

Return of the Ring: Celebrating Tolkien in 2012

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NOT the call for papers



We'd like to invite you, our brothers and sisters from *Společenství JRR Tolkiena*, *Společnost Přátel díla JRR Tolkiena*, *TolkienCon in Prague*, and Tolkien Societies around the world to join us in this Tolkien Celebration.

We want both academic and non-academic items, so think about how you can share your enthusiasm either as a group or an individual and help us to truly 'celebrate' Tolkien in 2012 .

We'll have a banquet, a costume masquerade, an art show and dealers' room, as well as papers and panels on all aspects of Tolkien Studies.

Of course you can present a panel or paper - see our call for papers at www.returnofthering.org/cfp.php

But we also need fresh ideas from you, and here are some to get you started:

- Tell us the history of your Society or Smial - in any form you can devise
- Present a slideshow of your creative responses to Tolkien and Middle-earth in your land
- Run a workshop or demonstration of skills, crafts or recipes - e.g. show us your leatherwork, let us taste your lembas, Ent draughts and more!
- Teach us your songs and dances
- Present your drama
- Share your poetry and fan-fiction

Please don't think '*No one would be interested in that*' or '*I can't fill half an hour*': We ARE interested and we can group shorter items together. Even if your idea is tentative we want to hear it.

So now that you have no more excuses we look forward to hearing from you!

Fill in the proposals form: go to www.returnofthering.org and follow the link to *online registration*. After you log in, click on the button under the heading "Programme Item Proposals"

Please email any questions to Meggy, programme@returnofthering.org