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Cover - The Lewis Chessmen, ca. 1150-1200, made in Scandinavia, found in England. From the British Museum. http://www.britishmuseum.org/about_us/news_and_press/statements/the_lewis_chessmen.aspx Image is in the public domain.

Greetings from your Chatelaine,

Having been the Baronial Chatelaine for almost two years, I am looking for a replacement deputy. I would like to turn over the office in January, if possible. Some general SCA experience is needed, but you don't have to be an expert; enthusiasm is a big plus! It's a good job for someone friendly and outgoing. If anyone is interested, let me know!

In Service,

Baronessa Lucilla

Now at the Birmingham Museum of Art Afterlife: Asian Art from the Weldon Collection

Afterlife: Asian Art from the Weldon Collection journeys across Asia to explore the fascinating role of art in this life and the next. Inspired by the bequest of Henry and June ("Jimmy") Weldon, this exhibition includes a wide variety of sculpture and ceramics that reflect ancient fashion trends, entertainments, status symbols and religions throughout the ages. Over 80 works span thousands of years of history from China, Japan, India, and Southeast Asia.

Many of the objects represented in the Weldon Collection were originally created to accompany the spirit. According to Chinese cultural belief, the dead should have all the luxuries and comforts they enjoyed in life. In earliest times, these offerings consisted of food and drink, and perhaps a piece of jewelry or a vessel. The burials of kings, however, could include hundreds of sacrificed people, horses and other animals, as well as chariots, elaborate sets of ritual bronzes, and musical instruments. Over time, humans and animals were replaced with clay or wooden replicas. These tomb figures were intended to serve, amuse, and help the spirit of the deceased in the afterlife.

Tomb artifacts are often our best sources of knowledge about what people might have worn or the types of homes in which they lived. On the left, this watchtower details the architecture of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.E.–220 C.E.), including a tile roof, balconies with windows and railings, and a moat filled with turtles, frogs, geese, and fish. Crossbowmen watch at the top of this piece, which may have been created for the tomb of a warrior.

Full details at <http://artsbma.org/afterlife-asian-art-from-the-weldon-collection/>

Happy Birthday!

Katrina of Iron Mountain - November 14

Alric Helmsplitter - November 20

Magdalena da Parma - November 21

On This Day in Medieval History:

November 1, 1141 - Stephen of Blois regains the throne of England, ending Empress Matilda's reign as "Lady of the English".

November 6, 1217 - The "Charter of the Forest" sealed by Henry III, reestablishing access to the royal forest for free men.

November 13, 1553 - Lady Jane Grey, Thomas Cranmer, and three others are accused of high treason and sentenced to death by Queen Mary I.

November 15, 565 - Justin II succeeds his uncle, Justinian I, as emperor of the Byzantine Empire.

November 16, 1272 - Prince Edward becomes King of England while travelling during the Ninth Crusade. He will not return to England to assume the throne for nearly two years.

November 18, 1210 - Pope Innocent III excommunicates the Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV.

Meetings are held Tuesday nights at 7:00 at the Valley Christian Church. (2600 Cherokee Place, Mountain Brook, AL 35216)

Fighter Practice is held Sundays and either Wednesday or Thursday at Patriot Park. (710 Oak Grove Rd, Homewood, AL 35209) Park behind the Senior Center. Start time is dependent on weather and proximity of events. Please check the Facebook page for announcement.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fighter Practice			1	2	3	4
5 Fighter Practice	6	7 Business Meeting	8	9	10	11 Fall Crown List
12 Fighter Practice	13	14	15	16	17 Castle Wars	18 Castle Wars
19 Fighter Practice	20	21 Class Night	22	23 Thanks-giving	24	25
26 Fighter Practice	27	28	29	30		

Songs and Sonnets of Sir Thomas Wyatt

My heart I gave thee, not to do it pain,
But to preserve, lo, it to thee was taken.
I served thee, not that I should be forsaken ;
But, that I should receive reward again,
I was content thy servant to remain ;
And not to be repayed after this fashion.
Now, since in thee there is none other reason,
Displease thee not, if that I do refrain.
Unsatiated of my woe, and thy desire ;
Assured by craft for to excuse thy fault :
But, since it pleaseth thee to feign default,
Farewell, I say, departing from the fire.
For he that doth believe, bearing in hand,
Plougheth in water, and soweth in the sand.

Though I myself be bridled of my mind,
Returning me backward by force express ;
If thou seek honour, to keep thy promise
Who may thee hold, but thou thyself unbind ?
Sigh then no more, since no way man may find
Thy virtue to let, though that forwardness
Of Fortune me holdeth ; and yet as I may guess,
Though other be present thou art not all behind.
Suffice it then that thou be ready there
At all hours ; still under the defence
Of Time, Truth, and Love to save thee from offence.
Crying I burn in a lovely desire,
With my dear Mistress that may not follow ;
Whereby mine absence turneth me to sorrow.

Unstable dream, according to the place,
Be steadfast once, or else at least be true :
By tasted sweetness make me not to rue
The sudden loss of thy false fained grace.
By good respect, in such a dangerous case,
Thou broughtest not her into these tossing seas ;
But madest my sprite to live my care t' encrease,
My body in tempest her delight t' embrace.
The body dead, the spirit had his desire ;
Painless was th' one, the other in delight.
Why then, alas, did it not keep it right,
But thus return to leap in to the fire ;
And where it was at wish, could not remain?
Such mocks of dreams do turn to deadly pain.

BARONY OF IRON MOUNTAIN PRESENTS

ΜΑΓΝΑ ΦΑΙΡΕ WINTER FESTIVAL in MUSCOVY

DECEMBER 8-10, 2017

1000 Chula Vista Ln. Pell City, AL. 35125

Chula Vista Christian Camp. 45 minutes east of Birmingham. Take best route to I-20. From I-20 take exit 153 (US 78 W), right turn on Chula Vista Drive. Follow the SCA signs.

	Adult	Member	Child		Adult	Member	Child
Weekend w/feast includes TF, breakfasts	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$8.00	Daytrip w/feast	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$8.00
Weekend w/o feast (food not included)	\$22.00	\$17.00	\$0.00	Daytrip w/o feast	\$17.00	\$12.00	\$0.00

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JOIN BARON AND BARONESS IRON MOUNTAIN IN THEIR MOTHERLAND. ENJOY THE ARTISIAN TALENTS AT OUR FAIRE, THE HEAVY AND GARIEG FIGHTING, LIVE WEAPONS, A FABULOUS RUSSIAN FEAST AND JOIN US IN THE EVENING FOR A WINTER FESTIVAL BALL.

Camp Chula Vista is a "new" to Iron Mountain event site. We are enchanted by what the site has to offer including its own motel. Iron Mountain is offering 24 "Bunkhouse" cabin beds to the first requesters, but additional cabins can be rented by households/families. Limited tent camping is available in designated areas, so reserve early. Motel rooms may be reserved with the maximum of four family members per room. Additional Information can be obtained through the Iron Mountain Reservationist, <https://ironmountain.meridies.org/events/magna-faire-2017/> or Magna Faire 2017 facebook page.

Get your reservations in early.

Deadline for all sleeping accommodations is: November 1, 2017.

CAMP CHULA VISTA IS A DRY SITE

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