



The Newsletter of the Northern Marches, serving Allyshia, Ravenshore and Wudubolt be Secq

From The Editor

CATRIONA MACRATH

Welcome to the Winter issue of the newsletter. Many of you have been travelling these past months, and photographs and tales of visits to interesting places and artifacts are most welcome.

Here in the Marches, the rains have finally started. Our neighbors elsewhere in the kingdom have been greatly affected by the recent fires, and if you're looking for ways to help, check the West Kingdom Facebook page.

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Calendar of Events

- Dec 1 Yule
- Dec 16 Throma Tournament
- Dec 20 Baronial Business Meeting

Ongoing events

- Heavy Fighter Practice - Tuesdays 6:00pm
- Rapier Practice - Sundays 12:00pm
- Apothecary Guild - 3rd Wednesday 6:30pm

Check the official calendar at allyshia.westkingdom.org/calendar for details.

From Their Excellencies

ERIK FIREDIVER AND SIGNY JÓLINNARDÓTTIR

As autumn turns into winter our minds turn to hearth and home. The holidays are fast approaching and we look forward to spending time with family and friends. Yule is just around the corner where we will welcome distinguished visitors and old friends alike.

It has been a wonderful reign but the time to choose a successor is only a few months away. We look forward to seeing a glorious tourney befitting the traditions of Allyshia.



Allyshian Yule Feast

Come to the Northern lands of Allyshia as the nights grow longer. Join us in the Halls of Erik and Signy for a Norse Feast to celebrate the season with merry making and revelry.

Join in their Majesties Christopher and Maurya by participating in their Royal Hunt, enter into the Mead Makers Competition, and join in dancing as we celebrate the solstice.

Laugh hard at the viking puppet show, participate in the gift exchange, and watch as "Santa-Odin" arrives to give presents to the young ones. It will truly be a night to remember.

Event Steward: Reinold Haldane

Site fee: 20 members, \$25 non members, and \$10 for youth 13-17. 12 and under are free.

Site: D Street Neighborhood Center
1301 D St., Arcata, CA 95521

Touchstone

BY CHRISTEL LEAKE

The beast, it rages onward still
Sparing none in its path
Each fiery breath brings a new kill
No escaping its wrath

Smoke hangs in the sky so thick
Midday is black as night
Would it were only a fool's trick
That blotted out the light

Ah but there be no wizard here
To wave a magic wand
And yet there be some magic near
In friendship's faithful bond

In darkest days and frightful hours
When some have had to flee
Others have used all their powers
To help them to safety

Houses were razed into the ground
Other homes opened doors
When people with nothing were found
Kind souls did share their stores

This dragon is the cruellest beast
Destroys without a care
But Western Folk will see it ceased
And sent back to its lair

Losses will bring sorrow
But none shall be felt alone
For today and tomorrow
Love is our touchstone

Our people are supported
By grand chosen family
Until things are all sorted
Please lean on society



Kalista's Wassail

BY KALISTA KULINOVA

- 1 gal Apple Cider
- 1 can Pineapple Juice
- 2 cups Pomegranate Juice
- 2 cups Orange Juice
- 3 Tablespoons honey
- 3 heaping Tablespoons Muling Spices
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 cup fresh cranberries

Combine ingredients and bring to simmer for 30 minutes. Serve warm.



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