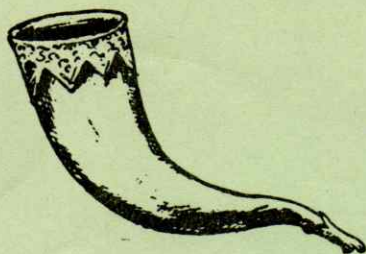


NORTHERN EUROPEAN HERITAGE CENTER



NEWS



The Northern European Heritage Center (the public portion of our storefront effort here in Breckenridge) has become a dynamic focal point of activity, and we wanted to keep you abreast of the news!

We're getting established locally - but it hasn't been without trauma. Some of the churches here decided we were a bunch of devil worshippers and cultists who ought to be thoroughly oppressed, but a series of politically effective moves on our part deprived these small-town Elmer Ganttrys of any significant community support. As a result, our grand opening was carried out gloriously, right on schedule, and things have been getting better and better.

Event-wise, here's what's happened so far: On Saturday, October 4th, we set up a booth at the Stephens County Fair and made shields and helmets for children. The next Friday, representatives of the local business community and the Chamber of Commerce were on hand for our ribbon-cutting ceremony. Saturday, we hosted a dramatic exhibition on the court house lawn that featured medieval knights bashing at each other and demonstrations of traditional chain mail making and Irish weaving. (Our special thanks to Rob Meek and his trusty troop!). In between all this we fitted a coloring contest for kids and a drawing for door prizes.

Yes, we've been busy - and next month we're lining up films to follow-through on the successes we've attained so far. Passers-by are beginning to pay us some attention, and we're developing "regulars" who use our resources. Every day that goes by wins legitimacy for us personally, for the Northern European Heritage Center, and, less directly, for Asatru.

This is your Heritage Center, too, even if you live far away. Visit when you're in the area, or give us a call. Contributions are always welcome (token or otherwise!). We need ideas and information - sources for books and tapes and merchandise dealing with our traditional culture, addresses of ethnic and "arts 'n crafts" organizations, and the like. Or maybe you'd like to purchase things through the Center as you might do if you were here in person. Right now our retail sales area includes books from Nineworlds Publications, excellent hand-drawn cards from Raven, and fine jewelry from Shetland Silvercraft. The latter items are too varied to describe in a letter like this one, but if you'll give us a call at (817) 559-7288, we'll gladly give details of the traditional Norse and Celtic designs available and then hold anything you're interested in for a week. In time, we hope to add tapes, prints, posters, wood crafts and who-knows-what - but that's down the road a bit.

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Think of us when you raise a horn!

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