

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilous Monks

Abbot's Report

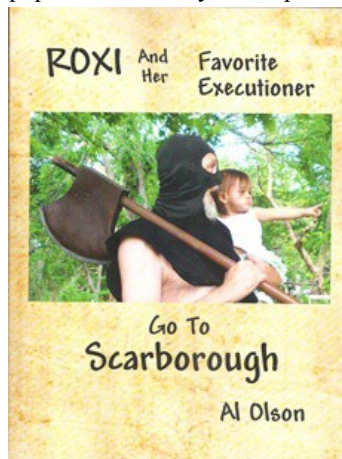
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Ink Shortage!

We can usually depend upon www.123injets.com to supply us with ink to print our *Abbot's Reports*. Three days after placing our order, we were informed that our ink was out of stock and that our order would be delayed. Consequently, we have reduced the sizes of our fonts, margins and pictures in an effort to accomplish our printing with the limited ammount of ink we have in stock. Some pictures and stories have been eliminated all together. We apologize to those who will need to find a magnifying glass in order to read this report.

Brother Mutha Publishes!!

Brother Mutha (Al Olson) has published his first book. The book is entitled *Roxi and her Favorite Executioner Go to Scarborough*. The book is a photo essay describing a trip that Brother Mutha and his granddaughter, Roxi, made to The Scarborough Renaissance Festival in Texas. Roxi was 15 months old when the photos were taken. The book includes several views of a vardo owned by Al's lovely wife, Rosemary. Brother Mutha had originally built the vardo for Rita d'Agostino who has since passed on. The book is available from Amzon.com in paperback for only \$9.13 plus shipping.



<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1484055349> Numbered double autographed copies are available for \$20 (free shipping) by writing to smee@smeeandblogg.com Brother Mutha asks everyone to please share this information with all of their friends both on the internet and in real life. He plans to write more books about Roxi's adventures in the future. A larger work on the history of renaissance faires in America is also in progress. Several authors have promised to contribute pieces for this book and Al is waiting for those submissions to arrive before he sends the book to the publisher. Monks who have not already been contacted are also invited to submit autobiographical anecdotes and observations to smee@smeeandblogg.com

Astral Projections

Our astrologer, Brother Francis (David Doyle), remains sequestered and incommunicado at his mysterious undisclosed location. Among his many skills is his ability to travel outside of his body. He recently sent an Email to our Abbot in which he wrote, *During the run of Scarborough, I was one night there non-corporeally. There seemed to be a great deal of psychic energy to draw me there: probably a lot of*

people were doing psychedelic drugs. A lot of cosmic energy was focused there during the Faire: A couple of tornadoes nearby, and a fertilizer plant exploded so close - they felt it at Scarborough. Just after Scarborough, I was at the Colorado renfest as rennies were arriving to get things ready, again non-corporeally; and again a lot of psychic energy - a lot of tripping rennies. Cosmic energy here also. Currently, a major wildfire is south of there, near Colorado Springs. There is much that I know, but don't have enough time at computers to be able to write it out. "Individually we are weak, like a single twig; but, as a bundle, we form a mighty faggot." - Martin Prince Jr

Reports From Southern Gardeners

Our Abbot has recently learned that the North Pole has started moving about 100 miles every year. Up until a few years ago, it only moved a few inches annually. Brother Costello, (David Roe) is an urban gardener in New Orleans, Louisiana. He reports, *We have not had a frost or a temperature under 41°F in 3 years here in the St Roch. I am growing peaches and figs and citrus and other more temperate fruits*



and veggies, but these three fruits growing in my yard pretty much tell me all I need to know about global weirding. New Orleans is becoming a true tropical paradise, the northernmost banana republic, and a harbinger of things to come.

Brother Granma (Cindy Merideth) and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 7th anniversary of being legally hitched on June 20. They have lived together on their farm near Hallettsville, Texas for 25 years. Mike first moved there after the 1988 season of The Scarborough Renaissance Festival. Cindy had continued on to Tennessee and then



traveled to New York but returned to Texas in time for the Texas Renaissance Festival. Brother Granma says, "Yikes! Where has the time gone?" Her monthly "Herb Cottage Newsletter" and her blog include lots of pictures of their extensive garden and greenhouse

projects and can be found here: <http://www.theherbcottage.com/5-13-calendula.html>

In September of 2011, Brother Dollface (Kandra Niagra) lost her home near Bastrop, Texas to a wildfire. A fascinating photo essay that tells the story of that terrifying adventure can be found on her website here: <http://weepeople.com/drawer/thestoriorofthefire.htm> In the intervening year and a half, she has rebuilt bigger and better. Last week she had a garden party. She writes, 8 (yes EIGHT!) Volunteers came to my property to help me with the Highway Garden on Friday, June 14- from the Long-term Recovery Team! Together we



beat back the Enemy Grass! From left to right: me, Bridgette, Kim, Alison, Katey, Mazey, Megan, Henry, and John down in front. Thanks SO much for your help! See you again on Sunday! Brother Goddess (Keridwyn Hersherberger) also lost everything in the fires. She recently won a big grant to rebuild and will soon be one of Kandra's neighbors. Her son, Evan (7), is a crystal child who takes after his grandfather.

Many residents of Toon Town, adjacent to the Texas Renaissance Festival, also take advantage of Texas' long growing season. Brother Love and Light (Jan Elliot) hosts monthly meetings of a Garden Club at her home on Renfaire Drive. She writes, *Our next meeting will be the 11th of July, 6:30 pm upstairs in the community room and a potluck as usual. Looking forward to seeing all!!! LOVE and LIGHT to YOU!!!*

Monastic Signs and Banners

After losing two jobs in two weeks previously believed to be stable, (Food & Beverage management at Sterling and Baker/Manager at Sherwood Forest) Brother Geek (Joni Massengale) is again flexing her entrepreneurial chops in a new endeavor. The name of the new company has yet to be decided but the choices have been narrowed down to "Hang deSign" or "Well Hung Signs". She will be making hand-painted home and garden signs. Joni says, "I discovered at



NYRF, where I created the faire signs in a public part of the camping area, that painting is a spectator sport." So in order to give herself an edge with customers and juries she will include "demonstrations" of customized pieces created on festival days. She plans to unveil the new business at Sherwood Forest Faire in 2014 with the hopes of also garnering a guest artist spot at Scarborough. She then intends to add

Sterling in 2015 and TRF in 2016. "I'm going to do my best to stick to working only for other BOOSM members or those with close ties to the order like Jo Dixon in the meantime. These outsiders have no sense of loyalty." Jo's sign is pictured below. Her brother has cancer.



Brother Sew What (Christine Simeone) makes banners and she recently posted the following notice in the secret BOOSM Facebook group: *Hello Brothers. I have been hearing of this new banner requirement at TRF for this year. I also hear that the woman who was making a lot of them is swamped and isn't taking on anymore. So, if any of y'all still*



need one, I am available to do some. I do have to get ready for NYRF first, so my work window would be possibly late July till the end of Sept. My banners are made of Sunbrella canvas, so they last and last. You can message me on FB or my email is simeone1@gmail.com. I can



get you on the list of what I can get done and discuss price and design anytime. Here is my business page:

<https://www.facebook.com/demonseamstress> In the pictures section, there is an album called "Signs and Banners". Those are some I have done. If you have seen Bill Swain's bungee rides at TRF, I made the banners on the tower in the center of the ride...in 2004.

Obituaries



Patrick Fenn



Steve Calusa