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Rokkeheaden

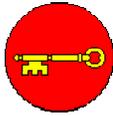
Glyph Notes

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Oyez! Oyez!

Regularly Scheduled Shire Events

Social Gathering/Monthly Moots/A&S Nights

The following dates in March through June have been reserved for the shire's social gatherings, A&S nights, and moots - All these dates are on Thursdays except where noted:

Thursday, Nov. 9

Thursday, Nov. 30 (moot)

Thursday, Dec. 7

Thursday, Dec. 28 (moot, unless held at the Christmas party as is usually the case)

Thursday, Jan. 4

Thursday, Jan. 25 (moot)

The room at the library is available for our use from 6:30-8:45 pm. Moots are now beginning at 7:30 pm.

The library is located on Oak Brook Road (31st Street) between York Road and Route 83. Very easy to find!

Oak Brook Library
600 Oak Brook Road
Oak Brook, Illinois
630-990-2222



Fighter Practice

Fox Vale - Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Aurora Community Center

Ayreton – sponsored by Grey Gargoyles, Sundays, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago Campus (near the Museum of Science & Industry).

Arts and Sciences / Calligraphy & Illumination

First and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, at the Oak Brook Library. *See 'Weekly Shire Gatherings/Moots' above.*

Contact Fiona (svalentine_98@yahoo.com) for more information.

Archery

Archery has concluded for the season. It will resume in the spring.

Night falls earlier these days, shadows stretching blue-gray fingers across the landscape. Leaves are falling, leaving tree limbs bare and skeletal, and rustling underfoot like voices whispering in the depths of the woods. Whose are the invisible feet wandering through the twilight woods? Whose are the voices whispering?

Autumn is the time of year when all the fears of our ancestors seem to come out of their ancient rest to haunt us once more. Vampires and ghouls walk through dark streets, demons and witches sail with wisps of clouds across the face of the hunters' moon. The bright, crisp fall days find their opposites in the dark fires of midnight, just as logic and rationality have their opposites in the ghosts and goblins of an October evening.

The terrifying, haunted world of our ancient ancestors is still very close to us. Their gods – mysterious, clever, sometimes violent and vicious – have come down to us in the form of the devils and demons of many a campfire tale or scary movie. Some of our most innocuous little traditions have their roots in somber religious ceremonies that meant life or death to their pagan participants. Christmas trees, maypoles, Morris dancers and the Easter Bunny all have links to the older customs of darker cultures. The Devil wears the horns and hooves of Pan. Early Christian missionaries took some of the customs and ceremonies – and some of the gods themselves – and gave them Christian faces, but in their roots they are still pagan.

The Shires of Rokkehealden and Baile na Scolairi
proudly present

Inkin' in Lincoln

Saturday, December 16, 2006

Davis Lodge

25449 Davis Lodge Rd., Hudson, IL 61748

No day camps allowed. Dry site.

The focus of this event is scribal networking, skill improvement, and fun. Anyone is welcome regardless of skill level or interest.

Autocrats: Akiko Catherine O'Brien, email: pechadwick@notwires.com
and Ellen of the Scholars, email: cebaker@ilstu.edu

Site Fee: Pre-reg. \$4.00 per person (must be in hand on or before Dec. 8, 2006). **At the door:** \$5.00 per person. **Send pre-reg fees to:** Cindy E. Baker, (Ellen of the Scholars), 802 S. Allin St., Bloomington, IL 61701. *Note: If you're not a member please don't forget to add the \$3.00 surcharge. You must show proof of membership.*

Lunch will be provided by the Scolairi cooks and tea with yummy desserts provided by the Rokkehealden Scriptorium. No cost for lunch; it's included in the site fee.

Site Information: The site is dry. No day camps allowed. In the spirit of this event, we are holding all classes in an open area. This is being done to encourage networking and communication among the scribes. Some of the classes will be structured. Some will be open forum so scribes can feel free to go up to teachers or other scribes and say, "How'd ya do that?" We will have a library area and an A & S area. If you have supplies, bring them.

Scribal Blank Challenge: Can you and a scribe you've never worked with before create a scribal blank in under an hour? Sure you can! If you have supplies please bring them. If not, that's OK, just let us know and we will make sure you have what you need. Please sign up in advance if you're interested. Send an email to Lady Akiko: pechadwick@notwires.com

Schedule and Activities:

9:00am – Site opens to the populace.

9:30am – 4:00pm Library area open.

9:30am – 4:00pm A&S display area open.

10:00am – 11:00am Scribal Blank Challenge

11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch available

4:00pm – 5:00pm Scribal Tea

6:00pm – Site closes to the populace.

Please check the website for details and updates

<http://www.midrealm.org/rokkehealden/inkin-in-lincoln.html>.

Pagan Influences on Holidays and the Calendar: *From Samhain to Halloween* by Philippa of Otterbourne

Today we think of pagans as Satan-worshipping heathens but the early pagan religions found God in the natural world around them. The term "pagan" comes from the Latin word for "country." Pagan beliefs were often bound in nature and cycles: the rebirth of spring, crops and the harvest. Ancient cultures like the Romans, Celts, and Vikings had gods of war, gods of thunder, gods of sun, mother earth, etc.

At this time of year, we think of the Celtic celebration of Samhain (sow-en) from which Halloween is derived. The term Samhain most likely came from the Gaelic word "samhuinn" meaning "summer's end." The Celts celebrated Samhain at harvest time; when the crops were in, the seasons were changing and winter was approaching. Samhain was a time to reflect on the past and remember loved ones who had died. The Celts believed that during Samhain, spirits (both good and evil) traveled from this world to the next. The spirits of the dead roamed about during Samhain. In order to scare away evil spirits, they carved faces into turnips or gourds. This celebration was the forerunner of our modern Halloween.

Halloween gets its name because it is the eve of All Hallows' Day (also known as All Saints' Day). Ironically All Saints' Day was instituted in 609 A.D. but it was initially celebrated in May. It was moved to November 1 in 834 A.D. in an attempt to surpass the pagan harvest celebration. This didn't quite turn out the way the early Church wanted. The Samhain tradition of honoring dead ancestors, was more appealing than honoring dead Christian saints. In an attempt to further promote Christianity the Church instituted a new holiday called All Souls' Day, celebrated on November 2. Incorporating a popular aspect of Samhain into All Soul's Day, the Church encouraged people to pray for the souls of dead ancestors trapped in Purgatory.

Although Halloween is largely viewed today as a secular holiday, its history is significant to illustrate the ways in which the early Christian Church sought to use pagan festivals to engender acceptance among those who found the country traditions hard to abandon. By blending the old with the new it made conversion to Christianity easier.

What other holidays have the early pagans influenced? Stay tuned for more...

Greetings Unto the Youth Teachers and Helpers of the Mighty Midrealm!

The date is now in place, Dec. 2, 2006. The location is Decatur, IL.

The theme for R.U.M. is **Holidays In History and Twelfth Night Presents**

Please volunteer to teach or help. I would like to have a list of classes posted by the end of October 2006.

Thank you, Lady Akiko Catherine O'Brien
Dean of Youth Arts and Education

Instructor:

Title of Class:

Description of Class:

Number of students:

Age restrictions:

Will you have an assistant with you?

Class Length:

Cost:



Non-teaching helpers are needed too!

Below is a list of things youth have suggested.

Boffer:

- Weapons construction
- Making my armor look more period
- How do I sign up to do boffer?
- How do I become a marshal?

Pages School

Bardic/Music/ Performance/

Dance:

- Storytelling
- Performing in front of audience
- Singing
- Playing an instrument, recorder, drum, harp (top three)
- Dancing

- Magic Tricks

- Juggling

Costuming and Accessories:

- Make a Simple Tunic
- Embroidery
- Weaving
- Make a cloak
- Make a pair of Draw String Pants
- Make a bag to hold my stuff
- Mask making
- Make jewelry, beading

Scribal:

- Make a scroll
- Write Calligraphy
- Painting and drawing
- Scroll case cover

Games:

- Period games; construction and playing

Woodworking:

- Making a box.

Cooking:

- Making period foods that kids want to make and eat.

Other:

- Pick a name and persona.
- Heraldry for kids.
- Greeting others in the SCA.
- Serving at feasts and events in general.
- Types of awards in the SCA for kids. Can kids write awards? If so, how?

What Happened To My Award Recommendation? *By Countess Alys Katharine*

Having only recently been a member of the populace and not Royalty, I would wonder why some deserving gentle did not receive the award for which I had recommended them. When I became Queen, I learned some of the reasons why, and I would like to share them with you in the hope that perhaps you will learn how to work the system and become less frustrated when an award is not given.

First, always keep a copy of what you wrote and for whom. If using the on-line web award recommendation site, you can see what awards you have submitted. If your recent submission does not appear, please contact the web minister to let him know there appears to be a problem. If the submission does not appear, you can send the copy of your text that you kept directly to the Royalty either by e-mail or post.

Now, presuming that your recommendation was entered into the web database, here's what might happen. You recommend Jane of the Doe for a Willow and say that she will be attending Event A and Event B. Their Majesties will not be attending Event A but will be at Event B as well as Event C. (Note: Usually the Royalty's travel schedule is on Their website, available from the Midrealm site, so you can see what events They will likely be attending.) Most Royalty start by using the event listing to see who will be attending and what the person is recommended to receive. If you did not list that event, the person's name will not appear there (such as at Event C). Their Majesties, therefore, call up the data for people attending Event B. They find your recommendation for a Willow. Most Crowns will want to see two or three recommendations for the same award and person before deciding to offer it. Therefore, the Royalty will check to see how many people support the recommendation that you submitted. This is easily done by the Crown. They click on that person's name which will then bring up all of the recommendations for people with similar names. Scrolling down, the Royalty can see that yours was the only recommendation. Jane will probably not receive a Willow this time.

However, if one or two other people have also submitted a recommendation for a Willow, this can be seen when the Crown clicks on Jane's name. Those recommendations may have been submitted months ago, but they still stay in the database with the date they were submitted. If the recommendations seem valid, and if there are enough to meet the current Crown's criteria for awards, then Jane will receive her Willow. Therefore, if you believe that she deserves the award, encourage others to write her in as well.

What you write also can make a difference. Saying Jane deserves the Willow because she does lots of sewing for everyone and puts embroidery on all the pieces is not as likely to catch Their Majesties' attention as saying Jane has learned to do blackwork and Opus Anglicanum, as well as traditional Viking designs. She makes clothing for newcomers in the group and puts an embroidered design on each one. She has taught our shire to do simple blackwork caps and Viking aprons. She has taught at two RUM

sessions. She has put pictures of her embroidery on her website. Be as specific as possible. Their Majesties do not know this person but you do. Be honest and accurate in your praise of Jane.

Now, suppose that Their Majesties for whatever reason do not award Jane the Willow that you recommended. Event B has now gone by. You learn that Jane will be attending other events where Their Majesties will be present (such as Event C), but you didn't list Event C when you originally submitted the recommendation. Their Majesties again call up the listing for Event C but Jane's name is not there. They can no longer go back to Event B and call up the names of those who were listed as attending. Once the event is over and a certain time passes, the event listings disappear from the Event section in the database. Your recommendation is still there, but it is now under the Regional section as well as under Jane's name. The database's Regional section is huge and takes five to ten minutes to download. And, at this point, it contains all the names of all the people who were recommended via the web site, even though many of those people already received that award a year or two ago. For a Royal with a slow connection or a small computer, the Regional section is very difficult to use.

So, what do you do? You can go back to the web site and update your recommendation with new events, thus keeping the Crown updated on that person as well. Any person can update (or delete) any recommendation that he or she sent in. So, if you have additional facts, go back to the web site and add them. (Think about including the name of Jane's home group!) Be sure that you have spelled Jane's name correctly. If you spell it Jane, your friend spells it Jayne and the seneschal spells it Jaine or even Geine, the recommendations will appear under those names, making it seem like three or four different people. And, don't use a person's title. If you submit Jane's name as Lady Jane, the Royalty won't find it when they look for names starting with J.

Keep in mind that ideally you should give Their Majesties a three- to four-week lead time, so don't wait until the last moment to update or add material. Most Royalty try to have the Court list to the scribes at least two weeks prior to the event. The extra weeks give Them time to look at the list and discuss how much Court time They will need and how many awards to give. Be sure that others have sent in recommendations as well. Look at Their Majesties' travel schedule. Will Jane be at the same events? It really does help the Royalty to know who will be at the events They plan to attend.

If Jane of the Does still does not receive the award you recommended and you have submitted the information in detail with all the events she will attend, consider re-sending the information for the next Reign. Each set of Royalty have Their own parameters about how many awards to give, how long a Court They want, and how to determine who receives which award. If Jane does not receive the award during one Reign, she may well receive it in another. If you believe she truly deserves the award, don't give up!

Pennsic Is Moving

on the calendar starting next year

PLEASE READ or you might show up after it's over.

Cordial greetings unto the populace of the Known World from Rosamund Beauvisage, Mayor of Pennsic 36.

I am pleased to announce that the Pennsic War will be held one week earlier in 2007 than has been the case in the last number of years. By the old schedule, Pennsic 36 Troll would have opened on Friday, 3 August 2007 and the site would have closed on Sunday, 19 August 2007. Under the new schedule, Pennsic 36 Troll will open on Friday, 27 July 2007 and the site will close on Sunday, 12 August 2007.

The decision to move Pennsic up a week was not undertaken lightly and was prompted by steadily-increasing concern about the conflict between Pennsic and school calendars. School districts across the country have been starting earlier and earlier, a situation preventing many parents and their school-age children from attending, especially since many can often only stay for only the first part of War even though that means they have to pay for both weeks. The situation similarly affects our members who are educators.

On 20 May 2006, after six months of investigation, the Kingdom Seneschal Group (the Seneschals of Aethelmarc, the East and the Middle, alphabetically), approved the change in accordance with the Pennsic Administrative Policies. Their respective Crowns concurred, as did the management of Coopers Lake Campground.

By the time this announcement is published, the new schedule for future Pennsic Wars will be available on the Pennsic War website <www.pennsicwar.org>.



Thank you in advance for your time. See you at the War!

In service to the Society,
Baroness Rosamund Beauvisage, OP, OL
Mayor, Pennsic War 36



YOUTH BOFFER

To All Youth Fighters and their parents:

We have a new site for boffer fighting practice. We will have practice now twice a month, on the first and third Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We now have 12-16 fighters coming to practice on a regular basis, with at least 2 fighters in each division regularly showing up.

Location: Hope Presbyterian Church
1771 S. Wiesbrook Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Directions: Coming from Butterfield Rd....The church is 2 blocks north of Butterfield Rd on the right. Wheaton-Warrenville South High School is on the west side of the road and the church is up on a hill across from the very back of the high school campus-this is the corner of Durfee and Wiesbrook. On the corner of Wiesbrook and Butterfield is a little blue sign that says Hope Presbyterian Church. Wiesbrook, which has a traffic light, is West of Danada Square and east of the Blackwell Forest Preserve.

Marshal in charge: Acelina of Derelei phone 630-378-5413. email djc137@aol.com

We sincerely want to thank Fox Vale for giving us our starting location. We simply grew too big for that site. But without them, this wouldn't have happened.

Moot Minutes



Minutes – July 27, 2006

Called to order at 7:30 pm

Seneschal's report: Coronation will be in Sternfeld so FoxVale will continue with the original Fox Hunt II plans. Fighter practice at Austin's has begun. College of DuPage has a student group in the works, with the possibility of practice or an event site. He is still also checking on the Meadows Center. Pennsic is next month – "Have fun – be safe!"

Akiko needs someone going to Pennsic to take scrolls with them.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Officer Reports: A&S: Reports are due. Thanks to those who've submitted; if anyone else, please send by this weekend. There is a West Chicago demo scheduled; Vanished Wood is handling.

Chatelaine: web has been fixed. Newcomers present: Cecilia & Jessica.

Web Ministers: the Scriptorium page is being revamped with current stuff. Also fighter practice pictures will be uploaded.

Knights' Marshal: Fighter practice going forward at Austin & Akiko's

Archery: Mondays and Thursdays; come out if you're interested – we have loaner gear

Pursuivant: Midrealm will be accepting submissions at Pennsic; will cost more and take longer but they will do it. They will have a lot of resources for heraldry research. Badge commentary is so far positive. Should have a decision by August.

Moot adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes – August 24, 2006

Called to order at 7:51 pm

New business: Akiko would like the Shire to co-sponsor the first All-Lincoln scribal event, with Baile na Scolairi as co-sponsor. She and Ellen will autocrat. Location is Davis Center just outside Normal; point of event is for scribes to network, attach faces to names. There will be no formal feast or court. Scolairi cooks will provide lunch if Rokkehealden provides dessert or somesuch. Tentative date is December 16th. Want non-scribal types to volunteer for troll and support staff so all scribes will be free to attend classes and schmooze. Will also need people to guard A&S display and library display, as well as teach classes. Costs: \$150 – 200 for building; looking for about 50 people at about \$5/person. Johannes said we have enough in shire coffers to split if the shire approves. Suggested title: "Inkin' in Lincoln" by Mikhail. Scolairi's business meeting is 9/4/06 and we can't discuss publicly until they approve.

RUM is 12/2 in Decatur; Akiko is seeking youth teachers. This will be her last RUM as Dean of Youth.

MKAOD in September: there will be a scribal area.

Aelfreda asked if the Lincoln event will be meant to impact Known World H&S Symposia. Akiko says no, but symposia tend to be highly weighted towards Heraldry.

Mary: Is there a deadline for RUM teacher volunteers? Akiko: No deadline per se; hopes to have all slots filled by end of September.

Old business: Fox Hunt: Elaine believes that there are enough people to cover children's activities. Still need people for assistance in other areas, but it is looking good so far.

Officers Reports: Chatelaine: Nothing really; new person from Calontir joined the list.

Web Ministers: Glyph Notes is up on Web; will be updating rest of site soon. Asks for photos – Pennsic, recent events. Will be deleting old stuff. Midrealm web server crashed recently but is back up – more or less... Tech person not present. Also, as Lincoln Signet, reminder that all should keep their award recommendations current; once a date has passed, the recommendations will be dropped.

Knights Marshal: Akiko for aforementioned tech person – House Chadwyck is hosting Fighter Practice/A&S/Social/Youth Stuff on Wednesdays. Had to cancel last week as Knight Marshal Chadwyck out of town.

Chronicler: Glyph Notes are up and copies available for perusal here. Next issue will be a theme issue on Halloween and spooky stuff. SEND ARTICLES & ART.

Minister of Youth: Needs to get paperwork to make transfer official.

A&S: There will be A&S classes at MKAOD. There will also be a contest for cover art for the Pale. Angharad is on vigil for Laurel, to be elevated at Coronation.

Pursuivant: Web site down again. Badge is on current letter of intent, with no negative comments so far. We should get a progress report soon.

Seneschal: Usual Post-Pennsic Party this Saturday at Fiona & Johannes's. Potluck. As for Christmas, dates are limited, but F & J are offering to host. Possibly the 30th.

Archery: Report by Xavier as Ottokar broke his foot during his first thirty hours at Pennsic (Ouch!): Mondays and Thursday. Attend!!

Adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Minutes – September 28, 2006

Called to order at 7:35 pm

Johannes suggested that the Shire handle the lunch at Vanished Woods event November 4th, for about 80 people. Mikhail moved, Isabel & Akiko seconded. Lunch will be meat, cheese, eggs, bread, drink – just simple stuff. Will continue discussion on-line. Johannes will take lead.

There will be an Ayreton meeting at Fox Hunt, as well as a local seneschal meeting. Timing of Ayreton event will be discussed. Acelina wants to emphasize that this is for ALL Chicagoland groups.

Officers Reports: Archery: is done for the year. There will be archery at Fox Hunt. Tree-Girt-Sea continues to meet at Custom Archery Shop.

Pursuivant: Uploaded current copy of OP to Files at the YahooGroup site. Check to make sure your information is correct. Johannes suggests checking out your friends as well and submitting their names for awards they haven't got yet. Also, they are moving towards standardizing forms throughout the SCA.

Youth: Winter site has been found for boffer. Site is technically "free" but they do expect a donation to church. Asking all shires to contribute for kids. \$40 / sessions with 2 sessions a month is suggested. Aelfreda suggested demo for partial repayment. Motion for Shire to vote next time after discussion moved and passed. Elaine moved that the Shire put aside a set amount per month to support youth boffer. Will discuss on-line and vote next time.

Knights Marshal: No practice

Web Ministers: will be adding more stuff. Has been doing cleanup of space. Needs current stuff – photos, etc. Other people have provided positive feedback. Johannes suggests adding links from his Challenge. Also, calendar items should go to both Akiko and Isabel so they will be posted in the Glyph Notes as well. RUM needs youth teachers. Also Lincoln event needs non-scribal types. Site fee will be prereg \$4, \$5 on site. Lunch and dessert tea will be included.

A&S: What Akiko said. Plus Fox Hunt has a scribal challenge and round table with blanks and books to look at.

Chatelaine: Newcomer from Tree-Girt-Sea: Yamina. Received email demo request for 11/14 for Cub Scouts in Darien. If anyone is interested... Philippa will put out on email newsgroups.

Chronicler: Next newsletter will have Halloween theme. Send articles and artwork.

Mikhail will teach a knotwork class at the November A&S night.

Adjourned at 8:29 pm

Minutes – October 25, 2006

Called to order at 7:32 pm.

Old Business: Motion for shire to donate for boffer site. Don't know what other shires will contribute. Tabled motion until next moot to discover what exact details are, as Minister of Youth not present. Subject of alternatives should be discussed. Sibeal suggests good idea to table until representation is present and to have vote without children present. Other shires seem to feel the same way. Johannes will get in touch with MOY to have her either provide actual proposal with details or to have her formally withdraw query. Sibeal also questioned rules about 503C non-profits donating to other non-profits; was assured our exchequer is on top of issue.

Shire is doing lunch for Vanished Woods' All Souls Day event. This Sunday House Machiavelli is sponsoring a "stop-by-and-cook" open house for prep work starting about noon.

Also, the bake sale at Vanished Woods will be for the benefit of the late Lord Aldred of Ascalon's family.

Akiko says that TRM will attend the Lincoln event, but as private citizens; there will be no court. We have 8 prereg so far from our area. Still trying to get teachers from outside the Lincoln area.

We have a tentative site for the Ayreton event – Thieves of Hearts practice site: a high school in a good location with showers (!) and reasonable costs. Date still has not been set.

Akiko still looking for youth teachers for RUM December 2nd in Decatur. Sibeal offers to teach beginning blackwork. Philippa still debating logistics of harp class. Akiko is still recruiting.

Austin pointed out that we still hadn't moved or voted on boffer issue. Philippa moved that we table boffer site issue and Fiona seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

The Shire Holiday Party will be at Johannes & Fiona's Saturday, December 30th, with a potluck dinner at 4 – 4:30ish.

Xavier says that there is a demo at East Aurora High School on November 11th for the Boy Scouts. It's a Saturday at 8 am.

Looking for fighters. FoxVale will provide some participants.

Officers Reports: A&S: Report due on November 1st – wants to hear from everyone!! At A&S November 9th Mikhail will teach Celtic knotwork. And Ayreton is sponsoring a contest to design a badge for the group.

Chatelaine: Report has been sent in. Demo (11/17 in Darien) mentioned at last moot – no one can do except Kellee and her kids, so Philippa sent on to FoxVale and other groups to see if they could pick it up.

Web Minister: Wants stuff. Is considering stepping down and letting Tech Person Austin take over.

Chronicler: Promises Glyph Notes will be done for Halloween but we all know she lies.

Archery: Season is done. Some archery on Wednesdays at Custom Archery Shop. Ottokar will check it out.

Pursuivant: Akiko has been awarded a Dragon's Heart. Hoobah!! Looking for Deputy Pursuivant for Rokkehealden to help maintain reports and Records. Fiona of FoxVale is now Escutcheon Herald. New forms for badges have been released. The badge submission has gone to Laurel. Feedback is slow on all levels.

Knights Marshal: No fighting occureth.

Seneschal: Everything covered earlier.

Adjourned at 8:14 pm.



Blackwork Embroidery adds beautiful detail to garb. Shirt sleeves, collars, cuffs, skirt hems, gloves, handkerchiefs – you can give practically anything that period look with the addition of blackwork embroidery.

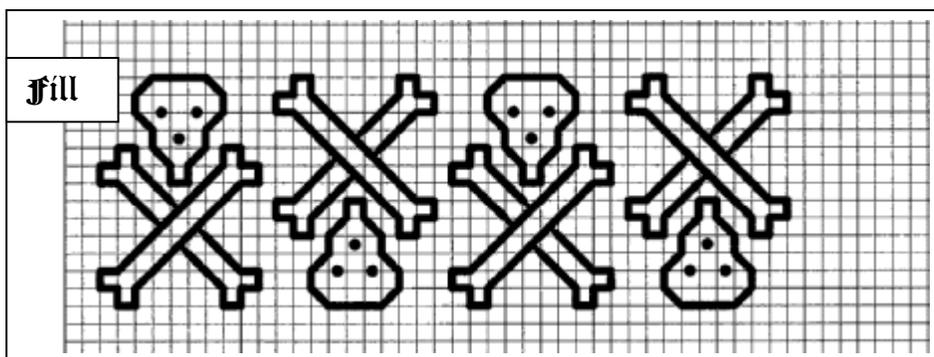
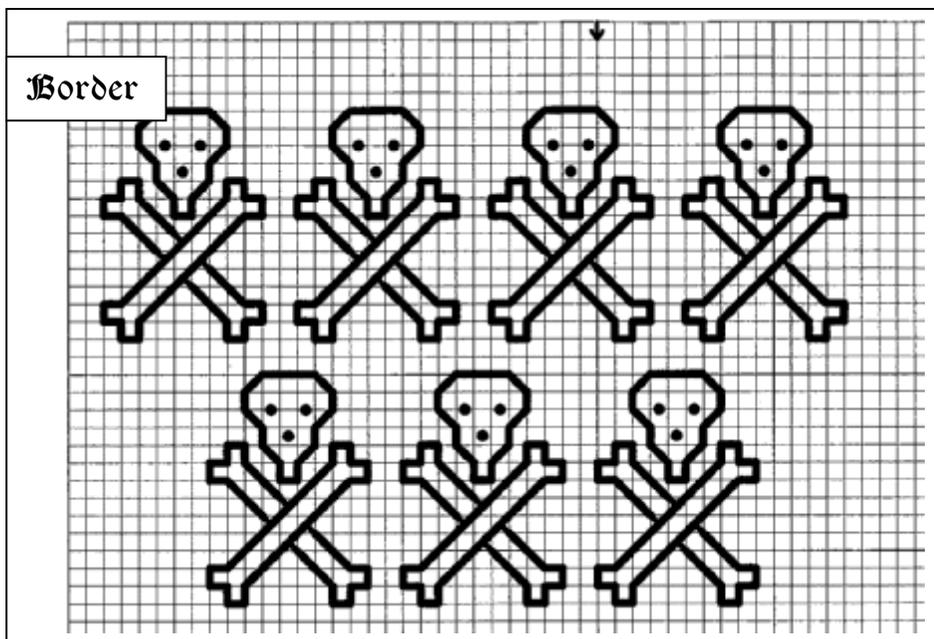
Blackwork looks difficult, but if you have any experience at all with a needle and thread, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to learn. Like all crafts, it takes practice, but the payoff is worth it.

This embroidery is done on an even-weave fabric, like linen or fine cross-stitch fabric, and there is only one stitch – the backstitch. This means that when done correctly, blackwork embroidery is the same on the back and the front of the fabric, which makes it great for cuffs and ruffs!

If you're a little unsure about your ability to teach yourself this simple and

rewarding art, keep an eye out for classes. There are several people in the Midrealm who teach blackwork at events and at IRUM. Or if you know someone who does this, ask them to show you how!

And to get you started, here's a nicely Halloweeny design from Rosaline Weaver!



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