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The Official Newsletter of the Barony of Ruantallan

Apr. A.S LV 12th Edition

Sew Little Time Virtual Event

Happened Sunday April 11th 1:00pm

Hosted by the Baroness

Twas a cosy little sewing event that was held over the Magic Tablets. We talked and got to see others, and some were even doing their crafts. The Baron and Syr Yesungge had a Gin and Tonic duel, which came to a draw, as Syr Yesungges' had a garnish but the Barons' was purple!



Giacomo Ceruti, Women Working on Pillow Lace (1720s)

Although, that being said I do not believe that there was a Marshal present to determine that the duel was a draw. Does the Barony have a Gin & Tonic Marshal? I believe this is missing from our Martial Prowess.

We look forward to more of these little gatherings. And more duelling!

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The Feminine Perspective

Book Review: *Very Secret Sex Lives of Medieval Women*

Book written by: Rosalie Gilbert

Review By: Isolda Fairamay

Pull down the shades and turn the lights down low. I'm here to talk about sex... specifically, sex for women in the middle ages. Yes, in fact, they did have sex lives.

Rosalie Gilbert, a very experienced, uh, knowledgeable expert on medieval women has been bringing us everything we wanted to know about women in the middle ages to us for years. Her website, *Rosalie's Medieval Woman* <https://rosaliegilbert.com/> has everything from clothing to beauty, health and hygiene, to the daily lives of medieval women. Her main focus is medieval England where she has family origins. A living history enthusiast in Australia, Rosalie Gilbert is a lifetime member of the Friends of the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology and a member of the Queensland Living History Federation. I kick myself every day that I narrowly missed seeing her at one of her living history events while on my epic trip to Australia 2 years ago.



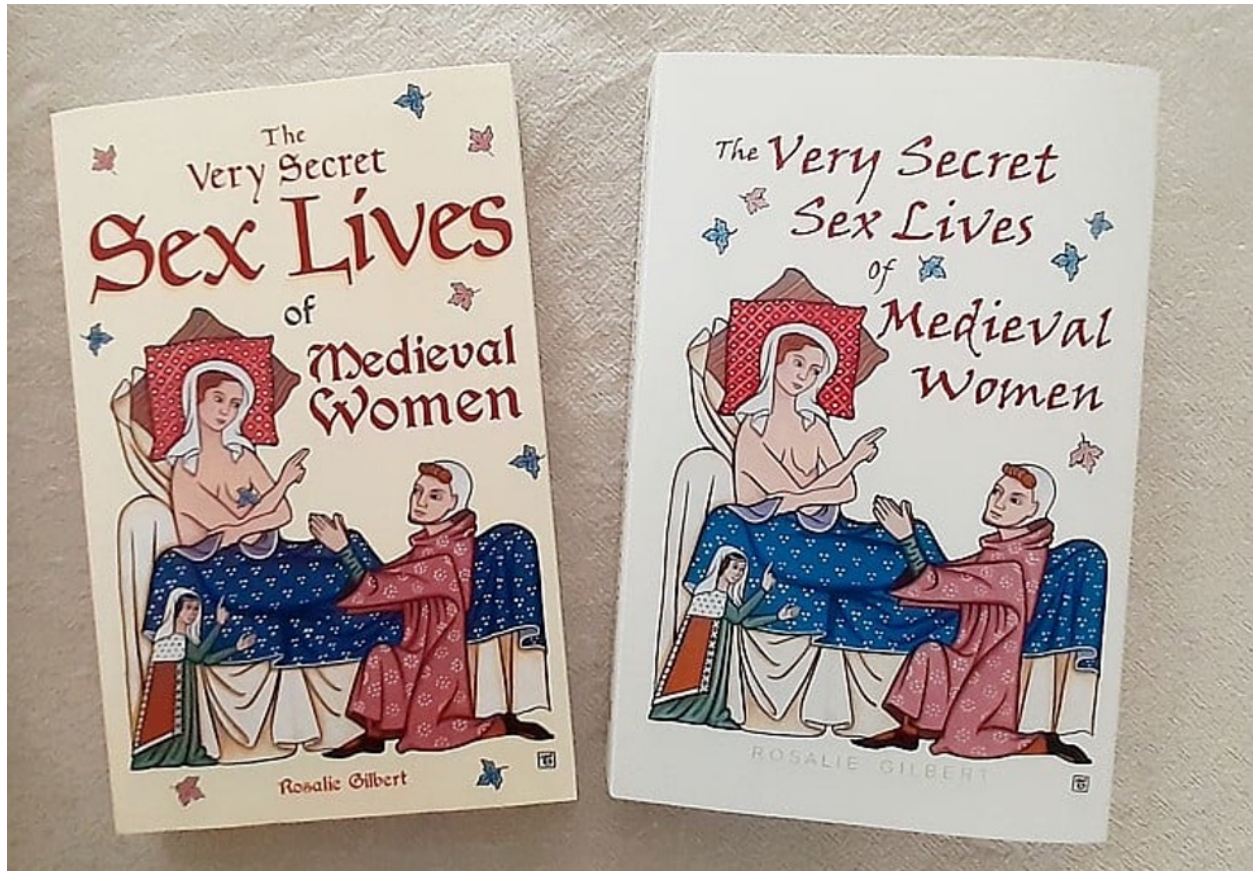
Rosalie has so much intimate knowledge about medieval women, she wrote a book about their sex lives. *The Very Secret Sex Lives of Medieval Women* is filled with everything you wanted to know (and some you didn't want to know) about women's sex lives in the middle ages. Just to give you an idea here are a few of the chapter titles you'll find: *Sex: You're Doing It Wrong*, *Sexy Foods and How to Have Them*, and *When There's*



Photos of Rosalie at her stall while at a living history event, and in her gorgeous silk heraldic particoloured gown, all clothing 100% hand stitched...be still my beating heart...This woman is my 14th century garment idol.

an Itch to Scratch. Yes, this book has it all.

Seriously, you will learn how to have sex, how to get pregnant and how not to get pregnant, and how to avoid having sex. There is no subject off the table. Rosalie includes information about sexually transmitted diseases, lesbianism, and gender assignment.



The book...portrayed here as you will see it being sold with an offending nipple covered with a leaf, next to a special dust jacket Rosalie had printed with the original cover art...nipple liberated!

The writing style of this history book is unlike many others you will find. I'm warning you. It will have you rolling on the floor unable to keep your giggling silent if you choose to read it while waiting for an appointment at the doctor's office. For example, here is an exchange the author created between two women having a conversation about a sex toy:

Cecily and Margaret are chatting. Cecily seems a bit thoughtful about something since she's come home from church, and finally decides to get it off her chest.

Cecily: *You won't believe what happened in church today! Brother Edward asked me if I had fashioned a penis and strapped it to someone and fornicated with it!*

Margaret: *O.M.G. How unbelievably rude!*

Cecily: *It's beyond rude! A penis with straps!*

Stunned silence.

Margaret: *...but...well...have you?*

Cecily: *Margaret! How could you ask such a thing!*

Margaret: *Only...the men are packing for a crusade and they leave next Tuesday.*

Cecily: *Yes. My Edward is going, too.*

Margaret: *And that last crusade went on for over ten years...*

Cecily: *Ten years! That's a long time. Gosh.*

Margaret: *It's a very, very long time. It certainly makes you think!*

Cecily: *It certainly does.*

Margaret coughs.

Margaret: *What kind of straps do you think he was talking about?*

Rosalie draws you in with her witty writing and comical hypothetical commentary and before you know it, you've learned something. Impressive is the number of women she writes about, including more recognizable names such as Hildegard of Bingen who had quite the perspective on women's sexual health, and some lesser-known names such as Jeanne Pothiere of Cambria who claimed a demon appeared to her and forced her to fornicate with it. Lots of interesting stuff to read about here! And in case you lose track of everything, there is a detailed list of references and an index of the women she writes about included at the end of the book.

The Very Secret Sex Lives of Medieval Women by Rosalie Gilbert has something for everyone. I highly recommend it to any medieval enthusiast. It will be a valuable and most dog-eared addition to your library.

Sources:

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- Photo 2: <https://www.facebook.com/rosaliesmedievalwoman/photos/a.1198829563514388/1837379562992715/>
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- Account between Cecily and Margaret: Page 288, 289, *The Very Secret Sex Lives of Medieval Women* by Rosalie Gilbert
- Rosalie's Medieval Woman website: <https://rosaliegilbert.com/>

Membership Help

From -Ibrahim al-Rashid
(mka Matt Pius)

An email was sent around to the Kingdom list by Ibrahim al-Rashid (aka Matt Pius)

I noticed this in the recent President's report:

" The Membership Assistance Fund was created in the beginning of September, and several members and their families have been able to take advantage of the program. Three hundred thirty six dollars have been applied to memberships, and there is currently \$3,204.00 remaining in the fund. There are no questions asked, and no need to prove financial need: it's as simple as contacting the Corporate Office for authorization and filling out and submitting a membership form. We would encourage anyone who wants to maintain their membership but needs a little help to contact us."

I thought it might be a good idea to emphasize this more widely in case there are people who might need the assistance and were not aware of it.

Matthew Pius <mpiusmd@gmail.com>

pronouns: he/him

Magic Tablet Events

During this time of Challenging Quarantine, the Consuls and their Advisors have decided that all in person events are to be cancelled until further notice to prevent the spread of this plague. The Marvellous East Kingdom has put Magic Tablet events together for us to feel connected. They are also continuing to do Ethereal Courts for us to be able to see and participate in Kingdom affairs. Long live the Consuls.

East Kingdom Magic Tablet Online Events

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/calendar-of-online-activities/>

Known World Entertainment Guide

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xEZAwCca4IQham3TpxfWnonQscG668mmYgIMA18YZ-E/edit?fbclid=IwAR0xFJCCACefI8NZIV24Nc-VanJUCoyRIHbs2E8JzKXSbKWbtwWsA1Bs420#gid=0)

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East Kingdom Ministry of Arts and Sciences (links to online classes and recordings)

<https://moas.eastkingdom.org>

East Kingdom Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgrji-lyH1lHYaX8kFPpLIQ>

Barony of Ruantallan Discord Channel (for information on this Discord Magic please contact Lord Oswald of Ruantallan)

<https://discord.gg/DW7SGn>

Guilds and Groups Highlights

One of the many great things about being in the Society is vast knowledge that the members have. One of the ways we can learn and share knowledge is through the various Groups and Guilds that have been formed. As Chronicler, I feel that we do not know enough about these groups and I endeavour to highlight some of the groups that are in the East Kingdom and the SCA. If you wish to have a group highlighted in further issues please email me at chronichler@ruantallan.eastkingdom.org).

Brewers Guild of the East Kingdom

1) Purpose of Guild: To highlight and support Brewers and brewing from basic modern Home brewing to obscure historical beverages

2) Ranks with Guild: Guildmaster, Deputy Guildmaster, Guild Wardens (Area specific), Grandmasters, Master, Craftsman, Journeyman, Brewer (formerly novice), Members

3) Brief History of Guild: The EKBG was formed in A.X. XXI (1985), with the signing of a scroll containing the following text. Originally, prospective members would sign the scroll. The requirement didn't last long...not only would the scroll have quickly run out of room, that scroll would have had to travel to a lot of events! Now, if you are interested in joining, contact a guild member listed on the Members page, or come to a Brewers Guild event.

There being no organization in the Kingdom of the East devoted to the advancement of the art and science of producing medieval drinkables, we petition the Crown of the East to charter an East Kingdom Brewers Guild.

Our craft to be defined as the brewing, vintning, distilling, and compounding of period alcoholic drinkables.

Our guild exists to teach the craft, to spread camaraderie, inspiration, and thus information, and to aid in the judging and acknowledgment of those in the craft.

Our Aims are:

To bind our members with a tie of true and lasting friendship.

To strive for the advancement of our craft as both a science and as an art.

To aid our members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions in our craft throughout their mortal lives.

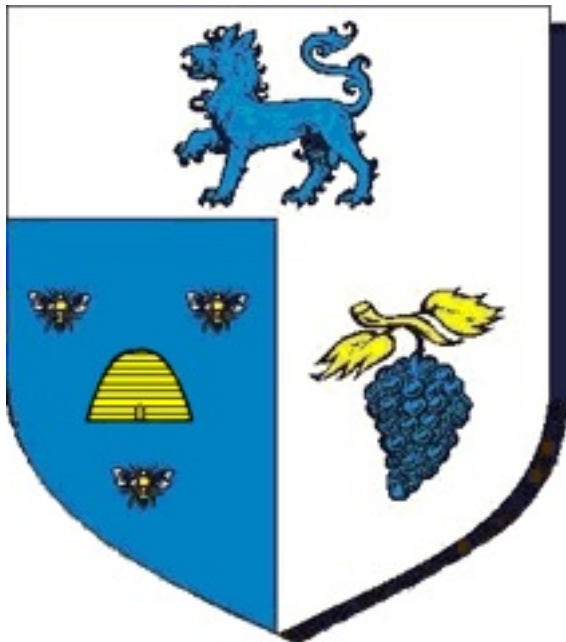
To serve the Kingdom and its members as it can in competitions and education.

The guild is to be governed by the Guildmaster and guild bylaws.

Thus we ask Their Most Royal Highnesses, Ronald and Bronwyn to approve and bless our humble guild.

This at the Schola in Summer, held in the Barony of Settmour Swamp on the 26th of July, A.S. XXI.

4) Guild Badge or Heraldry: Per pale azure and argent, to dexter a beehive between three honeybees volant proper, and to sinister a bunch of grapes azure, slipped and leaved Or, on a chief argent, a tyger passant azure.



5) Requirements for Membership: Contact a member of the Guild or go to a Guild Brewing event.

6) Other information: So what does the East Kingdom Brewers Guild offer to you?

Panels: Our major activity is the Panel, a structured rubric-driven feedback process aimed at helping brewers on the path of historical recreation. It's a pretty rigorous process, but it's an awesome model for getting really detailed feedback to support your historical brewing efforts!

Roundtables: Roundtables are informal discussion-driven sessions where brewers come together to share and learn from each other. This is a great way for anyone to meet members of the Guild and to get feedback on his/her work, no matter what that work is!

Competitions: Competitions are a great way to get brewers to pit themselves against each other in a test of pure beverage prowess. The East Kingdom Brewers Guild has a number of experienced brewers and judges ready to help your competition, or run one of our own!

Education: The East Kingdom Brewers Guild is a collection of serious artisans who are deeply passionate about their craft and knowledge. We teach classes at all levels of understanding about any number of brewing and brewing-related topics. We love to share our craft with others!

Community: But most of all, the East Kingdom Brewers Guild is a community. No matter what you want to do in the world of brewing, we're here to support you and give you a place to be. So come play with us – we're always looking for more brewers!
Help Us Help You – Want to join? You will find email contacts on the Guild Members page!

<https://ekbg.eastkingdom.org>

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The First Bardic War

WAR! WAR! WAR!

So **WAR** is upon us Good gentiles! A Bardic **WAR**! To be held May 15-23 held in the Ethereal Zoom domain! The East Kingdom has aligned with Atlantia, Aethelmarc, Ealdomere, and Trimaris in this war! Let us win this war by participating in the many activities that will be happening during the week. Our Generals who will marshal us in

this war are: Drake Oranwood, (drakethebard@gmail.com, FB: Eric Schrager), and Grim the Skald, (grimtheskald@gmail.com, FB: Dan Marsh). Participation will garner war points, both live and asynchronous. There are many categories for obtaining war points check out the link below to find out how you can participate. Asynchronous war entries are to be new recordings and submitted by May 8th.

ALL SUBJECTS WELCOME. Bardic War is not just for bards! Check out BardicWar.org.

From the Chronicler

Lady Asleif Gylfisdottir....

As we continue to deal with this plague our wonderful Royalty has been trying valiantly to keep us informed and engaged with virtual events and Royal Courts, and many events on our magic tablets. Let us every be diligent in supporting our Royals.



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Tragedy Has Struck

We have heard news from the lands of Concordia of the Snows.

News from Concordia:

Dearest Concordia,

Yesterday evening we received news from the storage company that there was a fire on site. Unfortunately, our unit was involved and the town issued a statement that the entire site was a total loss. We are still looking for many answers, please be patient while we seek more information. We are not allowed on site, because there is an ongoing investigation.

We know this is devastating news to many of us. Please, know we are working as quickly as possible to get more information. We hope you all remain safe and well.

YIS,

Faolán & Maria

Baron & Baroness of Concordia of the Snows

If you wish to help our Friends in the Barony of Concordia of the Snows here is a link to do so.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCya8XVMXMkcY1J-AQ9v9yJrF2UUrzO1Yr7IEUhgI2zkR1sg/viewform>



Are you a fantastic story teller like our Baron? Can you out match our Heralds with tales of grandeur? Can you do research like our Deputy Chronicler? Then send your poems, stories and articles to the Chronicler so that our Barony can know of your greatness (and the greatness of the Barony) through the newsletter.

Email: chronicler@ruantallan.eastkingdom.org

A woodcut from William Caxton's second edition of *The Canterbury Tales* printed in 1483

Want to know More!

Check out these links...

Here are some links to various groups and other online discussions for the SCA.

<http://sca.org/>

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/>

<http://ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/>

Tir Mara A&S discussion group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/266068666886441/>

Canton of Seashire Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117730954976944/>

Canton of Distance Shore Group
<https://distantshore.eastkingdom.org/>

Canton of Ynys Y Gwaun
<https://ynysygwaun.eastkingdom.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1529682813926211/>

Stronghold of Ravensdale
<https://ravensdale.eastkingdom.org/>

If you see anything that should be in this publication or if you have any Histories of or Ye Olde Tales of Ruantallan, please contact the Chronicler at the email below.

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