



Lustrumfeest 2011

'From Hobbits to Dragons: 30 years of strolling through Tolkien's world with Unquendor'

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The sixth Unquendor Lustrumfeest is about to begin. On May 20th we are ready to welcome all participants from the whole of Europe. You can still join them, so seize this opportunity. Don't let the fun pass you by and go to the internet site of the [Lustrum 2011](#). There you will find all the information and the possibilities to register. The main information about [traveling to Baarlo](#), where it all takes place, is also there.

Practical information

Everybody who is registered for the Lustrumfeest will in a short while get a special Newsletter, containing all the practical information one needs to know before coming to Baarlo. Please read this information carefully. For any remaining questions, send an e-mail to the [Lustrum committee](#)

Renée Vink



The last guest to portray is a very special one. For Lustrum-purposes, she is just about invaluable: without her, there would be no Unquendor. We're speaking of Renée Vink of course.

As a young girl, Renée Vink became fascinated by Tolkien and his writings in the early seventies. A decade later, she and a fellow Tolkien fan, Theo de Feber, decided it was past time to found a Dutch

Tolkien Society. They put out an advertisement and got together a few other Tolkien lovers. On September 22nd 1981 they founded the Dutch Tolkien Society Unquendor, for which initiative we can't thank them enough.

Since that time, most of the founding members of Unquendor seem to have vanished

from the face of the earth, leaving only Renée as Golden Oldie *par excellence*. For she always has been and still is going strong. During the first four years of Unquendor's existence she edited the magazine *Lembas* and after that she started up *Lembas Extra* together with her friend, former Unquendor-secretary Arti Ponsen. The two of them also formed an ad hoc singing group, with some other Unquendor members as a backing choir: 'De Gondor Gillers' (The Gondorian Yellers).

Renée was the first one to get awarded the Unquendor Golden Pin of Valour. She laid the foundation for international contacts with visits to Sweden and England. Then she became a mother and put aside Unquendor-matters for a number of years, becoming a sleeping member like so many others.

But after a while she re-emerged with a vengeance. She writes regularly for *Lembas* and *Lembas Extra*, participated in the Unquendor-presentation at Birmingham 2005 and is a frequently seen face at parties. In 2009 she translated the poems in *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun* into Dutch. As you will experience during this Lustrumfeest, Renée is the founder, writer and director of the Unquendor Playing Group in which she herself participates on the stage.

Renée Vink has a Masters degree in Swedish and is a professional free-lance translator. Among other things, she renders the work of George Martin into Dutch. In her spare time, she writes medieval mysteries (her fifth novel will be published in May) and works on a book about Tolkien and Wagner, on which subject she will give a lecture during the Lustrum.

Did you know that...

- we are making a real songbook, with guaranteed singalongs?
- there is even composed a special Lustrum-song for the occasion?
- you can take with you all kinds of musical instruments to increase the festive atmosphere?
- (Tolkien)books for the auction are also warmly welcomed?
- these are the very last 'Did you know that'-items, for more interesting facts you need to join the quiz?

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