

The Barony of Votavia

Dragonflyre



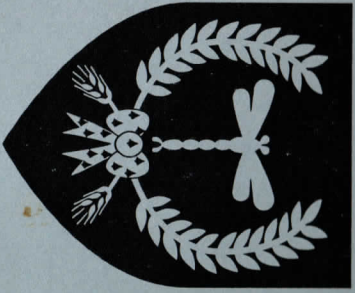
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From the Baronage

Our thanks to all who endured our sodden and soaked Ren Faire Demo. We appreciate your time, assistance and dedication. An extra thank you to the visiting guests for their help.

At this time our Barony is in need of a Chirurgeon and Minister of Children; we have gotten by without one, but it is our desire to fill these vacancies to better serve the Populace and Kingdom. If you are considering one of these offices, please contact the Baronage and the Seneschale.

As the fields turn green, more activities and events loom before us. Prepare your gear, ready your ponies, and join us for much fun and revelry. We encourage all gentles to attend the Champions/

Beaumont Demo Event, June 5th. We will be holding tournaments to select our next Champions and doing a Demo at the same time.

Lilies War is fast approaching. Cherbin Kerare is coordinating the "Vatavian" Lilies Troll volunteers. If you are going to the war and can spare some time, Troll workers are badly needed. Contact Cherbin Kerare for details and times available.

Finally, we welcome our new officers:

- Knight Marshal - Lord Ebhan
- Minister of Arts & Sciences - Lady Isabeau
- Property Mistress - Milady Qasar

We know they will all do a fine job.

Until we next gather,

Khulan
Cherbi



Kerare
Cherbin

Of these Lands That Burn



From the Chatelaine

Greetings fair gentles.

With the warmth of Spring we have become very busy and will continue to be so. This is good.

Many thanks to those who have dedicated their time to demos, especially the biggest of all, Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire. I had a great time being with friends in spite of the weather.

It would be greatly appreciated if the heads of all the different areas would turn in their demo reports by or at populace. This information is very important for future reference.

We will hopefully have many new people joining us in the Dream of the Society. Please make them feel welcome. We want them to keep coming back to play.

Also, I would like to thank those who helped at the Newcomers' 101. It is teamwork like this that makes Vatavia as great as it is. We had 21 adults and 6 to 7 children attended. I hope we will keep them coming back to play.

Yn Gwasanaeth,

Lady Cerridwyn



From the Knight Marshal

Greetings, unto the populace of Vatavia,

Renfaire is behind us for another year, and I would like to thank all the fighters and support personnel. The conditions this year were.... shall we say, less than desirable? Yet with all the rain, and the mud and having more work to do than we had people to do it, I cant remember even one of you complaining. You all did a great job and made me proud to be a Vatavian.

And now that Renfaire is behind us and we've had a few days to catch our collected breath, we can turn our attention to preparing for upcoming events. Which brings me to fighter practice. We were very lucky in that the only casualty we had in the recent

tornados (that I'm aware of) was our practice site. But it has become necessary to temporarily move fighter practice. So starting May 9 Fighter practice will be held in Cessna park, on Sundays, at 1pm until Linwood is cleaned up. Cessna park is located on the south west corner of Woodlawn and Mt. Vernon, and the entrance to the parking is a short distance to the west of the intersection on Mt. Vernon. Due to road construction you will need to use Woodlawn to get to Mt. Vernon.

I know the change is inconvenient and I apologize.

Protecting the Dream through service,
EBHAN
MACRUAIRIDH



From the Property Mistress

Greetings, I am Qasar, the new Property Mistress. Should you need property, I can be reached at (316) 263-1079. *Please, please...* give me at least 24 hours notice.

My first project as Property Mistress is to

rearrange and inventory the property shed. The property list will be done shortly and copies will be available to stewards to make planning events easier and more organized.

Qasar



From the former Property Mistress

Thank you for a wonderful two years as Property Mistress. Please throw your support behind our new mistress of property, Qasar.

In service,
Christine Joye Stewart



From the Archer Marshal

Archery season is starting with a bang. At Baronial Anniversary, the top 3 archers were Roderick de Graham, Leif of Crescent Moon and Raymond the Red. At May Days, the top 3 were Michael Van Bergen, Roderick de Graham and Morcar of Axebridge. If anyone noticed last

year's IKAC standings, there seems to be a pattern forming. Looks like Vativia will be giving the rest of Calontir's archers a real challenge.

In Service to the Dream,
Roderick de Graham



From the A & S Minister

Greetings unto the gentle populace of the Barony of Vativia. I am greatly honored to have recently become your Arts & Sciences Minister. Being so new, less than a week wet, I am trying to learn

my position. I would be delighted to hear any and all suggestions.

In service to the Dream,
Isabeau



From the Chronicler

Unto the Populace of Vativia come fond greetings from Corrigan MacKenzie.

As everyone has surely see by the time they reach this point, *The Dragonflyre* has a new look. Not that the old one was bad, but it was perhaps a little stale. Every now and then, a change needs to be made, to keep the look fresh and keep peoples interest. I hope everyone likes the new style.

Also new in this issue is the Populace Opinion Page, lacking opinions this month. I would greatly encourage anyone and everyone who has an idea or opinion, to submit it to me so the rest of the Barony can hear it. No names will be printed with opinions, so don't feel embarrassed to submit. Keep in mind

that off-color, hurtful or inappropriate remarks will not be printed. So, please drop me a line, mail me a letter, or email me at copyshop@fn.net, and I'll be happy to run your opinion.

On a similar topic, I am always grateful for submissions of art or articles. As some may note, Her Ladyship Marie did this month's cover, and at least one other good gentle is working on one as well. However, I still welcome new submission.

Finally, thank you to all the officers for the many letters this month.

In Service to the Dream,
Corrigan MacKenzie



Meetings & Announcements

There will be no June Populace meeting, due to Lilies War falling during the week we normally meet. There will be a War Council at Lilies on the first Saturday. The Populace Meetings through the Summer will be at 7:00 pm, at Sims Park (near Botanica and the Wichita Art Museum). Please call Eleanor at 685-8510 or Khulan and Kerare at 265-9825 if you need information.

Anyone wanting further information about the SCA, please call Lady Cerridwyn at 524-0478.

Officers meeting will change to Mondays from now on; In June it will be Monday the 7th, 7:00 p.m., at Dawson United Methodist Church. Please call Eleanor at 685-8510 if you need information.

Archery Practice is Sundays at 5500 Maize Road, at 3:00 pm. Contact Lord Michael Van Bergen at 265-5804 for directions or alternate times to shoot. Contact Lord Roderick at 788-8826 for other information.

Fighter Practice is at Cessna Park at 1:00 p.m., corner of Woodlawn and Mt. Vernon until further notice.

Armoring continues as usual Tuesday nights at Duke Gabriel's house, at 6:30 p.m. Please call Lord Cilian at 267-3456 for more information.

The Middle Ages Recreation Society (MARS) meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Wheatshocker Apartments. Please contact Lady Elspeth at 978-2722 for more information.

Dance is being held at the Ramada Inn on East Kellogg in the Basement Reception Rooms from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Sunday Evenings. It will not be held the Sunday after Queen's Prize Tourney. Garb is required, and best behavior is requested. If you don't have garb, we have acquired loaner garb from the Barony which people may use for the evening.

Announcements will be made at Populace for Mid East Dance classes during the week of Lilies War. Beginning Middle Eastern Dance is normally on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Khulan and Kerare's, 1815 S. Hydraulic. Call Kerare first at 265-9825.

Bardic is held on the last Monday of each month. In June it will be held on Monday the 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Lady Cerridwyn's home, 3551 S. Walnut. For more information, please call Lady Cerridwyn at 524-0478.

The Welsh Group normally meets on the 4th Thursday of each Month. In June it will be held on the 24th at Lady Cerridwyn's home, 3551 S. Walnut. Please call Lady Cerridwyn for more information at 524-0478.

Calligraphy and Illumination is held at 1422 N. Topeka (one block east of 13th and Broadway), at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Lord Godrick at 267-4152.

Costuming/Fiber Arts is held on the third Monday of each month at 1739 S. Water, 7:00 p.m. The Costuming/Fiber Arts interest group now has several books and a sewing machine available

for loan to members of the populace. Call Lady Sibeal at 265-4643 if you have questions.

To all interest groups—in keeping your web site informative, all interest groups are welcome to design their own web page for the Vativia site. This should include an in depth overview of what your group does, pictures, etc. Anyone needing help should contact Lord Connor at 267-3456..

The Heralds have a short message for the populace, about names and arms:
'Submit To Your Heralds'



Upcoming Local Events

The 20th Tournament of Valor, Vativia's biggest event, will be over Labor Day weekend, September 4-6, at Lake Afton.

Greetings again, I would like to announce the new and (hopefully) improved Arts & Sciences Champion entry guidelines:

- **Open Theme** - One entry minimum, 3 maximum; Judged on your best score; 3 x 5 card documentation; Everyone judged novice level. (Highly recommended face-to-face judging, so you can explain your boo-boo's)
- **Best Eastern Piece** - Judges Choice; A prize will

Lord János is organizing a dance band to accompany the Dragonfly Dancers. If you can play a simple melody on a plausibly period instrument, or can maintain a steady rhythm, then join us. Practices are at 7:00 pm Sundays at János' home. For more information, please contact Lord János at 264-3576 (evenings) or email him at ldjanos@aol.com.

A special thanks to Milord Rhodri ap Hywel and his employer, Printing, Inc. for donating the cover stock for this issue—and many more to come.

Baronial Championship, Lilies War XIII, and Crown Tournament, all upcoming events, have flyers on the following pages.

be awarded! *This will be an open to all A & S Competition.*

I hope to see everyone at Beaumont, June 5 and I hope to see lots of entrants in all the competitions. I would also like to put out a call for display items for the event, things that you don't mind people (mundane) being near. **PLEASE!!!**

Thank you,
Qasar



Highlights

- Camping all weekend
- Crown Tourney
- Fighting & Tournaments on Sunday
- Archery shoots including 3-D targets
- Equestrian Activities
All horses must have a negative Coggins certificate (bring an extra copy) and horses crossing state lines must have a health certificate. The site has no stabling facilities.
- Medieval Games
- Feast
Seating is limited so pre-registration is highly recommended. Anyone with dietary restrictions should contact the feast steward.
- Dancing at the Investiture Ball
- Bonfire & Revelry

Event Steward:

Lady Kaitriona MacKynna (Katie Burton)
4701 Sussex Drive
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 446-5924
kburton@mail.coin.missouri.edu

Feast Steward:

Her Ladyship Tamara a'Kintyre
(Karen Williams)
(573) 443-1695
legacypart@legacypart.com

THE SHIRE OF STANDING STONES
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

Crown Tournament Weekend

May 28th - 31st, 1999

Silver Meadows Girl Scout Camp

The time has come for Their Majesties, Eringlin & Alethea, to determine their heirs to the Falcon Thrones of Calontir.

The Shire of Standing Stones is hosting a weekend-long celebration of this event beginning with Crown Tournament on Saturday, May 29th and continuing on Sunday, May 30th, with games, equestrian activities, archery shoots, and plenty of fighting. There will be a feast and then dancing on Saturday night as well as a bonfire and much revelry.

The site is the Silver Meadows Girl Scout Camp, off Highway 63 about 15 miles north of Columbia. Site opens 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 28th and closes 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 31st. A map and more details will be printed in the May Mews.

If you register in advance, the fee for site and for feast is \$12.00 total. To pre-register, please send checks made payable to the Shire of Standing Stones to the Event Steward. **All advance registration must be received by May 5, 1999.**

The day of the event the site fee will be \$9.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. The feast fee will be \$7.00.

Steward of the Horse:

Lady Winifred of Rosemier (Cheryl Scott)
(573) 676-5306
cscott@owl.wmwoods.edu



Barony of Vatavia

Champions & Demo

Date: June 4-6 (Activities are only on the 5th)

Site: Beaumont Water Tower Restoration Festival
Beaumont, KS

OPENS whenever Friday, CLOSES whenever Sunday. Lots of space to camp, and lots of space for revelry!!

Site Fee: \$1 (mem) \$2 (non-mem) 5 & Under Free
Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc. Barony of Vatavia

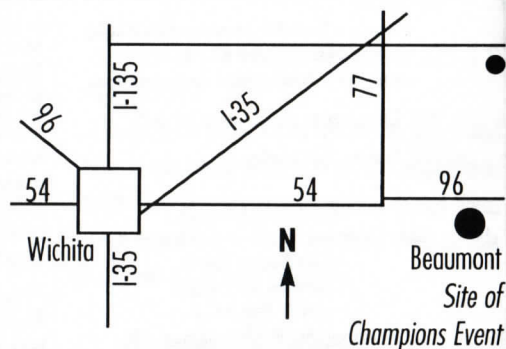
SITE IS WET!!! (Please be responsible, and please please, please remember to keep hydrated!!)

*Also, please be on your best behavior, this is a demo as well as an event! This is a small town, so there are no restaurants, but there will be food vendors on Saturday during the Festival.

Potluck Feast

Barony will provide:
hamburgers,
hot dogs, buns,
condiments &
corn on the
cobbies

Please bring
your favorite
cookout side
dish and your
feast gear!



Event Stewards:

Cerridwyn 316.524.0478

Qasar 316.263.1079

Merchants are welcome, call for info.

Saturday's Schedule

- 10:00 -Parade (Line-up at 9:00)
- After parade -Fighting & Archery - list opens, inspections, authorizations, fields open for warm-ups
- 11:00 -Archery Champion Shoot begins
-A&S table opens
- 12:00 -Fighting- Champion list closes
-A&S- entry table closes
-Photobooth opens
-First Bash-A-Knight session
- 12:30 -Fighter Champion Battle begins
- 1:30 -Fighting for everyone (games, scenarios, melees, ???!!)
- 2:00 -Second Bash-A-Knight session
- 6:00 -Potluck Feast
-Bardic Champion Performance

-A&S competition - open to all, prize given to Best Eastern theme, judges choice

-Childrens Bardic Competition- time: to be announced, one piece, child's choice

-Evening revelries will begin after court (bonfire, drumming, dancing, bardic circle/entertainment, hunkerhausen, & ???!!!!).

Champions Entry Guidelines:

A&S: Open theme - 1 entry min, 3 max, your best score, 3x5 documentation, everyone judged novice level.

Bardic: 2 pieces your choice.



June – Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	Calligraphy and Illumination 7:00 p.m. Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Vatavian Championship Barony of Vatia Beaumont, KS	
Fighter Practice 1:00 p.m. Archery Practice 3:00 p.m. European Dance 7:00 p.m.	6 Officers Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Armoring 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Lilies War XIII Calontir Smithville Lake, KS Known World Heraldic Symposium Nordmark Sweden
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Fighter Practice 1:00 p.m. Archery Practice 3:00 p.m. European Dance 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Bardic Practice 7:00 p.m.	29 Armoring 6:30 p.m.	30			



Beaumont, Kansas

6th Annual Water Tower Festival Fri. June 4th & 5th 1999 Evening Begins 6:00pm

- ❖ WildWood Winery Tasting Entire Evening
- ❖ Bar-B-Q \$5.00 Per Person
- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Humorous Speaker Bruce Kocher (He Will Keep You In Stitches)
- ❖ Nashville Artist Carolyn Swilley (Song Writer, Singer, Musician)
- ❖ BIPLANE FLY OVER
- ❖ Acoustic Folk Music Claddagh Ring (Performs Irish Scottish & Gaelic)
Elvis Impersonator David CastleBerry (Is It Really Elvis? Come and See)
- ❖ Door Prize's

Saturday Activities June 5, 1999

- ❖ 8:00am 4th Annual Car Show. Scholfield Sponsored Registration Fee \$10.00
Judging Begins At 12:00PM. Dash Plaques To The First Fifty Entries. Two
Open Classes: Trucks - Cars. Trophies In Each Class 1st 2nd & 3rd Place
Winners. Contact Tom Arnall (316) 321-1330
- ❖ 9:00am Arts, Antiques & Crafts 10x10 \$25.00
Contact : JoAnn (316) 843-2225
- ❖ Quilt Display (Bring Your Quilt/Stand)
- ❖ 9:00am Parade Line Up (Debbie/Brad Evans 843-2831)
- ❖ 10:00am Parade Starts
- ❖ 10:45am Auction (Downtown) Don't Miss This One!!!!
Water Tower Quilt, History Quilt, & Many Other Items Donated. Proceeds
Benefit The Tower. Auctioneer Contact: Allen Mason (316) 843-2541

**Entertainment **

- ❖ Clowns, Clown Acts, & Balloons, & Face Painting
- ❖ Kansas Prairie Gun Fighters (Street Fights, Arrests, and Ladies)
- ❖ Claddagh Ring (Acoustic Folk Music Group "Celtic Music")
- ❖ Jeziree's International School Of Dance
- ❖ Society For Creative Anachronism (Championship Archery, Full Armored)
Sword Fighters, Arts - Science Demonstrations.
- ❖ Kids Don't Miss This !! "Bash A Knight" (Try Out Your Skills)
- ❖ S.C.A. Dragon Flyer Dancers Performing Couple Dances
- ❖ Kansas River Gang (Shot Gun Wedding, Robberies, Gun Fights)
- ❖ Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
- ❖ Cow Chip Throw (1st & 2nd Place Winners) (Male & Female)

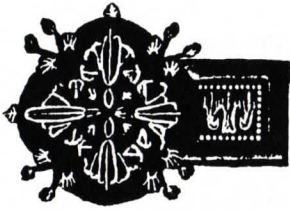
- ❖ Cowboy Boot Race (1st Place Winners) (M/F) wear your boots
- ❖ Jail (Pay To Put Them In And Pay To Get Them Out)
- ❖ Wood Splitting Contest (1st Place Winner)
- ❖ Potato Race (1st Place Winner)
- ❖ 3 Legged Sack Race (1st Place Winners)
- ❖ Wheelbarrow Race (1st Place Winners)
- ❖ Flush Dump Tank (Kids Water Fun Activity)
- ❖ Turtle Race (1st & 2nd Place Winners) (Bring Your Turtles)
- ❖ Fish Pond (Kids Fun Activity)
- ❖ Cake Walk (Take Home Some Of The Best Sweets).
- ❖ Tin Lizzie (Old Time Photo Booth) (Get Your Picture Taken)
- ❖ Beaumont 2nd Annual All Grade Class Reunion
- ❖ Beaumont History Booth (Memories From The Past Are Needed. Photos,
Recollections Of Life In Beaumont, Information On The Frisco Railroad. Any
And All Information Is Beneficial For The History Book Which Is Being
Written And Will Be On Permanent Display At The Butler County Oil
Museum Library In El Dorado, Kansas.
(Stop BY And See The Video On Trains And The Railroad)
- * Plus Fun Cycles

Preservation Project Information

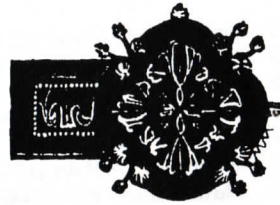
The Preservation Project Of The Historical Water Tower Was Complete Late June 1998, With The Assistance Of The Heritage Trust Fund Grant, Donations, Sales Of Memorabilia & Festival Proceeds, We Were Able To Complete This Goal. In Jan. 1999 Historic Site Highway Signs Were Placed East And West On Highway 400, Another Goal Completed By The Organization. The Un vailing Of The Historic Monument Marker At The Tower Is The Evening OF The Bar-B-Q June 4, 1999. This Was Also A Goal Met By Friends OF The Beaumont Water Tower Organization. The Festivals Will Need To Continue As To Raise Funds For Insurance, Fencing, Final HABBS Documentation, Landscaping, & For Future Up Keep. The Festival Is Our Primary Fund Raising Activity Sponsored By The Friends Of The Beaumont Water. A Motivated Group Of Volunteers Driven To Preserve A Piece Of The Beaumont Frisco Railroad History. The Volunteers Thank You For Your Support And Efforts In Making This Project A Success.

Bring Your Lawn Chairs, Cameras, Meet Your Family And Friends And Enjoy The Festivities. Not Responsible For Accident Should They Occur. For More Information Contact: Shirley Childres VP (316) 843-2404





LILIES XIII the noble WAR



Lilies Wars and Rumors of Lilies Wars abound! Are these signs of the end times? Are dark days ahead? Not really. Not with the grandest War of the Century awaiting us.

The last Lilies War of this millenium in awaiting each of you this June. The Staff and future Crown beseech each of you to turn a joyous eye toward that War. Make plans now to make Lilies XIII your best Lilies in a thousand years.

This year Lilies will see the same high standards that have been passed to us by generations of War autocrats. A score of evening battles! Three Archery shoots a day! (With the range open all day for non-war tourneys and casual shooting) Over 100 classes on the RUSH Campus! Shopping of epic proportions! Games, parties, Enchanted moments, the Houndsford Memorial Duck Race, tourneys, swimming, dancing and more darn relaxing than you can imagine.

For online details visit our site at: www.huscarl.com/lilies/index.htm

Lilies is the crown jewel of Calontir achievements. It is not possible without your support. Volunteers are needed in every department of the War. Tourneys and parties need groups to sponsor them. Troll needs staffing. Those lights don't climb into the port-a-johns alone. Consider what you would be willing to do to help and call the Department head that best matches your willingness to help. Or contact Gottfried and ask him whom you should contact to help. (HL Gottfried von Koln 913-334-3577)

Prepare yourself personally as well. See to that new pavilion (the Queen is judging them), refurbish armor, brush up on your bow skills. Think back to last year and consider what you need to add to your camping gear to keep up with the Lord and Lady Jones's. Start that new wardrobe now. Some preparations could even win you a prize in Her Majesty's Arts and Science Competitions.

She will judge: Best Pavilion, Best Group Period Camp, Best Period Merchant Stall and Display, Items built from the ground up (separate categories for on and off site construction) and the Best Period item, tool, piece of equipment or furniture USED to add more period atmosphere to your camp!

Nobles of the Ducal rank and Nobles of the County rank are even now vying for your aid and support in the effort to teach the other class its place. Rally to the bloody Red hand of the Counts' army or speed to the banner of the Blue blooded Dukes. But do not wait! Join one Noble Army of the other, but join. Where is the warrior who has no war host?

What fame might await a cunning man who raises a company to bolster the banner of his former liege lord? What honor to be won on the field or line whilst decked with the token of a queen you remember fondly? How many stout champions will our Noble Royal Peers find good service for? What wise counsel might they need? How many cunning hands will it take to sway the War? Make their War your War and you will both profit by it!

Noble is the art of War!
Nobler still the art of Lilies War!

Volunteers needed! Lilies Troll is once again looking for volunteers to man the check-in point for the War. If you or your group is interested in sponsoring a day or you are interested in sitting a couple of hours, please contact either Baroness Brialen, Volunteer Coordinator (316 524-0917 or deb_124@hotmail.com) or Lady Seraphima Iaroslava Suvorova, Deputy Autocrat/Troll Whip (515 257-2825 or seraphim@faii.net).

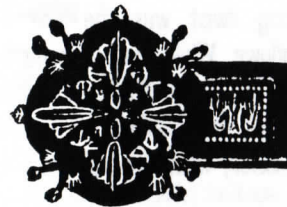
DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Flying is cheap from many places. If it is more convenient for your, call us and we will arrange a ride to and from the airport (KCI).

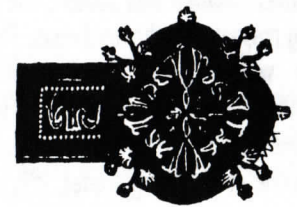
Directions: Take your best route to the Kansas City area.

From I-35 – North of KC, exit on HWY 92 West. At HWY E turn right (north). After many curves, turn right on Collins. You will see the Site to your right as you cross the Bridge. The entrance will sneak up on you about ½ mile up on the right.

From I-29 – Exit on to HWY 92 East. Turn right at HWY 169 at Smithville. Go through town; turn right (east) at HWY W. Turn right (south) at Camp Branch Road (just past Clyde's Paradise Market). The Park entrance is about ½ mile down on your left.



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Shakespeare in Love: A Review

His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon

Unlike previous movies I have reviewed, "Shakespeare in Love" is not about historical events, but a piece of fiction about historical persons. As such, to point out historical inaccuracies makes no sense, as it is fantasy and not reality. Yet it is remarkable how little violence to history the film makers inflicted to tell their tale. Thus it is my endeavor to say how much they got right, rather than to say what they got wrong.

However, like in all movies, they fudge the timeline. The movie is expressly set in 1593. The first known performance of "Romeo and Juliet" occurred in 1595. While Shakespeare was with the Admiral's Men in '93, by '95 he was with the Chamberlain's Men. "Twelfth Night", the opening of which Will and Viola sketched at the end of the movie, was really written at the end of 1600. The theaters were closed between September '92 and June of '94 because of the plague. The greatest distortion of the timeline, however, is Wessex's Virginia plantations. The famous Lost Colony of Roanoke was discovered missing just two years prior, and Jamestown was fourteen years in the future. His plantations are pure fiction.

One of the challenges of a movie like this is to try to disentangle Shakespeare's words from those of the screenwriter's. Besides "Romeo and Juliet", the other play most prominently used is "Two Gentlemen of Verona", which indeed predates "Romeo and Juliet", and is the play being presented to the royal court. The soliloquy with which 'Thomas Kent' auditions is Valentine's from Act III, scene 1. And yes, there is a scene with a clown and a dog. Two, in fact.

In one of the setup scenes, it is established

that Shakespeare's wife Ann is not with him, and that they are estranged. This was indeed true. However, there here is no evidence that Ann was ever with him during his sojourn in London. The reasons are unknown, but since Ann came from a Puritan background, it is speculated that she disapproved of her husband's chosen career and would have nothing to do with it.

So little is known of Shakespeare's personal life that he even would have an affair is pure speculation. The closest evidence of such a thing is the mysterious "dark lady" of the sonnets. Even that is ambiguous to the extreme. It is the void of information that allows the supporters for alternate authors of the plays free reign of their imagination.

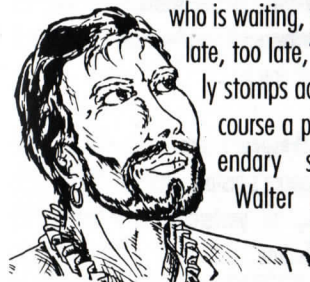
Philip Henslow was a real person and was indeed the owner of the Rose. And while he was certainly under financial pressure in 1593 because the theaters had been declared closed, that he was being shaken down by a Mr. Fennyman is a fiction of the movie. The movie does a fair representation of how a play was produced. The main difference, necessary for the plot of the movie, is that a play would be written out in full before anything else was done, and later trimmed to fit the necessities of production. The reason was, before a play could be produced it had to be registered with the Master of the Revels, and once that was done, nothing could be added.

An interesting twist was the use of Christopher Marlowe. While the two certainly knew of each other, (no doubt it went little beyond that) at the time Marlowe was at the top of the profession, while Shakespeare was

still just starting out. Marlowe was indeed killed in a tavern fight over a bill in May of 1593. But as it is known that he did espionage work for Elizabeth, and the circumstances about his final days have lead to suggestions that there were darker motives for his death. That he knew too much, and his free thinking ways were too much of a risk.

At the end of the movie there is a cute scene in which Elizabeth comes up to a mud puddle and stops expectantly. There is a short pause before the courtiers, who are all bowing, realize what the Queen is waiting for and start fiddling with their capes. By this time, Elizabeth, tired of

who is waiting, proclaims "Too late, too late," and resolutely stomps across. This is of course a play on the legendary story of Sir Walter Raleigh using his cloak to



Elizabeth passage over a puddle. The story is the probable fiction of Thomas Fuller, a historian who wrote in the period after the English Civil War, who was also noted for his elaboration. It is best known from Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth." It would be prudent to note the failure of logic at the end of the movie. How did the Lord of the Revels know that a woman



was on the stage at "The Curtain", Viola was substituted in literally as Juliet made her first stage entrance? How did the Queen come to be at this first performance, and arrive unnoticed?

How did she know Viola's stage name? How did she know Shakespeare was at Greenwich masquerading as Viola's attendant? And how did she know that it was he who shouted out the fifty pound wager? It's a mystery.

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The Vtuvia Opinion

This is the first run of the Vtavian Opinion Page...although there are no opinions to print yet. This will change, hopefully. Any thoughts or opinions that you have, please let me know (Drop me a letter or email me at copyshop@fn.net).

The question to the populace this month: *What are your opinions on the Tournament of Valor? After Valor 20, should the event continue or should this be the last one? Should it simply be moved to a different date?*



The Dancers' Web

Lady Eliane Marie Nazaire d'Avignon

April was the Bard's Birthday, and Friar Thomas has told the dancers that "Shakespeare's in Love"! So, this month, the dancers on the web are in love with Shakespeare. We hope you will enjoy some of these sites as much as we did.

<http://www.tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/>
MIT has put the complete works of Shakespeare on line, including his Eulogy. This comes with a great search engine in case you are needing quotes for any occasion.

<http://www.fivestarsupport.com/shakespeare.html>
This looks to be a wonderful resource for English Literature Teachers—the 60 minute Shakespeare. Includes teaching materials that can be purchased and even questions "To teach or not to teach".

<http://www.stratford-upon-avon.co.uk/soawshst.html>
The life and times of Shakespeare. At this site, you can take a tour of Shakespeare's House, see the school he went to as a boy and learn all about the times in the area where he grew up.

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/globe/Globe.html>
Did you ever wonder about the Globe theater? Is it still around or did it fall into disrepair after the Great Bard died? Visit this site for the answer to these and other world-shaking questions.

<http://www.stratford.co.uk/frame1.html>
You can learn a lot about Stratford on Avon at this site....both now and back when Shakespeare ran it's streets playing ball.

<http://daphne.palomar.edu/shakespeare/>
This shows a timeline of world events during Shakespeare's Lifetime.

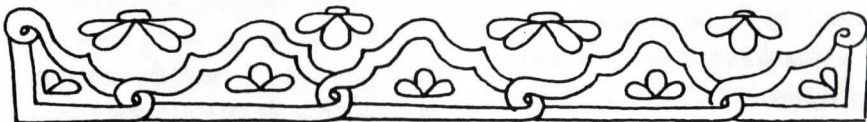
On a more light-hearted note, being the great historian that you are, "Can you tell the difference between Melrose Place and Shakespeare?" Take the quiz at <http://www.react.com/melrose/index.html> and see how well you fare.

<http://www.shakespeare.com/Today/0127.html>
Today in Shakespeare's history. This site will tell you what was going on yesterday or today during Shakespeare's lifetime.

<http://www.webweaving.org/>
Have you been searching for just that right turn of phrase to turn someone green without resorting to modern profanity? This may be just what the Doctor ordered! The site randomly generates insults in Elizabethan English. Gadzooks!

That's the Dancer's Web for this month! Hope you find these sites helpful and/or entertaining!

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What is an Event Steward

His Excellency Khulan

Event Stewards are a Deputy to the Seneschale for an event. For that event, they are "in charge" of overall organization. They prepare a bid for a proposed event, which should include the following:

- Site location
- Purpose/theme of event
- Proposed budget of expenses
- Date and start/finish Times
- Persons in charge of each activity

When a bid is accepted, details, budget restraints and any necessary changes are discussed by the the Event Steward, the Baronage and the Officer's

Corps. Once all questions are addressed, the bid can be approved and finalized. The Event Steward then works with the "Event Staff" to make the event go smoothly and enjoyable as possible. The Event Stewards job ends after the event with a report of how it went.

If you are interested in being an Event Steward, you need not wait for bid requests to begin a proposal. Please contact the Seneschale and Baronage for details and assistance.

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Officers' Minutes

May 5, 1999 - 23 members attended: 18 officers/deputies/champions; 4 members of the populace; 1 small

A message thanking Vativia for help with the demonstration May 1st has been received from Archer (of Fyren Ar). Lady Cerridwyn thanked those who helped with the Newcomers 101 the following day. Answers and clarifications concerning the Beaumont demo were presented. Some merchanting is being planned to help offset the monetary effects of Vativia only participating at Ren Faire for one day. A tentative schedule was discussed. Details on the potluck and supplies were covered. Bids are being accepted for the Baronial Birthday Bash. Dates from the end of June to mid-July is available to hold this event. The Vativian bid for the December Crown Tournament is ready for presentation to the Crown.

The Valor steward will begin meeting with her deputies to work on that event's planning.

The Herald's office has received one submission locally. Caltrop is continuing to work on differentiating between the local and Kingdom offices. The new Minister of Arts and Sciences plans to visit all of the interest groups, including armoring, during one of their meetings. The stealth arts presentations will continue. She requested a list of all the artisans so that she will be able to put individuals interested in a certain area with someone who knows about it. The Chronicler will begin a new feature in the Dragonflyre this month. An opinion page to elicit the populace's feelings on different topics will be included. Suggestions for the first topic item were discussed.

The new Property Mistress is checking through the shed and Baronial property. Any outstanding property needs to be returned for storage. She also

needs to know about those items normally kept at other locations. The location of certain specific items was requested. A tally of the number of shed and armory keys was made. She requested at least 24 hours notice when property is needed from the shed so planning can be done. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2448.66. There was a lengthy discussion on finances, upcoming projects and events, and monthly obligations. Ways to compensate for our reduced participation in Ren Faire was again discussed.

Fighter practice May 9th will move to Cessna Park due to the condition of Linwood Park after the recent storms. Lord Cilian is the new Marshal's deputy. It was announced that the materials for the new pell were in the Baronage's shed. Archery is seeing new throwing weapons being used. The populace needs to be careful when in the archery area. There will be a limit on throwing weapons used at Valor. The Archer Marshal reminded everyone that Vertigo was coming up, May 8th (in Lost Moor).

The Census is to be out this month. Alternative publishing options were brought up. A general discussion on the most effective use of the different publishing specials and member sources was covered. It was decided there are several different publishing needs- handbooks, forms, Census, OP, reports, etc.- which can make use of these different options.

The ways the Society and individual members could help with relief for the storm victims was discussed. There is a need for bottled water, especially by the gallon. It was recommended that we could donate the water in the storage shed, over 30 gallons. It was suggested to see if Dawson United Methodist Church could use some help. They did sustained damage and unlike the parks will not have city crews available to assist them. There is a need for people to help relieve those volunteers who are working the different shelters and centers that have been set up. It was decided to move officers' meeting back to the first Monday of the month. Their Excellencies have received a request to consider a schedule change to allow the Meridies War, which is to be held in Calontir in 2000, to be held on the Labor Day weekend of that year. The Kingdom Seneschal, Mistress Elasait, is making an inquiry for the Society on the question holding a 35-year celebration or limit celebrations to 10-year intervals.

There was a discussion about the June populace meeting's scheduling due to the Lilies War, June 12th -20th. All the proposals will be considered and a decision announced. The Baronage announced its intent to hold the Mongolian equivalent to an Althing. The Vatavia portion of the Kingdom shade fly project is planned to be made and ready for use at Valor.

The meeting adjourned.



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