

# The Windlore

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## Welcome to the Windlore!



Greetings and welcome to the July 2007 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill. This newsletter is distributed primarily in an electronic format and is accessible from the website [www.windmastershill.org](http://www.windmastershill.org). If you desire to be sent a hard copy of the windlore via mail, please submit a written request to the Barony by coming to a monthly Baronial Meeting or by contacting the Baronial Chronicler:

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*This issue of the Windlore is dedicated to the right to Bare Arms.*

## Letter from Their Excellencies

### Greetings Everyone,

June was a lovely month. Her Excellency attended University along with a number of other members of the Barony. We also had a wonderful time at Buckston's Midsummer Twilight Tourney and were happy to see so many of the members of the Barony were able to join us. Her Excellency has authorized spear and is looking forward to her first heavy battle at Pennsic. WOOT! We would like to take a moment to thank the Windmasters' Hill Scriptorium for their tireless work creating incredibly beautiful award scrolls for the Barony. Thank you for working so hard to ensure that our Baronial award recipients receive scrolls and for helping to make the Barony a more beautiful place.

Pre-registration has now passed and we are happy to report that the Baronial encampment has grown by leaps and bounds. In fact we almost, but not quite, doubled in size! Our Pennsic camp stewards Girard and Guenievre are hard at work to make this a memorable and exciting year in the Windmasters' Hill encampment. PLEASE be sure to register with Girard and Guenievre now that you have registered with Coopers Lake Camp Ground. We have over 60 people in camp this year and it is much easier to lay out the camp on paper and make it all work than to try to squeeze everyone in as they show up. Remember when we work together anything is possible.

In preparation for Pennsic and the upcoming wars our army has been hard at work, training at the Baronial practices. Both the May and June Practices were held at Sir Gunther's Farm and were great successes. In May there were a huge number of people in attendance from all over the Barony, the Kingdom, and Known World! We were also inspired by a visit from two old friends of Windmasters' Hill - Duke Paul & Duke Stephan of House Bellatrix. Each month warriors, artisans and family members have joined us to make Baronial War Practice an amazing time. If you have not made it out to a baronial practice for what ever reason you are missing a good time, please come join us. This barony's generosity and hard work always make every time we come together very special. We would like to thank Duke Cuan and Duchess Padraigin for all their work in coordinating these practices and the potlucks that follow. We would also like to thank Sir Gunther and Suca for being such amazing and gracious hosts to us all. In July we have decided not to have a Windmasters hill practice, instead we are going to answer the King's call and we will be traveling to Assessment. We hope all of you will be able to join us.

Thank you,  
Gaston & Rosalind

## OFFICER'S Letters

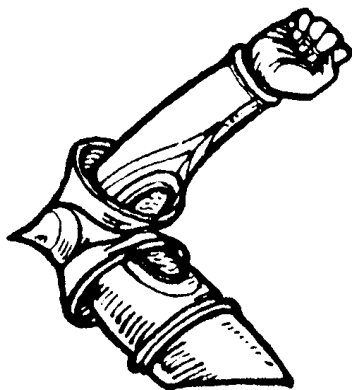
### *Chronicler's Quill*

#### **Greetings to the Great and Glorious Populace of Windmasters' Hill-**

On a personal level, I really MUST thank all those citizens of Oure Faire Barony who expressed concerns over the whereabouts and the health of my weasel. He is back home safe and sound as of last week!

On an official note, thanks to Lady Livia and Lady Rosanella for their own weasel/ermine related submissions and to the Windmasters' Hill cooks guild for another great recipe shared with the populace.

In service,  
Dunstan leHeryngmongere



#### From the Chatelaine's Chair July 2007

Greetings unto the Populace of Windmasters' Hill from  
Lady Eibhlin inghean ui Chiarain, Chatelaine

##### A Call to Service, Part Two: Service at Events

In last month's letter, I briefly outlined the ways for new members to get involved in service by taking on a position as a local or Baronial officer. As I said then, service sustains the SCA. When all members step up and take on an active role in planning and carrying out meetings and events, we have a dynamic environment for the Dream to grow.

This idea applies to an even greater extent at events. Unlike meetings and practices which develop a certain amount of inertia, everyone knows when and where to be and the venue expects the group to be there at that time. An event requires a great deal of work for it to happen. This work is planned by an event coordinator, called an Autocrat, but he or she cannot do all the work alone. A site must be selected and set up, accommodations, activities and food must be scheduled and prepared, attendees must be registered, money must be collected and problems must be managed. The more reliable, responsible people who are available to assist in doing all of this, the easier it becomes to do it.

Every event has opportunities for volunteering. Some people are drawn to particular tasks by their aptitudes or interests. Gregarious people work well at Troll or at Newcomers' Point checking people in and providing information. Attentive people make good retainers, assisting the Royalty and Nobility and adding to their aura of *Noblesse Oblige*. Detail-oriented people can help the Minister of the List or reservationist to make sure information is marked down correctly. And hard workers are welcome everywhere.

If you are interested in helping with a particular part of the event, contact the autocrat or staff member responsible for it in advance of the event. Some areas like the kitchen or Troll have busy times and slack times. By planning ahead, you can be sure to be there to help when your help will be most needed (and appreciated). At really large events, like the Pennsic War, there is a Volunteer Point or Volunteer coordinator. Interested volunteers can sign up for shifts in advance, or just drop by to be sent to whatever area needs help right then.

Five ways to be the best event volunteer EVER:

1. Know your schedule. Don't offer to help five minutes before your bout is due to start on the tourney field. If you have only an hour to help, that's fine. Don't commit time you don't have.
2. Communicate. Tell people you are there to help. Standing around looking hopeful doesn't count. Ask questions if you don't know how to do something and be sure to let people know what you have done, especially if you are being relieved by a replacement.
3. Try everything once. You never know what you'll absolutely love doing unless you try everything once.
4. Know what you prefer. Don't be a martyr. If touching raw meat leaves you retching, stay out of the kitchen. If you can't/won't do a particular job, offer to help somewhere else and suggest a possible person who might enjoy the job you can't do.
5. Be prepared. You can help best by thinking ahead. If you know you'll be assisting the herald or retaining, wear nice garb in appropriate colors. Kitchen workers should have aprons and comfortable work shoes. Waterbearers and others on the field should have sunscreen and wide brimmed hats. Providing help without requiring help is the goal here.

Volunteering at an event helps you. You meet other people and share experiences. You learn new skills. You become a part of what is going on. Volunteers at events help the group. They can be counted on to do their jobs. Their work makes the day better. They make the event happen. Service sustains the Society. When everyone is involved in making the Dream happen, it becomes everyone's Dream.

## Minutes for the Baronial Meeting in June

*Minutes of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill June 2007 Baronial Meeting, held at Carolina Pines Park. Approximately 25 were in attendance.*

Chow brought the meeting to order at 4:15. He noted that there are stresses with having the Baronial practices and meetings on two separate days. Also there are issues with having it on personal property. He urged people to talk to their groups and we will discuss it later. It was noted that Cuan moved the practices to Saturday so it wouldn't conflict with the Baronial meeting on Sunday but attendance to the meetings continues to be low.

**Baronage comments:** Yesterday's Baronial practice was great with about 22 heavy, 6 fencers, 2 combat archers and a bunch of target archers. The potluck went well. Let's brainstorm about how to bring people out to the Baronial meeting regardless of when the practice is scheduled. We still need a bid for Ymir – February will be here soon. Also, the Baron and Baroness received an email from Simone asking if the Barony would be interested in submitting a bid for 12<sup>th</sup> night. Curia removed the requirement of a feast at 12<sup>th</sup> night. They will talk to Chow about that later. As of last count for Pennsic, 74 to 79 had preregistered. Girard and Guenievre are the camp stewards, so don't forget to send them your paperwork on camp size, etc and camp fees. The information about the form is posted in a lot of places.

### Officer Reports:

**Chatalaine:** Eibhlin is in need of a deputy. Attillium assisted with a school demo at Ft Bragg for "Medieval day" and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed it. If you have any demos or issues please contact Eibhlin. Two new people were here today from Attillium. Yay!

**Chirurgeon:** Andreas was not here.

**Chronicler:** Dunstan was not here. He **\*\*really\*\*** needs a deputy and eventual replacement!

**Herald:** James said the check will be going to Golden Dolphin to register the

new Baronial awards. All the new awards, except the youth combat, are awards rather than orders. They are described in the Atlantia OP under Baronial awards.

**Knight Marshal:** Wystan was not here

**Rapier Marshal:** Wistric was not here.

**Archery Marshal:** Manus reported that there was a fine target archery practice yesterday. Hopefully this will continue in future practices. If anyone is going to Pennsic to shoot archery the rule is no loaning/borrowing of bows. He's not sure about the logic of this rule. Additionally, Ursula mentioned that a guy named Sook won a bow at Ymir but it has been in her house for years. The Barony bought it so it should go back to Manus. Philippa mentioned that she has a few crossbows people can use as well as some long bows she plans to donate to the Barony.

**Arts & Sciences:** Jehanette was not here

**MOL:** Zita was not here. James reminded people to check if their authorization card is current. Also marshals should be sure their warrants are up to date. Check the website because there's no notification that warrants expire (fighters, marshals, MOLs, etc.)

**Web minister:** Malcolm was not here.

**Quartermaster:** Beatrice needs to do an inventory. She'll have to work that out with Piero. The pots didn't get engraved yet. Also, all the royal thrones don't have covers/bags for all the pieces. Rosalind probably has the fabric for the throne storage bags, and will talk to Maddalena about the project. Rosalind is working on finishing the storage bags for the Baronial thrones. Maybe we should have a baronial workshop/repair day sometime after Pennsic. Should look at problems when doing inventory and do the repairs, etc.

**Warlord:** Cuan was not here.

**MOM:** Mariana was not here.

**Exchequer:** Piero was not here, but Trephina gave his report. As of the beginning of the meeting, the total in our bank account: \$12,117.28 of which \$2,609.88 is allocated, and \$9,507.40 is unallocated. Checks have been written to cover the deposit on Baronial coronets (\$650), Heraldic submission for the new Baronial

awards (\$100), the PO Box rental (\$40), and Sir Gunther for the rental of last month's porta potties (\$260).

There are three pieces of action that Piero would like to recommend:

1) Increase the NC Storage Shed allocation back up to \$1500 (increase of \$1380).  
2) Increase PO Box allocation to \$40 (was just paid for this year).

3) Close the Kingdom Server allocation and move the \$60 back to the General Fund.

All three suggestions were properly moved, seconded, and passed.

**Seneschal:** Chow mentioned again issues with the separate practice and meeting. He also is concerned about the casual attitude and lack of respect of those with pointed hats, white belts, marshals, etc. You can be respectful and courteous even when disagreeing with someone over rules, etc. And remember that's an important part of the SCA and the game we are playing.



### Canton Reports:

**Attillium:** Oisin said Attillium has 6-7 new heavies and 3-4 fencers. They've put in a bid for an event and will see if it is accepted. The demo at Ft. Bragg middle school went well. Fighter practices are on Sunday afternoons at Lake Rim. Their business meeting will be at the end of practice. Ravens Cove is having a big fighter practice next Saturday and Attillium will support this. They suggested other folks from the Barony should participate.

**Buckston:** Philippa said there are tons of people at Buckston's fighter practices and meetings – up to 40 people. They had a wonderful event and were off site by

12:30pm on Sunday. They've been really busy at their meetings planning for Midsummers, but they will start dancing again now that the event is over. They may host a dance symposium in the future.

**Elvegast:** Ormarr was not here.

**K-berg:** Beatrice said K-berg has scheduled more classes for the next 3 months. They still have fighter practices on Thursday night -- 5:30 fencing marshaled by Wistric, 7:30 heavy marshaled by Artus. This Saturday Nikulai and Lukas will be having a housewarming and birthday party. Please RSVP with what you are bringing.

**Nimenefeld:** Steafan was not here.

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** Nikulai passed around an event proposal that has evolved in discussion with Graciella. It is a one-shot event themed "got vice". They are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June at the Farm Ventures site. The theme is tied to the 7 vices and virtues. At kingdom courts over the next year each vice will challenge Atlantia (as listed on the handout) e.g., sloth will challenge Atlantia to pre-reserve. At the event the tourneys will start at 10 and run until 2 to choose members of the 7 teams. A 7-course feast is planned, which will be served during the afternoon and everyone will be fed. Each course will be based on a vice/virtue and be balanced by the corresponding humors. There will be no separate A&S but rather, people are encouraged to dress and participate according to the timeframe of the event -- high 15<sup>th</sup> to early 16<sup>th</sup> century. Preregistration is \$20, at door \$30. No price break for kids 7+. The budgeted breakeven is 250. They want to pull people from all over the kingdom. There was concern about the breakeven number, but the fighting teams for each vice/virtue, etc. will raise the numbers of participants. So far Nikulai and Graciella have gotten good response to the idea across the kingdom. Philippa talked about having this cleared by the Buckston folks in case they had their heart set on hosting their June event next year since Nikulai's proposed event is at the same time in the same location. Nikulai apologized for not talking to Buckston first, and he agreed to come discuss the event idea with Buckston at its meeting on Tuesday. The event budget is \$5000. Nikulai said they would not need the whole allocation in advance. A question

about what happens if Ymir could possibly fail. This event could save us. Also, cantons have money that could help support the event. A motion was been made to allocate \$1750 as seed money for the event if Buckston doesn't object. It was seconded and passed.

Gaston noted that the changing of this month's fighter practice back to Gunther's was done at the last minute. A porta potty was rented again but it was just one small one. There was a motion to allocate \$100 to pay for the porta potty and the remainder will go back to the general fund. Fighter practice is not scheduled to be at Gunther's until late fall. They will check with the other sites about bathroom facilities.

Allain de la Rochelle made the announcement that an equestrian event is planned on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July in Raeford at Carolina Horse farm, and now jousting is allowed. Participants need to bring your own horse and your armor/protection, and the shields and lances will be provided. People need to talk to MoLs about authorizing. Attilium will host a post-practice barbeque for this event. It is sponsored by the order of St. Anthony and Ursula's group in SC is in charge, so it will be an official event. Allain noted that he is planning to tape it and make a video that's set to music. The jousting has been brought up as part of equestrian activities in Atlantia and Allain has been very active in this. He is an MiT right now and is hoping to be warranted as an equestrian marshal soon.

James mentioned that the Prince will ask that combat archery rules be changed. We need more people to learn how to do this. Steafan is willing to make some arrows for the Barony to train people if we allocate money for the supplies. These arrows will be property of the Barony. James said the supplies cost approximately \$50 per dozen arrows. A motion was made to allocate \$200 to cover the purchase of supplies for 3 dozen combat archery arrows and shipping. It was seconded and passed.

Jim Stoots said that he has many photos and videos of people and events but he's been unable to make contact to share or to help make flyers. Suggestions were made to help him make contact with seneschals and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Submitted by Tréphina la Broderesse  
(who likes dark chocolate!) ☺

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are events that are in the area, nearby or that might be of interest. Any item listed with a \*\*\* is NOT an official SCA event.

### July

**Assessment** will be held in Big Island, VA on July 6-8

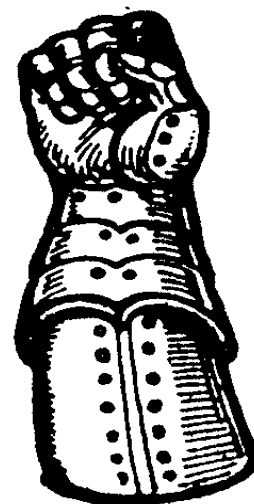
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### August

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### September

**Celtic Cattle Raids** is sure to be a mooving experience, to be held at Optimist farm Sept 22-24<sup>th</sup>.



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The Baronial Contact List is waiting for you to make it bigger and better!

If you want to be one of the

**cool people**, one of the

**networkers**, one of the

**people who can actually be found** in this crazy web-wise world, then go to the website [http://www.sinister.net/wh/wh\\_phone.htm](http://www.sinister.net/wh/wh_phone.htm)

and let your info be known.

Many thanks to Master

Corwyn for putting it together!

### String Thing is back!

The monthly meeting of practitioners of all arts de fabrique is back in effect!

July 29th is the next meeting. Meetings typically go from 2PM to 5PM

Contact Francesca at 471 2727 for details.



*Power to the Peons!*

### Directions to get to the next Baronial Meeting:

The next Baronial fighter practice is cancelled. Their excellencies would like to encourage all who would attend to come instead to King's Assessment, which will be held on July 6-8 in Big Island, Virginia.

The Meeting will be held at Carolina Pines (or, weather necessitating, subway down the street from it) on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In service,  
Dunstan LeHeryngmongere

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### Courtier

*Lord Wistric Oftun*

### Archer

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## Windmasters' Hill Baronial Calendar for July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	3 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)	4 HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> (No practice)	5 Elv Business 7:30 (AS)  Kberg Ftr (5:30-rapier) (7:30- Heavy) (PM)	6	7 King's Assessments Big Island, VA
8 Attilium Practice (H) 1pm (JO) <b>Elvegast Practice</b> 1pm (CK)	9 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	10 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)  Nimenfeld meeting 7:30 pm (BB)	11 Nimenfeld Prac (7pm) (AR)	12 Elv Business 7:30 (AS)  Kberg Ftr (5:30-rapier) (7:30- Heavy) (PM)	13	14
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29 String Thing! 2pm- 5pm (MD) <b>Elvegast Practice</b> 1pm (CK) Attilium Practice (H) 1pm (JO)	30 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	31 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)				

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a very basic calendar.

A much more detailed one can be found at : <http://sca.housebayard.net/calendar.htm>

Unto the populous of Windmaster's Hill does  
Eogan and Elspeth mac Ailpien bid you greetings.

In the past two months, as you know by now, Eogan had been in the hospital and now is recuperating at home. It fills my heart with great joy from the response of this truly wonderful Barony during our hours of need. We have had numerous people calling, emailing and staying with us at the hospital for many hours at a time. The cards were gladly received and brought a little smile to our faces knowing people really cared. We can't thank you enough for all you have done.

We still have a long way to go and the road will be rough at times, but we'll make it through. Eogan is still on dialysis 3 times a week and in physical, occupational and speech therapy 2 times a week. This combined with work is a pretty full schedule for us. We do have some help with Eogan's mother, but she is 83 years old. There will be times we will need help with taking Eogan to or from his appointments. If you have any time to spare just let us know.

There are not enough words to express the love that we have felt during this time. So, please except this small thank you to show our gratitude.

Love to all of you and thanks for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers,

Eogan and Elspeth

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Yet Another Delicious Recipe from the  
Windmasters Hill Cook's Guild.

# Cherry Torte

This recipe was based on the recipe by Eduoard Halidai (mka Daniel Myers) at [medievalcookery.com](http://www.medievalcookery.com/recipes/cherrytorte.shtml):  
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Cherry Torte  
Recipe by Daniel Myers

*This recipe is not as "cherry" as people would generally expect. Most people who've tried it say that they like it, but they're not sure why.*

**CONCERNING THE FILLING:**

1 pound cherries	1 pound ricotta cheese	1/2 cup sugar
3 eggs	1/2 tsp. Ginger	1 tsp. cinnamon (cassia)
1/8 cup rose petals	1 pinch black pepper	1 Tbsp. rose water

Grind cherries - if canned cherries are used then drain them before and after grinding, and be careful not to puree them. Note that the flavor of the pie is altered drastically by using dried cherries, giving the finished product a much stronger "raisin-spice" flavor. Mix ground cherries, ricotta, sugar, and eggs. Add ginger, cinnamon, pepper, and rose petals. Mix well and pour into unbaked pie crust. Cover with top crust and bake at 350°F until top crust is golden brown. Just before serving, make a small hole in the top crust and pour in rosewater.

Source [[The Neapolitan Recipe Collection](#), Terence Scully (trans.)]: *Torta de Cerase. Tolle cerase rosse ho piu negre che si possa trovare, he poi caverai fora quello suo osso he pista le cerase in uno mortaro; poi piglia rose rosse he batile - dico, solo le foglie - cum uno cultello molto bene tute; poi habi uno poco de caso fresco he veghio cum specie a discrezione, he canella he bono zenzaro cum poco pipero he zucaro, he miscolarai tute queste cose insieme, agiongndoli .vi. ova; et farai una crosta de pasta sopra la padella he cum meza libra de butiro, he ponella ha a cocere, dandoli el foco temperato; he quando he cotta, pone del zucaro he aqua rosata.*

*Cherry Torte. Get red cherries of the darkest available, remove their pit and grind them in a mortar; then get red roses and crush them well - I mean, the petals alone - with a knife; get a little new and old cheese with a reasonable amount of spices, cinnamon and good ginger with a little pepper and sugar, and mix everything together, adding in six eggs; make a pastry crust for the pan with half a pound of butter and set it to cook giving it a moderate fire; when it is cooked, put on sugar and rosewater.*

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My main question on this redaction – I think this is more likely to be a single than a double crust pie; this specifies that the crust is ‘for the pan;’ I’ve seen other medieval pie recipes where they specify a pie ‘lid’ as well, and this does not suggest any such thing. I think if the real intention was to have a top crust and pour rosewater inside, that would be specified, rather than saying simply ‘put on sugar and rosewater.’ Also, this recipe is very quiche like, and quiches are generally open. My second question relates to the cheese – a soft ricotta might be a good guess for ‘new cheese,’ but doesn’t seem to be an appropriate substitute for ‘old cheese.’

My recipe:

Crust:

½ lb butter                      Pinch salt                      ¾ c flour

Mix; roll out on heavily floured surface; place in pie pan.

Filling

1 lb pitted cherries (I used fresh bing cherries... and pitted them all myself!)

¼ lb dried rosepetals                      ¾ lb ricotta

¼ lb mild white cheese, grated (I used a softish, sweet cheese – similar to a babybel)

3 eggs

Spices to taste (I used ‘quatre epice,’ which is a medieval spice mixture usually containing pepper, cloves, nutmeg and ginger; I also added a little cinnamon – probably about ½ to ¾ spices total)

½ c sugar + additional for top                      Rosewater

Put cherries and rose petals in food processor; pulse briefly until mixture approximates chopped cherries (I left this pretty coarse; you could probably go finer if you wished).

Mix cheeses, eggs, sugar, and spices in bowl; add cherry mixture. When well mixed, place in prepared pan. Bake at 350 for about an hour or until set (mine should have had just a little longer than this). Sprinkle sugar over the top; brush with rosewater.

*General comments: proportions here (in terms of amount of filling and cherries) seem to work well. Three eggs is definitely a good amount – any more and it would be too soupy. (Modern chickens are bred to lay extremely large eggs – medieval chicken eggs would have been smaller.) This is very tasty – tastes like sweet, fruit flavored cheese with a subtle after-taste of rose. It would be interesting to try more hard cheese and less ricotta, to try cottage instead of ricotta cheese, or to try a more sharply-flavored hard cheese. It could also be made with less sugar, if you wanted something less desserty. I used my medieval spice mixture here, ‘cause I think it’s cool, but you can approximate and play with this to suit your tastes. I do think more ginger and pepper would have been nice. It’s delicious warm or cold, and will set up better when cold. The crust is super buttery and sticky, and very much not the focal point of this recipe – I think I wouldn’t bother making a crust in future, but would just use a frozen pie crust (shhhh!). You could probably do this with frozen cherries; I might add some cherry juice in that case to intensify the flavor.*

**Weasel, Weasel**  
**(aka) Dunstan's Lament**

Weasel, weasel, please come hence!  
Nothing good has found me since  
Into the world thou didst commence,  
Whether by chance or false pretense.  
Weasel, weasel, please come hence!

Weasel, weasel, I am sore  
Inside my heart here I adore  
Your furry face on which you wore  
A countenance one cannot ignore.  
Weasel, weasel, I am sore.

Weasel, weasel, cometh home  
From the places where thou roam  
Like the travelocity gnome.  
I have not your fur to comb!  
Weasel, weasel, cometh home.

Weasel, weasel, hear my plea!  
Here I stand on bended knee.  
Here I plead so verily  
For your furriness to see.  
Weasel, weasel, hear my plea!

Weasel, weasel, thou should know  
That my heart is filled with woe.  
Life has been a row to hoe  
Since to earth thou didst go.  
Weasel, weasel, thou should know.

Weasel, weasel to me fly!  
Time has come to return nigh  
From the place you were a pie  
Radishes ‘round you did lie.  
Weasel, weasel to me fly!

Weasel, weasel that is all  
This will be my last heart's call.  
Into despair I soon will fall.  
I am now against the wall.  
Weasel, weasel, that is all...

Lady Rosanella Vespucci (aka  
Rose) (MKA Tracy Duncan)  
Argent, a Hummingbird Rising to  
Sinisger Vert Between Three Roses  
Gules Within an Orle Purpure

## A Letter From Auntie Livia

alternately titled; To Err is Human, to forgive Ermine.

Draw near children, and let Auntie Livia tell you a story. . .

Once, many moons ago, a man had a taxidermied weasel. This man's name was Dunstan, and he sold many fish (stories.). The weasel was 14" long, and stiff. He would often entice beautiful women to pet his weasel, and was proud of its success.

Then one day, the weasel was weasel-napped by a pair of gypsy blacksmiths, who took the weasel on their travels, and continued enticing young women with the weasel (and some children too. Everyone knows gypsies love stealing children.)

Then one of the gypsies gave it to a blacksmith friend of his, who promptly set it as guardian over his tool shed. This blacksmith, named Solvarr Hamarsson kept the weasel comfortably, but Dunstan, lonely for the loss of his weasel did post signs about asking for its return. Now recently the blacksmith had had friends over to help him pack up his belongings in order that he might be wed to a beautiful redhead with little dowry but many other skills he appreciated most heartily. During this time, a small, wild-eyed Italian woman grabbed the weasel and made off with it, unable to resist the stiff furry creature.

The Blacksmith saw one of the signs put up by the lonely Dunstan, and responded that such was the case of the weasel. I, being a small Italian woman IMMEDIATELY posted heated and vociferous denials of any and all weasel stealing, though of course I understood where the confusion arose, as I had by mysterious and completely unverifiable means come into possession of an ermine (a french weasel) who bore much resemblance to the missing weasel, but was COMPLETELY different. For one, my ermine was named Wefenalt Bolivier Wystle-Ye-Merrily-Le-Onne. You can see the obvious visual differences in these pictures I have scribed for this purpose.

I did take my ermine to the Tourney of Midsummer's Night, in order that all might see the differences clearly and put to rest ALL these unfounded accusations in a most public fashion.

Now, Dunstan, mad with loss of his weasel, (*see pictures below, which are really quite sick and wrong- editor*) did intimate that my ermine was merely his weasel, dressed up as a french ermine, to which I responded with the scorn that such a silly idea deserved.

I, having responsibilities of my own in the kitchen to Lady Beatrice, did hurriedly ask a wandering minstrel named Efenwealt, (no relation at ALL to my choice of name of Wefenalt for my ermine) who was father to the boy who had such a fondness for the ermine to watch over it since there were obviously vermin thieves about. He assured me of his diligence, and so I ran to the kitchen in order to chop vegetables and meat for dinner.

But, alas! When I returned from the kitchen to reclaim Wefenalt, some miserable weasel stealing cur had absconded with him! Efenwealt had been called away (or LURED) from his weasel-watching by his own fatherly distractions, and during his absence someone STOLE MY WEASEL. Ermine. Stole my ermine.

I am posting a reward for whomever might have information as regards the whereabouts of my weasel. Ermine. Wefenalt. 1 basket of home-made chocolate chip cookies.

What? That's the end of the story. Now go away and find your parents. And keep an eye out for my ermine

