

# The FALO Chronicle

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*28 Jan 2012 ~ Yule gather at Fealinne an Emandu (Clianna & Madbainn Dubbr's)*

Last gather at this site. At the hosts' request, guests are allowed to attend what is usually a clan-only event. Attendance is high to farewell the house. The weather is chill, but pleasant.

There are many clankin present who have not been seen for some time. Khallil and E'ile arrive with children in tow, explaining that they have been evading pursuers for some 18 months or more. E'ile had seen in the scrying pool that a danger was coming to the cove, and that it was directed toward her family. Rather than bring destruction to the cove, they fled, and have been on the run since. E'ile finally convinced Khallil that they could ask their clan for help.

Starshadow and Areanna cross the planes from Caer Falken to join the clan for the occasion.

Two entities possess Galatyne and Keoyte, and say they have come to take Galward back on charges of treason. Galward, knowing the consequences of the charges, immediately requests asylum from the clan. Indigo attempts to use magic to counter the wards the entities put in place around themselves and Galward, and is temporarily paralyzed for his efforts. It is decided a hearing is in order to determine the evidence for his extradition. The Inquisitor, who inhabits Galatyne, states that as a matter of diplomacy, they will comply, but as it is their custom that only nobility are permitted such authority in their kingdom, only nobility may speak at the hearing. This is met with mixed reaction from the clan, but it is agreed. The Inquisitor selects the nobility from among those present, having an apparent sense for noble bloodlines. It is agreed that Crystalmist will take custody of Galward until April, when a trial will be held on Crystalmist lands with the consent of the Queen. Emissaries from Alanos, Galward's homeland, will travel to Redgrave's Retreat for the trial.

Lavendar & Keoyte announce their wedding in April. Bride & groom promise to do their best that both arrive in good health, & that no one gets eaten prior to the ceremony.

Falana & Galatyne plan to seek out Stalzer's temple valley, as no one has seen him in months.

~ Meeting Announcements ~

It is announced that Angelica has stepped down as elder.

Stoneholders are invited to inform the elders of interest in serving the clan in any capacity, elder, reeve, or other.

Locations are announced for upcoming gathers.

Springfest is announced for June 9th, to be held at Fealinne an Emandu. This will be the last event to be held at this site. It is requested that those interested in helping out volunteer by the next gather in order to allow for efficient planning. Members are also asked to collect current contact information from guests for the mailing list. However, since Springfest will be held at Fealinne an Emandu, we are not seeking a huge attendance.

Freya receives her Welcomestone.

*25 Feb 2012 ~ Gather at Gorogdun (Vobdun & Emma's)*

*24 Mar 2012 ~ Gather at The Enchanted Woods (Skye & Cygnus')*

A small turnout on a pleasant day. Skye announces a game of "hare-pucking," similar to rat-pucking, but with small rabbits who have volunteered for the game (Alfrieda confirms their willingness to play). Galatyne questions whether it's morally conscionable to strike small woodland creatures with sticks in order to launch them through the air, and initiates a rabbit-liberation campaign, freeing rabbits from their players and releasing them to the surrounding woodlands. Some of the freed rabbits experience confusion and remain where they were released, causing them to be found by their players and returned to the game. Some players acknowledge Galatyne's point, and remove their rabbits from play. Only one rabbit experiences serious injury, and that player is expelled from further play. Lavendar and Fiona win the game.

Falana & Galatyne report on their findings from Stalzer's temple valley, and recruit companions to return and continue the search.

Lauremir misses the gather due to an 'incident', variably reported as a warg attack, brigands, an arrow to the knee, and several other incarnations.

*30 Mar - 1 Apr 2012 ~ I-Con XXXI at SUNY-Stony Brook.*

The E.L.F. track creates an orderly welcome for Paul McGann and Nana Visitor. The team also provides orderliness for the Masquerade, and later receives a note of appreciation from a patron, who felt our contribution to I-Con should be complimented.

*21 Apr 2012 ~ Gather at Redgrave's Retreat (Kyara & Regar's)*

Many attend this day, with two significant events to occur: the wedding of Lavendar Fields to Keoyte, and the extradition hearing of Galward Arren. Lavendar and Keoyte both arrive in good health, as promised.

## *9 June 2012 ~ Springfest XXXV at Tealinne an Emandu*

What is expected to be the last event held at this site. A cloudy day dawns, and there is some light rain. However, the weather clears by the afternoon, and sunshine accompanies the festivities.

Freya and Indigo make a happy announcement: they are expecting a baby fae, due in January. And the people rejoiced!

Phairlen has extricated himself from his tower once again, and rejoined his clan for the first time in several years. He claims it worthwhile, though, as he is now averaging 6 months between explosions blowing the roof off the tower. (The roof has been carefully designed for this, so it sustains minimal damage, and can be replaced on top of the tower by the air-whale Phairlen now keeps on retainer.)

In the boffer tourney, the field yields three contestants remaining after the second round: Galin, Sadosed and Djaygo. The marshals decide to have a round-robin final round, wherein each combatant fights each of the other two. A tally is kept of wounds and kills, in the event that there is no clear winner after three matches. Galin loses his matches, leaving Sadosed MacDougall to face Djaygo (aka Firesmith) in the final round. The match is close, but Sadosed wins with a score of two kills to two wounds.

The light archery tourney is won by Elena Titherbane.

The archery tourney is a close contest through the first two rounds (6 arrows at a bulls eye target, and the Odysseus shoot of 6 arrows through two hoops). Ultimately, Aranek faces Keoyte in the final round – the wand shoot. Aranek splits the wand on the first arrow and wins the tourney.

The winners of the Quest are Pooka (creativity), Naia (compassion), and Bogen (courage), all qualities of heroes.

The Tournament of Tables, a series of strategy games, is ultimately won by Fiona, after a long battle with Galin. Bogen is named the third place winner.

A close race in the dessert contest requires an additional judge to be called in for the tie-breaker. Fuschia wins with her caterpillar cake... or inchworm cake, according to Keoyte.

Evening entertainment is hosted by those who have served as hosts (or by a representative) over the previous 24 years of Springfest. The evening begins with new host Saba, who unexpectedly starts conversing with a spirit and abruptly leaves the hall. Fortunately Sadosed, representing Sado-head, steps in to continue the introductions. Sadosed also acts as representative for Granarinth, utilizing Granarinth's 'elven sign language' – briefly. Sadosed yields the hosting to Djaygo. Next is the mysterious masked host, who remains nameless. He is briefly interrupted by 'Satyir' (represented by Kyara), but Fiona successfully lures 'him' away with a bottle of mead. The final host of the evening is hOOt Dreamsinger – who is also the final performer. The nameless host returns, claiming it unthinkable that hOOt introduce himself, and so introduces the clan's 'bard of great renown.'

Kyara announces that there will be a pie auction, with the winner of the pie entitled to put it in the face of the elder of their choice. Loquitor, ever the pusher of raffle tickets, is even more motivated to encourage everyone to spend their coin on tickets. In the end, Sadosed wins the pie – which, after much exaggerated deliberation, is given to Aranek, who fortunately suffers no serious injury but does have the sensation of breathing pie for the remainder of the evening.

~ Meeting Announcements ~

The council announces two new elders, effective 10 June: Medva and Galatyne.

## *29 September 2012 ~ Shadow Mountain Hold*

First gather at this site in some time, and the clan is happy to return.

### **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

#### *Springfest*

Keotye is the Springfest Reeve for Springfest 2013, which will be held on June 8, 2013 at Camp Cedar Crest in Orange, Connecticut. Details are posted on the website. While there will be discussions and likely some information posted to Facebook and the FALO message board, the web page, which will be maintained by Keotye, will be the only official source for information. Some key points regarding Springfest that were brought up at the meeting include:

**Springfest Attendance:** This camp lowered its rates for us because they want us there; however, it is still costing more than twice what we have paid for camps in the past. In order to break even, we estimate that we will need 100 paid registrations. Keotye is working hard to put together an exciting event, but it is all of our responsibilities to seek out guests. Aravis is beginning to put together a mailing list. Please send her any contact information you have, even if it is old... she has the ability to track down current information.

**Ministry Service:** Committed ministers are needed ASAP to get things moving. Please contact Keotye if you are interested in being a minister or even if you are just interested in serving on a ministry. There is no requirement for members to serve on ministries. There will be a post-fest reimbursement of a portion of the event fee (amount yet to be determined) for people (members or guests) who serve on a ministry and fulfilled their obligations. Details will be provided as they get ironed out.

Both guests and strong ministries are key to making this a successful Springfest, and we can't emphasize enough how important that is. FALO truly offers a unique fantasy experience that significantly touches people's lives, and Springfest is a great introduction to a journey of unforeseen dimension. Please contact Keotye with offers of service and/or ideas.

#### *Website*

Contact information for the elders and reeves is available via the website.

Additional event help (including basic text that can be used by event hosts) is being added to the help section (available from the user menu when you log in).

Please consider completing or updating your FALO file. New guests have commented on how they went through every character profile available before coming to their first gather. We currently have about 16 FALO files in the completed section. A number of people have text that was carried over from the old website with old photos. Either let me know if everything is fine as-is or update whatever you want updated and provide me with a new picture (if needed), and I will generate the necessary thumbnail link. Right now, those files are available only through the default icons on the Character Profile page but not on the profile menu.

*27 October 2012 ~ Chambre de Miel*

The first gather at this site sees pleasant weather for the Meadshire Pumpkin Festival, an annual harvest celebration. Everyone dressed in costume so as to scare the pumpkin spirits and keep them in the pumpkin patch. The only casualty was Bogan, who wandered into the patch and was bit by a pumpkin. He was bit mad for a while (mad as in nearly foaming at the mouth) but recovered quickly after some paladin healing with no apparent lasting effects. The food was excellent, and many people took turns at lopping the heads off the burlap bandits. Aravis won the costume contest (some people didn't even know it was Aravis). Nindais took possession of Lorelei for a brief time to let us know that if we wanted to have a chance at fighting the coming darkness, we needed to let Lorelei finish collecting souls to free her (Nindais) from her prison. Several clan members have acknowledged that this may be part of working with our enemies that we were told might be necessary and are willing to accompany Lorelei to see if there is another means of releasing these "souls" besides killing the hosts or if the hosts are really just shells, anyway. Galatyne and Medva hold a pumpkin vigil to drive away any lingering pumpkin spirits from the festivities. Some unexpected good news appears in the form of Porrigo, lost at sea from one of Rodin Rae's ships years ago. He was rescued by a fisherman, who welcomed him – at least until Porrigo & the fisherman's daughter, Koi, became a little too interested in each other. Porrigo fled, and Koi left with him. They are quite happy together, and are expecting a child near winter's end.

**~ Meeting Announcements ~**

New Members: Galward and Lauremir were given Welcomestones, so be sure to give your new clan kin a warm welcome when next you see them. We are very pleased that they have joined us.

Upcoming Gathers: The last gather of 2012 will likely be held one of the first two weekends in December at either Hunt's End Inn or Crescentwood Tavern. If you would like to host a gather in the Spring, please let Loquitor and/or Sabine know.

Gather Reeve: We are looking for either a new gather reeve or someone to assist with gather coordination. Please contact the elders if you are interested.

Springfest: Keotye announced the current ministers:

Setup: Kitarrina  
Security: Falana  
Entertainment: Galatyne  
Cooking: Caitlin  
Tavern: Loquitor  
Cleanup: Rinka Tur  
Welcoming: (being confirmed)  
Games:  
Quest:  
Faerie Tea:

If you would like to be a minister, please contact Keotye. If you would like to serve on a ministry, please contact Keotye and/or the minister.

### *December 8, 2012 ~ Hunt's End Inn*

Several new guests were in attendance and may have been successfully wooed by the delicacies of the inn. Some paper, reported to be faerie paper, was left out by Amnesia, and Griffin and Zachary began handing out bits of it with various characters and runes scrawled on them, inducing odd behavior in several attendees. It was later determined that the paper was not actually faerie paper at all, which raises the question of why Theta Tarn was walking into walls and Phairlen was trying to go through the floor. Some sort of sweet puffy fungus was roasted on skewers over a fire, and a firelight vigil gave rise to poetry, philosophy, and a bit of magely history. Later in the evening, some visitors from a nearby village arrived seeking aid. Communication is difficult at first, as their speech is different from the common language, but Alfrieda is able to assist by using the piece of unicorn horn she carries to facilitate translation. Recent storms had destroyed their medicines and people were ill. They did not want healers but did accept some of Caitlin's herbs. Caitlin and Medva say they believe the women were of the First Tribes, who rarely seek interaction with the rest of the world. How they knew of Caitlin, we don't know.

### **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

*Yule Gather:* The Yule gather will be a members-only gather at Clianna's & Maddhain Dubhr's on January 12. Details are posted on the website.

*February Gather:* The February gather will be at Kyara's & Regar's; date to be determined.

*Gather Reeve:* Galatyne is the new gather reeve. Please contact him if you are willing to host gathers so that he may put you on his potential gather host contact list. We are currently looking for hosts for March and April. Also contact him if you have any difficulty RSVPing for events or forgot your password.

*Springfest:* Please consider serving on a ministry. All members will be paying for Springfest this year, but those who complete their ministry service (including guests) will receive a partial refund. The ministers are as follows:

Setup: Kitarrina  
Welcoming: Amnesia  
Security: Falana  
Games: Falana  
Entertainment: Galatyne  
Faerie Tea: Galatyne  
Quest: Hoot  
Cooking: Caitlin  
Tavern: Loquitor  
Cleanup: Rinka Tur

If you would like to serve on a ministry, please contact Keotye and/or the minister. Please pass the invitation to serve on a ministry onto your regular guests, as well.

*Clan Questionnaire:* The elders intend to put together a brief questionnaire for members by Yule with the possibility of discussion at Yule.

*Yule and Guests:* While this coming Yule will be open to members only, the elders would like to hear your opinion on whether you would like future Yule gathers to be open to guests (all guests? only guests who have previously attended gathers? other thoughts?). Join the discussion on the message board or email the elders.

*Gather Attendance:* Gather no-shows (as high as 25 percent of the planned attendance) have begun to affect our coffers. Every gather this fall has lost money due to members and guests RSVPing and then not attending. The elders will be exploring options to keep us from continuing to lose money and are open to thoughts from the clan regarding possible solutions. Please join the discussion on the message board or send your ideas to the elders.

*Membership Dues:* While it was not announced at the gather, dues for the 2013 calendar year are due at Yule. Members who have not paid their dues by Springfest may not attend Springfest or any subsequent gather until their dues are paid. Dues are \$20.

