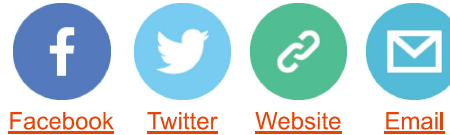


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## Words from the Alsherjargothi

What a month August has been! Anyone watching the news or their facebook feed can see Chaos everywhere, through it all I am proud to say that our folk have been able to create and find order. Here in Northern California we had a fantastic Freyfaxi celebration organized by Apprentice Folkbuilder Ryan Harlan. As this issue of the Voice will show, AFA members had fantastic Freyfaxi celebrations across the country. Nothing stands in the way

mine, Gothi Bryan Wilton. I want to thank Christopher Gower for hosting this book signing, there was a savage and relentless effort by the forces of Cultural Marxism to put a stop to this gathering and through courage and perseverance things went off without a hitch. When Chaos is all around us in this wolf age that we live in, the challenge is to see past the distractions and to find the Order, seek the order and embrace it. Embracing Order and focusing on building our selves and our folk is something the AFA does time and again and our success is because of it. As Mandy and I prepare to see our AFA family in Minnesota and celebrate what promises to be an amazing Fallfest, I want you to know I am extremely proud of the AFA and of all our outstanding members, you never cease to impress me.

Matthew D. Flavel  
Alsherjargothi,  
Asatru Folk Assembly



**Idunna, by Cecile Johnston**





## An Essay on Idunna and her role in the Modern World by Cecile Johnston

"There is much to consider in this myth; the meaning of the meat of the giants that will not cook for the gods, the eagle's bargain made in bad faith, taking more than was assumed by the gods to be just, the concept of borders and their transgression and reinforcement. However, in this essay, I would like to focus more closely on the figure of Idunna herself, her role and what she represents to the gods and to us. It is clear that without her, the gods themselves fail, losing their beauty, intelligence and vitality. She holds the very immortality and future of the gods in her hands as she tends her trees. If we hold that the gods are our ancestors and that their blood continues through us, their descendants, then we are the manifestations of their immortality, and our generative force is the fruit that keeps them young and potent. Our young women contain within them the apples of immortality. They are the trees that bear the fruit that sustains our folk and our gods in a very physical sense. When the tender innocence and nurturing nature of Idunna is taken from them, the future of our folk and our gods is in jeopardy. This is relevant in the realm of sex and reproduction, but also in the realm of myth, art and the ideal realm, for Idunna, as the wife of Bragi, is the muse that inspires art and poetry of the sort that lasts beyond human lifetimes and can touch the minds and hearts of generations." - *Cecile Johnston*

For the month of September we have another fantastic essay by Cecile Johnston again (which you can find [here](#)), this time exploring the degradation of women in the modern world and the lessons our women can take from Idunna. The essay starts with a powerful condemnation of the "Rotherham Incident" from 2014, in which Muslim rape gangs were found to have terrorized the English village of Rotherham for over a decade. Our eloquent author then winds her way through the innocence of young women (and how it has been stripped away), women's vital role in the maintenance of our folk and culture, the empty platitudes of Modernity (the modern age), and the destructive force Feminism has become.

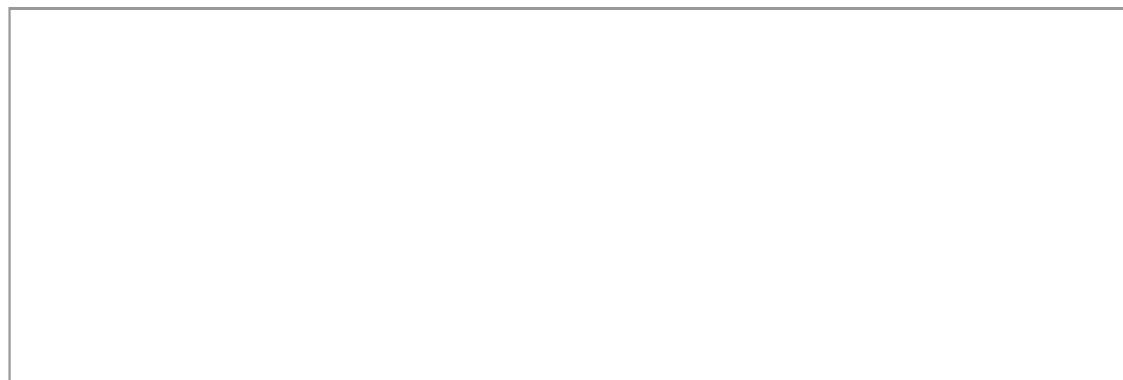
Our world is in, as many have said before me, a Wolf Age. Brothers are yet to spill each

lineage. We cannot allow this to happen. In us are the voices and souls of all of our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. They struggled in their lives that we might live and it is our duty to pass these gifts on to the generations yet to come. Cecile's essay is a spark, one of many, that can and should help to ignite the flame of our Folk Soul, allowing it to rise to such lofty heights. Our ancestors were a great and noble people. Time and debauchery has shadowed the nobility of our Folk, but it hasn't extinguished it. Hear the call of our Ancestors and stand up to meet them. Hail! - *M. Waldrum, Assistant Editor*

### **Words from the Folkbuilder Coordinator by Marc Macleod**

I'd like to announce our newest Apprentice Folkbuilder to the Deep South region, Lane Ashby. Jason Plourde has relocated to Colorado and will be working in the Four Corners region with Nate Hayden. Lane has stepped up to fill the void. Lane is very active in Florida and the founder of the American Crow Kindred. I think he will be a great addition to our leadership team. Looking forward to seeing the progress in the region. Thanks for stepping up Lane! The success of our regions is directly tied to the willingness of our members to make things happen. If you don't know Lane reach out to him and let him know what you'd like to see in the Deep South. Hail the Folk that make things happen!!

Marc MacLeod  
Folkbuilder Coordinator





Lane Ashby, AFA Deep South Apprentice Folkbuilder

**Words from AFA Central Corridor and South Central Regions  
by Bryan Wilton, Folkbuilder and Gothi**

Well I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that this past weekend,

and Sumbel. Christopher Gower and Angela Krout put in all together. Despite protests, negative media coverage and the need to change venues 3 times, we literally had folks from all over the region attend. Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma all had people make the long drive to join us in raising a horn. This has brought a new kind of energy into the state and there is now a Folkish page for people in Missouri. They are beginning to gather again in the region and our hope is that the enthusiasm spreads into Fallfest II which is rapidly approaching.

Now in Texas, we have another situation entirely. I know personally that many of these people who are our members in TX and LA are dependent on the weather for their livelihoods. The Hurricane has prevented many of these folk from even being able to work much less get around. They probably won't say a word and try to push through this with perseverance and self-reliance being the words of the day. These people are going to need our help. So if you have 5, 10 or 20 dollars please consider donating this amount to the AFA family services. This one is serious and covers a huge area of destruction we haven't seen in many years in Texas.

Lastly, there are many of you who have recently joined. Some of you I have been in contact with and some of you I haven't been able to get ahold of. After you join, please feel free to reach out to me, especially on Facebook and make sure you check your junk email to finish your application and set up payment. Likewise, be aware if your credit card expires or is denied we simply receive a note that tells us you have canceled. We appreciate every single member which comes to the doors of this organization. Show us that you value being a part of it by helping us pay attention to the details.

Bryan D. Wilton  
Gothi  
Folkbuilder

**Words from the Northern Plains  
by Blaine Qualls, Folkbuilder**





Meet and Greet, South Dakota

The last month has been a whirlwind of activity. A meet and greet in Rapid City, South Dakota brought out a few new faces and led to some contacts with new Asatruar in the area.

Here in North Dakota we celebrated Freyfaxi in grand style. A blot in honour of Frey was performed..... at the end of this ritual a new baby blessing was performed and young Millicent Bailey was welcomed in to our tribe. Then a great pot luck style picnic and some very good conversations followed.

In Fargo, North Dakota member, Randy Kalabza, led a Freyfaxi camping weekend that was well attended. Look for plenty more to come from these dedicated folk.

And of course there have been all of the last minute details to finish before Fallfest. One last time, if you have not registered yet please do so soon. Hope to see many of you there.





Freyfaxi Blot, North Dakota

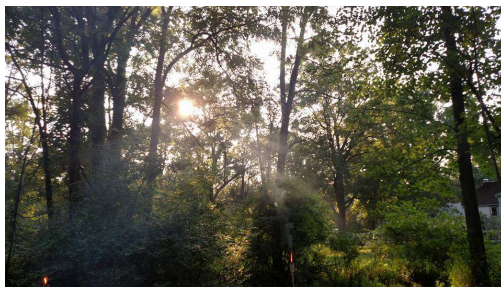
### **Words from the Northeast by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder**

AFA Members and the Lansdale Tru Folk gathered for a Freyfaxi Blot, Feast, and Sumbel in late August. There were about fifteen members and friends present, and we stupidly forgot to take a full group photo!

This was a special occasion for Lansdale Tru Folk as we (finally) oathed in officially as a Kindred. This was the culmination of three years of Blots and Fainings that we have been making together, all of which grew out of some local pubmoots and referrals to one another from then-Folkbuilder and still Gythia Patricia Hall. This might seem like a long time to wait, and it was. We did this on purpose, because we didn't really know one another well when we first started. Also, the Northeast is a peculiar region and can easily be considered "hostile territory" for Folkish Asatru. So we prefer "extreme vetting" if I might borrow a term.

Brothers. Anytime I take an oath, I generally go into it relatively calm and then when I am actually saying the words, the importance hits me full on. The same happened when I took my Folkbuilder oath several years ago.

This event also saw a prior oath completed at Sumbel and the Lansdale Tru Folk made our first official act as an Oathed Kindred, which was to formally move to apply for AFA Recognized Kindred status. Our application is currently under review and we are very excited to join the ranks of the other esteemed Kindreds with such recognition.



## Upcoming Events

**Baltimore Area Meet & Greet**  
**Hosted by AFA Member Robert Powell**  
**Saturday, September 16 at 12 PM**

Festival of Maryland. Admission is \$17 for adults. Come on down and enjoy the sights, food, drink, and of course the folk! The Renaissance Festival of Maryland web site has directions and info.

<https://www.rennfest.com/>

### **AFA Northeast Conference Call**

**Hosted by Folkbuilder Clifford Erickson**

**Saturday, September 16 at 12:30 PM (from the Renaissance Festival of Maryland!)**

Open to all members to discuss news and updates for the Northeast Region. Our next Northeast conference call will be at 12:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 16, 2017. We look forward to hearing you there!

Dial-in Number: (641) 715-3580

Access Code: 174-424

### **Harvest Blot**

**Hosted by Lansdale Tru Folk**

**Sunday, September 17 at 3 PM - 8 PM**

The Lansdale Tru Folk will be hosting a Harvest Blot near Lansdale, PA on Sunday, September 17 at 3 PM to 8 PM. We would love to have you there with us. Please contact [cerickson@runestone.org](mailto:cerickson@runestone.org) if you are interested.

### **Winter Nights in the Poconos**

Pennsylvania, October 12 - 15

Register now at [winternights2017.eventzilla.net](http://winternights2017.eventzilla.net)

**Words from the AFA Military Program**



## **ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Hail, servicemen and women!

This month I am happy to announce the transition of leadership for the AFA Military Program, and it is now in the very capable hands of Kevin Long, of the TruFolk Kindred of Southern California. Kevin is a Marine Veteran and a noble man, and I have full confidence that he will bring only the best for our troops here and abroad. Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Steiner retains his roll as Active Duty Liaison. Unfortunately due to the change of hands, this month's update will be short and sweet. Stay tuned next month as the dust settles for Words from our new Program Coordinator.

Please join me in a hearty Hail to Kevin Long!

Hail the Doers!  
Hail the Gods!  
Hail the AFA!

Matt Waldrum  
Assistant Editor

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by Ryan Hahan, Folkbinder

Freyfaxi in Northern California was celebrated at New Grange Hof on Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th. With roughly 30 of our Folk joining us, we kicked it off with a Plowman's lunch. Consisting of the types of fare that would keep one going while working the fields and wouldn't spoil while doing so, we delighted ourselves on hard boiled eggs, summer sausages, breads, cheeses and pickles of all sorts. Now although this type of lunch is based on historical fact, the term itself is a more modern invention. The Plowman's lunch originated in the 1950's as a way to kick start the English agricultural economy. After years of war time rationing, the English became quite good at being frugal and the economy needed a boost. Thus, a campaign aimed at buying more goods from the local areas such as cheeses, breads, etc., was put in place and the economy and agriculture flourished once more. Something as simple as this helped a nation become fruitful again.

Bellies filled, and thanks given for the food, we went out to the fire pit in order to give Blot to Freyr. Gothi Thorgrun Odden led our Blot to the God of Peace and Plenty. His many names called out, a bowl of malted grain was passed around. Each person took a small handful then charged it with their gifts of thanks, might and Troth. As the offering horn made it's way around the circle the charged grains were placed inside, and once mingled with the mead inside the horn, the contents were poured upon the flames. Back inside the Hof, we spoke of what Freyfaxi really is. We heard a talk on reaping the fruits from seeds which we have sown, both as a Folk and as individuals. Dinner saw our tables groaning from the dishes which were brought. Everything from homemade kraut and gurkenslat to meat pies and sweets. We wrapped up the evening sitting fireside. Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel led us in Sumble, toasting our Gods, Ancestors and Heroes. After the next morning's breakfast, we cleaned up and were on our way back to our homes.

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Winterfinding is coming up! We'll be having our next event at the Hof during the weekend of Septembere 23rd and 24th, giving honor to the one who is said to rule in Odin's stead, Ullr. God of the Hunt, a friend to those who call upon him in single combat, Finest of

Ups. For more information, please contact me at rharlan@runestone.org. Thanks!

### Words from the AFA South West by Heather Clinkenbeard, Folkbuilder



August was a full month for us in Southern California. We started August with a park moot at our normal place. A beautiful park setting that our local folk go to and get rejuvenated. We get to be around great scenery and be in front of our folk, our people. Share a horn with them and have that physical reminder of why we do what we do. This month we also had a park moot at another park in Long Beach , in another county where we are hoping to

it easier for us to reach out to those trying to make it home. If you are in this area we will have a group up on Facebook soon to help with event times and dates.



Folkbuilder Heather Clinkenbeard, Christine Archer and Angelique Preston

We also gathered at a kinsman's, Kevin Long's house for a very nice FreyFaxi event where we shared a nice meal we all chipped in to make and Held a blot to Frey, Honoring the end of summer and harvest.





My son Devlin Johnson who is 10 and has been wanting to learn more and want to walk our path and be seen as a man by our community when the time comes. Schuyler Palmer has been working on rites for this and after our FreyFaxi, Devlin asked Schuyler Palmer and Kevin Long to both be his mentors on his journey. They all took oaths in front of the kindred and are starting their journey together. As a mother I couldn't be happier and and always counting my blessings for the people our faith and the AFA has brought into our life.





Kevin Long, Schuyler Palmer and Devlin Johnson

Kevin Long also celebrated his 30th birthday this month. Kevin is one of those people you meet and know right away he is good to the core. He is 100% about our people and our faith and selflessly proves that everyday. He takes on anything that is asked of him and goes above and beyond any and all expectations. He motivates those around him to do the

know how proud of him we all are.

Being San Diego we have quite the military presence in our group. Some were just out in the desert for the summer and just now returning. We want to let them know as well that we appreciate all they do for our country and welcome them home. Welcome home Daniel and Angelique!

Last but not least, one of our members Matthew Waldrum who is the man behind the voice has moved from San Diego to Raleigh NC. Although we will demand him back we hope he finds his way to the great folk on that side of the country. We hope he knows he is missed by us all.

**News from the AFA Alaska  
by Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder**



AFA Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar, Freyfaxi 2017

The weekend of Freyfaxi started off right in Alaska, with an open meetup for Folkish Asatruar and Odinists. There was a good turnout of some familiar faces and some new ones that were willing and eager to learn more.

The next day, AFA kindred Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar held our annual Freyfaxi celebration at the home of Gothi Steven Morrell. There was a good turnout there as well,

Games were played to the sounds of young children running around and playing with each other, and deep talks were had by members there.

A powerful Blót to Freyr was given by Gothi Steven Morrell and proper veneration to King Radbod was given as well.

The feast that night was made entirely of our harvest, whether it was beer or mead that members had brewed, fish and game that our members had hunted or raised, or vegetables that our members grew and harvested.

The day that passed to quickly came to a close with a Sumbel, where horn was raised to the Gods, ancestors, heroes, and to victories of our members and Folk.





**Words from the AFA Upper South  
by Paul Hester, Folkbuilder**



After the "Historic Battle of Charlottesville," We had a wonderful meet up and lunch in Waynesboro Virginia, where we broke bread and shared libations. Afterwards we were honored to hold a Faining to Odin led by Stephen McNallen, one of the most iconic people I've ever met and a true giant in our movement!



We also had several meet and greets this month one in Hickory North Carolina and the other at the Green Hill Park Highland Games. Our area is seething with activity and we're directing that energy not only at reaching out to our Folk, but building a strong vibrant community.

Our next big event on September 8th is Our AFA Camping Weekend in the beautiful Western Mountains of Virginia. We all ready have a large contingent and this promises to



details. Hail the Folk! Hail the AFA



**Words from AFA Australia and New Zealand (ANZ)  
from Cameron Mottus, Folkbuilder**

I have had a very satisfying August. This month I was able to reach out and call all of the members in Australia. It was nice to chat with each of them and find out more about who they are and what they are up to. I had the great fortune to be able to meet two of Australia's two newest AFA members in New South Wales.

On August 14th, after twenty hours of traveling, I met up with Gavin Begbie on the Gold Coast. I have been following Gavin on Facebook for the better part of two years. I have always found his insights valuable. I enjoyed hearing about his experiences in that part of Australia and we discussed ways to grow our membership.



On August 23rd, I met up with Kevin Reilly in Sydney. I have known Kevin for the past year from the meetups I host and he has always proven to be knowledgeable about current

with a fellow heathen. It was a most excellent blot.



One of the exciting outcomes of the discussions with the members was their buy in for a midsummer blot in December. The blot is tentatively set for the weekend of December 16th

Melbourne at that time.

Looking towards September, I will be hosting an Ostra blot on Sept 17th in Christchurch at the beautiful Pine Beach.

hail to the Gods and goddesses!

Hail to the folk !

Hail to the AFA!

Cameron Mottus

Folkbuilder (ANZ)

Asatru Folk Assembly

**Words from AFA Folk Services  
Jamie Souigny, Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large**

Hails my Folk !!!

I am sure you have all seen the devastating aftermath of the recent hurricane in Texas. When our Folk are in times of trouble it is our duty as a community to help each other out. You may be the one that needs a helping hand from your kin one day. We have (so far that we know of) 2 members that have been affected by this situation.

We are starting a "hurricane victim" fund to help out our members that have been hit by this disaster. Every little bit helps and if you can't afford to pitch in please share to help us get some assistance to those who need us.

Let's pull together for our Folk!

Please send donations to our Paypal account at

Accounting@asatrufolkassembly or click on our "donate" button at [runestone.org](http://runestone.org) .

Please notate that it is for the hurricane victim fund so we can be sure it gets to the proper Folk.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to message on this page.

Thanks in advance !!!

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## Hail the Folk

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### Northwest AFA in B.C. Canada

This year for Freyfaxi we celebrated at home with a small feast of pork tenderloin and beets fresh from the family farm, alongside fresh baked bread and mead from our local honeyfarm. We lit a candle and made a toast to Freyr, watched the MMA fight on TV in honor of the celebration, and snuggled our little girl extra tight. We were mindful of our many blessings this season and hopeful for many more to come.

We also enjoyed a small gathering with AFA brethren the night after, eating (delicious) homemade fingerfoods courtesy of our hosts and passing around the horn full of mead in honor of Freyr, the harvest, and friends who are no longer with us.

Freyfaxi this year reminded us to pause and feel gratitude for all that the harvest has brought us, from the farm and beyond, as a family, as folk, and as individuals. We were happy to be able to take the time to celebrate together and to hail the Gods whom inspire and guide us. Wishing everyone a bountiful harvest and prosperous years ahead!

We would also like to take the time to welcome our new Northwest members:

Corwin Scott OR

Emily Fehr BC

Marcus Gammenthaler ID

Welcome to the AFA !!!!

Hail Freyr!

Hail the AFA!

Emily F.

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### AFA Europe

Hailsa to all our Folk in Europe!

I just wanted to congratulate Europe on having their own blog page on the AFA site. many

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jsouigny@runestone.com

I am looking forward to hearing from our members in Europe!

Hail the AFA!

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The Women of the AFA would like to announce a brand new project - the Baby Blanket Project! We're committed to ensuring all new babies born within the AFA are gifted a hand made - knit, crocheted, or woven - baby blanket! It just our little way of celebrating our new folk!

If you would like a blanket for your newborn, or would like to donate to help with yarn cost (yarn is expensive!) please notify Jamie (jsouigny@runestone.org) with the subject line: BABY BLANKET.

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AFA Folk Services is intended to provide modest, one-time monetary grants to Asatru Folk Assembly (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, send a private message to the [Folk Services page on facebook](#).

We have had some amazing support to boost our funds for Folk Services as of late. It is the support of our community that helps our Folk in times of unforeseen troubles. Without this support we would not have the levels of success we have achieved and I am looking forward to seeing how far we can go in the future.

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Note from the Founder: We need your help! Lots of people "like" our posts, but fewer

contributions are earnestly solicited and of course are tax-deductible! Every little bit adds up! Got an extra \$5 this month? Shoot it over to Folk Services!

If even a fraction of the folks who like the page did that each month, imagine the possibilities!

Thanks in advance!

Jamie Souigny

Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large

**Words from AFA Northern Plains  
by Todd Bailey, Apprentice Folkbuilder**



Northern Plains Freyfaxi 2017

this Ceremony we honored Frey! This also was a very important to myself since this was the Blot that my brother Blaine dedicated our baby girl Millicent to our ways and the Gods! Next month is Fall Fest and I for one am looking for much forward to meeting you all and raising a horn with you all in honor of our beautiful ways! Hail the Gods! Hail the Goddesses! Hail the Ancestors! Hail the Folk! Hail the AFA!

**Words from the Four Corners Region  
by Nate Hayden, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

**Four Corners Region September Schedule**

New Mexico

September 3rd, Sunday

Sumbel

For more information, contact Cecile Johnston at [hyppgnosis321@gmail.com](mailto:hyppgnosis321@gmail.com)

September 16th, Saturday

Open Meeting

Santa Fe Renaissance Fair at the Los Golondrinas Ranch

For more information, contact Cecile Johnston at [hyppgnosis321@gmail.com](mailto:hyppgnosis321@gmail.com)

Utah

September 10th, Sunday 5pm MDT

Four Corner's Conference Call

Cecile Johnston, from New Mexico, will discuss "Defending the Ancestors".

We are going to try adding speakers and various subjects to our conference calls followed by a general update in each area. For more information, contact [nhayden@runestone.org](mailto:nhayden@runestone.org).

September 17th, Sunday 11am MDT

Pub Moot at Clancey's Irish Pub (7000 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033)



## Words from AFA Minnesota by Jason Gallagher, Apprentice Folkbuilder



Here in Minnesota we are getting ready for Fallfest and getting everything finalized. This was another busy month for us. We had a productive Rune study group at the beginning of the month. Freyfaxi was a great time and we had honored guests from Ulfhednar Clan Jesse Jansen and his wife Brandy. This was our biggest event to date and amazing day it was. And our last event of the month was the meet and greet in Little Falls. Big thank you to Lynn Abbot for helping out with this event. If you plan to be in the area and would like to

Congratulations to expecting parents Mathew and Melody Danielson due on September 22!

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### Upcoming Events

- Fallfest: September 8-10th
- Rune Study Group: September 6th 5:30
- Folkish Family Pizza Day: September 24th 2-5 @ Oak Park Heights, MN
- Winternights Disablót: October 21st 4-7 @ Bloomington, MN

Hail the Doers!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses!

Hail the AFA!





## Words from AFA Midwest by Zach Cato, Apprentice Folkbuilder

Heill Asa-Folk,

Things have been very busy and productive in the Midwest this last month. I have been reaching out to members in my region and getting to know everyone. We have some new blood, old blood and more on the way. There is a calling in the Midwest for community. All that seems to be slowing it down is travel; work schedules mostly. But, this hasn't stopped the communication and travels are being scheduled all of the time. Although there hasn't been as much meet and greet as I'd like there have been lengthy calls and emails that have led to friendships and greater connections with the folk in my area. Many seeds are being planted in the Midwest!

I am proud to announce that we have spiced things up a bit and added topics to our monthly conference calls with downloadable handouts to accompany them! This has been with the request of members and I am glad to help bring their wishes to life. The topic for August was the pronunciation and general Runelore of the Elder Futhark. September will continue with runeology, focusing on the different aspect of the runes and how to use them. These will continue on and after our few months or so of runeology I will be taking polls and/or submissions from members for topics that they would like to discuss. This way it covers all grounds concerned to the Midwest members and not just, let's say, what I think they'd wish to discuss.

me and being such a great help with the conference calls. She will be assisting me in conference calls to come. I have also talked to some other members who have expressed their want to volunteer anyway they can for the AFA Midwest. There is at least one in every state in the Midwest region who wants to volunteer. With that being said, there are many great things brewing in my area.

I will continue working on my goals as folkbuilder, as mentioned in last month's Voice. We will be having a Midwest gathering in Indianapolis in November. The date, time and place will be organized and set within the next month and a half. I will post this in the Moots and Meetings page and send emails to all of the Midwest members.

I have been in the process of starting a new job and moving into a new home so my traveling had slowed for the moment but things are settling down and getting back in order. After Fallfest, I will be planning trips to Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. I will notify members of each area in advance to make the most out of each meeting. More on that as time and availability develops.

One more thing before I sign off. Some of you have heard me mention podcasts on runeology, history, lore and more. I still aim to produce these. I have been technologically limited to my phone due to the loss of my laptop to rain and tablet to faulty engineering but have been working so much overtime that I'll be able to get a new computer this week. So once I get it I'll be recording the first season of Folk-Lore. More news on that in the next issue of the Voice.

Once again, a special thanks to Frau Nordvik for being such a tremendous help on the conference call last week and on such short notice. It is greatly appreciated. And a thanks to all of the Midwest members I've had the pleasure to get to know this month. Those I haven't contacted yet, I hope to meet you all soon. As for the AFA leadership and members at large, I'm looking forward to meeting you in a few weeks at Fallfest.

HAIL THE GODS!

HAIL THE FOLK!

HAIL THE AFA!

Midwest, Vinland  
Apprentice Folkbuilder

## Circle of Eir - A Call to Healing

AFA Circle of Eir performs a monthly healing ritual calling on Eir and naming those AFA members and families in need of healing. If you would like to become a member of the Circle or would like to submit the name of someone who needs healing, please send me an email at [patriciahall@runestone.org](mailto:patriciahall@runestone.org)

The September ritual will be held on Thursday the 21st, at midnight EST/USA. Hail Eir!

## AFA Mead Makers Group

Thanks to the generosity of many of our home brewers, mead is abundant at our events. Mead is a fairly easy brew to make, and can be as simple or as complex as you want it to be. In the past, it was mostly women who were in charge of making mead, but these days people from both sexes enjoy the craft.

Are you interested in learning how to make your own mead? We invite you to join our AFA Mead Maker's group on Facebook. We have folk from rank beginners to people who have been making mead for decades, so there's lots of people to learn from. to join, notify myself, Marc or Clifford and we'll add you to the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AFAMeadMakers>

Hails my Folk!!!

We are in the process of gathering artwork for a collection of greeting cards to be offered for sale to our Folk. To have cards available for all of our observed Holy Days and Special Occasions is our goal here.

I can't draw much more than stick people but I am sure there is a lot of artistic talent in our community. We are also reaching out through our Prison Ministry for art contributions from Folk on the inside. Artwork can be submitted via online email or by mail:

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Rainbow,CA 92028

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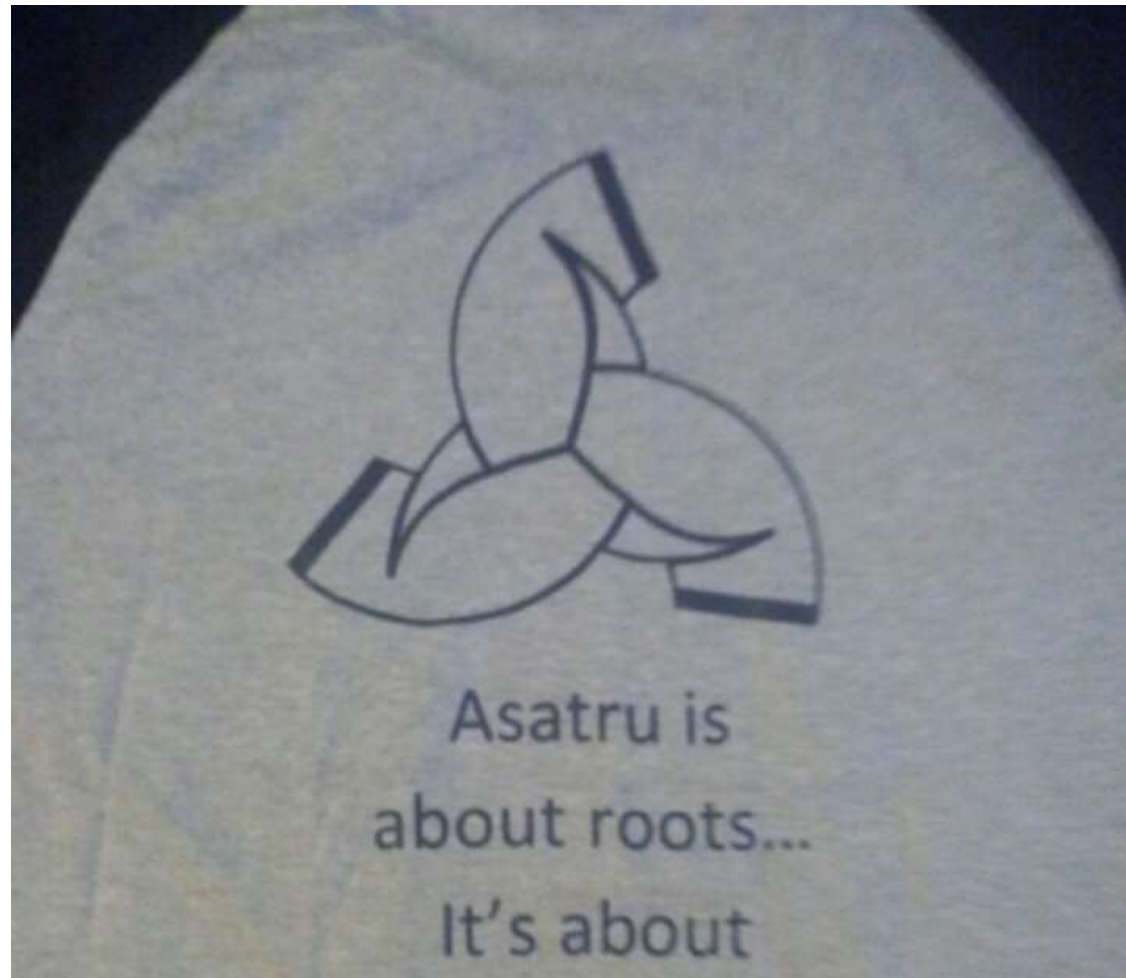
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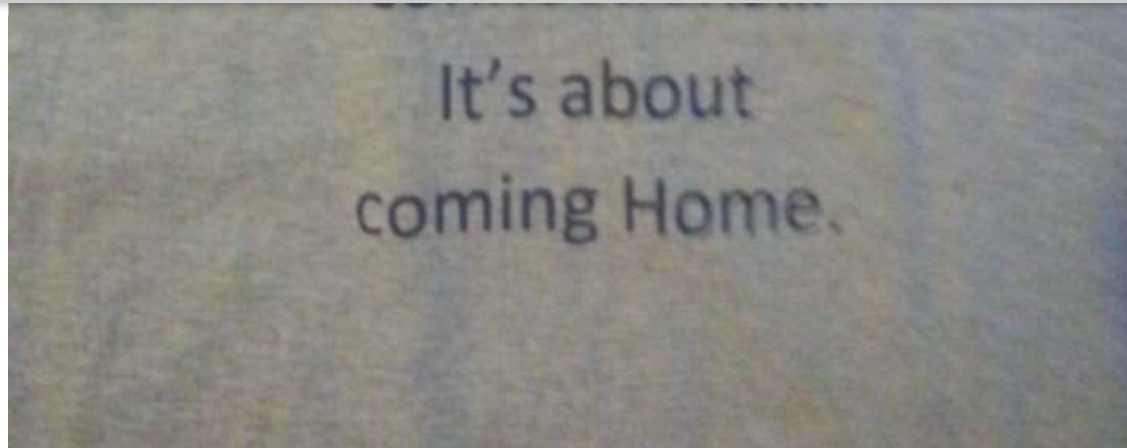
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