

## Shire of Al-Sahid Newsletter

## Scorpion Tales



## Around the Shire

## October Shire Meeting and Craft Day

This month's Shire and Craft meeting will be Sunday 21st. The Craft meeting is Mead Making taught by Lady Blase, with the Shire meeting starting at 3pm. The meetings are in garb, but since we will also be cleaning out the Shire trailer please feel free to bring an extra set of clothing that you won't mind getting a tad dusty. The location is at THL Ryan's and Lady Blase's at \_\_\_\_\_.



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## July Officer Reports



**Seneschal:** Discussed having Coronation Fall 2009. Discussed the Gilded Jewel award — redesign no one knows what it looks like! Possible name change

to “Jewels of the Desert.”

**Arts & Sciences:** Discussed the Oct. 21 Mead Making class and Gilded Jewel. The Nov.

25 craft meeting will be on making ornaments.

**Castellan:** Discussed temporary business cards, and made contact with

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## Fighter Practice

Fighter Practice is at 6:30 pm Monday nights at Sir Killian's. For information please email [kiltek@earthlink.net](mailto:kiltek@earthlink.net).

## Projects

- Business Cards – Temporary cards were made for Hesperia Days. Small adjustments need to be made, but over all every one liked them.
- Kingdom walls to be planed next month, we need sample of colors
- We will be cleaning out the Shire trailer at the October Shire meeting.
- Need to make shire inventory for kingdom by the Domesday report for Exchequer and seneschal.

## Upcoming Kingdom Events and Anniversaries

- 10/2-8— Great Western War

## Happenings Around the Shire

- Mead Brewing in October along with trailer clean-up (10/23)
- Congratulations to THL Teka for her Crescent Sword, Sir Killian for his Lux Caidis, and THL Ryan for his Crescent!

"All the world's a  
stage,  
And all the men  
and women merely  
players.  
They have their  
exits and their  
entrances,  
And one man in his  
time plays many  
parts,  
His acts being  
seven ages."  
—Shakespeare

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food vendors at Hesperia Days.

**Chronicler:** Submissions, submissions, submissions! Lady Shehira needs the newsletter physically mailed to her.

**Constable:** Nothing to report. .

**Exchequer:** There was one NSF from Highland War for \$66.00. Will start process with county to recover.

**Herald:** Please call THL Ryan to make an appointment to create unique and suitable name and arms for members. Ryan is researching a Badge change, and discussed the issue of the heraldic Blazon of Shire arms to match the Shire device

**List:** Needs new List officer.

**Marshal:** Looking for a deputy marshal.

**Children's:** Nothing to report

**Presentations:** Will need something for Dun Or Anniversary, Dreiberger Anniversary, and Naevejhem Anniversary

**Chirurgion:** Nothing to report.

**Webwright:** Nothing to report.

*We encourage all Shire members to attend Shire meetings whenever possible, especially when we are so close to War. Please come in garb.*

## Recipe Corner: Sack Mead



### Sack Mead

If you like your mead sweet, light, and true to their heritage, you'll love sack mead. The flavor is so full of honey, you can almost hear the bees buzz! Because this mead is flavored only with honey, the tannin is an essential part of the recipe. Leave it out and you may find the end result a bit insipid.

Yield: 1 Gallon

3 pounds of orange-blossom honey

1 teaspoon acid blend

1 teaspoon pectic enzyme

1 Campden tablet

1 package (5-7g) Montrachet yeast

1 teaspoon yeast nutrient

1 ½ cups orange juice at room temperature

¼ teaspoon grape tannin

1. In a large enamel or stainless steel pot, boil the honey in water (1 part honey to 2 parts water) for 10 to 20 minutes, skimming off any foam that forms. (The foam will contain water impurities and beeswax residue.)
2. Let cool, and then transfer the honey mixture to a 2-gallon plastic container. Add the acid, pectic enzyme, and enough water to make 1 gallon. Add the Campden tablet, if desired, and let mixture sit, well covered, for 24 hours.
3. In a jar, make a yeast starter culture by combining the yeast, yeast nutrient and orange juice. Cover, shade vigorously, and let stand 1 to 3 hours, until bubbly; then add to the must.

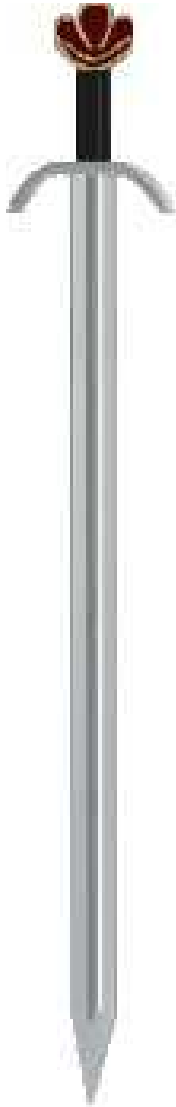
4. Add the tannin and allow the mixture to ferment. We recommend raking meads after the most vigorous fermentation: siphon the wine into a 1-gallon air-locked fermentation vessel, in about three months, rack into another air-locked container. In about six months, rack once again. Rack a final time right before bottling – about a year after fermentation started. Then bottle and cork the finished mead, and store it in a cool cellar.
5. Age for a least six months before opening a bottle.



## Seneschal's Corner: Report on Highland War



Lady Jane de Sealynn



### Highland War Wrap Up

366 attended of those there were 27 children and 14 teens. Below are the officer's reports about the War, as reported in the September Shire meeting.

Seneschal – Everyone I spoke to enjoyed themselves. We need to be better prepared for next year with lists of items needed. As soon as I get all reports I will put them together and create a master list for next year.

Arts & Sciences – Everything went well. We will need new sponsor for Iron chef and Brewing Competition next year. We need to keep

questioning public back from competitors during cooking. Classes went off smoothly. Open Bardic — no information at this time.

“Aucune Merde, There I was” no one showed up.

Chatelaine – everyone pitched in to talk to Military visitors.

Constable – There was a problem with a guest from the Horseman camp who was a drunk driver. They handled it within their camp. The next two items were not reported until the meeting and the Constable did not know of them.

Military person passed out a flyer

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to a minor about religion. The person left before anything could be done. Military persons were encouraging dancers to strip and trying to give them money. They were asked to leave.

Possible changes to correct problem with military – have them sign in and sign waivers with information on SCA etiquette. Constable and/or Fire watch have military contact.

Exchequer - one NSF will proceed to recover with County. Still waiting for all bills to complete report.

Herald – discussed need to communicate schedule better.

Lyst - every thing went fine.

Marshal - need report

Children – everything went smoothly, need to move water fights to early afternoon.

Presentations – Gift to Royals

Chirurgion – two incidents reported and handled.

Winners:

## Merchant Newbie Knockabout

Maximas 1st place

Lucion Thorbjorns 2nd place

## Great Weapons (shire Champion)

Hagar the Blushing 1st place for second year

Halldorr 2nd place

## Torchlight Tourney run by Island of Rhodes household

Winners unknown at this time

## Iron Chef

Lady Blase di Angelo

## Brewing Contest

Beer Category THLord Tomaso da Babiano

Wine/Mead Category THLady Ingilborg Sigmundardottir

Varietals Category THLord Thomas Whitehart

Royals were present during the day and there was a Royal Court. However, the Awards Assembly didn't happen, no one there to run it.

Youth combat Twilight Tourney was run earlier than planned.

Recyclables went over well but advertisement needed.

