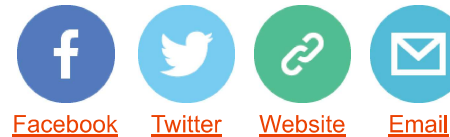


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### Words from the Alsherjargothi

I try to avoid reading the morning news until at least my third cup of coffee. The headlines only remind me that we are deep in the Wolf Age, the era of degeneracy foretold in the "Prophecy of the Seeress." Having the sordid details of this corruption poured into my brain while still half-asleep and defenseless is just a really bad idea.

But, behind the stupidity and the political correctness, there are glimmers of light. Asatru

to think of something so old as "new," but for us it IS new - a new, yet ancient paradigm that can transcend this age of whoredom and fratricide.

*"Only when we realize we are a river will we stop drowning in puddles."* Asatru is about connections and continuity. When we, as men and women bound by history and heritage, by blood and bone, recover our wandering souls, we will be indomitable. With our might, our main, and our troth we will usher in a new age!

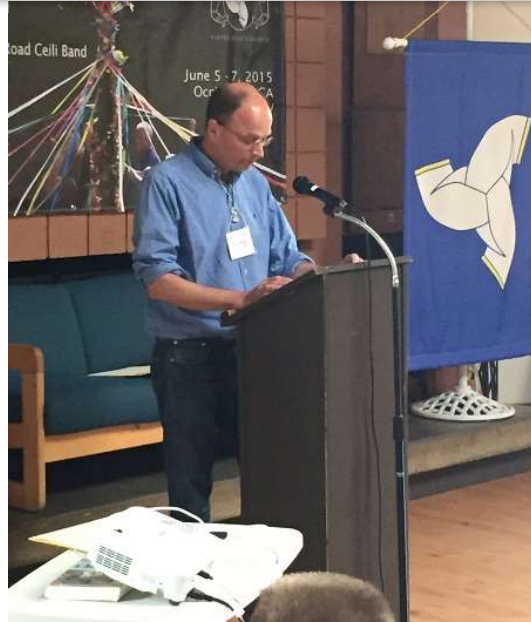
The signs of healing and empowerment are subtle, but they are unmistakable. Midsummer was a turning point, ushering in a new level of involvement and intensity. The publication of ***Asatru: A Native European Spirituality*** was a milestone describing the new and powerful paradigm that will raise up our Gods and renew our Folk. Wonderful things are about to manifest through the AFA!

Even the in Wolf Age, one can find delight in living, in victory, in glorious struggle against the dark forces that surround us...Hail the Northern Dawn!

Stephen A. McNallen  
Alsherjargothi

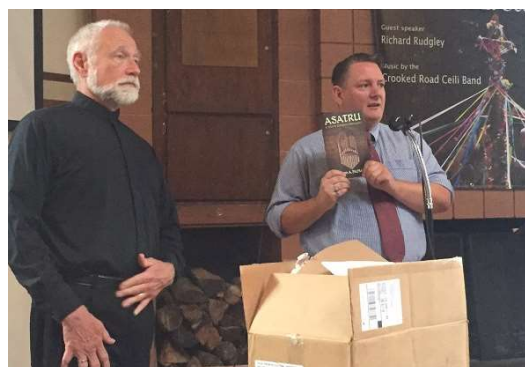
**Midsummer in Occidental**  
by Marc Macleod







of the Asatru Folk Assembly, and the unveiling of Steve's new book: *Asatru: A Native European Spirituality*. That in itself made for a very special event. But then it was followed up by the unveiling of our new website by Brad Taylor-Hicks; Brad talked about some new features, including Folk Services and the Asatru Military Program, to name a few. More workshops followed, including Steve's™ vision of our future and a review of our Declaration of Purpose, Matt Flavel's talk on the duty we all have to our Folk, and the presentation of our guest speaker, Richard Rudgley (author of *Pagan Resurrection* and *Barbarians*). These just weren't any talks; they were more than inspiring and all layered on the theme of what we can all do from here, and the duties of the individual to our growing community. The blots left my hair on end, from Matt Flavel's Njord Blot at Jenner's Beach, through Michael Hunter's breath-taking Midsummer Blot, to Steve's always powerful Odin's Blot at the end of the night. It didn't stop there, either, because in the morning we had a beautiful Wayfayer Blot by Elizibeth Salix, after dancing around a Maypole beautifully decorated by our people. There was a galder workshop and healing ritual by Brad Taylor-Hicks. And last but not least let's not forget the renewing of vows of Roland and Debra, and the handfasting of Andrew and Sabrina. The nights were full of laughs, violin playing, songs, good conversation, and genuine kinsmanship. It was event I will never forget! And I don't think I'm alone on that. Thank you to everyone that was a part of it!





## The Four Greatest Causes of Financial Problems and Why They Matter by Steve McNallen

The four greatest reasons people have money issues are:

1. Living beyond one's means.
2. Getting caught up in "too good to be true" investment ideas.
3. Not consistently saving.
4. Investing in potentially good investment vehicles at the wrong time, or for the wrong reasons.

Take a look at your life. Is one of these four things your stumbling block? For me, number three was always the big issue. Find your problem and fix it, and your life will be better!

Life is not about money, or about material things. Many of you are inherently spiritual people, and I think I come under that category myself. But in our society, money matters. It gives you a form of power - not the only kind of power, but a very real kind nevertheless. If you have money, you will have more time to devote to your spiritual life...and to change the world around you. And you can put your money where your ideals are. If you're broke you have fewer options, and you sure as heck can't make big donations to your favorite causes!

Remember, "*Fehu is the first rune of the Futhark!*"

## Family Safety Program: Shooter!

Over the past few years, there have been many terrorist attacks, and they may occur anywhere, anytime, and to anyone. The best thing to do to increase your chances of survival is to be prepared and know what to do during an actual terrorist attack.

When there is a terrorist attack and you hear gunshots, find a safe spot for you to cover yourself right away. Do not hide under a table, but instead find a concrete wall or barrier that can protect you from getting shot.

Call emergency numbers immediately and see if there are other survivors around you. The best thing to do is to blend in with them and tell them to follow what is being instructed by the authorities coming from the radio.

Listen intently and if there is a threat inside the building also, manage to get out quickly without being seen.

Plan your escape but do it as fast as you can. If there is an explosion coming from outside the place where you are, do not leave and avoid windows or any other opening of the building. Several other explosions may happen and the debris can enter through the windows.

Close all the windows and doors to prevent any toxic chemicals from entering your building. Cover your nose, preferably with a wet cloth, so you don't inhale all of the toxins.

In case you get trapped inside and the terrorists find you, stay calm and don't stop



If the terrorist has not yet tried to harm you, do not try anything fancy. This will only enrage them and they will kill you. Terrorists are always armed and they usually come in groups.

If you can get a hold of anything that can turn into a weapon, grab it but only use it if they start to hurt you, and don't let them see what you are holding. Otherwise, stay calm and be smart.

Wait for the rescue team to arrive; or, if in a tight situation and you have no choice but to fight, do not hesitate to kill to keep yourself alive.

Once there is a chance for you to escape, do it without looking back but be aware of your surroundings. If you are inside a building, run straight through the exit points and call for help. If you are outside, find a safer place to hide and wait for the rescue team to arrive. You cannot run yet because there might be terrorists outside and they may shoot you down. Not being seen is the best thing.



Wait to hear an announcement advising you when it is safe again to come out.

Terrorists usually have no heart and are on a mission. If you can save yourself, take the chance. They can be ruthless and what they can do to you is unpredictable. You should always be prepared.

Jim and Sara the Corgi  
"Learn a new skill every week."

**Asatru**  
by Jeff Wolf

soul of our people. It is the most accurate expression of the soul of our people when expressing our natural spiritual instincts. Yet, more than just a religion, Asatru contains the essence of the elder tribal folkways practiced by our ancestors, and just as importantly, brings that essence into the world today in a hands-on manner. Practical, strong, courageous, honorable, Asatru is not simply a belief to nod your head at; rather, it is a way of life, a moral code, and the right foundation needed for the restoration of our native folkway in today's world.

Can a non-Germanic person be Asatru? Sure they can, but we would have to ask them why they would want to do so and not follow their own ancestral path. In doing so, not only are they going to have to learn about a people other than their own, they would also have to suppress aspects of themselves – namely, their own genetic inheritance. Now, someone may say, “but we are all the human race;” yes, we are; that is true. Yet it is also true that the human race exhibits a great deal of diversity between peoples. While popular culture gives us a twisted view of what diversity means, true diversity demands the preservation and expressing of racial and ethnic difference. We are not “all the same” as some would have us believe. It is our differences as human beings that give us all strength. Rather than seeking to make us all walk and talk alike, true diversity encourages all our various tribal differences as men and women of the earth. Asatru is just one path out of many, and is intended for a certain segment of the world population. Asatru is not a universal religion intended for all; it is a folkish religion, a folkway more accurately, unique and specific and belonging to those folk of Norse and Germanic descent. We members of the Asatru Folk Assembly know this is true.

Some liberals would try to paint Asatru as racist, attempting to justify this by saying that Asatru discriminates against other people because of race. This simply is not true. As stated above, Asatru is a folkish path, it is a folkish way, meaning that it is appropriate for a specific “folk” not for “all people” in general; in the case of Asatru this is those individuals of Norse / Germanic descent. Asatru does not condemn others on the basis of race; rather, we encourage people of all races and ethnicities to proudly embrace their own native culture and spirituality. Sure, there can be some individuals who claim Asatru and exhibit racist behavior; the same can be said of individuals of every race or religious / spiritual path.

inheritance. There must be an emotional attachment also, an attachment rooted in racial and ethnic pride and determined to ensure our people survive, whatever the cost. Asatru is not an easy path, but it is our path. It is our folkway, best expressing and meeting the needs of our people's soul. We live it with courage, strength, honor, and an identity forged in the crucible of our blood-born ancestral wisdom and traditions. The old ways may have slumbered, but they were never lost. They cannot be lost as long as our people live and breathe. Asatru is about more than religion. Asatru is a way of life. Asatru is a way of looking at the world. Asatru is a way of proving ourselves in word and deed.

Asatru worked for our ancestors, and it will work for us today. It is capable of meeting the struggles and challenges we are confronted with in the modern world. The first step is heeding the blood-born ancestral wisdom your ancestors passed on to you. Your ancestors have given you the greatest gift of all, the gift of a folkish identity, a people you can identify with as your own. Norwegian, Swede, Dane, German, English, and so on, whichever identity you claim, you are still part of a greater family of individuals of European heritage. Take pride in who you are and where your people come from. It is natural. What are unnatural are the beliefs that "we are all the same" and "equality" and all the catch phrases tossed about by the ruling elite. We are not all the same. We are not all equal. Denial of such is a denial of nature itself. We look around us and see nearly every individual proclaiming "I am this" or "I am that" when in truth they are expressing their own isolation - lost, helpless, cut off from their ancestral roots. One thing that gave our ancestors strength was the family, the clan, the tribe, their leader. Their individual identity was found in their communal identity, and the identity of the community was expressed in the deeds of individual persons. Now today, more than ever, we need a return to this degree of kinship, not just with a mental acknowledgment but with our deeds.

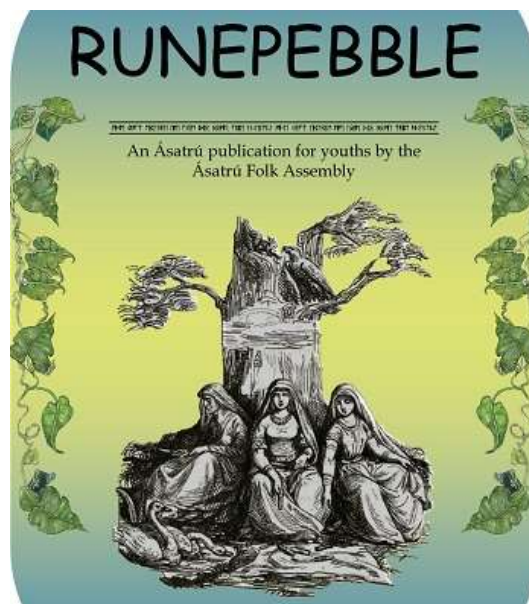
My faith is my own, just as your faith is yours. It is a matter for me alone, and for my household. You can't tell me how to live true, any more than I can tell you. The best we can do is share personal experience with others. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to Asatru; each of us must find our own way, informed by history, and strengthened by hands-on experience shared in community with others. Sure there are things we share in common that identify us as being Asatru, yet it is our differences that strengthen us and display before the world the beauty and diversity of our people and our culture, both

Asatru Serves Life.

## Circle of Eir - A Call to Healing

The AFA Circle of Eir is up and working. A core group performs a monthly healing ritual, calling on Eir and naming those AFA members and families in need of healing. If you would like to be in the AFA Circle of Eir Facebook group, or if you would just like to submit the name of someone who needs healing, please let me know at [patriciahall@runestone.org](mailto:patriciahall@runestone.org). The next healing ritual, which is jointly done by AFA members from both the States and Europe, will be performed on Thursday, July 9, at midnight EDT/USA.

## Runepobble



Runepobble: An AFA e-publication for Asatru families!



The next issue of the Runepebble will be published on September 1st, as this is a bi-monthly publication. The theme of the next issue will focus on bees and honey, which is very exciting! If you or a child you know is interested in contributing to the next issue, we are happy to accept submissions of all kinds, including artwork, stories, poetry, folktales, songs/sheet music, crafts, activities, recipes, educational articles, and more. If you would like to submit some work, or have questions relating to the Runepebble, please contact our editor, Rebecca, at [Runepebble@Runestone.org](mailto:Runepebble@Runestone.org).

## Southwest Midsummer Gathering from Roland L'Heureux



This past month has seen a major move toward establishing a presence in the Southwest/East Phoenix Valley area.

Early in the month, my wife Debra and I drove from Apache Junction, Arizona, to attend the 2015 AFA Midsummer gathering. At the event, not only did we renew our wedding vows in the company of our kin in a ceremony dear to our heart, but we were presented (recruited, if you ask Brad) with a vision for the Southwest/East Phoenix Valley area and its AFA members. Hitting the ground running, as any properly trained marine does, our "Boots on the Ground" campaign was underway before we returned home.

Valley Midsummer gathering. We want to thank all those who encouraged us in our "Boots on the Ground" phase of creating our AFA footprint here in the East Phoenix Valley area. Invited to our event were AFA members in the surrounding area, members of the Asatru community at large (including a personal invitation forwarded from Vincent Enlund of the Asatru Alliance to his kin, the Wanderer Kindred), as well as non-Asatru members of our local community. After the ceremony proper, we enjoyed a delicious pulled pork lunch with all the fixings, graciously prepared by Debra.

Now our attendance was low, I will give you that, but if there is one thing I have learned is that often victory comes to the one who knows how to fall. "To learn how to fall, to learn how to conquer the fear of falling, how to not panic in a fall" can have immeasurable value. "You learn a lot from taking the fall. Your ability to fall precedes your ability to throw." The experience that Debra and I had in having the opportunity to host this event has solidified and brought focus to the potential that exists here in the East Valley, a potential we look forward to tapping into for our AFA members.

On the weekend of July 17-19, Debra and I, along with some of you, will be attending the Southwest Frithmoot sponsored by Vincent Enlund here in Payson, Arizona.

The day after our arrival back in town, July 20th, our organization/kindred, Runekenhof, as a recognized non-profit religious organization here in Arizona, will be having its "ribbon cutting" at the local chamber of commerce. Anyone who is interested in supporting us and our AFA presence is welcome. There will be a photo shoot and we will be promoted in two different local newspapers.

In the near future we also want to organize pubmoots "we have an outstanding pub in town that deals only in microbrews - as well as local study groups. As interest in our area grows, and Debra and I become more accustomed to the logistics involved, we will see these gatherings of our folk happen. Stand by!

Hail the Gods/Hail the Ancestors/Hail the AFA!



Once again, we invited our kith and kin to our home in Effingham County, Georgia, right outside Savannah, to celebrate Sunna's rise to her highest station, as well as thanking Freyr for his bounty.

This year was a bit smaller than previous year's moots, with 11 guests, but we didn't mind a bit. As usually happens, we menfolk congregated around the grill, and the ladies hung out inside, wisely avoiding the heat.

I gave our traditional meal blessing, and we all ate our fill, with lots of good conversation. Afterwards, we gathered outside under the shade of the lone tree out front, where I gave a short blot to Sunna and Freyr. As is my midsummer tradition, I don't asperge everyone, but rather individually bless all in attendance.

Shortly thereafter, we gathered around our dinner table for sumbel, where many a heartfelt word was shared. All too soon, it was time to bid farewell to our guests, and we truly wished that it could've last longer.

We hope to see y'all again next year.

**Wissahickon Tru Folk Midsummer Faining**  
from Clifford Erickson



A small, private Midsummer celebration was held at Clifford Erickson's home near Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The pictures show

- (left) Offerings set on altar prior to Faining.
- (above left) Offerings left for Sunna and the Landvaettir after Faining.
- (above right) Ve from a distance.

## Irminfolk Odinst Community Midsummer Blot and Sumbel





AFA member Michael Sagginario, head of the Irminfolk Odinist Community, reports: "This weekend the Irminfolk hosted Midsummer in the Upper Delaware Valley, NY. There was camping, dinner, a raffle, and a Midsummer rite in honor of Baldur, followed by a very enthusiastic sumpel. In



Baldur Rising. This weekend was the first test of the new Sumbel Garden we built in just five Saturdays in preparation for Midsummer. Big thanks to everyone involved!"

Above are the ve and the group, including one of the kinderfolk; left is a special bottle of mead; below the blot and sumbel.



**Midsummer in the Land of the Midnight Sun**  
from Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder





Festivities for the Midsummer began Friday night the 19th out on the Mat-Su River in Alaska, where a campsite was found and preparations were made for the coming weekend's "Meta-Ritual." Energy was high and everyone worked together to bring all the supplies the semi-treacherous  $\hat{A}$ ¼ mile, as well as to build an impromptu bridge and set up a ritual circle.

When we awoke the next day, the rest of our kin and folk showed up, some driving 20 miles, others driving 200 miles!

The meta-ritual started off with a Welcoming the Gods Blot performed by Steven Morrell, a powerful blot to begin the Midsummer weekend. After the blot, we joined together for a

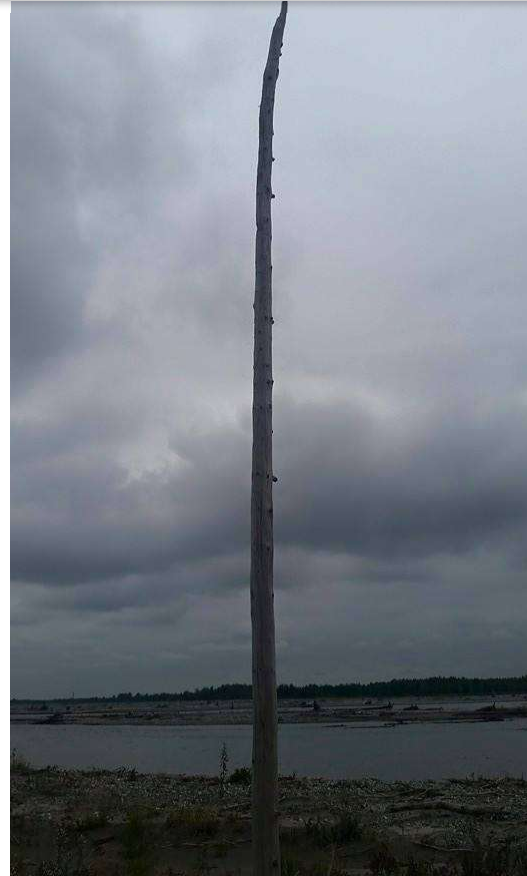
throw, and hammer toss. There were two categories, Children and Adults. Rachel Hansen won the Children's games and was awarded D'Auliere's Book of Norse Myths. Xavier Bird won the Adult Games, and received the coveted prize: Tolkien's translation and commentary of Beowulf.

Having worked up quite an appetite, we proceeded to dinner and then to Steve Morrell's guided discussion on Ritual at Home. As it began to get dusky out (it doesn't get dark in Alaska in the summertime), the folk were gathered for an Odin's Blot and a Sumbel immediately after.

Sunday began at 8:39 a.m., the exact time of the summer solstice, when the members of the tribe, surrounded by their folk, renewed their oaths to the tribe. This was a merry time followed by breakfast, and jovial socialization. As Sunna rose higher into the sky, the folk were called once more to the Ritual Circle. There, gazing upon the Sunna Pole erected and capped with a shining bronze sun wheel, the climax of the weekend began and the Folk called upon the power of Sunna, honored her, and received her blessing.

After this blot, the folk socialized and mingled for a couple hours, and then it was nearly time to bid our dear folk farewell. We broke down the campsite and packed up the vehicles. But before we all said farewell, Steve Morrell led us in a Wayfarer's Blot, thanking the gods, ancestors and wights, and asking their added protection and blessings as the folk departed once more to their respective homes.





### News from the Midwest from Patricia Hall, Folkbuilder

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCE CALL

In June, we hosted Steve McNallen on our call, and it was a lively discussion! Looking forward to having Steve again, as well as other AFA members as guests in future! Our next Midwest conference call will be at 7:30 p.m. Central/8:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 9. I look forward to hearing you there! Toll free number is: 866-730-7514 Participant

AFA Midwest has its own Facebook group! I will be populating it over the next week. The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871639299583668/members/> Please request an add! This is for AFA members only. It will be a place to post conference call info, gatherings, and other goings-on in the AFA as well as for discussion. Also if you have not friended me on Facebook, please feel free to do so. My Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/patricia.l.hall.92>

#### PITTSBURGH PUBMOOT

Please join fellow Asatruar for a meet and greet pubmoot at the Hofbrauhaus in Pittsburgh on Saturday, August 1, at 4 p.m. A Facebook event will be set up for this and will be provided on our regional Facebook pages as well as regional emails! Several of us from eastern PA are going to try to make this one!!

#### PUBMOOTS

If you would like help with the logistics of setting up a pubmoot in your area, please feel free to contact me at [phall@runestone.org](mailto:phall@runestone.org)

#### RUNE/LORE STUDY

If anyone would like help with logistics and materials to start their own Rune or Lore study group, please contact me at [phall@runestone.org](mailto:phall@runestone.org)

**News from the Northeast  
from Patricia Hall, Folkbuilder  
and Clifford Erickson, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCE CALL

757055 Call is optional.

## LANSDALE, PA, HIKEMOOT AND PUBMOOT

### 1) Wissahickon Valley Asatru Hikemoot

Hosted by Clifford J Erickson

Saturday, July 18, at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Forbidden Path - Wissahickon Creek - Fairmount Park

Forbidden Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19128

Join area Asatruar in exploring Wissahickon Valley Park.

Here is information on the Park-

<http://www.fow.org/about-park/activities/hiking>

You will want to park at "P-3 Northwestern Stables" and meet us at the "Beginning of Forbidden Drive Trail"

[Map link](#)

This should give us plenty of time to work up an appetite and head over to The Sumney in Lansdale for the pubmoot at 2:00 p.m.

Come join other local Asatruar in exploring the bounty of the powerful landvaettir here in our backgard!

### 2) Wissahickon Valley Asatru Pubmoot

Hosted by Clifford J Erickson

Saturday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Sumney

1610 W Point Pike, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446

welcome.

Come join other area Asatruar for discussion, drinks and community building!

Also, Lansdale is having its annual Car Show Under the Lights this same night. So feel free to tag along with Cliff to that after the pubmoot.

#### NORTHERN NEW JERSEY EVENTS

Skylands Asatru Fellowship is pleased to announce the following events for the month of July:

July 9, 6:30 p.m.: Lore Study at the Mt. Olive Public Library in Mt. Olive, NJ

July 16, 7:00 p.m.: New Moon offering to the Landwights in Byram, NJ

July 18, 5:00 p.m.: Pubmoot at Houlihan's in Parsippany, NJ

Details for all Skylands events can be found at their website at

<http://www.skylandsasatru.org>

And here is a site with photos from Skylandâ€™s Midsummer 2015 celebration!

<http://jonupsalsgarden.blogspot.com/2015/06/midsummer-2015.html>

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#### UPCOMING IRMINFOLKâ€™s FOLKISH SUMMER HALLOWING

This is the fifth year for this wonderful annual folkish event hosted by our good friends, the



<https://www.facebook.com/folkish.summerhallowing.5?fref=ts> and the registration page is <http://folkishsummerhallowing.com/>

## Northern Plains Update from Blaine Qualls, Apprentice Folkbuilder



### Midsummer

Here on the Northern Plains we celebrated Midsummer with a blot to Baldur and a vow renewal/handfasting ceremony. The Friday night beforehand we all gathered for some camaraderie and to discuss the next day's events. Bad storms crashed to the north and south of us, but we were fortunate to have just light rain, which ended quickly and left us with a double rainbow which we saw as a blessing for the coming day's celebration.

Saturday we gathered for a very moving blot to Baldur performed by AFA member Les Lauer. Afterwards I performed a vow renewal for two members of the local Asatru community.....Now we were finally able to enjoy the great feast that had been prepared for us, with an entire roasted pig being the centerpiece.

After much feasting and good conversation we ended the night with a grand sumbel. Three times the horn went round, three times great words were spoken.....Afterwards, and long

### Founder's Day July 17, 18, & 19 near Bismarck, ND

This will be a celebration of the Ancestors and of those pioneering men and women who helped bring back the olden ways in modern times. We will have a blot to the Ancestors, a discussion on the "founders" of modern Asatru, an auction, and a sumbel. Cabin space is still available for any wishing to attend. For more information feel free to contact me at [ulfssonr@gmail.com](mailto:ulfssonr@gmail.com).



## THE NORTHWEST CONTINGENT ADVENTURE TEAM AT MIDSUMMER



Eight AFA members from the Northwest and beyond embarked on a journey from Washington to California for Midsummer in Occidental. Shown above is the adventure team plus Steve and Sheila. After picking up a few Folk in Oregon, it was a full van; on day 2 of the journey, we were some of the first to arrive at the camp, and one of the last groups to leave after the event. It was an incredible adventure, and I look forward to doing it again next year! Hail the Folk!

## LORE MOOT IN PORTLAND





On Sunday, June 14th, Northwest AFA members and friends gathered for a Lore Moot at the PCC Rock Creek Campus in Portland, Oregon, hosted by Karl and Brian. We were pleased to have our friend Mark Puryear of the Norroena Society as our guest speaker, discussing his two books *The Asatru Edda* and *The Odinist Edda*. After some lively discussions and friendly debates, we ventured to a nearby pub for food, drink, and merriment. With attendees from near and far, it was a very successful Lore Moot, and we look forward to more in the future! For information about future Portland events, email Karl at [karl2440@gmail.com](mailto:karl2440@gmail.com).

NORTHWEST MIDSUMMER BLOT AND CAMPOUT



On Friday, June 19th, Northwest AFA members and friends began gathering for Midsummer weekend at our farmstead in Centralia, WA. We held sumbel Friday night, many good toasts were made, and good times were had around the campfire. Saturday was our fun-day, most of it spent outdoors, relaxing in the yard, exploring in the woods and nearby county park, and swimming in the river. That evening we held a Healing blot to aid our Folk, friends, and kin in need of healing might. Sunday morning, we ventured to a nearby restaurant for Father's Day breakfast, and then returned home to prepare for Midsummer blot. In the heat of the afternoon, we processed down to the ritual area for our Midsummer blot. Sunna's might was fully apparent, and some of us jumped into the river immediately after blot to cool off. It was a great weekend spent among great Folk, and we look forward to seeing all of you (and more) at Freyfaxi!

Hail the Folk!



Great Northwest Freyfaxi is right around the corner! To be held August 14th-16th at the Ocean Park Camp and Retreat Center in Ocean Park, WA, the second year of this event is not to be missed. Event registration will be up soon, and The Time is Now to start making travel plans! The two closest airports are Portland (PDX) and SeaTac (SEA), the two closest train stations are Centralia (CTL) and Kelso/Longview (KEL). For those of you in California, it'd be a beautiful drive right up the scenic Highway 101, and well worth the trip! Last year's Freyfaxi was attended by over 40 AFA members from all over the West, and this year's event could be even bigger! Northwest members: if you've not yet had the chance, Great Northwest Freyfaxi is an excellent opportunity to meet our founders Steve and Sheila McNallen, not to mention dozens of other great Folk from all over the country.

For more information about Freyfaxi or other Northwest events, please send email to [esalix@runestone.org](mailto:esalix@runestone.org).

Hail the Gods! Hail the Folk! Hail the Ancestors!  
Hail the AFA!

-Elizabeth  
Northwest Folkbuilder

## Upcoming Events

MAKING VACATIONS PLANS FOR 2015?

The following large gatherings are scheduled, with the camps already reserved:

GREAT NORTHWEST FREYFAXI, Ocean Park, WA, August 14 - 16

WINTER NIGHTS IN THE POCONOS, Camp Netimus, Milford, PA, October 16 - 18

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