

Iron Baron



May A.S. LVIII

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Cover Art: A Man with an Axe, Part of Tournament Book. About 1560–1570

Unknown artist/maker. Tempera colors and gold and silver paint

Leaf: 43 × 28.9 cm (16 15/16 × 11 3/8 in.)

<https://www.getty.edu/art/collection/object/105X2J>

Business meetings are normally held the first Monday of the month at 6:30 via Zoom. The meeting link and any changes to the schedule can be found at the Barony of Iron Mountain Facebook page.

Fighter Practice is held Sundays at Patriot Park. (710 Oak Grove Rd, Homewood, AL 35209) Park at Corky Bell Dance Studio. Start time is dependent on weather and proximity of events. Please check the Facebook page for announcement.

Upcoming Events

May 19-21 - Golden Lily Hosts Saltare
Shire of Beau Fort

May 26-29 - Spring Crown List & Kingdom A&S
Barony of Thor's Mountain & Shire of Loch Cairn

June 9-11 - Giant's Dance
Shire of Nant-y-Derwyddon

June 10 - Battle in the Borderland
Shire of Redewolfdon

June 30-July 2 - 1559: The Golden Age Begins
Shire of Arenal

July 15 - Royal University of Meridies
Barony of the South Downs

August 4-6 - Warden's Challenge
Shire of Easaraigh

Black Axe 2023 – Check for updates – All Times Central

Friday, May 5

5 pm Troll Opens

10 pm Night Shoot (Live Weapons)

10 pm Troll Closes

Saturday, May 6

7 am Troll Opens

7 am Breakfast

8:30 am Armor check

9 am Breakfast ends

9 am Live Weapons opens

9:30 am Black Axe Tourney

9:30 am Baroness Prize Tourney

9:45 am Newcomers Meet and Greet with Baronage

10 am Live Weapons activities begin

10 am Solars

10 am Youth Activities begin

11 am Nine Lives Charity Tourney

12 noon Lunch

12 noon Troll Closes

12 noon Youth Activities end

1 pm Youth Activities begin

2 pm Pick-ups

2 pm Order of the Velvet Owl Meeting

3 pm Youth Activities end

TBA Court at the pleasure of Their Royal Majesties (tentatively 4 pm)

5:30 pm Feast (tentatively to follow court)

Sunday, May 7

10 am Site Closes

Black Axe 2023 Tournaments

The Black Axe Tournament: A standard double elimination tournament open to heavy fighters.

The Baroness Prize Tournament: Her Excellency Iron Mountain invites fencers to show off their best form — fleetness of foot, athletic artistry and finesse — in this double-elimination tourney!

The 9 Lives Tournament for both Heavy Fighters and Rapier Fighters: This is a William Marshal Style tournament where a \$5 donation will get you 3 lives. The fighter with the most lives after an hour wins!

The proceeds of this charity tournament benefit Kitty Kat Haven and rescue which is a local no-kill shelter here within the borders of our fair Barony. You have all been a wondrous help to those animals that cannot help themselves and it is right and noble that we should thank you for your many years of support. We look forward to that support once again.

Live Weapons War Lord Tournament hosted by the Order of the Chalice with a \$5 buy in to help support Kitty Kat Haven and Rescue. Marshaled by Baron Griffin O'Suaird.

Black Axe 2023 Solars – All times Central

Meridian Herbal Guild hosted by THLady Eibhlin nic Domnial “Eileen” (10 am to 3 pm central)

Japanese Solar hosted by Nishikawa Kiyoko (10 am to 3 pm)

Paint Like a Roman hosted by Lady Ingridr Thorvaldsdottir (10 am to 2 pm)

Pants! Patterning and Construction of Thorsberg pants hosted by Countess Paraskova Chemislava (11 am)

Tyrian Purple hosted by Lady Alis Talemasche (1 pm to 3 pm)

Medieval Metal Makers (and Maybe Minor Mayhem) hosted by Sir Jean-Claude von Alderstaat

Da'ud Bob's Movie Reviews for May 2023

Okay, well, I made you a promise in my review of *Seven Souls in the Skull Castle* that I would see if I could find at least some of the other versions (out of eight total) of this story that have been filmed. And with this review, I begin to make good on that promise. I have every expectation that, just like the many different productions of Shakespeare's plays that have been produced, each one of these *Seven Souls* films will show something different from all of the others, despite the fact that they are all of exactly the same story. And so far, with this first one, that expectation was more than met. But more about that further below. For now, let me just say that at this point, this production is my favorite (of the two I have seen to date), and that I would certainly watch it again. So buckle up, sit back, and pay attention, as this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you this filming of a May 17, 2017 stage production of ***Seven Souls in the Skull Castle: Season Flower***.

It's hard to find adequate information (at least in English) of the cast in this production. All of the credits were in Japanese, which I do not read. And IMDb only gave the following: Munetaka Aoki; Shun Oguri; and Kōji Yamamoto. I don't know who played in which role, and all of the other actors were annoyingly omitted. The plot, though, is the same as in my previous review of the 2013 release of the 2011 stage production of *Seven Souls in the Skull Castle*: The year is 1590, during the Sengoku period of near constant civil war, when three warlords in a row sought to unify the country: Oda Nobunaga; Toyotomi Hideyoshi; and Tokugawa Ieyasu. The setting for this movie is shortly after Nobunaga's death, when Hideyoshi was then conquering Japan, with the assistance of Ieyasu. A former vassal of the late Nobunaga, Tenmao (claiming to be the spirit of the Demon King), leads an armed group hiding in the Skull Castle. Sutenosuke rescued a woman who has been chased by Tenmao's Skull Corps. To hide and shelter the woman, Sutenosuke meets Mukaiya Ranbe at a brothel district in the nearby town. When the shared past between

Sutenosuke and Ranbe and their relation to Tenmao come to light, it is also the time when the dark ambition of Tenmao is about to be revealed. Sutenosuke heads for the Skull Castle to destroy it and stop Tenmao's ambition with just six other people. And that's just the main, overarching plot. So, yeah, it's a little Seven Samurai, but also not.

Good points: The fight choreography! I don't know who choreographed the fighting, but he or she deserves any and all possible awards for it. The plots and counterplots throughout: betrayal; sacrifice; friendship; love; bravery; and self-sacrifice. There are plenty of plot twists to keep your interest through this three-hour-long movie. But it was the stage that really made this production for me. It was a 360° revolving stage with the audience sitting in the middle; as scenes changed, the curtains would close, the stage would rotate, and then the curtains would open on a new scene in front of the audience. It was amazing. And the stage not only had buildings, hills, a castle, etc., but even a water-filled "river" in one section. The slo-mo effects. That really is the Tokugawa mon.

Bad points: As before, there's a lot of yelling going on.

Zero breasts. Two gallons of blood. 34 dead bodies. Katana fu. Fan fu. Knife fu. Lantern fu. Naginata fu. Potion fu. Hammer fu. Musket fu. Magnet fu. Axe fu. Hand-held repeating gun fu. Shield fu. Stub of a sword fu. Sickle fu. Spear fu. Sword-within-a-sword fu. Head rolls. Bicycle rolls. Samurai roll. Ninjas roll. Gratuitous ninjas. Gratuitous strip(tease). Gratuitous dying swan dance, complete with Swan Lake music. Gratuitous dove hand puppet. Gratuitous paean to a katana. Gratuitous roller skates. The Rowdies of the East are some wild and crazy guys. A 37 on the Vomit Meter. Like the earlier production, 3½ stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It may be the same story, but that rotating stage brings it to a whole other level. Check it out!"

Feast Menu

Black Axe 2023 A Roman Cena (Dinner)

Gustatio (Starters):

Green salad

Olives

Bread

Moretum (cheese with herbs)

Boiled eggs

Cena Prima (Main Course):

Beef Meatballs with Pine-nuts

Roasted Chicken

Lentils with Coriander

Cucumbers

Pork in Apricot Sauce

Spring Cabbage

Fried Butternut Squash

Mensa Secunda (Dessert):

Fresh fruit

Dates stuffed with almonds in honey

Sesame cakes

Menu subject to change due to availability

Feast Head Cook: Duchess Sabine d'Orliens

Breakfast Menu

Build your own breakfast tacos with choices of:

turkey sausage

eggs

cheese

potatoes.

Orange juice, coffee, and tea will be offered.

Breakfast Cook: THLady Vitruvia Drusilla

Charity Lunch Menu

Homemade tomato soup

cheese sandwiches

Provided by Bella Inn

Black Axe

Everybody's Roman in the Summer

Youth Activities

MORNING SESSION 10-12

HUNTING THE GREAT BEASTS

BESTIARY SCAVENGER HUNT

VISIT TO NINE LIVES TOURNEY

MAKE YOUR OWN BESTIARY

BOOKBINDING CLASS

AFTERNOON SESSION 1-3

WHAT DID ROMAN KIDS DO?

ROMAN FUN & GAMES

GLADIATORS!



Black Axe 2023 Event Staff

Administrative

Autocrat: Baroness Rondalynne Seren
Exchequer/ Troll / Reservations: Lady Emma Wyatt
Camping: Dame Adelaide Colette de Monferrer

Martial Activities

Knights Marshal Rattan: THLord Iain MacArthur
Rapier Marshal: Lady Emilia di Agli
List Mistress: Baroness Genevieve Alaiz d'Avignon
Live Weapons: Baron Griffin O'Suaird

A&S and Youth Activities

Solar Coordinators: Mistress Marsali of Crosagate and Lady Ingridr Thorvaldsdottir

Youth Activities: Lady Ailith de Steddhanam

Food

Feast Head Cook: Duchess Sabine d'Orlien
Breakfast Cook: THLady Drusilla Vitruvia

Hosted by the Barony of Thor's Mountain and the Shire of Loch Cairn

Kingdom A&S & Spring Crown List

May 26th, 2023 5 PM—May 29th, 2023 10 AM
Camp Benjamin Hawkins
2251 Boy Scout Rd, Byron, GA 31008

Come one, come all, to Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Crown List! The populace of Fair Meridies shall gather to marvel at the beautiful works of our hands and minds, and to bear witness as Heirs to our Kingdom are chosen through noble combat. Come see who will pull the proverbial Sword from the Stone!



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Weekend Rate:

Adult Member: \$30
Adult Nonmember: \$35

Daytrip Rate:

Adult Member: \$23
Adult Nonmember: \$28

Feast:

Saturday Feast: \$15
Sunday Feast: \$15

Children (17 and under) attend free!
Please make checks payable to SCA-TN
Inc./Barony of Thor's Mountain

Directions: Take I-75 South to Exit 153 (south of Macon). Turn left onto Sardis Church Road. Bear left onto Hartley Bridge Road. Road name will change to Boy Scout Road.

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