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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As of October 1, 1998

(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

Head Clan, Frat Practice 2-4 PM (Markland Style) 4-6 PM (SCA Style). Iron Hill Park, Newark, DE. Contact Kelly for more information. 302-456-1238

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

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

Thurs: Østvik Vikings, Viking Sewing Nights, at Janice Bauer's place: 5408 Lakeford Lane, Bowie, Maryland. Contact Janice for more information: 301-262-3495 or fbauer@access.digex.net.

October 17, 1998 - Queen's Challenge and Feast. Horsham, PA. Note the change in date and location!! Potluck feast (food to feed ten plus \$4 site fee) and competition to see which challenger & army will go for the crown at the Fall War. See article in September Pox or contact Brian at 215-441-5254

October 17, 18, 24, 25 - Work Parties at Page's Farm to get ready for Fall War. Daylight hours. Contact Anna or Ty at 410-477-1895 to volunteer or for more information.

October 24, 1998 - Feast of St. Goar. The College of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ. Sponsored by the Order of the Golden Lion. Tickets go on sale September 1, 1998. See ad this Pox for more information.

October 24-25, 1998 - Richmond Celtic Festival, Richmond, Virginia. Longship Co. will participate with the Gyrfalcon. Contact Anarra at 410-496-5229 or LongshipCo@hotmail.com.

October 30-31, 1998 - Haunting of the Primoro Gazella, Penn's Landing, Philadelphia. See details this Pox. For more information contact Chester Karasinski (Cheslov) at 609-267-9675.

October 30, 1998- Due Date for Nov. Pox.

October 31, 1998 - Feast. Sponsored by Scarlet Cross.

This event has been CANCELLED

November 7, 1998 - Markland Council Meeting and Feast of Plenty. Shiloh Lodge, 313 Main Street, Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by House Von Drakén. Site is a Masonic Temple in Lansdale, about 4 miles from site of War for the Crown held in Towamencin

Township. For information on the Council Meeting, please contact the Witan. See article this Pox for details.

November 7, 1998 - Fencing Tournament. POSTPONED UNTIL THE SPRING!

November 13-15, 1998 Fall War. Page's Farm. 1623 Torne Highway, Port Deposit, MD, \$3/ person. Head Reeve: Ty McNeer. For more information, call Anna or Ty at 410-477-1895

November 15, 1998 Markland Civil War(War for the Crown). Page's Farm (as part of the Fall War) Details TBA. Contact Brian at 215-441-5254.

November 21-22, Steel Retreat - both Rec and Fencing. Marietta Mansion, Glen Dale, MD Contact Janice at 301-262-3495 for more information OR if you need to arrive before 8:00 AM on Saturday.

November 27, 1998- Due Date for Dec. Pox.

November 28, 1998 - Feast of St. Drago. Sponsored by Vaigard, at Transfiguration Church in Pottstown, PA. Details TBA.

December 1998 - Norwegian Christmas Celebration at Union Station, DC. The embassy has requested the Gyrfalcon and Fyrdraça be set up for display. There will also be a display in locked cabinets. Interpreters, costumed or not, are needed on weekends and any weekdays you are available. Contact Fred at the LSCo Hotline for more information.

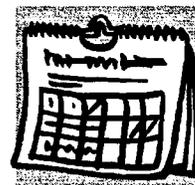
December 19, 1998 - Winter Solstice Feast. Sponsored by Viking Camp. Catonsville, MD. St. Timothy's Church (same place as last year). Hall opens at 6pm. Semi-provided feast, solstice ceremony, etc. 10% of profits will be donated to Markland. See article this Pox for information on tickets and directions to the hall.

December 19-20, 1998 - Display of Viking Crafts at the Union Station display. Contact the LSCo for more information. Should finish in plenty of time to make it to the Solstice Feast

December 25, 1998 - Due Date for Jan. Pox AND Winter Plague.

January 29, 1999 - Due Date for Feb. Pox.

January 30, 1999 - Winter Althyng and Feast. Saint Andrews Church in College Park, MD. Sponsored by Østvik Vikings. Details TBA.



January 1999 - Dance Workshop, New Jersey, details TBA.

February 13, 1999 - Attila the Hun's Birthday Bash. Univ. of MD, College Park. More info TBA. Contact Nikki at 301-587-3441. Also TBA: Attila's Birthday Feast and showing of video's at the University's Hoff Theatre.

Spring 1999 - Fencing Tournament

August 2000 - Viking Grand Encampment - Newfoundland, Canada. The LSCo will be taking the Gyrfalcon and (hopefully) the Fyrdraça to the Viking Grand Encampment to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of Leif Ericsson discovering North America. Contact Atli at 301-SOW-BOAR, or Anarra at LongshipCo@hotmail.com for more information. There's almost two years to prepare!

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- Only Marklanders get the Markland rates. (One of the perks of membership!) No third party submissions accepted. Payment in full, in advance, only, by check or money order. Payments should be made out to Markland, Ltd.

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One column inch (approx. 1" h x 2.25" w)	\$ 5	\$ 10

If you have questions about ad rates or how your ad will be considered, contact the Bailiff (Linda Kaserman), or the Plague editor. Discounts may be available for multiple ad purchases. Send checks to the Editor, made payable to Markland, Ltd. Witan may change rates without prior notice, subject to posting in the next Plague OR Pox.

Aeldorman's Hammer

Eric Dennis



UT and hello!

It has come to my attention that there may be some misunderstandings about some policy set by the Fyrd in Council last fall. Concerned about the possible misrepresentation of Markland in publications, the Council decided that the Aeldorman is the only official voice of Markland. The implications vis-a-vis flyers and other publications was that they would either have to have the Aeldorman's approval

From the Bocman

Anna Kueberth



As of this writing, the following events are covered by insurance:
 Atilla's Birthday Bash
 Atilla's Birthday Feast
 Lost Boys' practice
 Caer Edgemere practice
 Hastings Faire

Hastings Feast
 Scarlet Cross practice at King Arthur's Feast of St. Goar
 Longship Company work parties and voyages
 Fall War and Civil War (War for the Crown)

Event forms are needed for the following events:

Duchy of Marr - Fencing Tournament
 Winter Althyng and Feast
 Golden Lions' Dance Workshop
 Winter Solstice Feast

Organizers of the following events need to call or email me with information:

Queen's Challenge Feast
 Longship display at Union Station
 Feast of St. Drago
 Celtic Festival Demo
 Primiro Gazella Haunting

If you have handed in an event form, and do not see your event listed here, please call, or email me, to verify your event's status. Thanks for your cooperation.

The Markland Pox

OR contain a disclaimer to the effect that the publication is not an official Markland publication. If this is an inconvenience for anyone, you only have yourselves to blame.

I'll just take this opportunity to thank everyone in advance for what promises to be a fine Hastings. Everyone's wishes for cool, crisp, rain-free weather is greatly encouraged.

Thank you -

Eric Dennis, Spothed, Aeldorman
 Lex Animata

CHALLENGERS

FOR

THE CROWN...

I, Gertrude Bakker, issue my challenge for the crown of Markland.

I, Helga Titarsus, issue my challenge for the crown of Markland.

Bill Bauer, Oakstaf Babyeater



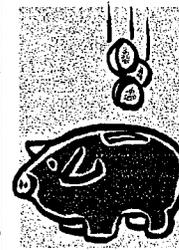
UT!

As we come to the end of the fighting season, and start scheduling the wintertime events, please consider this:

All of you groups out there (and you merry independents!) have some fantastic skill sets to work with—but I have seen very little inter-group commerce in these skills as of late. I would like to suggest to the Fyrd the possibility of organizing some training classes—in the spirit of those who huddled by the fire, learning the skills of others while the ship lay on the beach, waiting for the ice to break...

Ut Oh from the Bailiff

Linda Kaserman, Nannyfodder



Well, what a busy bee I've been. All those papers I told you about are sorted, filed and we have a 2 drawer file cabinet bursting with information. I'm just now diving into the actual finance part. I'll let you know about that next month.

A reminder - we have 450+ members, over 100 are expired! Please get your dues in!

Lost Sheep Plague/Poxes that are being returned due to bad addresses are being forwarded to group contacts for updated information. I do have a two that are unaffiliated members:

Jim Crisafulli, Baltimore MD
 Cris Conner, Baltimore MD

If anyone knows these guys, let them know I have mail for them and I need their correct addresses....

We have some equipment that needs that is going to be disposed of. See article this Pox for more information. Any questions may be directed to me.

See you at Hastings!

Nannyfodder, Bailiff of Markland

Shire Reeve's Report

Markland is about recreation of medieval history and ways of life to show others. The arts, crafts, and way-of-life demonstrations are every bit as important as the fighting... and I would like to see those skills spread more throughout the Fyrd. When in garb at events, people ask me questions like:

How is that chainmail melded? Aren't the armpits the hardest part?

How do you cut leather to get that effect?

What are you doing tonight? (OK, well I wish...) Why were the swords of the Vikings longer or shorter than everyone else's?

I believe we have a lot to teach one another... and wintertime is a good time to do this. Be good at what you are doing, and BE SAFE.

Oakstaf Babyeater

REC MASTER'S REPORT

UT! MEDIEVAL TECHNOLOGY FOR SALE!

From your bailiff, nannyfodder

Andrew Mychalus, Drey



This piece is an attempt at seeing three weeks into the future.

However, by the time the Pox gets to you Hastings will be past. Hastings is a once a year event, but it is still the defining event of Markland.

Nevertheless it is always a struggle to get folks to participate in the battle. I feel a large part of this is the fact that many Marklanders aren't really equipped to do 11th century reenactment. No amount of event guidelines or promotional articles can make a person invest huge amounts of time and effort to come out for two days where they do a twenty-minute battle. After that it's a wait for next year to do it all again. I would like to see a renewed interest in Hastings and the 11th century era in Markland. Please read my "Modest Proposal" for a Norman group. We need people to participate, and we need people to take leadership. Gods know I can't do this alone. I'll keep coming with my horse, and make my outfit better each year in an effort to constantly improve. However without your participation, effort and active role nothing will change. I have heard many folks say we need to do more to promote the Hastings era in Markland, now is the time to come out and add your contribution.

Some of the 'stuff' I acquired, as Bailiff was computer equipment previously purchased by Markland for use by the Witan and Plague Editor.

Well, this was quite a while ago and with technology racing past us at the speed of light, well, these items are quite out of date. So, we have decided to get rid of them while the getting is good. My husband, Schweinchen, has evaluated these items. He is a registered computer know-it-all. Any questions regarding the usability of these items can be directed towards him. We are looking for someone who can use these items, although, I'm not sure that's possible. I'm not sure they are even suitable for disposal. They may be good for piece parts. We'd like to get a nominal donation if for sale to individual members.

The items for sale/disposal:

"Portable" PC

This was 1988's version of the laptop.
Not today's laptop.

Specifications:

Armstad 486 PC
Low grade 486 PC, 16 bit
Qty (2) 720KB floppy drives
no hard drive Total Memory-640KB
no mouse port or connection
Qty (1) lpt and ser port
2400bd modem
CGA color control
uses XT bus
DOS software version 3.3

Pros

Portable
can run off of "D" cells
original receipt and instructions

Cons

no hard drive expansion capability
Processor speed is weak for database management
System BIOS battery needs to be replaced
Has poor video controls
All software on it is DOS related, not Windows.

Comments:

If some recall, the Timex Sinclair PC, this is its big brother. It does not represent a system that will be easy to use even with its specific software despite its portability. This system is designed to be run with low power and low memory requirements. Evaluators suggestion: dispose.

Possibly the Longship Company could use it as an anchor weight. Possibly can be used for tossing in the Punkin Chunkin.....

Markland Desktop Computer

Specifications:

101 Key Board
IBM Monochrome Monitor
IBM 5160 PC-2
286 system board
640KB in total memory
360 KB 5.25" floppy drive
25MB WD-25 hard drive
Persysts monochrome/memory board

Comments: The hard drive is dead because it was not locked down during previous transportation. As a result, we now get a "1701 hard drive error" message when trying to boot the system. The system is not Y2K compliant. The system cannot run today's software due to minimum capacity requirements.

Suggested use: A second anchor weight for the Longship Company. Another toss in the Punkin Chunkin....

HP DeskJet 500 Printer

Purchased in 1992 (I have the original receipt). This printer is still in good working order and was in use by the previous bailiff prior to my taking office. The only disadvantage is that it does not print in color.

We are looking to actually sell this item.



WANTED: NŌRMANS

the folks we all love to hate

Andrew Mychalus, Drey

Yes its true, they are the group nobody loves. For that very reason though I'd like to make a modest proposal. We need Normans. Normans have bad manners; they lack social couth, are renowned for being greedy, superstitious and violent... and just happened to have been one of the most dynamic peoples to hit Europe in their millennium.

I would like to suggest that we start a living history camp of people to play the bad guys to the hilt. We'd be focused on being historical accuracy, but save the nasty snobbishness as part of the act. Anyway it's fun to be the bad guys. My idea is that if we

can get 10-20 people who'd be willing to form a group to reenact Normans on a regular basis we can really have some fun and bring a part of Markland back to its 1066 roots.

I have heard talk for some time about how Marklanders should be emphasizing the eleventh century instead of drifting about in every period from the Iron Age to the Renaissance. If you'd like to see this too, please contact me and lets' see if we can have some fun...and stage a few conquests a in the process.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Council Meeting and Feast of Plenty

November 7, 1998 Shiloh Lodge 313 W. Main Street, Lansdale Pa Site is a Masonic Temple in Lansdale, about 4 miles from site of War for the Crown held in Towamencin Township. For information on the Council Meeting, please contact the Witan.

The feast will cost \$10.00 pre-registered, \$15.00 at the door. The deadline to pre-register is October 28. There will be raffle drawings for assorted funds, i.e.: Markland, household etc. Merchants are welcome, with no fee. Please contact kyrin@netcarrier.com for further info or call 215-362-5229. Any person(s) interested in helping with entertainment should also contact Kyrin. The menu will be announced and it does promise to be more food than last year.

Directions

From NorthEast extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take the Lansdale exit. Travel East on rt. 63 and follow through to Lansdale. Lodge is on left-hand side in the center of town.

From the South, take 202 North to Route 63. Take 63 West through to Lansdale. Lodge will be on the right-hand side in the center of town.

For All: There is plenty of free parking behind the site in the Madison Parking Lot.

House Bon Dräken presents the Feast of Plenty

**November 7, 1998
5:30 PM**

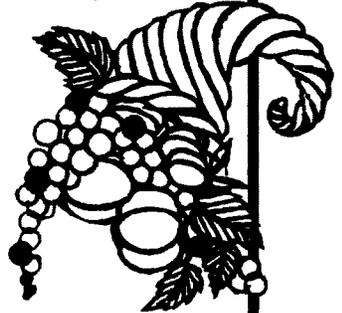
**Shiloh Lodge, Masonic Temple
Lansdale, PA**

**Tickets \$10 in advance
\$15 at the door**

**Merchants welcome, no fee
Entertainers, please call!**

**Contact John at 215-362-5229
or kyrin@netcarrier.com
for further information**

**(Council Meeting at 12:30 PM Same Site
Contact the Witan)**



EVENT NOTICE:

Haunted House on the Primiro Gazella

Arrrr, avast ye scurvy scum, the Philadelphia Maritime Museum is looking for privateers (that's you, you pirates) to come out and haunt the tall ship, Primiro Gazella. Ghostly pirates are needed October 30 & 31, from about 6 to 10PM. The ship is anchored at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, PA. The "Haunted Ship" is a fundraiser, by the Philadelphia Maritime Museum, to raise money for the maintenance and upkeep of the Primiro Gazella. The Primiro Gazella will be the lead ship during the OPSAIL 2000 sailing, which involves all the tall ships, worldwide. The media will be there, so aside from being a lot of fun, this project will enable Markland to generate some good, positive publicity. It wouldn't do Markland any harm to have our name associated with such a prestigious venture as the Primiro Gazella, and it would definitely boost our credibility. So put on your pirate gear, grab your cutlasses and pistols, polish up your bad pirate accents and come play on the tall ship. For more information contact Chester Karasinski (Cheslov) at 609-267-9675.

WANTED: VIDEOS...

The Maryland Medieval Mercenary Militia is hereby issuing a call for home videos of Marklandic events old and new. We are hoping to have a showing of **Maldon** at the Hoff Theatre at Attila the Hun's Birthday Party in February, and would like to make our rental fees worth their while by also showing short home videos of a historic or general interest. VHS format is preferred, but other arrangements may be possible. Please contact Nikki at nprive@wam.umd.edu or at 301-587-8441 (before 10PM) for more information.

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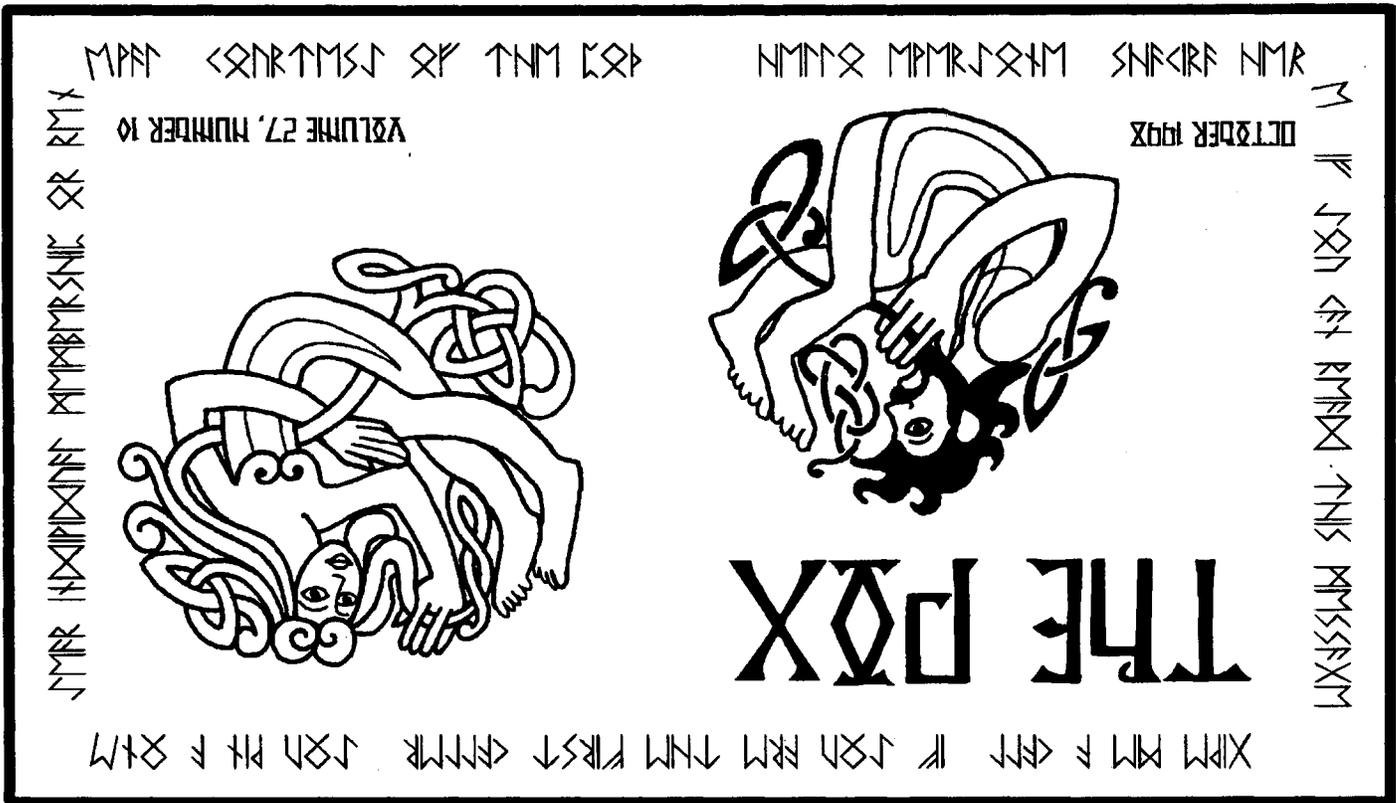
- ... this is your last chance to see the highly praised **Collector's Cabinet** at the *National Gallery of Art's* West Building Dutch Galleries. The exhibit of publicly and privately held treasures closes November 1. Archives Metro stop.
- ... that archaeologists have discovered a **Neolithic tomb** on *Orkney* which, like Ireland's Newgrange, has an astronomical link? But where the entrance at Newgrange greets the midwinter sunrise, the entrance at the Orkney site points at the midwinter sunset. See <http://www.orkneyislands.com/crantit/> for daily journal entries of the dig.
- ... that the exhibit **Love and War: A Manual for Life in the Late Middle Ages** is opening at the *National Gallery of Art* on November 8th? It closes January 31st, and if you miss it there, you can see it at *The Frick Collection* in New York mid-May. Open Friday-Saturday and Monday-Thursday 10 to 5, Sunday 11 to 6. NGA, East Building, Fourth and Constitution NW. 202/737-4215 (TDD: 202/842-6176). Archives Metro stop.
- ... about the *Sackler Gallery's* exhibit **The Jesuits and the Grand Mogul: Renaissance Art in the Imperial Court of India (1580-1630)**, open until April 4? Cross-cultural influences are evident in Eastern and Western art following establishment of early Catholic missions in Asia. Sackler Galleries, 1050 Independence Ave, SW, DC 202-357-1300. Smithsonian Metro stop.
- ... that a small exhibit, **From Botany to Bouquets: Flowers in Northern Art**, will be opening January 31st at the *National Gallery of Art's* Paintings, drawings, manuscripts and books from public and private collections will be included. Dutch Cabinet Galleries, West Building, NGA.
- ... W. Hodding Carter's ship, the **Snorri**, landed in *L'anse aux Meadows* on the autumnal equinox, traveling 87 days to retrace Leif Erikson's voyage from Greenland through the Davis Strait past Baffin Island and Labrador to Vinland.
- ... that the *Armor Court at the Cleveland Museum of Art* has been completely renovated, it has a newly researched catalogue of its collection and it is celebrating with 5 weekends of festivals (which will be just past as this **Pox** is mailed, probably). More information available at their website: <http://www.clemusart.com/> including directions and hours. Admission free.
- ... about **From Van Eyck to Bruegel: Early Netherlandish Paintings**, on display at the *Metropolitan Museum of Art* until January 3? This collection from MMA is the most comprehensive in the hemisphere and this is the first time they are exhibited together. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, NYC, 10028. Read much more about it at http://metmuseum.org/htmlfile/newexhib/van_eyck.htm.
- ... about the other great exhibits currently at *the Met*? **Letters in Gold: Ottoman Calligraphy** from the Sakip Sabanci Collection, Istanbul opened September 11 and closes December 13. This display of 70 objects comes from the largest private collection of its kind in Turkey. Special Exhibition Galleries of MMA, second floor. The exhibit moves to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in late February. **The Nature of Islamic Ornament, Part II: Vegetal Patterns** is on exhibit until January 10. It is the second of four parts on Islamic ornament dating from the 9th to 18th c. **The Academy of the Sword** exhibit continues until Summer 1999 in MMA's permanent Arms and Armor Galleries. **Heroic Armour of the Italian Renaissance: Filippo Negroli and His Contemporaries** is on display at MMA until January 17th.
- ... that **Stained Glass, Ceramics and Mosaics: Materials for the Study of Byzantine Constantinople**, at *Dumbarton Oaks* in D.C. closes December 31? Open Tuesday-Sunday 2 to 5, \$1 donation. Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St., NW, DC (Georgetown area, cross street: R Street) 202-339-6400.
- ... about the **cobbled road found in Ireland**? Not interested? What if I told you it dates from Ireland's Iron Age, that adjacent peat samples are dated to AD 139? Archaeologists found what they believe is the oldest known Celtic stone road while working on an earthwork called "Black Ditch" in southwest Ireland.
- ... the **Roman Glass** exhibit at the *University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology* continues through May 1999, but if you can't get there, you can still see some of the exhibit on line at <http://www.upenn.edu/museum/Collections/romanglass.html>.

THIS WAS THEN:

How Geography Improved Trade

"From about 1000, wool cloth manufacture for the market had begun to concentrate in certain regions. Especially prominent was Flanders, where the favorable conditions included a soil congenial to dye plants, an abundance of the cleansing agent fuller's earth, and proximity to England, the prime source of fine fleece. As in Roman times, fulling and dyeing were specialized trades. Traditionally, the fuller trampled the cloth in a trough filled with water, fuller's earth, urine or wine dregs, lime, and sand, changing the water several times. The cloth was hung to dry on a wooden frame, the 'tenter,' fastened by hooks that could be adjusted to stretch the fabric to the right length and breadth and then-teased to raise the nap."

— quoted from **Cathedral, Forge, and Waterwheel: Technology and Invention in the Middle Ages**, Frances and Joseph Gies, New York: Harper Collins (c) 1994



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