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Next Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Where Pollo Rico Latin Bistro, Centereach, NY

Topic: Medieval European Armor

Speaker: Jeffrey D. Wasson, Wasson Artistry

Social hour ... 6:00 pm Dinner ... 7:00 pm Meeting ... 8:00 pm

Members ... \$25 Guests ... \$27 Students ... \$15

(New and recently transferred-in members free)

Reservations appreciated – call Peter Indrigo at 631-589-6666

Directions to Pollo Rico Latin Bistro

Pollo Rico is located at 2435 Middle Country Road (Rte. 25), Centereach. Probably the simplest way to get there from the LIE is to take Exit 62 (Nicolls Road) and go north on CR 97 (towards Stony Brook). Continue north for about 3 miles then take the exit to Rte. 25. At the traffic signals at the end of the ramp go left and head west (Smithtown). The restaurant will appear after about 1.5 miles, on the right side of the highway. Their telephone number is 631-471-0585. Their website is: http://www.polloricolatinbistro.com/

Our Speaker

Jeff Wasson is an artist who specializes in making historical reproductions of medieval armor. He is also a teacher and educator who brings his love of history and craft into his presentations. He attended college in New York City at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) where he studied drawing, painting, and sculpture. In college he became active in medieval societies that practiced combat in full armor. This led him down the road of making armor for himself and others. After graduation, he toured Europe by bicycle then returned to New York to work at the Pratt Institute in the Industrial Design department. At the same time, he did freelance work making things for people and, as his armoring skills grew, he spent time in a partnership with other craftsmen who supplied equipment for medieval re-enactors. Striking out on his own, Jeff developed a reputation for historical accuracy and attention to fine detail.

After Pratt, he worked at the SVA sculpture center for many years as a technical consultant, helping students make sculpture. Jeff gained teaching experience as an instructor in SVA's Continuing Education program, teaching metal and woodworking for many years. At present, he is a fulltime armorer who also teaches undergraduate classes in metalworking for the SVA.

The Topic

Wasson artistry L.L.C. was formed in 2007 as a business to promote Jeff Wasson's many artistic endeavors but the main focus is on making medieval armor, specializing in 14th, 15th and 16th European plate armor. For this, the preferred materials are spring steels, such as 1050 and 4130. that can be hardened and tempered. Stainless steel, titanium or other "space" metals are not used as they don't make sense for historical reproductions. However, Jeff has worked with aluminum and stainless steel for movie props, and would consider other materials in special circumstances depending upon what the project is.



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| Jan. 8, 2019 | Joint Meeting with LIANS |
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| | Speaker: Les Fishbone, BNL |
| | Topic: Einstein |
| | Place: Pollo Rico, Centereach |
| Feb. 20, 2019 | Past Chairs Nught |
| | Topic, speaker tbd |