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BBM Toy Workshop



On February 2, 2019, members of the Barony got together at the New Britain Public Library to work on projects and make toys for the Kingdom toy chest. There be dragons made, kits of the same to take home to finish, one lone cat and plenty of swirly sticks. Potluck goodies kept everyone's energy up and a good time was had by all.



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Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

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Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

NOTE: Practices are subject to change without notice. Please call ahead.

Archery

CT: BBM - Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting) Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington, CT. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays 12-3 pm (in season, weather permitting) Oxford, CT. DragonshipHaven@yahoogroups.com

Fencing

Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Knight Marshall of Barony of Bergental for more information.

Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

1st & 3rd Sunday, 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Monday, February 18, 2019, 7-9:00 p.m. at Jo-Ann's, 3105 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT, in the 2nd floor classroom.

Arts & Science

Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Authur Murray Dance Studio, Glen Lochen Marketplace, 39 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Mistress Su'ad (Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.); nancysuad@gmail.com.

Dance

First Tuesday of month – 8:30-10:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Sewing

Sewing & Throwing is the 3rd Sunday, bring your string-based projects, hang out, throw sharp objects at wood. 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Archaeology News

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/>

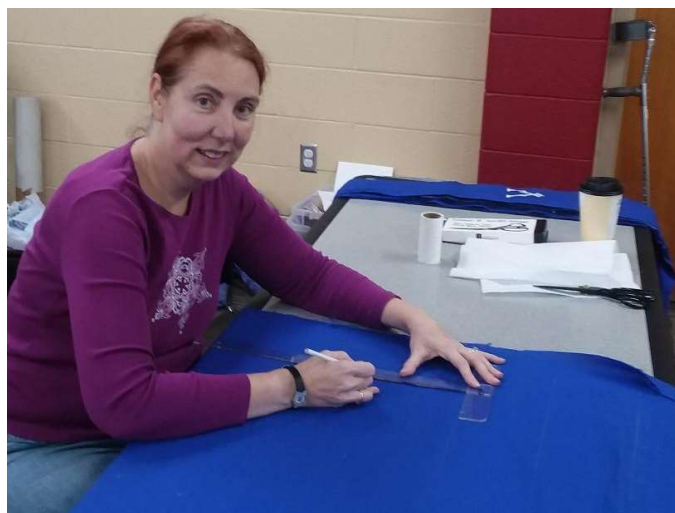
1/30/19 - MEDIEVAL "MERLIN" PAGES FOUND IN BRISTOL LIBRARY - BRISTOL, ENGLAND—

Birmingham Live reports that Michael Richardson of the University of Bristol found parts of a thirteenth-century manuscript in a series of sixteenth-century French scholarly books held at the Bristol Central Library. The fragments tell the tale of a battle, and contain names from the Arthurian legends, including Arthur, Merlin, Gawain, King Ban, and King Bohors. The pages are thought to have been part of a text known as the Vulgate Cycle, or Lancelot Grail Cycle, which Sir Thomas Malory used as a source for *Le Morte D'Arthur*. Leah Tether of the University of Bristol said the books were printed in Strasbourg between 1494 and 1502, and are thought to have been bound in England in the early sixteenth century. The older Arthurian parchment fragments were probably in the binder's workshop, and were likely reused in the process of attaching the pages of the newer book to its covering. At a later date, when the books were rebound, the pasted Arthurian sheets were probably reused as flyleaves. A study of the books with infrared technology could reveal more information about them. To read in-depth about excavations at Tintagel Castle, the legendary home of King Arthur, go to "A Dark Age Beacon."

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/uk-news/hidden-fragments-ancient-manuscript-telling-15755305>

capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire. Deyan Rabovyanov of Bulgaria's National Institute and Museum of Archaeology said the church was probably built in the 1330s, during the reign of Tsar Ivan Alexander. It was then heavily damaged, and restored in the 1370s. Older artifacts found in the building, including an enameled bronze reliquary casket made in Western Europe, are thought to have been placed in the church when it was consecrated. "The number and type [of the religious artifacts] speaks of the important role this parish church played in the life of the residents of the southern quarters of Trapesitsa," Rabovyanov said. To read about another discovery in Bulgaria, go to "Thracian Treasure Chest."

<http://archaeologyinbulgaria.com/2019/01/20/baby-burial-in-clay-pot-found-in-1330s-church-in-trapesitsa-fortress-in-bulgarias-veliko-tarnovo/>



1/14/19 - MEDIEVAL COPPER PRODUCTION SETTLEMENT FOUND IN JORDAN - AMMAN, JORDAN—

A medieval settlement dedicated to copper smelting has been identified in southern Jordan, reports *The Jordan Times*. The site, known as Khirbat Nuqayb Al Asaymir (Arabic for "Ruin of the Small Black Pass"), flourished under the Ayyubid dynasty, which was founded by the Kurdish military leader Saladin. University of San Diego archaeologist Ian Jones leads the excavation, and notes the site was only occupied for 50 or 60 years. Its rise coincided with the expansion of the sugar industry under the Ayyubids, which requires a large supply of copper to fashion boiling vessels. Jones and his team were surprised to find no locally produced pottery at the site. However, they did discover glazed ceramics known as "stonepaste" pottery, which were likely imported from Damascus, suggesting the presence of high-ranking Ayyubid administrators at the site. To read more about the archaeology of the Levant during this period, go to "Reimagining the Crusades."

<http://www.jordantimes.com/news/local/archaeologists-find-clues-'important'-ayyubid-settlement>

1/23/19 - EXCAVATION CONTINUES IN BULGARIA'S TRAPESITSA FORTRESS - VELIKO TARNOVOA, BULGARIA—

Archaeology in Bulgaria reports that the remains of a baby or very young child have been found in a clay pot among 50 other burials under the floor of a large fourteenth-century church in north-central Bulgaria's Trapesitsa Fortress. The church is one of many in the medieval fortress, which protected the

1/9/19 - MEDIEVAL GERMAN WOMAN MAY HAVE HELPED PRODUCE MANUSCRIPTS - JENA, GERMANY—Particles of ultramarine have been detected in dental calculus on the lower jaw of a woman who was buried near a women’s monastery in western Germany some 1,000 years ago, according to a *Live Science* report. The woman was between the ages of 45 and 60 when she died, and her skeleton showed no signs of prolonged physical labor. Ultramarine, a rare and expensive pigment made from lapis lazuli mined in Afghanistan, was only used to color the finest illuminated manuscripts during the medieval period, explained historian Alison Beach of Ohio State University. In addition, Monica Tromp of the Max Planck Institute for Science of Human History said the presence of the pigment on the woman’s remains could indicate that she worked as a scribe. Perhaps she licked her brush to draw it into a point, or maybe she prepared the pigment for a scribe or artist, and inhaled the blue dust while grinding lapis lazuli into powder. For more on the uses of blue pigments in the past, go to “Hidden Blues.” <https://www.livescience.com/64450-ultramarine-in-medieval-teeth.html>



1/7/19 - DNA SUGGESTS ICELAND’S VIKINGS WERE BURIED WITH MALE HORSES - OSLO, NORWAY—DNA analysis of horse teeth recovered from Viking graves at 17 sites in Iceland suggests nearly all of the horses were male, according to a *Live Science* report. “Since horses are so hard to sex morphologically unless fairly well-preserved, whole skeletons are found, we know very little about the varying roles of male and female horses in the past,” said Albína Hulda Pálsdóttir of the University of Oslo. She noted that these horses were well cared for in life and may have been chosen for burial because of their symbolic virility and aggression as stallions. Meanwhile, female horses whose remains were found outside of noblemen’s graves are likely to have been eaten, Pálsdóttir said. Further research will compare the test results for the Icelandic horses with Viking-Age horses who lived in other Northern European countries between the late ninth and early eleventh

centuries. To read in-depth about horses in the archaeological record, go to “The Story of the Horse.” <https://www.livescience.com/64432-vikings-buried-with-stallions.html>

1/2/19 - MEDIEVAL FISHING BASKETS FOUND IN WALES - MONMOUTHSHIRE, WALES—*BBC News* reports that two members of the Black Rock Lave Net Heritage Fishery discovered four fishing baskets thought to date back to the fourteenth century in the Severn Estuary while walking along a river bank. Recent storms are thought to have shifted the silt and clay in which the baskets had been buried. The baskets will be recorded and left in place, since they are too delicate to move. “They must have been discarded or lost, or there could have been some event which covered them up,” said Martin Morgan, one of the two fishermen who spotted the artifacts. To read about another recent serendipitous discovery in Wales, go to “The Marks of Time: Medieval Castle.” <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-46730571>



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