

### Welcome to Samazar! “The Diamond City”

Welcome to Samazar, also known as the Diamond City! This is the second issue of our monthly publication, and we are proud to have additional contributors this time. We continue our series on the current events and fine arts of our fair city, and we are excited to add an advice column to our second page, as well as a selection of new poetry.

Don't worry - we are listening to the citizenry of Samazar as well, and we'll customize our content to what you want most to read about. For example, this month we call on the Diamond Assembly to make clear the terms under which new Councilors can be elected and how allocation of representatives will evolve with the changing demographics of the greater community. We all deserve the right to fair representation in the Assembly.

I personally invite concerned citizens to write opinion pieces to be published herein. Furthermore, I call upon invite members of the Assembly to reply in these pages. We must have a strong civil dialogue for our experimental government to continue to improve. Engage now, meaningfully and fully, for the sake of our beloved Samazar.



A Professor at the Academy of Innovation making final adjustments to his crowning achievement - bracers of strength, which will allow users to carry and manipulate much heavier objects than they are normally capable of lifting.

## Trade Day to be celebrated

Temple, Merchant's Guild, and Academy working together

By Alair Syldithas

This weekend, the Diamond City is celebrating Trade Day, the holy day of Kora. The Temple, Academy of Innovation, and Merchant's Guild have all worked together to put on today's festivities and special events.

In Victory Square, large areas are blocked off for booths and stalls, where inventors from around the world are showing off their latest creations. Academy of Innovation faculty are prominent here, though the Fair is open to all comers. Members of the Guild of Wind and Flame are also showing off their creations, as are independent scholars and visitors from all of the Jeweled Cities' Academies. Even scholars from Isildar, most of whom call Shalazar their temporary home, have traveled to Samazar to visit this exceptional event.

Docent of the Academy - and Diamond Assembly Councilor - Allegría di Rossi was quick to assure citizens that the Fair will be safe. There are no barriers to who may enter into the Fair, but only inventions that do not pose a risk to passers-by are being allowed at this time.

Another important part of the holy day is not to be forgotten - you do not have to be a famous inventor in order to create! As Tuva Hanevold, head priest of the city Temple, reminds us, everyone is welcome and encouraged to create - and to engage in commerce - on Kora's day.

“You don't have to make a masterwork, or even anything complicated. You also don't need to sell your handmade goods for more than a brass or two. The point is to honor Kora. Still, you should do your best - create something to be proud of!” Hanevold commented.

Trade is also important to Kora, so the Merchant's Guild is allowing more than the usual stalls in the city's bazaar and mercantile districts. Be sure to check them out.

In honor of Kora, this newspaper, which distributed its first issue for free, is being sold, starting today, for a single lunari.



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### The City Museum The latest updates

Mirjam Nilsson

New exhibitions at the Samazar City Museum opened yesterday. New artwork and murals from Florian Pennywhistle are on display. The Museum is open until 7pm every day.

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### Poetry submissions From various citizens

Alair Syldithas, P. K Ochs, et al

Recent poetry submissions from citizens of Samazar and beyond.

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### New Advice Column Ask questions now

P. K. Ochs

We're pleased to announce the addition to our publication of an advice column. Volunteer writer P. K. Ochs, Adventurer, will answer your questions.

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P. K. Ochs

## Advice and Manners in a changing world

### How do you navigate life in the Diamond City?

Greetings, denizens of Samazar! My name is P. K., food critic, lover of the arts, and adventurer! In each edition of The Diamond City Times I will be answering burning questions submitted by you, the readers! These questions can be about all manner of subjects including life, relationships, local food trends, the latest arts attractions, and more! Surprise me!

*Dear Mr. Ochs, my parents have decided on an arranged marriage for me, but I'm only eleven! I think this will get in the way of my career as a glider racer. What should I do?*

Follow your dreams, but also don't dismiss your parent's wishes outright. You have several years to think on things and figure out exactly what you want to do. Perhaps your betrothed will turn out to be a perfectly lovely

person who also enjoys glider racing! Perhaps not. Once you decide, dive in with both feet and live your life! Your parents may not be happy with you, but in the end it is your life to live, not theirs. Do what makes you happy!

*Dear Mr. Ochs, I live in the Falling District and I am 72 years old. My children say I am too old to go looking for my nephew, who is missing. I love him very much and I know he would look for me if I were gone. What do I do?*

Without knowing the specifics of your family situation, or the circumstances around your nephew's disappearance, I can't easily proclaim that you should take it upon yourself to go searching. If you suspect danger or foul play may have been involved, that is where the Sentries and/or the

Adventurer's Guild come in! If it is within your means, I highly advise seeking the services of the adventurer's guild, at least to see if anything comes to light. You won't be doing your family any favors if you disappear, as well!

*Dear Mr. Ochs, I want to become an Adventurer when I grow up. What should I study in school?*

Whatever you want! Seriously! Adventuring is full of people with all sorts of interesting skills! I've seen fellow adventurers that are smiths, leatherworkers, tattoo artists, jewelers, cooks, historians, and more! Study skills and subjects you enjoy and I can almost guarantee you we can find a place for it! Also, physical fitness. Just trust me on this one.



Here, a citizen of Ulfdar fights off three lions in a black-and-white piece

Mirjam Nilsson

## New murals, paintings

### Stunning, vast landscapes, animals, fill Florian Pennywhistle's art

Yesterday evening, the launch of a new exhibit at the City Museum brought much fanfare as Florian Pennywhistle's new work was displayed for the first time.

Pennywhistle specializes in natural landscapes, animals, and people to a lesser extent. His paintings - often described as "larger than life" - tower over the viewer with their almost three-dimensional effects. Pennywhistles works in both black and white and in color, and he integrates influences both from his homeland of the Hinterlands and Jeweled Cities culture.

"I love my new home, and I have spent the last three years learning everything I can about the art of the Jeweled Cities. I strive to merge styles and countries with my art," Pennywhistle said.

Pennywhistle says that he will next embark on a series of paintings documenting daily life in Samazar. "Our city is so vibrant, so full of life and color," he added. "I want to encapsulate a bit of the potency and poetry I see every day here."

Citizens of Samazar and beyond

### Poetry submissions

#### New and original pieces

##### Simmering

A journey endured, a road long traveled.

The weight of war, lives unraveled.

Gathered together, tensions rise.

A peace, to hold, begs compromise.

-P. K. Ochs

##### Unsilent

The moving finger writes; and having writ,

moves on, nor all your piety nor wit,

shall lure it back to cancel half a line,

nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

For let philosopher or doctor preach,

of what they will, and what they will not -  
each,

is but one link in an eternal chain,

that none can slip, nor break, nor overreach.

-Alair Syldithas

##### A Poem for the Day of Fire

How long wilt thou dwell on words and  
superficialities?

A burning heart is what I want; consort with  
burning.

Kindle in thy heart the flame of passion,

And burn up utterly thoughts and fine  
expressions.

-Anonymous