

**Michael Foster**, WHA, ALHFAM

# Educational Programs

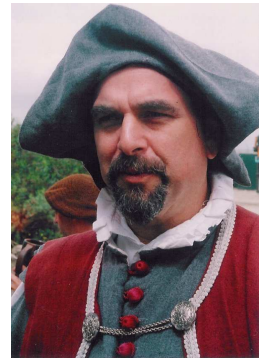
## *"Renaissance and Medieval Medicine"*



Science and history come alive as this **Renaissance** or **Medieval** costumed lecturer demonstrates the life and times of medicine's all-in-one practitioner, the barber-surgeon.

Learn about battlefield operations, surgical techniques, and the general state of physic in the Middle Ages. See tools, drawings, and equipment while various techniques are shown. Hear several historical and traditional stories.

Lectures, demos and presentations are available in varying lengths from 5, 10, 15, 30, 45, and 60 minutes for stationary audiences or passersby. Several old style documents and charts are available to the students as well.



## *"Russians in America's Past"*

**Russians in Early America** – Explore the role of the Russian Empire in the discovery of Alaska, California and Hawaii. Re-learn the real reasons behind the Spanish Missions, Lewis & Clark, and the Monroe Doctrine. Students get maps, timelines and other papers including the Cyrillic alphabet.



**Russians in Early California** – Hear about Fort Ross and the story of Nikolai and Concepción, the Mexican military governor's daughter. Learn the Russian Empire's role in California's European settlements. Tools, furs and parchment handouts are included in the presentation.



Medieval Knight,  
Book Faire



Saint Michael,  
Archangel  
Patron Saint of Battle

**Michael Foster** has over 25 years experience as a teacher, living historian and historical re-enactor. He spent 12 years as the Director ("Guild Master") of St. Michael's in Southern California, in charge of all military re-enactment groups for the Renaissance Faires. He has portrayed "The Barber-Surgeon" since 1990 and since then has expanded his historical knowledge to Russian History after he and his wife adopted two young sisters and their cousin from St. Petersburg.



U.S. Marshal,  
Panorama,  
Arizona Territory



Medieval Barber,  
Camelot