

To those attending Live by the Sword on November 23, Kudrun sends greetings.

Although Live by the Sword is focused primarily on the arts of defense, there is no reason that other arts shouldn't be practiced during breaks in the swordplay. To that end, there will be an open solar, where more peaceful arts may be practiced and/or exhibited. This space will also serve as our dining room, ballroom, and library. If an experienced book herald is available, a heraldic consultation table may be possible. .

We will make tables and wall space available for simple exhibition of our wares, with an opportunity for the populace to make comments on the various articles exhibited.

There is adequate space and a hard floor that will be occupied by dancers periodically during the day.

We will also have space in the hall for artisans to practice their craft. We will encourage the artisans and the populace to share freely. A spinner, for example, may be willing to allow someone to try their hand at the craft. A bead-maker or book-binder might teach their art to an admiring soul or two. Cooks and bakers who wish to offer samples of their wares will be welcome to share. Those who practice decorative arts will be welcome to add ambiance to the room, though wall-painting may be discouraged.

I would ask such artisans to contact me ([kudrun.pilegrim@gmail.com](mailto:kudrun.pilegrim@gmail.com)) with their offers to share in this informal setting. (Depending on the response, we may attempt some form of scheduling.)

We will have a small library in the solar, in the hope that people will gain inspiration from the contents. If you wish to share books during the event, please be sure they are identifiable as yours. If there is a subject you are curious about, let us know, and we may well be able to provide some resources. Kudrun will offer research aids if she is able.

Bards and musicians will be welcome to entertain the populace, or to try out a new piece before an audience.

Some art supplies and tools will be available, though they may be of post-period construction.

Nibble food and non-spirituous drink may also be shared. (Please provide ingredient lists or recipes.)

We will have time to relax and enjoy each other's company, and to converse about our arts and learning.

Please share this missive as you will.

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