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## Words from the Alsherjargothi



April has been a busy month for the AFA and I would imagine May will be even busier!

As the summer season is upon us, projects are underway at all 3 of our hofs. We appreciate the hard work and volunteerism. Hail the doers!

Marc MacLeod and some of the hardworking gentlemen at Óðinshof installed beautiful fencing for our first AFA burial grounds. This has been something very important to me and I am so happy to see this develop.

I am eager to see you all at Óðinshof for Midsummer. This is the flagship national event of the AFA year, if you are able, we would love to have as many of you join us as possible!



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## We Are Our Deeds

Hi everyone!

When we meet people in our communities, whether or not they are Asatru or our Folk, how we treat them reflects on who WE are individually and as a Folk. Treating others with respect is the right thing to do, no matter who they are.

This doubly applies when we are dealing with members of the Asatru Folk Assembly. Each of us deserves to be treated with respect and deserves the benefit of the doubt. This is also true when we are communicating online. It is very easy to take things out of context in text such as email, social media, or text messages.

If you are ever not sure or angry when writing to someone, take some time away from your screen and reflect on the [Law of the Hall](#). Make sure that you are living up to it yourself, and then reach out to them personally in a private message or by telephone.

There is no rule that says all members of the AFA must like each other, but we are all a part of an Innangard. So please give your best to your fellow members of the Asatru

Folk Assembly. We are a noble people, and if we can't be that to each other why should anyone else believe it?



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## Day of Remembrance

### *Else Christensen*

Originally born in Denmark, Else Christensen (nee Ochsner) was one of the leading figures in the modern Asastu movement. As a young woman, she left her hometown of Esbjerg in favor of Copenhagen. It was during her time in Copenhagen that Else awoke to the ideas of National Socialism in the midst of right-wing and left-wing radical struggles. She met and married Aage Alex Christensen, and together they were members of the Danish Workers Party.



Both she and her husband were imprisoned after the German invasion of Denmark in 1940 for their involvement with elements of the National Workers Party. After their release from prison Else and her husband emigrated to Canada, via England.

Even from Canada, Else continued to nurture her desire to find a place for her own people. It was during this time, while she was reaching out to far-right activists across North America that she first discovered Odinism in a pamphlet titled Call of Our Ancient Nordic Religion, by Alexander Rud Mills. This was the beginning of Else's

dedication to the revival of the worship of the Norse Gods. Her understanding of our relationship with the Gods was heavily influenced by the idea that the Gods were encoded in the collective unconscious of the Aryan race.

In 1969 Else Christensen founded the Odinist Fellowship. Until her death in 2005, Else worked tirelessly for her folk, spreading the word of our faith and our Gods to all who would listen. She founded a prison outreach program that proved to be instrumental to many men.



She wrote and published many publications. Her efforts saw her recognized as the Folk-Mother to Asatruar everywhere.

So, what can we learn from this story?

We don't always know where our stories end. We can't always see the ramifications of our thoughts when put into action. Else was just one single woman. She was a woman who believed in unpopular ideas in a time when those ideas were definitively unpopular. Despite being imprisoned for those beliefs she did not give up.

Our current times are, in many ways, similar to the ones that Else dealt with. They are turbulent and wrought with anger on all sides. We stand at the precipice of a new world, but we have no way of knowing which way the tides will turn. Else didn't turn and run. She stood and faced the future. In doing so she became one of the most important women in the Asatru movement to date.

When things are hard, when public opinion would have you conform, just remember. Your story hasn't reached its end yet, and only you can control the direction the story takes.

Stand strong.

Stand with Else.

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## Remembrance & Holy Days

2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
January 9	Day of Remembrance for Raud the Strong
January 23	Porrablót
February 9	Day of Remembrance for Eyvind Kinnrifi
February 20	Charming of the Plow
March 9	Day of Remembrance for Olvir of Egg
March 20	Ostara
April 9	Day of Remembrance for Jarl Haakon
April 17	Hexennacht
May 9	Day of Remembrance for Else Christensen
May 22	May Day
June 9	Day of Remembrance for King Athanaric of the Goths
June 20	Midsummer
July 1	Day of Remembrance for Alexander Rud Mills
July 17	Sigrblót
August 9	Day of Remembrance for King Radbod of Frisia
August 21	Freyfaxi
September 9	Day of Remembrance for Prince Hermann of the Cherusci
September 22	Winter Finding
October 9	Day of Remembrance for Meister Guido von List
October 15	Birthday of Founder Stephen McNallen
October 16	Winter Nights
November 9	Day of Remembrance for Queen Sigríð of Sweden

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
November 11	Feast of the Einherjar
December 9	Day of Remembrance for Egill Skallagrímsson
December 20	Mother's Night
December 21-31	Yuletide

## Upcoming National Events

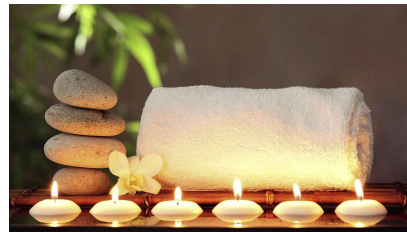
There is so much going on around the country right now in spite of various obstacles. Please contact your favorite Folkbuilder or Gothar if you are interested in attending the events below. The way to get the most out of your membership in the Asatru Folk Assembly is in person with your Folk!

May 13 - 16

Ladies Hot Springs Getaway

Arkansas

<https://afahotsprings.eventbrite.com>



June 11 - 13

Midsummer at Óðinshof

California

<https://www.runestone.org/midsummer-at-odinshof/>



September 3 - 5

Fallfest at Baldrshof

Minnesota



October 15 - 17

Winter Nights in the Poconos

Pennsylvania





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## Be a Doer



### We need you to volunteer for the AFA!

Yes, you. We have work to do and need folk who are artists, editors, writers, accountants, lawyers, publicists, reputation managers, professionals of all manner, technical support, web developers, system admins, tradesmen, craftswomen, and more. See the list of amazing projects we have below. We will find a way for you to help our Folk.

Please email [volunteer@runestone.org](mailto:volunteer@runestone.org) to help us make a difference in our world.

## Baby Blanket Project

The Women of the AFA are proud to be continuing this fine and noble work we call the Baby Blanket Project! We're committed to ensuring all new babies born within the AFA are gifted a handmade — knit, crocheted, or woven — baby blanket! It's just our little way of celebrating each new addition to our folk!

This project has been going strong for nearly a year now, and has been a rousing success! The Ladies of the AFA have knitted, crocheted, and sewn beautiful baby blankets for over 20 of our littlest folk, with more on the way. They've been delivered everywhere from Alaska to Florida, California to Sweden!

If you are a member of the AFA who is expecting a baby, please let your Folkbuilder

know so we can get a blanket to you. If you would like to contribute, either financially or by volunteering as a baby blanket crafter, let your Folkbuilder know about that as well, so he can get you in touch with the right people. It's so rewarding to see your handicraft being loved by our little heathens!

Would you like a blanket for your newborn, or to donate and help with yarn costs (yarn is expensive!)? Please email [babyblanket@runestone.org](mailto:babyblanket@runestone.org) today!

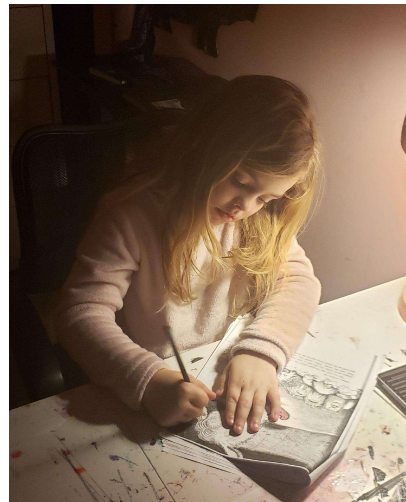


## Youth Program

The AFA Youth Program is still accepting children ages 6 to 18! Registration is year-round. Recent changes to the curriculum allow children to begin at any point in the year.

The Youth Program curriculum is delivered monthly, through parents' email, after completion of previous assignments. The curriculum is focused on AFA Culture and Values, Lore, and Days of Remembrance.

If you are interested in learning more about the Youth Program, email [youth@runestone.org](mailto:youth@runestone.org).



## Pen Pal Group

Did you know the AFA has a Pen Pal group?

This group is for folks who still love the fading art of writing a letter.

If you would like to participate in this amazing endeavor and connect with different people from all across the world, please send an email to [penpal@runestone.org](mailto:penpal@runestone.org) with



your name and address, and we will get you set up with a pen pal for correspondence.



## Folk Services



For some, it may be a natural disaster. For others an unexpected change in health, and for some just an unforeseen chain of events. Whatever the case may be sometimes we find ourselves in a sticky situation, and although we try and to work and do our best to pull ourselves out, sometimes we may need the help of our Folk community to give us a hand...

That's when our folks Services Program comes in. We give one-time monetary grants to those members in need. These folks are so grateful and we know that once they get back on track they will contribute to this fund. For those that are able, we are in need of funds so we can be prepared for when these situations arise in our community. If you're able please place a donation today. Even a small donation adds up in the grand scheme of things and even \$5 or \$10 can help if enough people pitch in. If even a fraction of the folks who like the page did that each month, imagine the possibilities!

AFA Folk Services is intended to provide modest, one-time monetary grants to AFA members in dire need of basic services. It is also to be a source for referrals and information to help members get help beyond what the AFA can directly provide. For more information, please email [folkservices@runestone.org](mailto:folkservices@runestone.org).

Your contributions are earnestly solicited and of course, are tax-deductible! Please donate to Folk Services or one of our other AFA Fundraisers at <http://www.runestone.org/donate/>.

Thanks in advance!

## Photo Donations

We have a real need for hi-res photographs of our members' gathering, being active in their kindreds, and showing what it means to live Asatru!



If you are willing to donate some hi-res photos for use in promotions such as the AFA Calendar, the AFA website, our publications, and more please email them to the AFA at [photos@runestone.org](mailto:photos@runestone.org). The larger the resolution the better, so please email them from the device where the photo was taken.

## Eir's Blessings



Everybody needs a little extra help sometimes. Women, being the frithy creatures that we are, are uniquely suited to the task of manipulating energy for the purpose of healing. Magic, you could say.

Do you have a health concern and need a little extra energy? Are you battling with a mental illness like depression or PTSD? Is your baby having a hard time with teething? If you've answered yes at all, reach out to us. Once a month women of the AFA will get together to perform healing rituals all across the globe. If you would like to be included, please send a message to let us know!

At the same time, Women of the AFA! If you are interested in helping to create a frithful, healing magic, let us know! It's easy, but it makes a huge difference to those in our community who need our help!

You can reach us at [EirsBlessings@runestone.org](mailto:EirsBlessings@runestone.org)

## Last Will and Testament

Recently, several members of our AFA family have passed beyond the veil. One was an old man in ill health, two were young men in the prime of life... all died with no legal will on record. Sadly, in two of these cases, our dead AFA members did not have their wishes respected regarding their funerals nor the final resting places of their remains.



We never know when tragedy will strike. We have a responsibility to our loved ones, we have a responsibility to our own legacies, to plan for our passing, and to make our wishes known. Planning for and contemplating our death is uncomfortable. Hopefully, we all have plenty of time for that down the road, but we can't count on that. Maybe we worry about expenses or hiring a lawyer. We all have excuses to put things off until later, unfortunately, sometimes the clock runs out before "later" happens.

We have found an amazing resource for our U.S. members to make legally binding wills in minutes online for **free**. This site also has resources to make Advanced Medical Directives and Powers of Attorney. It takes only **minutes** at <https://www.doyourownwill.com/>.

Please make your will **today**.

The AFA would like to collect signed original copies of wills for all our members and store them. We want to ensure that when members of our AFA family die, their wishes are honored. Please send these to:

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**Óðinshof**  
**First Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly**

**Alaska**

*Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar Hexennacht/Mayday*



On April 30th AFA kindred Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar met at the home of Gothi Steven Morrell. We waited until the night was upon us and when Ursa Major aligned perfectly over the ritual circle we entered the ritual circle and were led in blot to Freya by Steven Morrell.

The Tribe stayed the night at the Morrell home and in the morning we awoke and socialized for the beginning of the day, and as the sun rose high into the sky we were led in Mayday Blot.



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## Australia

### *Planning Meeting at Valhalla*





During March we held a planning meeting with some members at Valhalla Restaurant & Bar, located in Port Stephens, New South Wales, on the east coast of Australia. This was a good opportunity for our folk to get together & discuss the future of Asatru in this region.

A great day was had by all that attended. The Norse/Viking age-inspired restaurant & bar made for a good location for us to gather, have a meal & drinks together. The children enjoyed eating pizza & meeting the resident Highland cattle. There was a lot of very productive conversation, & some positive plans put forward for the future.

Looking forward to more gatherings of our AFA folk in this region very soon!

Hail the Gods.

Hail the Ancestors.

Hail the AFA.

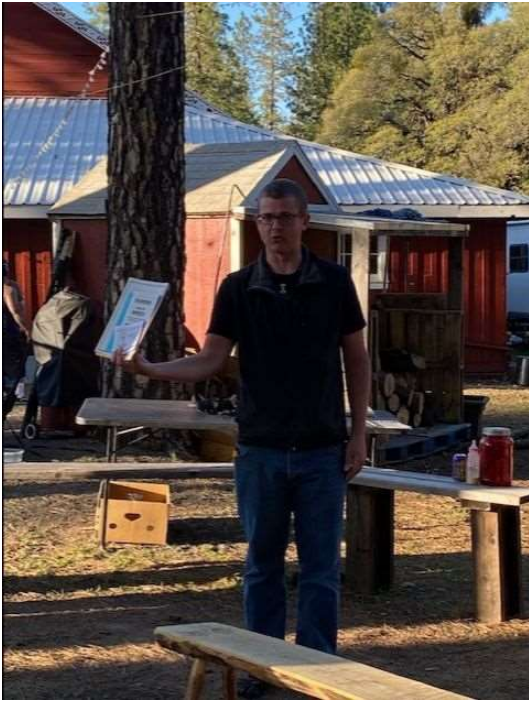


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# California

## *Hexennacht at Óðinshof*





Hexennacht, six months distant from our Winter Nights celebration, fell into place quite naturally. This was a time to think about women's mysteries and knowledge, as passed down through the ages. In February we “broke the ice” - we did our planting at Ostara - and now it was time to nurture the seedlings for the next harvest!

One of the highlights was a talk by Krystal Podbreger about herbs and other wild plants that our ancestors used. She came with a collection of home-grown and wild herbs, plus lots of stories and the dos and don'ts of native plants.

We also had the joy of celebrating Aubrey Rose Flavel's first birthday! For those who remember her delicate health in her first months, it was a pleasure to see this little sprite as bright and bouncy as can be. She is a blessing to the Folk.

Steve Ingle shared an updated genealogy chart showing our cousin matches using Gedmatch. It must have been ten feet in length; so many people had added their DNA results. For those interested, our main form of communication is through our Genealogy Group on Telegram. We'll make sure that our family-tree enthusiasts will have time to get together at Midsummer!

We finally got to our auction, which had been rescheduled last month. There was lots of laughter and silliness, which is always welcome. In the end, generosity prevailed as we raised many hundreds of dollars for the monthly upkeep of Óðinshof and to purchase food for the food pantry. After a picnic dinner of baked chicken, it was time to ready ourselves for the main ritual of the day.



A modest group gathered in the dim twilight since many families had left for home, but about twenty adults were still with us. A bonfire at the center of our circle blazed as Gythia McNallen led our ladies into the sacred space. Each carried a pair of deer or bear bones, which they hit to make a “click, click” sound. The men then entered, surrounding the women in an outer circle. Each man had a hefty staff of oak, pine, or manzanita. With a heavy “thump, thump,” they hit the earth. “Bones of animals, and the “bones” of plants... We resonated with all forms of life on Midgard.

The blot was to Vanadis Freya, also known as Valfreya, as she is the one who leads the Valkyries to and from the battlefield. We called on her strongest, wisest, most courageous, and autonomous self - and on our Ancestors who rest below us in the silence of Helheim. We each sent an unspoken message to those dormant souls, asking them to visit us in our dreams to kindle knowledge, wisdom, and inspiration. Healing herbs were represented by smudging a bundle of lavender from our Ancestors' Table. Fresh strawberries - Freya's fruit - were blessed with her mead and were offered to each person as they departed in the darkness. In the end, all knew that they had again connected with our holy Mothers, and with Freya's formidable power to help protect our Folk.

Later, in a formidable yet beautiful act of womanly magic, our Krystal stood alone in the darkness with two balls of intense firelight by her side. Then into the air they rose, twirling and spinning, as she began her fire-dance - to the “March of Cambreadth” - fire in her dance, fire in our souls, - she engaged us wholly for six captivating minutes. If you have never experienced a fire-dance, you will be greatly blessed at Midsummer this year...

Every monthly gathering is different. May 15th will be our May Day Celebration. Come join us - at Óðinshof: First Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly - when you can!

*Óðinshof Food Pantry Returns*



We have scheduled our food pantry for the 3rd Saturday of each month which is the usual date for AFA gatherings. Prior to our April distribution, we announced our return on the Brownsville Community Facebook page and reminded the locals that we distributed toys to our food-bank recipients at Yuletide. The response from the community was fantastic! Within 24 hours, over fifty people “liked or loved” that post.

On April 17th, several AFA members joined the McNallens by setting up tables and unloading boxes of canned fruits, soups, veggies, and other staples. Cars were already lined up as the first bags were filled. These were quickly transferred to cars, but not before each driver was given a warm welcome and an invitation to return next month. In the end, we fed fourteen hungry - and very appreciative - families, totaling thirty-eight individuals.

A similar program is underway at our other two hofs as well, Þórshof and Baldrshof. Hail the Doers!

### *Upcoming Events at Óðinshof*



**MIDSUMMER 2021**

**at Óðinshof, Brownsville, CA**

**June 11 to June 13**

*Come one! Come all! Get your tickets now!  
This classic AFA event will soon be upon us.*

Event registration through our website:  
<https://runestone.org/midsummer-at-odinshof/>

For more information, write to Sheila McNallen [sheila@runestone.org](mailto:sheila@runestone.org)

Open to all AFA members! Flyers will be sent in advance. Make sure your email is current. For more information, write to [sheila@runestone.org](mailto:sheila@runestone.org)

May 15, MAYDAY & Óðinshof Food Pantry  
June 11-13, MIDSUMMER  
June 19, Óðinshof Food Pantry  
July 17, SIGRBLOT & Óðinshof Food Pantry  
August 21, FREYFAXI & Óðinshof Food Pantry

Link for Midsummer registration:

Midsummer at Óðinshof – Asatru Folk Assembly

<https://www.runestone.org/midsummer-at-odinshof/>



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## Oregon

### *Pacific Northwest Updates*

Hails from the great Pacific NW, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Folkbuilder apprentice Lucas Huston! Lucas is located in the Northern Idaho area and is actively creating a new kindred in that region with fellow AFA members.

Lucas brings his past military organizational experience to our Folkbuilding team, and his presence is a great step forward in promoting our native spirituality Asatru' and of the AFA in the region.

In the Seattle area, The Nordvestri Kindred and Apprentice Folkbuilder Mason Johnson are extremely active with meetups on a weekly basis. If you live in the area send me a message and I will put you in touch with Mason or email him directly at [mjohnson@runestone.org](mailto:mjohnson@runestone.org).

In the Portland/Vancouver WA area, the month of May has Beltane/May Day on the first and a reembrace for Else Christensen on the 9th. We will be getting together to celebrate these important days and lift a horn to Else so check your messages!

We will continue to have Zoom meetings throughout the month every Wednesday to discuss all aspects of Asatru'. We are working our way through "The Road to Hel", by Hilda Roderick Ellis covering the chapter on Rebirth according to the Lore. If you are outside the NW, email me if you are interested and I'll send you a link to join us.

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



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## Washington

### *NordVestri Kindred*



April has been full of fruition following all of our efforts thus far this year. We welcomed home a new family to the AFA who have been well received and joined us in a full sprint! We are glad to have them and they are a perfect fit for our local kindred.

This month we observed a beautiful Hexennact with most of our local members joining in on a nice hike and ending with a blot next to a raging river. We also welcomed two other members this month 1 of which has become fast friends with the lot of us.

Our triweekly Iron Club has grown from 3 regular attendees to upwards of 16 members worshipping in the temple of iron lifting weights and devouring steak to honor Thor. We are glad to now have 7 children regularly attending and learning the rich history of their noble folk! We look forward to a glorious May day Blot and all the experiences this coming time has to offer!



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**Dórshof**  
Second Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly

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## Alabama

### *Remembering Terry Rumph*

April 13th was our kinsman's birthday. We've speculated on whether he spent it with his ancestors and his late son, or perhaps in Alfheim with other especially noble fallen Folk.

Whatever the case may be, he is missed by many and his impact on our lives will be felt for years to come.

Hail Terry Rumph!



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## Florida

### *Bowling Moot*



The American Crow Kindred gathered at a bowling moot for Hexennacht this year. Everyone had a great time, experienced bowlers, and those that hadn't bowled in decades. We renewed our bonds of Frith with a little healthy competition among our Folk. Nathan's son Ryder and Michael's son James both got a strike! It was unanimously agreed we need to do this again... soon.

There was much talk of our upcoming Beach Blot to Njörð that is our May Day celebration. We will gather our Florida Folk once again on the shore of the Atlantic, May 8th; to give thanks for the prosperity we enjoyed this past year and make an offering for the continued prosperity of our Folk.

#### Upcoming Events

5th Annual Beach Blot to Njörð on May 8th

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!

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## Indiana

### *Greetings from Indiana*





What a great month it has been! For the most part, the weather has been beautiful in our area. Heimdall's Kindred gathered and celebrated Hexannacht. It's a wonderful sight to see our Kindred growing in men, women, and children. We had a nice meetup but some are camera shy... Still love them...

Later on in the month, I celebrated our new apprentice Folkbuilder by attending his first moot. I am proud to call Charles my brother. Since day one he and his family have been as dedicated as anyone possibly can.

We had a few new people attend Charlie's Moot and they have already begun the steps to become members of the AFA. I don't know how I can't call it a good month; for us and the AFA.

On the 1st of May, Cody Raynard and I will be hosting an event in Tennessee. But you won't see any pics of that until next month's issue...

Heimdall's Midgard will be hosting weekend camping the following weekends. I'm not adding locations here but if you'd like to attend please contact me.

May Day- May 28-30

Midsummer- Jun 25-27

Sigrblot- July 23-25

There's a bit of a forecast from us. There will also be plenty of meet-ups going on around our area that we will be attending. Most of those will be Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and Tennessee. Big things coming! Until next time...

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



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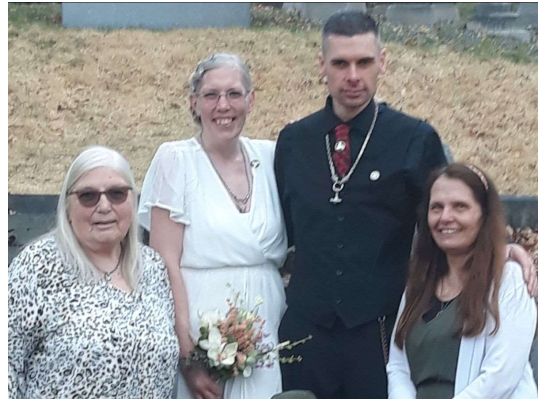
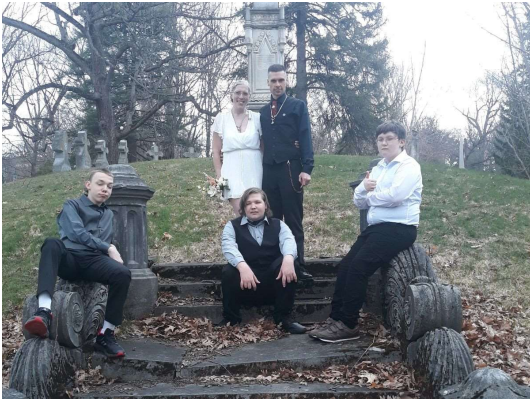


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## New York





Hail!

We are very happy to announce that there will a pub moot in Albany at the German-American Club. Upcoming date TBD. Look for updates soon via text/email/telegram. RSVP will be needed due to the venue request, we hope that you can all make it out!

In April a very exciting thing happened! I am beyond thrilled to announce that I am now Mrs. Daniel Tomkiell as witnessed & pronounced by Gythia Erickson on Friday, April 9th! We look forward to coordinating efforts in New York and also Michigan with our honor as a team!

I would like to express my personal gratitude to Gythia Erickson for joining us as one soul in the sight of the Aesir. it was truly an amazing moment in the sagas of our time. With our sincere love Catie!

Hail Freyja!

Hail the Aesir!

Hail the AFA!

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## Ohio



*Ohio Bird Sanctuary and Pub Moot*





On Sunday, April 11th several Ohio Folk met together at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary in Mansfield, Ohio. There we got to appreciate some great rescues and watch the raptors devour their meal. We walked through a special enclosure with Blue Jays and Cardinals where we fed them out of our hands. There was even a Raven that could say "Ohio". We did a mild hike on one of the trails and after decided to go eat a delicious meal at a local Steakhouse. A new member made his first moot and some old familiar faces were in attendance as well. It was a great day and now that the weather is nicer we can expect more fun activities like this coming up.

Please join us Sunday, May 16th at 11:00 am at Three Creeks Metro Park in Groveport, Ohio for a park cleanup followed by a pub moot. We have nitrile dipped gloves and contractor bags.



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### *Hexennacht*



April 18th amidst rain and a sunny day a wonderful Hexennacht celebration took place. Food frith and fun for the older and young attendees were enjoyed all day. Our kindred member Chris entertained us with traditional music he played himself and a host of interesting conversations took place. The children played with the dog and all was content and as it should be. As always ritual was held and officiated by Jessica Lambert

who never fails to do the Gods proud. These are the important things in our life here on Midgard and I feel honored to share them with my amazing Ohio folk.



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*Volksmarch in Ohio*





What a fantastic day with folk! We gathered at Germania Park in Cincinnati Ohio on Saturday, April 24th. We started our time with chit-chat over some German brews and then headed to the trails. The Volksmarch was set up as a 5k around the beautiful property of the park. Afterward, we enjoyed some great German food. We enjoyed the atmosphere that the German Society of Cincinnati built there. We feel it's very important to support your local cultural societies. These are the groups that celebrate and teach the next generation about our special cultures and traditions.

Next events coming up:

May 1st

May Day celebration

At members home, contact for information

May 30th

Civil War Encampment

Geauga County Historical Society

Burton Ohio

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



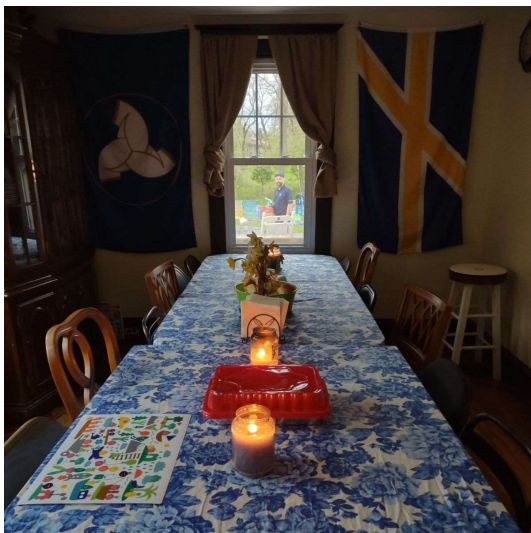
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# Pennsylvania

## *Lansdale Tru Folk Hexxenacht*



On the 17th of April, the Lansdale Tru Folk celebrated Hexxenacht. It was a perfect spring day to be with our AFA family. It was also great to see so many folks attend. There were many highlights that day like the great dinner prepared by the ladies and Sumbel but, one stuck out the most- the Blot to our Goddess of Love and War, Freya. Witan Erickson led us here as we honored Her, our women, and also asked that our kindred member Jane have luck on her Nurse Practitioner test the next day. Turns out she passed the test. Congratulations again. Another lesson if we put in the work and follow what is right in our lives the Gods will be there to assist.

Coming up:

AFA Camping/Hike, World's End State Park, hosted by the Lansdale Tru Folk  
May 8th- 9th, 3:00pm

May Day in Lansdale, May 22nd, 3:00 pm



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## Sweden

### *Odinblot at Falköping*







Members from Hroptatyr and Gautr kindred joined an event where we lived for a weekend in a stone age house with other folkish comrades. We gave offerings to Odin on the 9th at Odin world prayer day and visited great sites from the stone age, bronze age, and Viking age around the municipality of Falköping the days after.

*Hroptatyr Kindred Segerblot*





On the 24th of April members of Hroptatyr's kindred held "Segerblot" or Tyr's blot maybe you would call it, in a Domarring (Stone Circle) in Tanumshede.



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**South Carolina**

## *Pórshof Hexennacht*

Pórshof held our first annual Hexennacht celebration on April 25th. Folks from all over the Carolinas gathered in Frith to a potluck meal and enjoyed the fellowship.

Folkbuilder Daniel Young gave a class on the meaning of Hexennacht and the rune Perthro. We enjoyed dinner then gave blot to the Vanadis, Freya. Before the blot, Folkbuilder Heather Young gathered the ladies to prepare herbs to burn for protection. The ladies learned the importance of Seidr and took an active role in the ritual.

Folks in the Pórshof area, don't miss out on our first May Day event, on May 22nd. Reach out to Folkbuilders Daniel Young, Heather Young, Rob Stamm, or Cody Raynard for details.

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Ancestors!

Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!



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## *Þórshof Sigrblot*



Greeting Þórshof district!

On April 9th a few folks gathered at Þórshof to hang out and enjoy a bonfire and friendship, but decided to perform a last-minute Sigrblot, and what a blot it was! Sometimes the unexpected is the best.

Þórshof is a very special place, and we would love to see everyone in the district come out to as many rituals and gatherings as possible. We also understand our district is pretty large, and physical attendance isn't always possible. We still want you to be engaged with your fellow district members! You can do that by participating in the Þórshof district telegram chat. And if you are within a few hours driving distances, I challenge you to come to the hof itself as much as you can, you won't be disappointed.

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### Baldrshof Third Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly

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*Birth of Einar Svalinn Brown Sydorenko*



Welcome to Midgard Einar Svalinn Brown Sydorenko!

Einar was born on April 6th, 2021 to proud mother Leah and father Trevor and happy siblings: Freyja, Thorben, Aesir, and Brynjar. The Sydorenko family is patiently waiting for the Canadian border to open, so they can visit the Folk!

Congratulations to the Sydorenko family from all of us in the Baldrshof District and the Asatru Folk Assembly!

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## Illinois

*Hrafnagud Kindred Moot*

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Hrafnagud Kindred hosted a moot on April 19 at a member's home. We were glad to see that some of the newer folks that had attended previous events joined us once more, and we hope to welcome them as new AFA members in short order. There were some brand new faces attending this moot as well!

Our study group continued, focusing on the meaning of Ragnarok, and lessons to be derived from the story of Thor's encounter with Utgardloki.



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## Michigan





February was an amazing time for our folk! We had a pub moot to gather face to face for the 1st time in Frankenmuth (Michigans little Bavaria). We celebrated Ostara with an amazing atmosphere & kinship.

Upcoming here in May we will be gathering once again in Frankenmuth on Sunday, May 23rd at noon at Prost wine bar & Charcuterie. Details & itinerary to follow via email/text/telegram. Don't miss out, please join us to celebrate life & charge our will to make things happen!

Discussions also will include Remembrance of King Anthanaric in June.

Hail the Aesir & Vanir!

Hail the AFA!

Hail the ancestors!

Please feel free to contact me!

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## Minnesota

*Baldrshof Building Update*

The Baldrshof dedication went off like it was meant to be. A glorious temple to Baldr. All of the hard work from everyone involved paid off and we have something great, something the gods smile upon in recognition of our hard work and sacrifice.

Now for the rest of the project that is Baldrshof: There are a few things that need to happen in the next 30 days so that we can stay open and keep operating. Two of those things are putting a privacy fence of sorts up and replacing the front steps that are literally crumbling. These two things must happen by the end of May to meet the state building code to operate. Another and significantly important part of Baldrshof coming to life is that the steeple is in disrepair; allowing rain, weather, and other things in, making costs to repair climb if we don't address soon.

As difficult as it has been to get people to work with us I have managed to secure a handful of project estimates for each project. This is where we need the folk to come together as a community, in Frith, and pitch in. The financial means to do these necessary repairs comes from all of us. We have had a thousand dollars donated already for the steeple repairs. We need \$6000 to do the bare minimum of steeple repairs, \$1500 for the steps, and \$1500 for the fence.

We also have work days coming up the first weekend in May and the weekend of the 22nd for anyone that can make it.

We are nearly there in resurrecting this building to reflect the worship of Baldr, bringing us into the golden age of our people once again.

Hail the Gods!!!

Hail the Folk!!!

Hail the AFA!!!



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*Northern Blood Kindred*

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We had a busy April here in Minnesota and in the Northern Plains Baldrshof District. Several members and a few of us from leadership went to Deadwood, South Dakota for Sigrblót. Was an amazing weekend full of fellowship and team building. There were members from the Mid-Hearth Kindred in Missouri in attendance also. Big thank you to Gythia Brandy Callahan for organizing this event and for the amazing Rituals too. Sometimes having smaller events are more powerful and intimate than big events. This event is set up for next year already.

Fallfest 6 is only four months away. We are excited to be hosting it at Baldrshof this year for the first of many to come. The next event at Baldrshof is May Day on May 22nd at 9 am. Hope to see many of you there! Several of us from Minnesota and the Northern Blood Kindred and other members from the Northern Plains Baldrshof District will be traveling to Wisconsin for the AFA Midwest Else Christensen Remembrance. May 7th-9th hosted by James Ault and the Vedfolnir Clan.

Hail the Doers!

*Upcoming events at Baldrshof*

May 22nd May Day 9 am

June 19th Midsummer 9 am



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**Missouri**

*Ladies' Retreat*

Calling all ladies of the AFA and vouched for female guests!

This is our first ever Ladies Retreat! We will be gathering together under one roof for 4 days and 3 nights in beautiful historic Hot Springs Arkansas! Home of the natural healing hot water springs!

This is an all-inclusive event! Meals and accommodations included in registration.

We spend the time getting to know each other and building the bonds of friendship needed to grow in our faith together. It is going to be an amazing and life-changing weekend!

Don't wait to register ladies! Time is running out! This event has limited spaces available. Come join your sisters May 13th-16th 2021!

May 13 - 16

Ladies Hot Springs Getaway

Arkansas

<https://afahotsprings.eventbrite.com>



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**North Dakota**

*Sigrblot in the Black Hills*

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Folk from several areas of Baldrshof District gathered together in April to celebrate Sigrblot! Members from North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, and Minnesota spent a long weekend together in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

The cabin was beautiful, with a tower designed specifically to enjoy the beautiful sunrise over the hills. The pool table and foosball table provided ample opportunity for friendly competition. The hot tub was large enough to fit everyone who wanted to relax in it!

Our Folk took the opportunity to explore the historic town of Deadwood and everyone took part in a very interesting ghost tour. No one had a paranormal experience, but everyone had a good laugh at a very amusing "menu" and our history buffs learned a lot about the lively and often lawless background of a real Wild West town.

Sigrblot was officiated by Gythia Callahan. Thanks were given for the recent accomplishments at Baldrshof and our gathered Folk gave gifts to Odin for upcoming victories, for themselves, and for the AFA, in 2021.

Our next Sigrblot is already booked for 2022 and we hope to share it with even more Folk next year!

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## Texas

### *Fridr Folk Kindred Hexennacht*





On the 10th of April, nineteen AFA members from Texas gathered in Fredericksburg, TX to celebrate Hexennacht. We started our event at the Kuckuck's Nest in Fredericksburg, TX, where the owner imports goods directly from Germany. After finding some quality European goods, we headed to a private pavilion in a local park, where we gathered in Frith to discuss the inner workings of Skirnismal, Grimmismal, and a portion of the Havamal from the Poetic Edda. The discussion was well-received from the group. After the discussion, we gathered as Gothi Kevin Long honored Wotan and Freya in blot. We ended the gathering with a passing of the horn during Sumbel as Texas said farewell to Kevin, Megan, and Ivand Long. The end of the night ended in a pizza and beer/mead party at Folkbuilder Lori's house. We were excited to welcome Michael and Jesse from Tennessee and hope to see more of them in the future.

Hail the Texas Heimat!

Hail the Fridr Folk Kindred!

Hail the AFA!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses!



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## Wisconsin

### *Greetings from Wisconsin*



April 18th the AFA kindred Vedrfolnir Clan gathered at a member's home to celebrate Hexennacht. A Blot was held to honor Frey and Freya with all members of the Clan from oldest to youngest actively participating. A hearty meal was enjoyed and final

details of the Else Christensen remembrance event were gone over. We are very thankful for the role the Vedrfolnir Clan has stepped up to take with this event. Hail the doers!

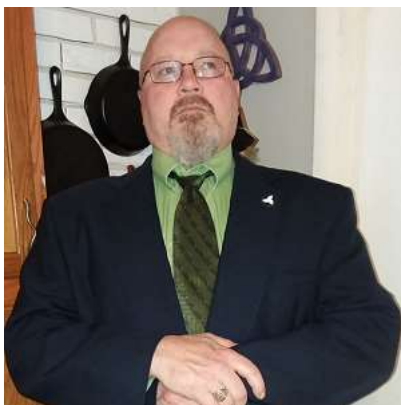
Our monthly meet and greet are always held on the last Sunday of the month. We move these around the state each month to allow for more people to be able to attend. April's meet and greet saw Wisconsin AFA members come together to clean up the Asatru Folk Assembly's section of Highway in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Highway Department requires clean-up on the section of the road twice a year. This being the first clean-up after winter meant there was a lot of trash on both sides of the two-mile stretch of road. Hails to the members who worked extremely hard to make that area clean again! Another clean-up will be scheduled for later in the year.

After the clean-up, a meet-and-greet was held at the Iron Buffalo Saloon. Known for their interesting decor and delicious pizza. A good time was had by all.

On May 7th thru May 9th Wisconsin hosted an event to honor Else Christensen. Look for our write-up on how this event went next month!

A summer schedule for Wisconsin AFA Moots has been mailed out to all members to allow for planning. Reminders with more details will be sent out at the beginning of the month and then again the week of the Moot. Any questions can be directed to [jault@runestone.org](mailto:jault@runestone.org).

We are our future ancestors.  
Hail the doers!



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