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December Tidings



Yule is upon us! Camlann ushered in the season this year as we have in years past, with a full slate of Yule feasts all December and into early January 2026 for Epiphany. As a Scandinavian medievalist, I often associate Yuletide with spooky stories and scary ghosts - in the far north of Europe, the darkest time of year is also the most haunted, when itinerant workers and settled farmers alike are at their most vulnerable. Yuletide at Camlann is an entirely different affair, full of warmth and light and joyful carols. What a treasure and a treat to be able to host so many weary travelers this season and share in the festivities.

Yule feasts are sold out, but there are still ways for you to experience a medieval Advent and Christmas season. We have new medieval programming this month, which you can read more about below - for the very first time, Camlann is hosting a medieval music concert! Mark your calendars for Friday, December 19; tickets are available on our website.

Around the Village, I am most excited about the new hayshed for Mabel and Tilly, Camlann's resident sheep. Many thanks to Bart Olson, Larry Clark, Tim Petosky, Keith Leiker, and Camlann's co-director, Kimber Leiker, for lending their time and effort to the project. The shed is fully timber-framed, with mortise-and-tenon joinery, and topped with handmade cedar shakes. We look forward to sharing it with you all when the Village proper opens for the summer 2026 season.

And finally, many thanks to Alex Young, who hosted our first-ever calligraphy workshop in November - twenty students came to learn how to write with feather quill and iron gall ink. Camlann's 2026 schedule will go live on our website in January and will include other new workshops, so stay tuned!



As I write this letter, we are preparing to host the Carnation Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas party, so I must away. Yuletide greetings and well wishes to you and yours.

Lauren Poyer, PhD
Executive Director

Meet The Camlann Board

Each month we will be featuring one of our hardworking board members. They have volunteered countless hours, offering up their creativity and expertise to further the mission of Camlann Medieval Association.



After faithfully serving on the CMA Board of Directors for 12 years, Jean Fowler is stepping down at the end of this month. She and her husband, Chuck, were part of the original supporters of the formation of Camlann Medieval Village. In recognition of their generosity, a painting of them dressed in medieval garb was incorporated into the mural in the Banquet Hall. Being a Fowler, it's appropriate that she should be holding a falcon.

Because of her previous experience on non-profit boards (Director on the Northshore School Board, Executive Director of the Northshore Public Education Foundation, and part of the governance of several other non-profit organizations), her advice has been invaluable. She was actively involved in the recruitment of our new co-directors, Lauren Poyer and Kimber Leiker, and has given essential input on meeting both past and present board needs.

In the early days, both Jean's daughter and she volunteered for the Faire. Jean worked in the booth making pasties, and her daughter played the trumpet announcing jousts (hand-to-hand) in the tourney field. More recently, she has lent her artistic talents to 'Iwa in the Gate Shop and assisted with the mending of costumes.

Aside from CMA, Jean is deeply involved with retriever training and competitions, participating in her local garden club, and raising awareness of the importance of pollinator plants in the landscape. She is also an active member of her church.

Camlann Medieval Association owes a deep debt of gratitude to Jean for her many years of service. We will miss her tremendously. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you, Jean. Please visit us from time to time.

Donate here to support Camlann Village's development and general operations.



Faires, Feasts, and Gatherings

Triplum in Concert
December 19, 2025 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Purchase your \$25 tickets here

Yule Feasts
5-8:00 pm, weekends, December 6-January 4.
Sorry, all sold out!



Triplum in Concert:

Although our Yule Feasts are sold out, you can still celebrate the season with us on **December 19, 7:00-9:00 pm** by attending a Medieval Yule Concert with Triplum. (See [above link for tickets](#))

Triplum is a Portland-based instrumental ensemble performing a repertoire spanning from medieval to ragtime music. With instruments as diverse as hurdy-gurdy, medieval fiddles, douçaine, bass clarinet, viola, and harpsichord at their disposal, the tonal palette is otherworldly.

Triplum has been performing as a trio and as part of larger groups such as Orchestra of the Moon and Big Mouth Society since 2015. Regional concert series appearances for Triplum include Global Folk Club at the White Eagle Saloon in Portland, the Third Sundays at Three series in Junction City, the chamber music series at Silverton United Methodist Church in Silverton, Oregon, and a benefit for Ukraine organized by Classical Revolution PDX.

Jacob Breedlove (bass rebec, hurdy-gurdy, harpsichord) has a background as a multi-instrumentalist, puppeteer, and harpsichord builder, and has performed at Camlann Medieval Village for over thirty years.



Ben Neubauer (vielle, viola) is one of the few vielle players on the West Coast. Since he made his own vielle, he is planning to study more formally to become a luthier. As a violist, he studied at Oberlin Conservatory and is an active chamber musician in Portland.

Aage Nielsen (bass clarinet, douçaine) performed for over twenty years with the Boise Philharmonic, taught at the College of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene University, performed in Denmark, the Netherlands, and Iceland as the founder of Boise-based Darkwood Consort, and performs with several Portland-based chamber groups.



Board Game Nights

Normally, *the third Thursday of each month* is our **Board Game Night!** Our next gathering is *Thursday, December 18th, from 6-10 pm*. Bring yourself, bring your friends, bring a board game or TTRPG, and spend an evening of good cheer in the Bors Hede. Learn and play a medieval game or two with our medieval

gamemaster Galfrey, play a historical or medieval-inspired one-off campaign with one of our drop-in DMs, or play a game you bring yourself. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. Free event, recommended \$10 donation. **Registration required; see our Events page for a link!**

Bors Hede Inne

Relax and enjoy the warmth of the fire, savor a hearty meal, and give yourself over to the music and stories of the minstrels at our fourteenth-century village inne.

Our restaurant is open year-round, Friday and Saturday, with our first seating at 5 PM and our last seating at 7 PM. Reservations are required at least 24 hours beforehand. Schedule them **online** or call 425-788-8624.



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