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Get Your Nightlife On



The Romantic Era (began in the late 1700s) shares an aesthetic with the SCA. This is a 1779 painting by Joseph Wright, "Virgil's Tomb by Moonlight, with Silius Italicus Declaiming." Silicus Italicus was a Roman orator who commemorated Virgil's death every year by reading his verses at his tomb. You know that somewhere, this is happening at Pennsic. (Image in [public domain](#).)

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Storviki Offering Classes at Pennsic

Collected by Sayyida Tala al Zahra

August 4

2pm – 3pm, A&S 3. Klosterstich and Bayeux Tapestry Stitch, Baroness Janina Krakowska

Klosterstich and Bayeux Tapestry embroidery stitches were used to create wool decorative hangings from the 11th to 16th centuries. The Bayeux Tapestry stitch produces a firmer and more dense design. The *Klosterstich* is not as dense and more appropriate for hangings or other items that won't see significant wear. Some experience with embroidery is very useful. Please bring your favorite scissors and a hoop. A few will be available to borrow. Also a portable light source if you find it useful in the possibly dark tent. The kit will contain fabric, wool, needles, and handout.

3-4pm, Dance Tent. Advanced English Country Dance: Step Stately, Lady Sonya Flicker (Patches)

From first edition Playford comes a challenging dance: *Step Stately.*

August 5

10-11am, A&S 5. Beginner's Guide to Garbing, Lady Isabella Mea Caterina D'Angelo

Come and learn about colors, materials, and patterns used in Middle Ages & Renaissance. This class will focus mostly on appropriate colors and materials for the 13th-16th centuries with some helpful hints on where to start with garbing.

1pm-2pm, A&S 5. Introduction to Beginning Period Cookery. Lady Alicia of Cambion

Want to cook "in period", but don't know where to start? Your apartment doesn't have a handy open fireplace? No idea what an *eyroun* is or where to find one? No problem! This class is designed for beginners who might never have cooked a period recipe before but want a quick introduction into some of the basics of modern period cookery.

3-4pm, A&S 5. How to Build an Accurate Sundial. Fred Blonder.

You may have noticed that large sundial at Okewode Hall. This is an advertisement to convince people that it is possible to make a dial that can be read as easily as a modern watch. The trick is to include all the astronomical corrections into the design of the dial, so they do not need to be applied after the dial is read. I intend to describe how I built this dial, and how you can do the same for your camp. I want enough people building and maintaining public dials for Pennsic, that they become the normal way for people to tell time. I will describe how to calculate the time-marks, lay them out on the dial, mark them with nails, set the gnomon to the correct angle, and calibrate the whole thing once it's hanging on the wall. I will cover construction details and various safety considerations to prevent it from falling and injuring someone. There ****will**** be math, specifically some high school-level trigonometry, but you should not let that frighten you away.

August 6

9-10am, A&S 6. Lenten Food in Period. Lady Isabella Mea Caterina D'Angelo

Can you imagine giving up cheese, scrambled eggs, and bacon for forty days out of the year? Many Christians from the 10th century into the 16th century did just this but that doesn't mean they went without some form of comfort food. Come to the class to find out what they did eat and how to make some medieval Lenten treats.

11am-1pm, A&S 16. Arabic 101: Reading and Writing. Lady Tala al-Zahra

People all over the medieval world used Arabic language. From China to Mauritania in dar al-Islam, and throughout Europe, Arabic was a part of life. This class introduces the Arabic alphabet with exercises designed to acclimate participants to the structure of the letters and language. We will use modern and extant sources; participants will be able to write and read key Arabic words by the end of class. While the lesson will be useful for personas in all regions and cultures, the dialect and names will skew toward the Maghreb region. This is the 2nd part of a two-part series, the first of which focuses on speaking and pronunciation. Class guide will be available at: <http://www.talaalzahra.com/pennsic-university>

1-2pm, A&S 16. Ifriqiya: Medieval North Africa. Lord William de Hirst.

A brief historical overview of North Africa in the Middle Ages, starting with the Muslim conquest to around 1500.

1-2pm, A&S 3. Chocolate in Late Period. Lady Alicia of Cambion.

In the 16th century, Spanish explorers brought back precious cacao beans and the Aztec technique of making *xocolatl* or chocolate, a bitter drink. Learn the brief history within period of how chocolate was made and used.

3-4pm, A&S 6. Hand-Sewing Eyelets. Lady Grazia Morgano.

Take your garb up a notch! Metal grommets don't have the look, and they result in less-durable clothing. Come learn how to use an awl and needle to hand-sew your own eyelets.

5-6pm, A&S 9. Advanced Storytelling. Master Igor Medved.

How to go beyond merely "telling a story around a campfire". Getting and holding a hall's attention, voice techniques; reading and playing off a crowd, how to take authentic "boring" stories and turn them into stories for modern audiences, and lastly, what to do when it All Goes Wrong.

August 7

11am – 1pm, A&S 16. Arabic 101: Speaking and Pronunciation. Lady Tala al-Zahra.

People all over the medieval world used Arabic language. From China to Mauritania in dar al-Islam, and throughout Europe, Arabic was a part of life. This class focuses on pronunciation of common names and phrases, and gives SCA-friendly phrases useful for research, conversation, and developing a more authentic SCA persona. We will only be using English orthography/alphabet. While the lesson will be useful for personas in all regions and cultures, the dialect and names will skew toward the Maghreb region. This is one of a two-part series; the other focuses on reading and writing. Class guide will be available at: <http://www.talaalzahra.com/pennsic-university>

12-1pm, A&S 14. Known World Dance and Music Symposium: Discussion. Lady Sonya Flicker (Patches)

General discussion about the Known World Dance and Music Symposium. All are welcome. We will discuss past and future bids.

August 8

12-3pm, Clanne Prechaine camp (E23). Early Period Arts and Sciences Day. Baroness Lanea verch Kerrigan. Adults Only.

Clanne Preachain's 25th Early Period Arts & Science Day is a celebration of the arts and traditions of the cultures of Europe and the Mediterranean that existed prior to 1000 AD. Come join us for classes and demonstrations, or just bring a project to work on.

2-4pm, Clanne Prechaine camp (E23). Early Period Bardic Solar. Baroness Lanea verch Kerrigan. Adults Only.

Join us as we discuss early period songs and spoken pieces, composition, research methods, mythology, translation, practice techniques, etc. We are sure to discuss adult themes and will likely wind up drinking some adult beverages. 21 and older.

3-4pm, A&S 10. How to Build an Accurate Sundial. Fred Blonder.

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5-6pm, A&S 7. Known World Dance and Music Symposium: Overview. Lady Sonya Flicker (Patches)

How to run the Known World Dance and Music Symposium. Covers topics like approval process, site considerations, class topics. What are some pitfalls and some things that make the process easier.

August 9

11am – 12:30pm, A&S 16. Maghribi Philosophy: A Participatory Discussion. Lady Tala al-Zahra

From Cordoba to Fes, and Timbuktu to Tunis, Maghribis were bringing intellectual light to the world during a period elsewhere called the "dark ages." Join a discussion on philosophical themes advanced by Ibn Khaldun and Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides), two of the most famous Maghribi scholars to have attended Al-Qarawiyyin University in Fes. Participants will be provided with information for the topics of discussion. No prior knowledge of Maghribi philosophy is required. We will also contemplate the works of: Ibn Rushd (Averroes), Ibn Tufail, Ibn Arabi, and Ibn Hazm al-Andalusi. Class guide will be available at <http://www.talaalzahra.com/pennsic-university>

August 10

3-5pm, White Wolf and Phoenix (Merchant 120). Tablet Weaver's Tea. Master Herevus d'Ormonde.

A social gathering for tablet weavers of all levels to show off current work, see projects from other people, and schmooze.

4-5pm, A&S 7. Hand-Sewing Eyelets. Lady Grazia Morgano.

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What's the Worst Advice You Ever Got about Pennsic?

The Barony Speaks on the Book of Faces

Packing and Un-Preparation

It's August! Why would you need more than a summer weight blanket?

The solar showers always have warm water, you don't need a camp shower.

All you'll need are a pair of sandals.

Don't worry; if you forget something, Walmart is just around the corner!

Those plastic bins might not fit [in the tent], just pack in your suitcase.

You don't need to bring a tent. We can fit you AND all your stuff into the corner of ours. There's plenty of room! (Sayyida Tala al-Zahra)

Food and (Mostly) Drink

Drink this, it's vile.

Try this mead, it's amazing!

Try the Strawberry Surprise! (or any drink with "Surprise" in the name)

Your Canvas Home

Don't worry, there will be room in singles camping on our block.

Put your tent here, its a great spot, it shouldn't collect any rain!

Health and Heatstroke

You can take the heat sink out of a computer and tie it to your arm to cool yourself off.

Wear the chain mail...you look absolutely adorable!! Who's got time for sunscreen??

Adventure!

Leave your glasses in camp we'll be back before dark!

Come with me, I know the way. No, we don't need a flashlight. (Johanna von Sudeborn)

You have to follow us! (To whatever parties the camp decided on going to; never telling me there was a map or how to find the camp in the dark)

Oh, you should definitely flirt with that girl

His armor is too shiny, must be a newbie

You have such a loud voice, you should be a herald!

But Seriously, Folks

You should wear a blue feather. It means you're new here.

Blue feathers are the badge of Clan Blue Feather, an LGBTQ+ SCA household. Suggesting someone straight wear one as a prank is really not cool in a whole rainbow of ways.

Be careful of the Boggies, they're dangerous.

Some of the camps in the Bog throw great parties. They're no more - or less - dangerous than any other party.

Don't go out after dark without an escort.

It's a great idea to have a party buddy and to look out for your friends. Make sure everyone ends up where they want to be at the end of the night. But be careful of people who insist you can't leave their camp without an escort – some people have had bad experiences with the escorts themselves.

Lady Alicia's Cookery Booke: Pennsic Foodstuffs

By Lady Alicia of Cambion

Greetings! The Lady is out of the Manor at this time and will be returning after Pennsic. Please leave her a missive and the servants will file it away accordingly. She will reply to all queries upon her return. Your cookery concerns are very important to us and will be addressed in the order received.

If you are missing the Pennsic experience or need some last minute food ideas, here is a list of delicious options from previous columns that you can try at home or even at your campsite!

Enjoy! Go forth and cook good food!



1 – Farmer's Cheese (April 2016)

<https://ladyaliciascookerybooke.wordpress.com/2016/04/28/april-farmers-cheese/>

2 – Viking Dried Meat (July 2015)

<https://ladyaliciascookerybooke.wordpress.com/2015/07/03/viking-dried-meat/>

3 – Sekanjabin (July 2016)

<https://ladyaliciascookerybooke.wordpress.com/2016/07/08/july-sekanjabin/>

4 – Pickles (September 2016)

<https://ladyaliciascookerybooke.wordpress.com/2016/09/15/september-pickles/>

5 – Elizabethan Strawberry Preserves (June 2015)

<https://ladyaliciascookerybooke.wordpress.com/2015/06/23/elizabethan-strawberry-preserves/>

Do you have a cookery question you'd like to have answered? Email Lady Alicia at ofnoimp@yahoo.com. **Shameless Plug:** I will be teaching "Introduction to Beginning Period Cookery" at Pennsic University on Saturday, August 5 at 1PM in A&S5 if you are interested in learning more about how to start cooking period foods! For you later period folk, I am also teaching "Chocolate in Late Period" on Sunday, August 6 at 1PM in A&S3! Hope to see you there!

Favorite Camp Meals at Pennsic

More Wisdom from the Book of Faces

From the Kitchens of Clan Cambion

Lady Alicia's cooking, especially the corn dish.

Anything by Master Igor.

Meat, Meat, Meat

German mustard chicken and 'hedgehogs'

Chicken with peppers

My old campmates used to smoke meat over the fire all day. Delicious AND period! - tala al-zahra

Plants!

Blackberry cobbler – for dinner!

We like to do a salad bar a few nights during war - after a few days of mostly meats and starches, everyone is ready for some veggies and a cold salad really hits the spot.

Two or More Votes

Chicken and dumplings

Steak

Most Poetic

Landgrab supper- steak, baked potato, salad, and finally being at home

The Winnah!

Whatever SOMEONE ELSE cooks!

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Lord Ffernfael Kymro

Youth

Wulfgar of Skye

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Warlord

Lord Griffin Wharvager

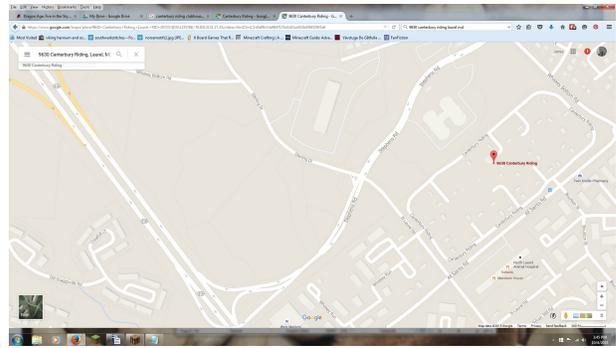
Business meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm at the Canterbury Riding Clubhouse in Laurel, MD. Take your best route I-95 exit 35A, MD-216 East. Keep right off the exit, take the ramp for Stephens Road. First right onto N Laurel Rd. then first left into Canterbury Riding. Follow the road around and turn into the second courtyard. The address is 9240 Canterbury Riding.

Fight practice (heavy and rapier) and **dance practice** are held each Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave., College Park, MD 20740, at the corner of College Ave and Princeton Ave. off of Route 1, south of Paint Branch Pkwy. 7 blocks from the College Park/U of MD Metro on the Green Line.

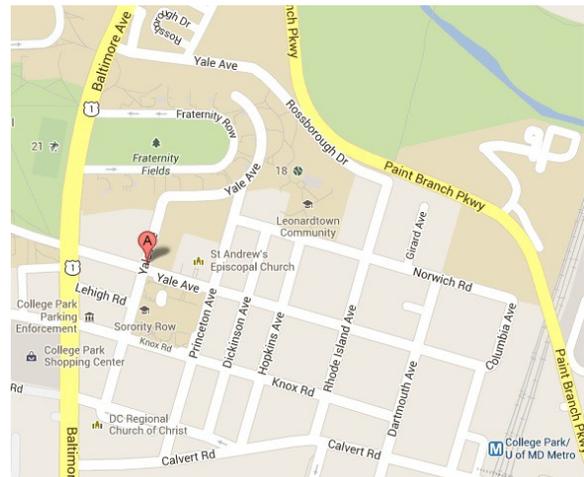
Archery practice on Sunday 11:00am at Adelphi archery range, 2800 University Blvd E, Adelphi, MD 20783; equipment-making at Lord Cameron's during inclement weather.

Early Northern European Adhocracy: 9426 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD. Free unassigned parking. One cat.

Baronial A&S: 1204 Canberwell Rd, Catonsville MD



9240 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD (click for Google Map)



4512 College Ave., College Park, MD 20740

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