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The Fall 2024 Newsletter of the Riding of Ravensbridge

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A message from your Chronicler

Greetings!

We will publish quarterly to start, then if our activities calendar gets busier we may do once a month. This issue will cover October, November, and December activities and bring news on upcoming events.

As the years have passed, Ravensbridge has grown and accomplished many great things. We have a great future ahead of us and more to do. I invite anyone with comments, ideas, or submissions for what they would like to see please email me.

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Elections Results

We had a small but fruitful gathering on December 19, 2024 (with a pot luck that proved plentiful and delicious!) to hold our usual monthly meeting, discuss current SCA events, officer reports and have an election for the office of the riding. After a round of voting, and counting, we have the following officers elected for 2025-2026:

Seneschal - Amée le Morte
Exchequer - Magnus Surtsson
Chatelaine - Dyrfinna Gregsdottir
Chronicler - Sigrida Arnsdottir
A & S - Edward MacGyver dos Scorpis
Herald - Margaret Loftus of Govan
Westminster - Aloysius Sartore
Knight's Marshal - Hesychia of Ravensbridge
Captain of Fence - Magnus Morté
Captain of Thrown - John Carpentar
Captain of Archery - Magnus Surtsson

My thanks to all the officers who've served the riding, and Malagentia proper, and thanks to everyone who's been playing with us over the last four years, it's been a blast, even with a plague. All of us together are what makes this game of ours fun and worthwhile. It would be a lot more difficult each by ourselves, and probably look a lot stranger to people not playing. Keep doing the things, just as I will be. See you all soon, somewhere, down the road. I can barely wait.

-Aloysius

(former) Seneschal, Riding of Ravensbridge in the Province of Malagentia



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Hand Twisted Cordage from Day Lily Leaves



Hello! I am so excited to present this project to you! I just learned how to make cordage at Harpers Retreat (2024) from Sulicena filia Vassurae. She made learning the technique super engaging and easy to understand and I have been cording ever since! I was so thrilled to have something I could make with my lily leaves as I cut my gardens back every fall and usually just toss everything into the brush pile at the back of my house. Finding ways to use things in nature has always been fascinating to me.

I find pleasure in this craft because it can be done just about anywhere. I take a handful of leaves to twist on breaks at work. I can do it while watching TV. Sitting next to a bonfire at a friend's house. I get such a meditative feeling and a sense of Zen when I am making cording. I also really enjoy the coloration that occurs from using the natural fibers of the leaves. The fluctuation in size is also very exciting!

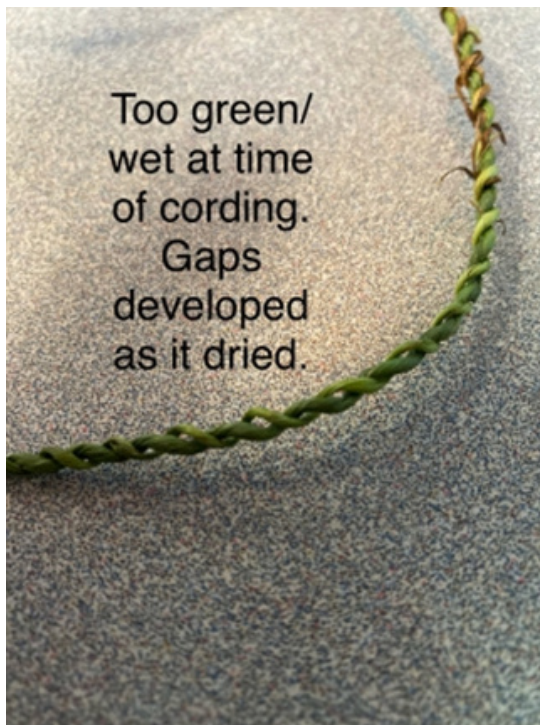
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The photos are meant to show my progress on this new hobby and illustrate things I have learned along the way. The current cord I have been working on is approximately 15 feet long! I am basing this on my height of 5 feet and 1 inch - the cord is more than 3 times that!

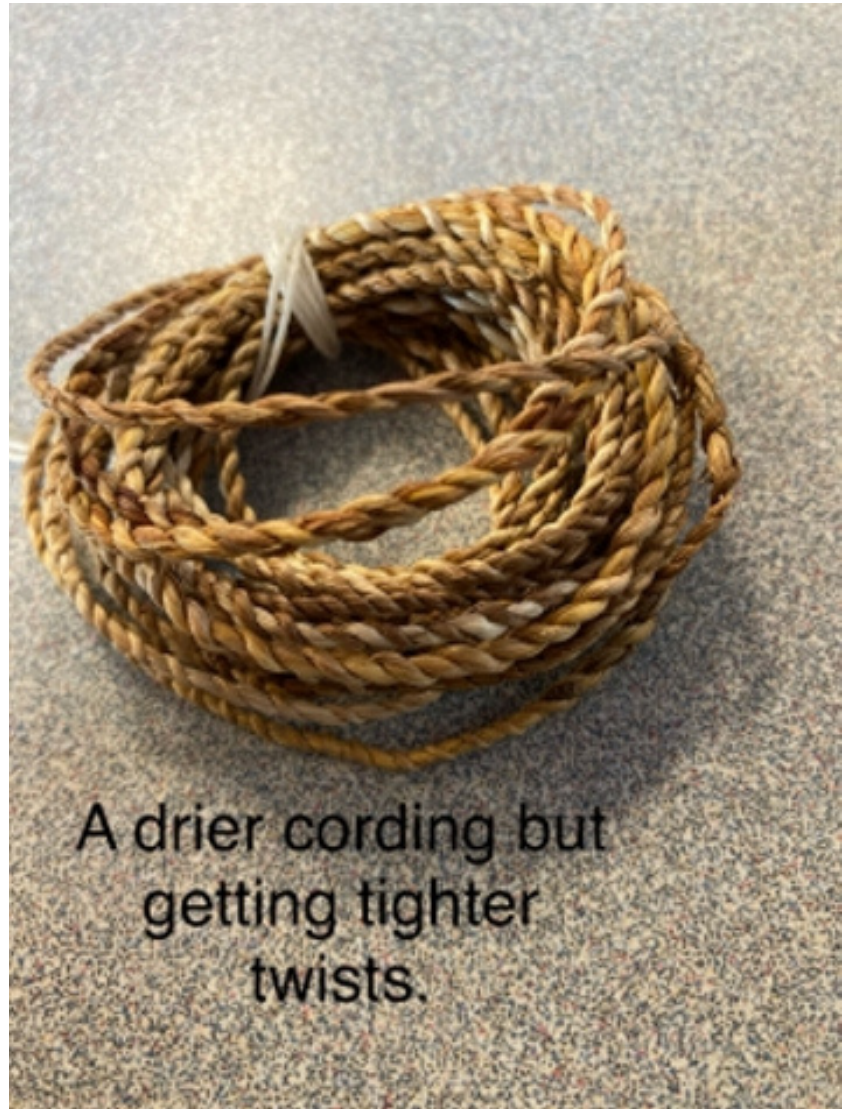
Please feel free to handle the cordage – but please be gentle! I am hoping to learn a good technique for turning them into a basket or two!

Note: I did not make the basket that the cording is in – I believe it is a sweetgrass basket and its older than I am! My mother let me have it and I thought it was perfect to hold the cording!



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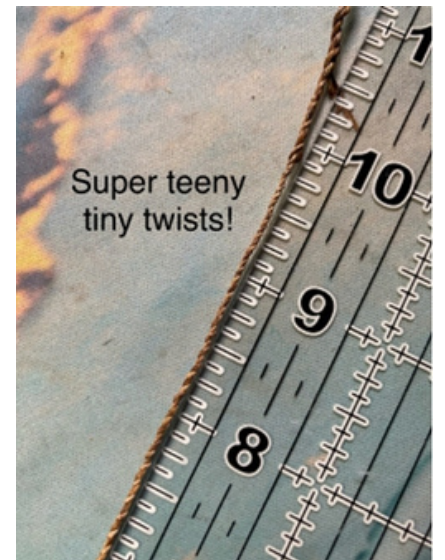
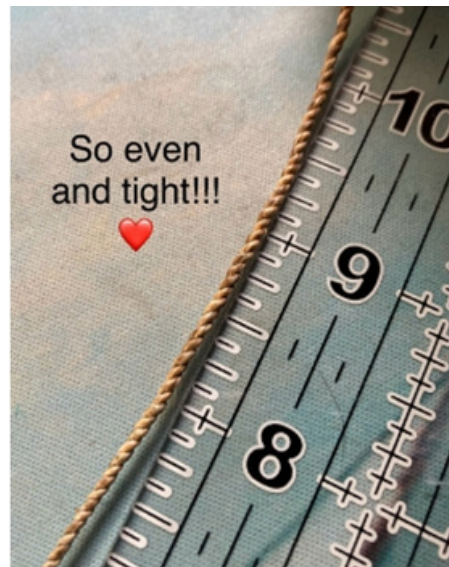
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* I have discovered that if I coil the length and bind it lightly, I am able to keep twisting without running the risk of completely knotting up the entire bundle. I can carefully drop it like a drop spindle to remove the extra twisting that occurs.

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I hope you enjoyed my modest presentation

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Practices and other activities

- Every Tuesday Evening 5:45 Fighting and Fencing practice in Portland
- In Malagentia, monthly Dance practice , scribal night, and craft nights are available to attend
- Monthly Business meetings, Fourth Thursday of the month

Upcoming Events

- Kingdom Bardic Champions, Feb 15, 2025
Bangor, ME
- Ides of March Schola, March 15, 2025 Bangor, ME
- Jehan's Fencing and Fighting at the Fort, April
26, 2025 Prospect, ME

For more details go to

<https://ravensbridge.eastkingdom.org/wordpress/ravensbridge-calendar>
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