

# The FALO Chronicle

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*8 Jan 2005 ~ Yule gather at Crescentwood Tavern (Loquitor & Sabine's)*

First gather at this site is cold and rainy. Many of those travelling from the north are unable to attend due to snow in that region.

Sadosed grudgingly gives Maeve a ring as token of their betrothal, in exchange for which she retrieves a bag for him and tells him not to ask for anything else (the two are recently engaged in mundania).

Frustrated by Ghostdancer's absence, Emberon vows to get him to the gather. She steps outside, and true to her word, returns moments later with the baron himself.

Michael, Khallil & E'ile's little elf who caused the rescheduling of the Nov gather, attends his first gather.

hOOt's hugging contest postponed. Clan votes not to replace a regular gather with a mundane gather. Khallil is announced as the new elder.

*12 Feb 2005 ~ Aerie Shadow Mountain Hold (Willow & Ellam's)*

The day is mostly clear, but cool; warmer weather a few days earlier left the ground muddy.

The party that just returned from Wyn Eyri (Rinka, Rahne, Beren, Kiriannin, Galatyne, Falana) realize that they have no memory of travelling to or from Wyn Eyri, and that apparently Bart has been left in the Wyn Eyri library with Rinka's uncle Tidewild....and songbooks. The party resolves to return to Wyn Eyri the next morning to retrieve the druid.

Two of the Szagany tribe arrive to see what can be done about sending Pinugir back to Caer Falken & restoring Kittarina to herself. They work a spell and say it should be known in a few days whether it worked...and leave. Kyara senses Kittarina for a moment before Pinugir reasserts herself.

After a lengthy, convoluted debate, it is determined that catapults are actually fruits. For a time during the discussion, it seems they are vegetables. This would have been convenient, as catapults could then be grown in gardens, or, it is speculated, willed into existence by vegetarians. Once they are deemed to be fruit, the participants are so exhausted by the debate that they are unable to determine whether catapults could be grown in orchards, or if another means is necessary.

Sabine is announced as the new Gather Reeve. FALO will not host a fan table at I-Con this year; however, volunteer opportunities are available - contact Kyara or Khallil. Kyara will be resending her questionnaire. Daoine Sidhe deadline for Spring issue announced. Springfest invitations distributed (119 days until Springfest!), with the remainder to be mailed to those not in attendance. With hOOt's absence, the hugging contest is again postponed.

*19 Mar 2005 ~ Crescentwood Tavern (Loquitor & Sabine's)*

The weather hints at the imminence of spring, although it again turns cool after the sun sets.

Brother Bart attends the gather, having not actually been left in Wyn Eyri, but rather leaving the group on the journey back in response to an urgent message he received from another Tree Guardian. This leaves the remainder of the party uncertain why they do not recall the journey, and they are attempting other means of determining the reasons before retracing their steps along the paths of the Shadowlands.

Loquitor and Kyara look forward to Braethen's visit to the gather, and become concerned when he does not arrive as expected. Kyara comments that she has been unable to sense his presence for several days, although it is not considered particularly ominous at the time. Later in the evening, Firesmith comes in with a message found stuck to an injured human peasant. The message, written in common by what appeared to be a drow (based on the script), is apparently addressed to Loquitor, calling him "Braethen" and gloating that now he knew how it felt to lose a father. The peasant has no information beyond the message he carried. Speculations abound about who may have penned the message, including the possibility of an offspring of Deckla seeking revenge. Granarinth gathers Tir Thalor and tells them on the morrow they journey to the Shadow Mountain Hold and Ellam, and from there possibly on to Ellam's mentor. Galatyne and Khallil join them, much to E'ile's dismay.

After being postponed twice, the hugging contest finally happened. Granarinth Alandore was named "hug champion", but in reality, all the participants won.

Call for artwork announced to the clan - standardization of clan emblem; submissions to Khallil. In addition to running three panels at I-Con (warrior archetypes, magic of god and man, and a multi-group panel on the role of fantasy groups (with Dragonwynde, An Dubhaigheainn & possibly Avalon), FALO will have a fan table at I-Con as well. April gather to take place May 14th at the Moonlit Mug. Springfest is 84 days away! Clan, & guests, encouraged to work on getting additional attendees, & to consider how to bring the magic of gathers to SF. The council announces it is accepting suggestions on how to celebrate the clan's 20th anniversary next year.

*8-10 April 2005 ~ I-Con 24, Stony Brook, NY*

FALO's second year of an "official" presence at this event. The fan table looks great, with decorative elements coming from a number of the members & guests who participated. The panels are well-received, and there is talk among the multi-group panel participants of having a multi-group event so that we can interact on a greater scale. We receive contact information for 17 folks interested in Springfest.

*16 April 2005 ~ Willow's hafla, Kingston, NY*

Willow organizes a beautiful hafla that drew quite a crowd. She brings renowned dancer/instructor Alta Gracia to teach a dance workshop and invites talented dancers to participate in the evening performance. It's a wonderful show with many talented performers, excellent food, and camaraderie with quite a few clan-kin & guests!

*22-23 April 2005 ~ Book of Kings exhibit - Family Days, Williams College Museum, Williamstown, MA*

Rodin Rae, who mundanely works at the museum, has been involved in planning events surrounding this exhibit. Galatyne does several talks on making chainmail. The event is well attended, and the children have a great time running around wearing the coif & mantle (despite their complaints that “it’s heavy!”).

*14 May 2005 ~ The April gather, held at the Moonlit Mug (Aranek’s)*

Rumours abound on the possible whereabouts of Braethen, with reports coming from many of the clan & guests. Strangely, a number of these reports have references to a body of water.

Shani is offended by the fact that Firesmith hired another barkeep in her absence.

The group that journeyed to Wyn Eyri still lack memory of the return trip, and are seeking means of regaining those memories. Among the possibilities are retracing their route through the shadowlands, and visiting Amnesia’s garden.

Galatyne and Ellam find something about Kiriannin troubling, but are unable to pinpoint exactly what it is.

Springfest is 28 days away! Sabine receives her Moonstone.

*11 Jun 2005 ~ Springfest XVIII at Camp Nooteeming*

An oppressively hot day is eased by a heavy afternoon thunderstorm.

Kittarina is actually Kittarina for the first time in far too long, with the gypsies’ amulet seeming to suppress the spirit of the elven queen Pinugir, except for the continued manifestation of her pointed ears.

Angelica has forgotten where she put the Crown of Crystalmyst, but she left herself clues to its whereabouts - the Quest is to find the clues and figure out where the crown is.

This year’s weapons tourney featured single-elimination rounds, counting of simultaneous blows, and the thunderstorm, which put the tourney on hold for an hour or so. Dmitri Vladescu, of Wolfgaard, wins the weapons tourney against Gwydion. Rahne Whitebriar wins the archery tourney, and is presented her prize sash by Loquitor, who has held the title of archery champion multiple times. Kirill Graztari, also of Wolfgaard, wins the light archery tourney. DeSuave Alimari Cristo wins the tourney of the minds. In Ears and Beards, elves (“Ears”) and dwarves (“Beards”) faced off in an attempt to gain the other’s treasure. In the end, the elves won and got to divide the loot amongst themselves.

Queen Sif, of Avalon, wins the dessert contest.

Raum Darkstar, a member of the clan in the early days who attended SF I, shares the day with us, and tells many stories of past adventures with the clan.

During evening entertainment, one Duke Farouk comes calling to reclaim his amulet from Kittarina. It seems the Szgany borrowed the treasure without permission prior to presenting it to Kitta. Fortunately she is able to negotiate a peace that allows her to retain possession of the amulet by entering the duke's service for one year less a day.

*24 Jul 2005 ~ Elders Summer Summit, Forsythia*

The council discusses a number of topics, including Springfest, budget/financial status, photography during stone ceremonies, prospective application, status of incorporation, website status, map finalization, reeves, “mundane” gathers, FALO emblem and 20th anniversary events. The clan is asked for input on a number of items: suggestions for clan purchases, whether to allow photography during stone ceremonies,

possible formats of “mundane” gathers (non-character events for rp planning, general comraderie, etc), suggestions for 20th anniversary events for 2006, and suggestions for the FALO emblem.

*25 Aug 2005*

Cygnus Blue Star and Skye’s Reflection on the Water leave the clan via letter (published in Autumn DS).

*17 Sep 2005 ~ Aerie Shadow Mountain Hold (Willow & Ellam’s)*

A range of weather conditions occur at this gather - rain early in the day, warm for the afternoon, & a wonderful clear night to enjoy the full moon. The afternoon is perfect for a bottica tournament.

A mysterious individual named Hunter arrives with a message for Rodin Rae regarding Gwydion.

Minxson Tracker, of Shorehaven, arrives with a message for Rinka from her uncle, naming her Duchess of Shorehaven in his absence. Rinka is not pleased. Galatyne and Theta Tarn, with a banner of Illyrian knights, agree to accompany her back to Shorehaven, as do Nikabrik Aravis, with a band of her rangers, and Falana.

Loquitor announces his plan to rescue Braethen from the drow caverns.

Brother Bart has been to see two other Tree of Life guardians. At least one Tree has a blight, which is unheard of. Needless to say, he is concerned and fears that is bodes ill for all E'atara.

At the meeting, it is announced that Cygnus & Skye are leaving the clan. The Summer Summit minutes are reviewed, and clan input is requested on several topics. The Springfest Reeve announces that all Springfest ministers in place, and the Cooking ministry has its full complement of stoneholders!

*22 Oct 2005 ~ Wyn’s Favor Inn (Rinka’s)*

A rainy day greets the first gather at this site. It is a small gather, but there is much merriment and a nearly continuous series of games of backgammon.

Those who accompanied Loquitor on his quest to rescue Braethen return tired but triumphant. Firesmith is particularly exhausted because Loquitor pushed him down a hole (although Loquitor claims to have done so to save him & jumped in after him). hOOt remains glamoured to resemble Loquitor for much of the gather, mainly because Lorelei doesn’t want to change him back, and hOOt does receive a number of compliments on his new pointed-ear appearance. This does cause several moments of confusion, however, and a new name for hOOt arises: hOOquitor.

Rinka remains Duchess of Shorehaven, much to her chagrin. Her return to Shorehaven was timely, and made with good company: her arrival with Galatyne, Theta Tarn and her knights, Nikabrik Aravis and her fighters, Falana and Reiksciel helped break the seige on Wyn Eryi by its eastern neighbors.

Rayyadiel is, well, a faery, at least for the time being. Apparently her first consumption of silver wine as an adult elf acted as a catalyst in fulfilling a debt her mother owed a faery. She has no idea how long the effect will last, but does admit it’s “kind of fun”.

The song “Good Companion” is revived in a non-competitive form, and Sadosed causes hysterics with his variation on the lyrics, consisting simply of the word ‘watermelon’.

This gather saw what is possibly the shortest clan meeting on record, consisting of the passing of the cup and reeve announcements.

*5 Nov 2005 ~ Mundane wedding of Joe and Allison (Sadosed & Maeve)*

*19 Nov 2005 ~ Mundane wedding of Frank and Jenn (Indigo & Freya)*

*3 Dec 2005 ~ Crescentwood Tavern (Loquitor & Sabine's)*

Due to the weddings of two members in November, the November gather is held in December. The day is chilly but clear, and the camaraderie of friends is a welcome warmth.

Kittarina appears without pointed ears for the first time in quite a while because the duke made her glamour them during a visit to a particular town. She is grateful for the opportunity to leave the duke for a brief respite with her clankin.

Drognan brings one of Beren's racoon-pooka offspring to the gather. The youngling changes his appearance during the gather so he doesn't \*look\* like a racoon pooka, but still manages to cause minor chaos. During a sparklies game with Duncan and Kiriannin, Kiriannin is "accidentally" exposed to an overdose of silly powder and proceeds to act....very silly. He is fascinated with candleflames, and appears with horns, then wings. The effects wear off not a moment too soon.

The faeries help bring Caitlyn back to herself again, which is a relief, particularly for Medva.

Rinka enlists hOOt to perform a spellsong to help her remember what she forgot from the trip through the shadowlands. Kiriannin also participates to regain his memories from that time. Rahne, Falana and Galatyne decline. As hOOt sings, Kyara unwittingly listens too closely and regains memories she'd rather forget of her time as a slave. At the end of the spellsong, Rinka begins acting very oddly, pointing to Rahne and Falana and saying "I know you" but not seeming to recognize anyone who had not been on that journey through the shadowlands. When asked who she is, she answers "Rinka.....yes, that was her name", which immediately raises suspicions. Those suspicions are validated when Rinka fails to recognize the significance of the Queen's necklace, which she'd given to Sabine "just in case". It is determined that Makei has tired of waiting for his quest to be completed, and has taken over Rinka to expedite the process. Kiriannin, on the other hand, acts rather normally, which is an improvement over his behaviour earlier in the day.

Vohdun asks Kittarina to throw the bones to help him find his father's axe, which he has tracked to E'atara from Endhome. At the end of her reading, Kittarina produces a stone (well, she vomits it out), which reminds Sadosed of a tale he'd heard on Endhome.

At the meeting, Khallil announces that he and E'ile are expecting their second little elf! Kyara suggests scheduling a mentoring meeting for stoneholders and guests, and asks all interested to contact her. It is 188 days until Springfest, and Falana asks any guests interested in volunteering to contact her. Galatyne makes a general announcement regarding I-Con; those interested in participating in a FALO presence should contact him. The DS website is back up! Past fiction will be archived on the site. Anyone with material on the site is asked to create a brief autobiography. The Quartermaster will be "assaulting individuals" regarding FALO property; any stoneholder in possession of clan goods should contact Granarinth as soon as possible. The Yule gather will be Jan 14th at Cullyport (Rahne & Kiriannin's). The Feb gather will be the 25th at Caitlyn's.

The clan stands at 30 members.

