

# The Marketplace

## Bank Report

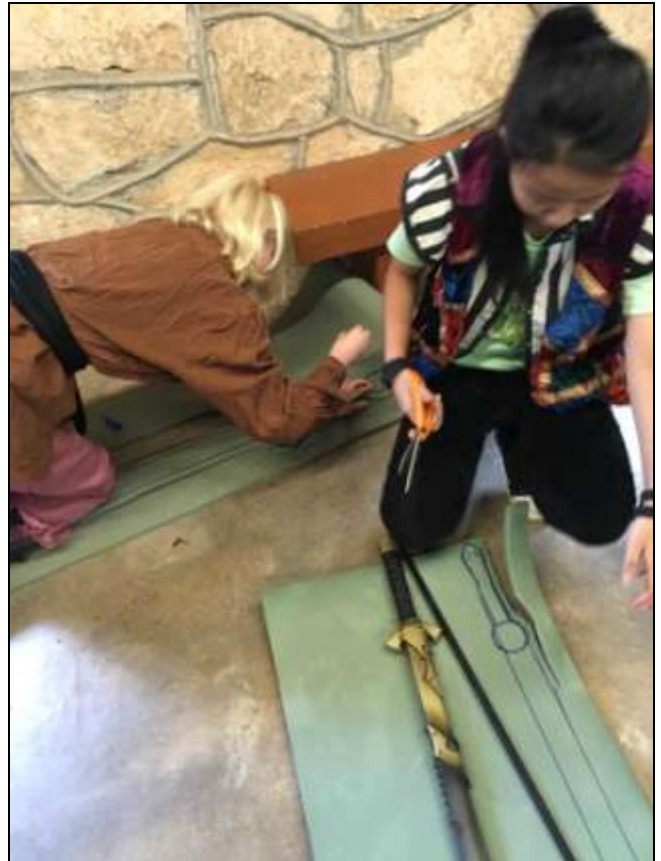
*The Marketplace* ran on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Camp Holland in Weatherford. The day was hot, and we were grateful for the air-conditioned Main Hall! We had a really great turnout for a workshop event - including two new players: Sara Carlsborg and Tracy Li, the two exchange students that came with Chris Wright. Please say hello to them next time you see them.

The market place was a huge success Sarah, John and Rachael spent about 13 hours helping people on outfits and other sewing projects while Myself, David Spence and Dustin helped with weapons. A lot of cool gear was made and everyone brought something to the table. I was overjoyed at how many people brought tools to help make gear (even if some of us left ours at home ... sorry).

If anyone has any further questions on how to make or take care of weapons do not hesitate to contact me via email (Hamerhead24@hotmail.com) or on Facebook. I look forward to doing this again and everyone getting geared up to play.

The take away I hope everyone one got from this is that it does not have to be expensive to LARP when we come together as a community we can get things made cheaply and quickly; yet still be of good quality. I forgot to take pictures of the finished products so please anyone who attended and took pictures if you would share them with us to show some of the quality work we turned out.

David Gibson - Weapons and Latex  
Sarah Gibson - Sewing and design



*Sara and Tracy foamsmithing their new swords*



*Sara and Joshua practicing combat*

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Layne's new armor - perfect for the Texas heat

This was an event for which I had zero expectations, but ended up being very surprised at how much fun I had! The socialization was fun, and a LOT of weapons were made or repaired! I brought 8 shield blanks with me, along with the straps and buckles required for the straps, and returned home with *one*!

There was a LOT of equipment at the event - belt sanders (yes, plural), Dremels, hot knives, sewing machines (yes, plural again), as well a boatload of raw material, including latex and colored latex!

People made or brought their new armor, and Dustin Proctor and David Gibson were there to help people use the equipment to achieve their desired results! David Spence and Paul Coley were there to help with design. Fighting skills were taught, honed, or practiced. Great swaths of clothing were available both for free - and Rachel, Sarah, and John Jones staffed the sewing machines and churned out custom requests all day long!

David Gibson confiscated the staff I had brought to repair, and with Sarah's help has turned it into an object of delight and amazement! THANK YOU DAVID & SARAH!

Olan Knight  
Bank Rep

Only five people voted, so all of the votes have been consolidated. I can only assume that the last four ratings were entered in <SARCASM> font since the entire event existed to build weapons, costumes, and shields! :)

**Game Ratings:**

**Overall:**

Overall: 9.8    Design: 9.5    Logistics: 9.3  
Mental: 10.0    Physical: 10.0    Fighting: 7.0    Risk: 10.0

**Best of Categories:**

**PCs**

**Roleplaying:**

1st: Everyone

**Costume:**

1st: Colton Brannon as Phoenix

Monster:

1st: The Solar Gods (it was HOT outside!)

Humor:

1st: Sarah Gibson

Fighting:

1st: Olan Knight teaching Tracy Li  
how to engage in LARP fighting

Special Effect:

1st: The Cloak of Protection, Weapons from foam!



*Olan teaching Tracy about LARP combat*



*Working on the Purple Cloak Of Mystery*



*Sara with her new sword*



*Tracy in the completed Purple Cloak Of Mystery*

See You Next Time -

Olan Knight  
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