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of the Barony of the Osprey



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# Calendar of Events

All Times, Dates, and Locations are Subject to Change

## September

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Crimson River - Black Rose
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Phoenix Glade -  
Daggers and Hemlock IV
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Beau Fort - Fall Coronation
- 18<sup>th</sup> - South Downs - Red Tower
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rising Stone - Tavern Brawl
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Glaedenfeld -  
Meridian Grand Tourney
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Baronial Business Meeting  
7:00pm West Regional  
Library



## October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eagle - Pillage on the Plains
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Glynn Rhe - Wine List
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Iron Mount./Ironstone Spr. -  
Fall Crown List
- 16<sup>th</sup> - OOK - Panhandle Skirmishes
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Loch Cairn -  
Tales of Sherwood
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bryn Madoc - Danelaw
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - An Dun Thiene -  
Unchained Doom
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Baronial Business Meeting  
7:00pm West Regional  
Library
- 30<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\*OSPREY -  
GATALOP XXVII\*\*\*
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Thor's Mountain -  
Silver Hammer
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Tir Briste - Event

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Greetings All,

I hope everyone made it through the hot hot summer. The weather will be cooling off soon and the eventing will get busy. I have had several of you ask for recipes from me so I am going to share one with you. Enjoy!

Don't forget to volunteer for Troll and Security shifts at Gatalop NOW...wouldn't want to have to chase you down at the event. <evil grin>

Thanks and see you around,  
Inga the Viking Crone,  
Constable, Barony of the Osprey (still needing a Deputy)

### Spinach Balls

2 1/2 cups cooked spinach or 2 10 oz frozen pkgs  
2 cups seasoned stuffing mix  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese  
6 lightly beaten eggs  
3/4 cup softened butter  
1/2 tsp salt  
pepper to taste

Squeeze as much water from spinach as you can. Then finely chop spinach and tightly pack until you have 2 1/2 cups. Mix all ingredients in bowl until well blended. Roll level tablespoons of mixture the size of walnuts and arrange on ungreased cookie sheet. Freeze the balls until hard. Then pack into freezer bags until ready to cook. To cook place on lightly greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes until lightly browned and firm enough to pick up.

Greetings unto the Barony of the Osprey,

Thank you again to Lokotes for his willingness to share his great poetry with the barony.

I am continuing the short series of articles this month pertaining to bidding on events hoping to spur some interest in autocratting and feastcratting in the barony.

If there is something you would like to read articles about or are interested in submitting an article for publishing and are not quite sure where to start, please let me know.

Please send letters, artwork, articles, poems, recipes, persona stories, and any other creative work for the October Gazette by **September 15<sup>th</sup>** to me at [ospreychronicler@yahoo.com](mailto:ospreychronicler@yahoo.com).

In Service,  
Nuala

Greetings unto the Populace of the Barony of the Osprey and the People of her several Cantons from Countess Rhiannon of the Isle, on behalf of the Staff of Gatalop XXVII

We trust this missive finds you and yours well and prosperous and taking adequate precautions not to be a victim of the horrendous heat we've been experiencing this summer. I know that for me at least, it's made it tough to be anything other than an A/C refugee. Though it is still August, and hard to believe, Gatalop will be upon us before we know it. The staff is working to make this yet another success story in the history that is Osprey's signature event. As we've stated before - and will doubtless state again. . .this is Osprey's event - though we are honoured to be entrusted with organizing it. We welcome and encourage input for the members of the populace. We are but a handful of folk, and a small representation of the diversity of people and interests that are found without the demense of our fair barony and her cantons. The input of everyone is encouraged. . .we all have different ideas. . .but I think we all agree that we want Gatalop to be the best event it can be, both for our guests and for ourselves.

Plans are moving along apace, recently we were included on the Calendar in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, and we have petitioned to be likewise included on the calendar of our neighbors to the south and east in the Kingdom of Trimarís -hopefully we'll soon find our flyer linked to their website too. In the past we've been fortunate to have visitors from both Kingdoms, and other Realms as well, notably Calontir and Atlantia as guests at Gatalop.

With the 3-day schedule we've seen a resurgence of interest and attendance at Gatalop, and the expectations of our guests is high, given their experiences here in the past. We are relying on everyone in the Barony to help serve as goodwill ambassadors, not only for Osprey, but as worthy representatives of our fair Kingdom of Meridies as well. We have an excellent opportunity to exhibit the hospitality that both Osprey and Meridies are known for. I know we can count on everyone to go above and beyond the call of duty.

By the time you read this missive it is our hope that the volunteer schedule will be well on

the way to being filled. There is gracious plenty work to go around, but many hands makes this work light and affords us all more of a chance to have some 'fun' time at the event. Most of the major jobs have been spoken for, however, there is ample opportunity for everyone to do their part. Please let us know what you would prefer to assist with, and where in the schedule serving would least impact your enjoyment of the event, and we will do all we can to schedule you for those times. However, as is always the case, the enjoyment of our guests must be our first priority. It may mean a little more work for us, but the rewards are immeasurable.

Many of the staff members are looking for deputies to take a more active role in assisting them, and thus learning what it 'really' takes to pull off the many facets of such a large event. If you have a special area of interest, by all means approach that staff member and see if they are in need of assistance. The more people that are familiar with the various aspects of the event, the better we (and our guests) will be served.

By the time you read this missive, it is possible that a t-shirt design will have emerged as 'the one'. . .but maybe not. So if you have something to submit, by all means do so. We'd like to have as many options as possible. Additionally, we would like to be in a position to offer t-shirts to the members of the Barony & her Cantons prior to the event. . . wouldn't it be great if all our folks showed up to get things set up wearing our spiffy new Gatalop XXVII t-shirts? Not only would it be awesome - but it would be excellent advertising for the shirts. If we are able to get things finalized early enough, we would like to offer the populace at large the option of pre-purchasing their shirts and having them waiting for them when they troll in. This will give us a much better idea of how many shirts (and what sizes) we'll need to order. But first dibs will go to members of the group. . . and we'll notify everyone via the e-group when we are ready to begin taking orders, and hopefully we can deliver group member shirts at the meeting just prior to the event.

And speaking of t-shirts. . . .we have some t-shirts in 'inventory' from Gatalop XXV and we want to offer these to group members first. Any not sold within the group will be offered at the event. . .and they'll be 'priced to move'. . .so if you didn't get a t-shirt for Gatalop XXV - perhaps you weren't around then, or you have trashed the one you had. .

.or you just want an extra. . .hopefully we'll be able to get them to some group functions and meetings for those interested. Or drop me a line and I'll see about coordinating this for you. We have limited numbers and sizes available. . .so the popular sizes will go quick - don't be left out! :-)

As things move along, and we get positive feedback as regards attendance, it makes it even more important for the members of the Barony and her Cantons to go ahead and get their reservations taken care of as soon as possible. We've determined that it is only fair to assign space on a first paid, first served basis. So. . . please confirm your attendance and guarantee your preferred accommodations with your paid reservations.

Another thing I'd like to stress is how very important it is for everyone to contribute to the Baronial Buffets/Travelers Fare both Thursday and **Friday nights**. Not only will this be available for our guests, but of course, it is for the benefit of the group members on site. By the time you read this missive it is hoped that the position of coordinator for the buffets will be nailed down and we can get commitments from folks as regards what they will be bringing and when. House Dragon Or has signed on to provide Jambalaya (for at least 50 people) both Thursday and Friday nights. We would like to issue a friendly challenge to other households/confederations/groups of friends to match (or even surpass) our pledge :-). And of course, we can use all the individual contributions that we can get as well! Variety is the spice of life. . .and the more options we have available, the better the chance that everyone will find something to their liking. And if you're amongst those individuals who consider themselves 'cooking challenged' - there are other things that you can contribute, that are just as important. . .soft drinks, ice, tea. . .the list could go on forever. . . And of course, there is always the option of 'hiring that done' as a good friend of mine says. . .Many of the large grocery chains sell roasted chickens, even party sized side dishes such as potato salad, mac and cheese, and there's always cold cuts, bread/rolls and chip. . .or the ever-popular dessert items. Our buffet coordinator will be in the best position to make suggestions based on what is pledged.

Another thing that I'd like to ask folks to consider is whether or not they can make a commitment to be part of the Thursday set up crew. Not only will you be offering a great

service to the group - you'll get the opportunity to get your stuff into the site early. Of course, we would ask that you get your things into the fort and then help get everything event-specific set up first, but the larger the crew, the quicker this should go - and that should allow the early-on crew all ample time to get their quarters/tents set up prior to the event opening to the general populace. So please, if you are in a position to do so, consider being part of the early set up crew.

Those individuals in the group that have garden carts or large wagons are asked to consider allowing the group the use of these during the event. This will enable our guests to more easily cart their gear into the fort. No vehicles will be allowed inside the fort after **Thursday evening**. If the last 2 years have been any indication, just about everyone who is staying inside the fort for the event plans to be there for the entire event. Translation: the fort will fill up quickly, and it will just not be possible to get vehicles inside. If we get anywhere close to the number of attendees we are anticipating. . this event is going to be HUGE. So please bear this in mind. It is also possible - we've batted this around a little bit, that we may be able to make some allowances for those local members who can't attend until Friday after work to be allowed to come down **Thursday night** and at least bring their gear in and off-load. But this is something that will have to be arranged in advance. . .no exceptions. . .and will be dependant upon what time you could arrive, and the fact that you are pre-reserved and paid in advance. We will be determining a time limit on when we will cease to allow vehicles inside the fort. And this will depend primarily on scheduled activities.

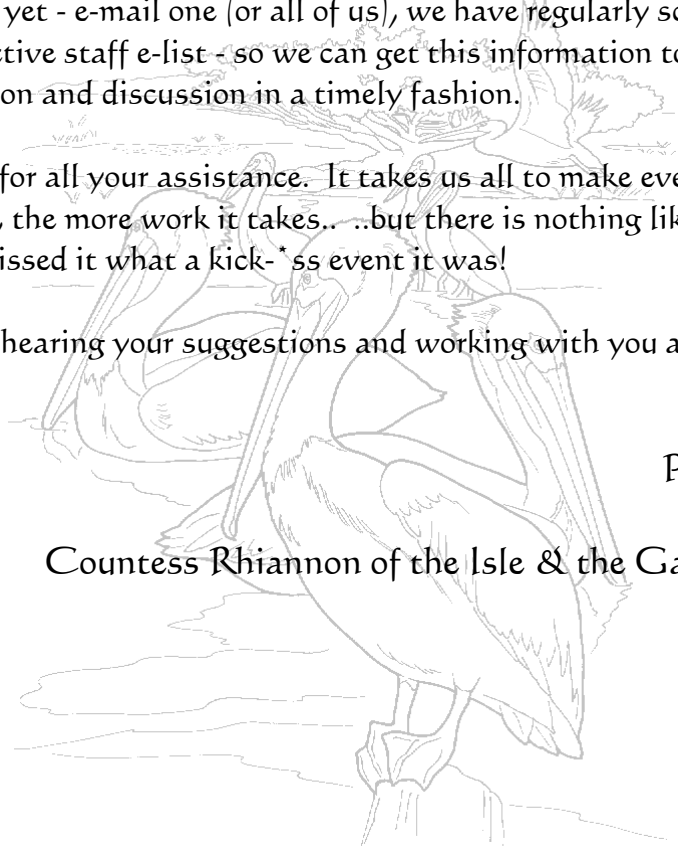
Fundraisers: There is a proposal form available for those groups/households within the barony wishing to sponsor fundraisers. There is a committee that will review these proposals and determine who will be allowed to do fundraisers. We want to be able to provide options to our guests, but we don't want the food court to become a circus. Please let us know why we should consider your proposal. And though it should go without saying, I'll say it anyway. . .those groups with a history of successfully hosting fundraisers will probably be more favourably received. We want to include the options on the web-flyer so that folks will know what there choices are. . so please be sure to include menu, cost, etc. And remember, all groups hosting fundraisers are expected to donate 10% (more if you wish!) of their profits to the baronial coffers.

Well, as you've all grown to expect, I tend to run on for pages, so I will close for now. Please know that the staff does indeed welcome your suggestions. . .feel free to approach any of us - or better yet - e-mail one (or all of us), we have regularly scheduled planning meetings, and an active staff e-list - so we can get this information to everyone on the staff for consideration and discussion in a timely fashion.

Thanks in advance for all your assistance. It takes us all to make events successful - and the larger the event, the more work it takes.. ..but there is nothing like hearing folks tell their friends that missed it what a kick- \*ss event it was!

Looking forward to hearing your suggestions and working with you all!

Pray know I remain,  
Ever in Service,  
Countess Rhiannon of the Isle & the Gatalop XXVII Staff



# Attendance vs. Cost – Setting a Realistic Budget

By Lady Meliora Leuedai de Ardescote  
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Here's a simple guide for determining costs vs site fee:

Site Cost	xxx.xx
Tokens	xxx.xx
Prizes	xxx.xx
Other	<u>xxx.xx</u>

Expense Total            xxx.xx / Average Site Fee = break even attendance

Your event's costs should be determined by the number of attendees you expect. If you hold a small, specialized event, you might estimate that half to 1/3 of the attendees of a regular event will show up. If you have a local event that attracts 200+ people on a regular basis, you could estimate getting 60-80 people for a special event like dancing. You might also look at the breakdown of the previous attendees of a local event to see how many are interested in dancing, or archery, etc., to get an idea of how many will attend.

Once you have an idea of the attendance, you can begin to set a budget. You will want to keep your site fees in line with other events in the area. If site fees are running between \$5.00 and \$6.00 and you expect 75 people, then your budget would be \$375.00 to \$450.00 to break even (if you expect to). If you are expecting 200 people, then the budget would be \$1,000 to \$1,200.

I always recommend setting your budget a little short of what you expect attendance to be. If you expect 100, budget for 75. If you expect 200, budget for 150. Don't include children in your site fee estimations. This will give you a cushion.

To firm up your budget, locate a potential site, and then estimate your attendance and your site fee. If your costs are running \$900.00, then at \$5.00/person, break-even is 180 attendees, and at \$6.00/person it is 150. Use the formula above to calculate out your costs vs. attendance for the event.

# Talking SCA Barbie

(Lifted from the Socially Challenged Adults Tribe on Tribe.net)  
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Barbie has been everywhere, and done everything...almost. Now she's getting into the newest craze: Medieval Recreation. Yes, Barbie is joining the SCA. The new Talking SCA Barbie will give your youngster minutes of fun, and teach her nothing about history whatsoever.

Talking SCA Barbie comes complete with tavern wench outfit, including a skirt made from old feast tablecloths, a chemise that barely covers, a hand-tooled lace up leather bodice, and an extra-long Norman sword belt, which can hold every accessory that you can purchase for her.

## Currently Available Accessories

- \* Glass-bottom fake pewter mug (or the same in the deluxe model, inscribed "Hillsboro Oktoberfest, 1978")
- \* Foot-long "eating knife"
- \* Leather pouch with genuine Celtic fairy tooled on it (available in black, green, and fluorescent pink)
- \* Genuine polyester gabardine half circle cloak, with or without hood
- \* Birkenstocks
- \* Sleigh bells
- \* Whip
- \* Fox tail (just like Eleanor of Aquitaine used to wear)
- \* Garage sale necklace, bracelet, and ring set
- \* Veil, which can be held on with the optional decorative chain mail coif
- \* Unread copies of Kingdom newsletter (Kingdom of your choice)
- \* 83 Different event and feast tokens

And Here's What She Says!

"Hello, Sir Knight <giggle>"

"I don't like her, she's mean."

"Fighters smell bad."

"I want to be Queen."

"Research is hard."

"I'll find someone to carry that, Your Majesty."

"It's period...I saw it in a movie."

"Courts are boring."

"It's all about the Dream!"

"There's nothing to DO!"

But Wait, There's More!

Barbie's not going into the Knowne Worlde alone. Oh no, she's convinced Ken to come along. Being a manly sort, Ken goes in for the combative arts. Yes, your child will get moments of pleasure reenacting historical tournaments, just like in A Knight's Tale!

Ken comes with a ratty T-tunic, jeans, sneakers, and a belt from the thrift store. But just like Barbie, that's just the beginning. The following accessories are available:

Combat Kit

- \* Genuine blue plastic armor (with a sticker on the front that says, "EZ Wash Detergent")
- \* Barrel helm from old Polidor pattern, made by his buddy who welds a bit
- \* Rattan sword with basket hilt that was made when freon cans were legal
- \* Authentic wood-grain shield
- \* Duffle bag

## Combat Upgrade Kit

- \* Combat boots
- \* Sweatpants
- \* Polearm that looks like a lint brush
- \* Duct tape
- \* Ball peen hammer
- \* 5 Foot long sword from the Bud K catalog
- \* Ice bucket that looks like a tankard
- \* Thor's Hammer necklace
- \* 16 Different styles of belt favor (collect `em all)

## And Here's What He Says!

"I should be a Knight."

"I could beat him."

"He's a rhino-hide."

"There's other Peerages?"

"A shiny new helm will make me fight better."

"A&S is for wimps."

"She's cute, I'll make her Queen."

"I'll duct tape that back on."

"Rapier isn't real fighting."

"He doesn't take blows."

"See my new bruise!"



# English ~ 14th Century Finger Foods

by THL Kateryn de Develyn  
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Recipes from 14th century English sources which have been redacted and used as finger foods. While not originally intended as finger foods, I have found that they were easily converted. These recipes have been redacted by Her Ladyship Kateryn de Develyn, of the Kingdom of Calontir.

## Daryols / Cream Tarts Pleyn Delit, 1118

Take creme of cow milk or of almaundes; add eggs with sugar, saffron and salt. Mix it together. Put it in a pie shell about 2 inches deep; bake it well and serve it forth.

Pastry for 12 tart shells (24 mini shells)

1/2 cup sugar  
2 cups light cream  
1/4 tsp. salt  
saffron threads  
4 eggs

Beat eggs and sugar together. Grind saffron with salt then add to cream. Beat both batters together. Pour into shells. Bake at 400 for about 20 minutes.

Can be served dressed with sugared violets or borage flowers on top. Candied orange peel looks good also.

This is another one that can be done in different sizes. Tart, muffin, mini-muffin size. Again, adjust the time to cook downward as you use smaller sizes.

# LETS FIGHT!

by Lokotes

I know you by name, and your honor is sound  
Your legend is known and you hold your head proud!  
But you made a mistake, you stand across from me now  
and my good friend and brother... it's time to throw down!

We may be best friends off this field of battle,  
and we may toast drinks and eat all the cattle,  
but here before you is your worst dream made real!  
For I have no mercy for you in this field.

The tourney was called and we both took the bait  
and now here we stand and my friend it's too late.  
Only one of us can leave this Eric alive...  
One shall move on as the other has died.

Make ready good friend, I will mourn your passing  
May this fight be the greatest and told everlasting!  
May bards sing great songs and lament your defeat!  
May your woman weep as you lay at my feet...

We shall salute our good King and his Queen as well.  
And salute one another, and those whose tokens we bear  
And salute the grand populace for all who will see  
They just called lay on... what comes will be...

**Lets fight!**



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