

Thereby Hangs A Tale

The News for the Canton of Lions End within the Crown Province of Ostgardr



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Medieval Happenings in the Mundane World

Centuries Old Prosthetic Hand Discovered in Germany

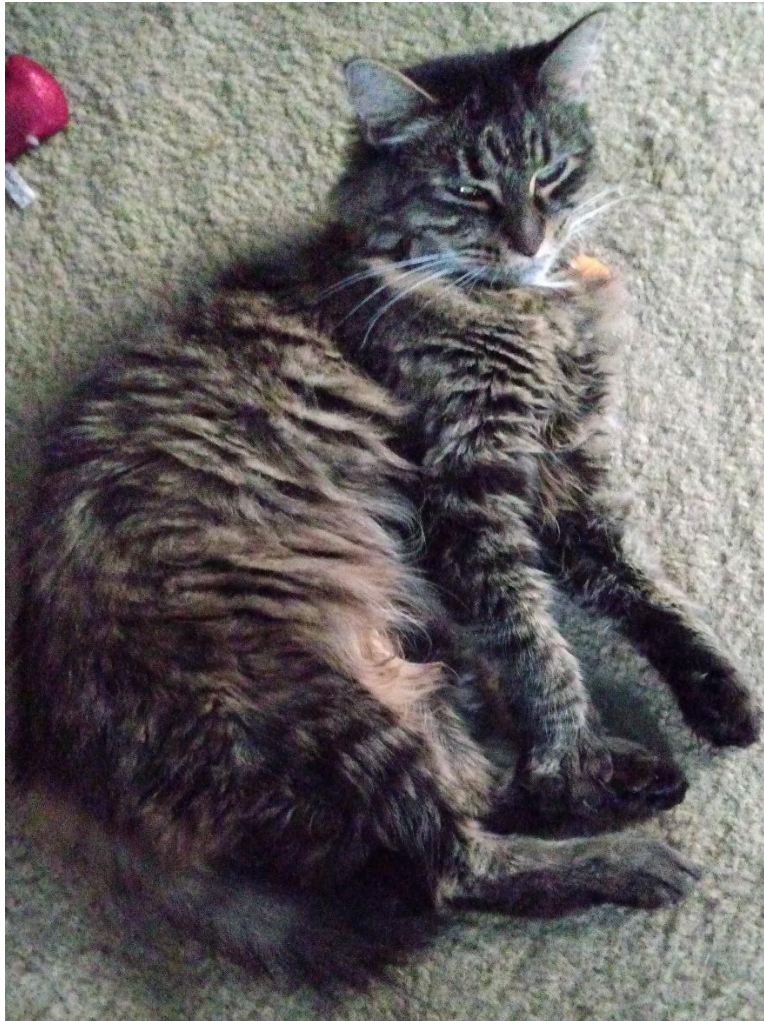
On November 3, 2023, Smithsonian Magazine reported that a skeleton had been discovered near St. George parish church in the Bavarian town of Freising. The skeleton belongs to a man believed to be between 30 and 50 years old and who died between 1450 and 1620. Parts of the fingers on the left hand were missing.

“The hollow prosthetic on the left hand replaced four fingers,” says Walter Irlinger, deputy of the general conservator at the Bavarian State Office for Monument Preservation, in the statement. “The index, middle, ring and pinky fingers are individually formed out of sheet metal and are immobile.”

Scans revealed that the prosthetic had scraps of fabric and leather stuck to the metal fingers. Meaning it was possible that the fingers once had a leather cover and were tied to the person’s hand using scraps. A gauze like material was found inside the fingers, which might have served as a cushion to prevent the skin from contacting with the metal.

The Cat's Corner

. An Islamic legend tells the tale of how Noah's ark was overrun with mice and rats. God instructed Noah to pet the nostril of a lion, whereupon the lion sneezed out two house cats. Problem solved.



Do I look like I came from a lion's nose?

(Photo by Fran Avnet)

Upcoming Events

Deck the Halls of Valhalla. *January 20, 2024.* Purgatory: 675 Central Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207. **Site Opens:** 10am. **Site Closes:** 5pm. Feastboard and classes. **Registration:** Adults 18 and up: \$25 for Members, \$30 for Non-members. Children 4-17,\$20. Children 3 and younger Free. Make Checks Payable: SCA NY Inc. Ostgardr , **Event Steward:** Ragnarr Blaskegg 273 Argyle Rd., Brooklyn NY 11218. **Send Reservations to:** Piglet Evans,219 West 106th St., 1-E, New York, NY 10025-3663.