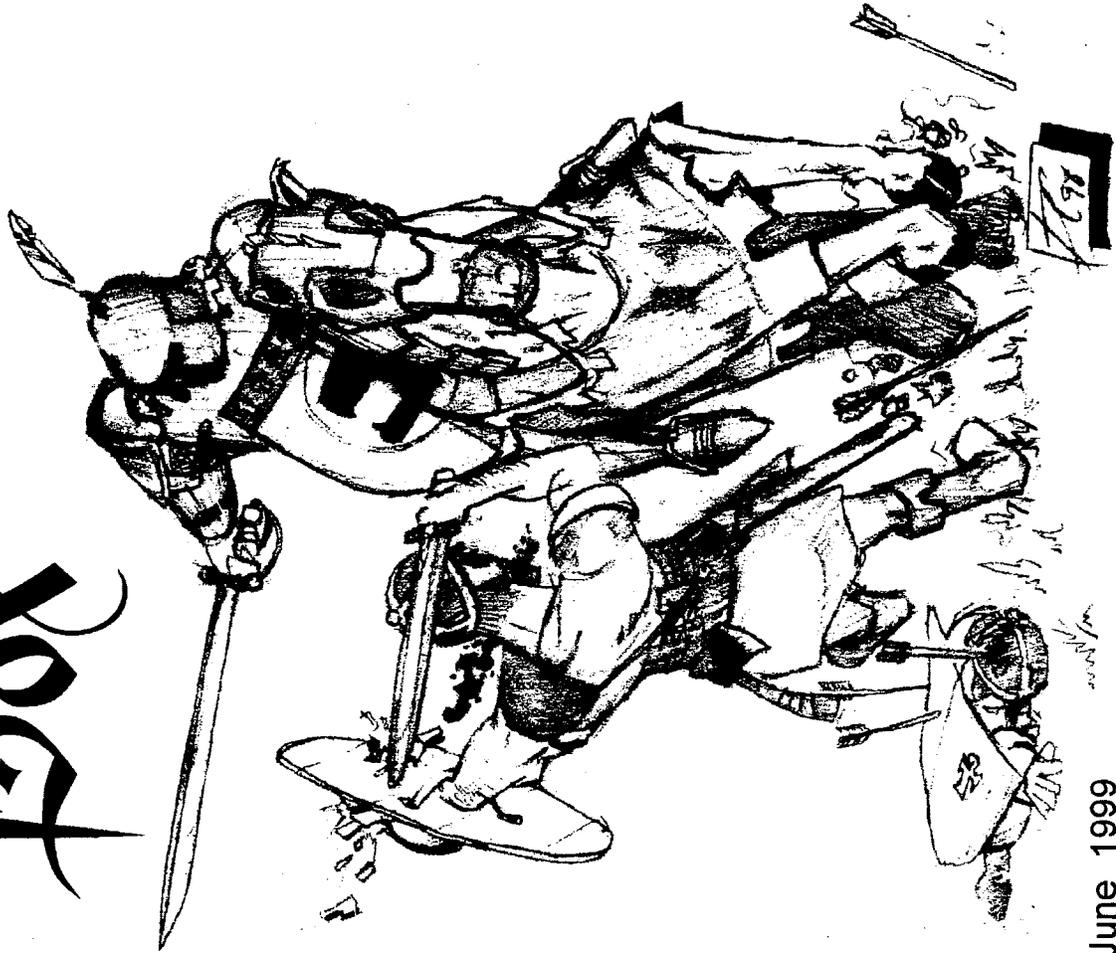
'The dead shall stand up, then shall the flesh garb be as transparent as glass. Nothing of its nakedness will be concealed. . . . Now there is lamentation and weeping on all sides; now is mourning everywhere and breach of peace. . . . Lol we may perceive that this world is illusory and transitory.'

And so we enter the world of 999 A.D. When the Christian calendar is about to turn three digits, the pace seems to quicken; the heart beats faster; and passions seem to grow stronger and more urgent. . . . For all, the anticipation is great. There is, about this hinge of time, an odd and unsettling mix of sobriety and celebration.

It was like this, the last time around.

— quoted from **The Last Apocalypse: Europe at the Year 1000 A.D.**, James Reston, Jr., New York: Doubleday (c) 1998

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