

The FALO Chronicle

1998

Penned by Starshadow Moonbeam

1998, January 10 (Gather 84)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

Rodin Rae Bellock is renamed Rodin Rae D'Cordelia (Duana Cordelia in elven). This name means "dark jewel of the sea". Starshadow presents the Official FALO Handbook, which is destroyed accidentally five minutes later. Dreamsinger presents statistical information regarding the makeup of the clan and attendance records. The clan is asked how long they feel a guest should attend FALO functions before being granted membership. The consensus is that it varies with the individual, but that the norm should probably be one to two years. FALO is informed by the Elders that a vote shall take place next gather on whether or not the Elders should regulate role-playing with new laws. Sign-up for Springfest committees begins. Tanj, the griffin, reappears after a long absence. Shadesong prepares a formal, sit-down dinner for the evening feast.

1998, January 26

Luthien Mananwen leaves the clan of FALO via an e-mail to Starshadow.

1998, February 21 (Gather 85)

Sparrow's Nest (Sparrowreed & Hawk's House)

This gather was large for a private home, with 48 people in attendance. Almost every member of FALO attended. The clan voted against having the Elders write By-Laws regulating role-play, but instead, one small law will be added requiring advance notification to hosts and Elders if unusual events are to take place at a gather. Maya received a visitor regarding her Tree of Life Quest, an old woman who charged Maya to take on the pain of the crone's old age. Raithe's brother showed up, did battle with him, and was escorted away after defeat. Starshadow performed a new song, praising the members of FALO in Bard-like tradition. Kittarina and Loquitor received Moonstones; Borandur and Crystalmist plan to further their alliance by having Arëanna form a gateway between the two lands to their mutual benefit. Kitta, Willow and Skye dance to the clan's drumming. Committee obligations were settled with Rodin Rae taking on the mantle of Head Cook. Angelica announced that she and Raithe are getting married (out of character). The Fairy presence was enormous!

1998, March 28 (Gather 85)

Starhaven (Arëanna & Starshadow's House)

While this gather was smaller than expected, the big surprise was the weather. It was the warmest March Gather in FALO's history, with temperatures into the 80's. For the first time in many gathers, no Stones were given out, and there was virtually no business meeting. The gather did take a break so that the Springfest invitations could be collated and passed out. Aranek told of his trip through a fairy ring that landed him in Crystallist, where he was taken prisoner by Starshadow's elves. Arëanna was laid up for the gather due to an arrow injury to her knee. Shadowfire came in just as bad a shape, with many wounds that had to be cured by Rahne and Brother Bart. The fairies had an egg hunt, with the egg finders getting sparklie rewards. Lavendar Fields brought her two new, baby unicorns. Much sparring occurred in the newly fortified back yard and the late night turned into another song fest.

1998, April 25 (Gather 86)

Hoot's Hideout 19 Dreamsinger's House)

The first (and probably last) gather at this site, the manor is large, spacious and easily one of the most period houses we have had the pleasure to use. There was a visitation from Deckla, who brought a captive Rodin Rae. He was so evil that even Holly Berry wanted to kill him. He was subdued and taken to a nearby camp. A Winter Wizard came and took away Childra's ability to see color and tried to make it winter forever, but was vanquished by the fairies and some others. An Orc messenger from the Dark Lord, an enemy of Galatyne, brought a spirit sucking cursed blade which started sucking Galatyne's spirit. Charinn was able to grab it (no one but a fairy could have done it) and Charinn's spirit was sucked away. Galatyne's deity allowed him to heal Charinn, but his wings fell off and he came back to life as an elf. Starshadow brought enchanted truffles, causing strange side-effects to anyone who ate them. Indigo was turned to stone by another evil wizard, but was cured by Stalzer. Kyara became the first Inactive Moonstoneholder to attend a gather since the inception of that term. Alura received her Welcomestone.

1998, June 6 (Gather 87)

Eleventh Annual Springfest (Camp Conklin)

Sparrowreed Moonbeam and Avestrus Hawksender were handfasted by the shaman in training, Rahne Whitebriar, and then were tied to the tree while the Maypole dance was danced around them. Afterwards, the bouquet was thrown by the bride and caught by Shadesong. Springmeadow designed new FALO only and Springfest T-shirts. The Boffer Champion was Sadosed Padreag MacDougail, Champion Archer was Medva the Hunter, Champion Knife-Thrower was Zandelle Dragonfire and the Pixie-bow Champion was Aranek. The Renaissance Man Contest was won by Raithe Dubhcuan. The first ever Barbarian melee ended up in a tie between Avestrus Hawksender and Luthenar. The winner of the Dessert Contest was Tang-ey Turvey Fudge Cakes by Caitlin. Committee heads this year were: Rodin Rae-Cooking, Indigo-Welcoming, Loquitor-Tavern, Aranek-Games, Rahne-Entertainment, Shadowfire-Setup, Tallpine-Renaissance Man and Starshadow-Clean-up.

1998, August 6

Tëari Silvertree leaves the clan of FALO via an e-mail to the Elders

1998, September 12 (Gather 88)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

The wedding of Shadesong and Ghostdancer. No business meeting was held. Kittarina announces that she is with child. Dreamsinger's hair arrives before he does, as some orcs had chopped it off during Hoot's Tree Quest. They sent it to Brother Bart with a warning message.

1998, October 17 (Gather 89)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

Cygnus got his Blue Star back! The FALO ship has been completed and was named *Darkmyst*. Brother Bart's Tree of Life Quest concluded with a big ceremony, with almost everyone in the clan involved - even those not present. Maya and Caitlin danced during the ceremony. The seedling was planted and all kinds of gifts were given to it. Kittarina - who had announced her pregnancy at the previous gather, threw bones to determine the moment of her death and found that she would die in child birth. So the tree took her pregnancy, to raise the baby as a dryad, and spare her that particular death. A meeting was held between the nobility of Crystalmist and Ravenhilt to ratify an alliance between the two nations. Galatyne and Cliana got Welcome-stones.

1998, November 21 (Gather 90)

Starhaven (Areanna & Starshadow's House)

The fairies declared "Ugly Day" and gave out ugly gifts. Alura turned into the ugliest fairy imaginable and Granarinth was named "King of Ugly Day". This was because of his wounded condition, his maimed face and recently blinded eye. Ghostdancer arrived with a bang through a portal. Brother Bart was with him, and Vilad (the enemy Ghost has killed twice already) was also involved, though he escaped back through the portal. The traitorous Terwillowger was in tow, but was disintegrated into white powder, leaving behind only a cursed wand and a book. The members of Tir Thalor spent considerable time preventing Starshadow from touching these items. Meanwhile, Ghostdancer was wounded and blinded on the couch. Not one healer, mage, priest or seer present had the ability to cure him. These events followed Ghostdancer's journey to Dreamingdark, where he sought to capture the one responsible for killing the Crystalmist elf outside the Corellon Moon last year.

1998, November 22

Shadowfire leaves the clan of FALO via e-mail to the membership.

1998, December 31

Brianna and Sionai leave FALO.

**Here ends the FALO Chronicles
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