

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

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| February 3 | Candlemas Collegium (1-day) in Grey Niche |
| February 3 | War Practice in Rosenfeld |
| February 10 | Winter Wonders XXI (Ardanroe's Event) |
| February 10 | Pirates of the Mediterranean/Baronial Investiture in Seleone |
| February 24 | Kingdom Fighter Collegium & War Practice and Royal University of Gleann Abhann in Iron Ox |
| March 11-18 | Gulf Wars XVI |
| April 14 | Cracked Anvil in Smythekepe |
| April 14 | Feast of St. Bogdacious in Axemoor |
| April 21 | Spring Coronation in Grey Niche |
| April 28 | Beltaine in Grey Niche |

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: THL Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greifenburg
Herald: Lord James en les Breres
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James en les Breres
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: VACANT
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: THL Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lady Branwen Ballard
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiull
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED - Chirurgion, Minister of Children, Web Minister (all vacant). Deputies sought for most!

HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of February and March:

February 7 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (NOTE 1st Wednesday this month)
February 9-11 – WINTER WONDERS XXI!!!
February 17 – A&S Workshop on Making Nine-Man Morris Games – 12:00 noon – Johannes & Branwen's House
March 21 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (NOTE 3rd Wednesday this month)
March 28 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library

NOTE: Please see the Forum and Shire website for dates and times of Fighter practice.

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroë!

I hope everyone is ready for Winter Wonders! We look forward to throwing another great Ardanroë event, and I hope you can all be there to enjoy it. Between the classes, tourneys, competitions, and feast, there will be something there for everyone.

Please remember that in February, the business meeting will be held on February 7 so as to not conflict with Valentine's Day. Our February A&S will be a Saturday workshop on the 17th at Johannes and Branwen's home to work on gifts for the Royals to give at Gulf Wars.

Speaking of Gulf Wars, don't forget that the pre-reservation cutoff date is looming. Our own Baroness Medb is the head of Troll this year, so send those in and keep her job as easy as it can be. If you haven't made plans to attend War, you'll be missing a lot of fun!

Remember to stay warm and I hope to see all of you at Winter Wonders!

THL Sarah
Seneschal



WINTER WONDERS XXI: PRICES AT THE DOOR (FEBRUARY 9-11)

Adult Weekend (age 13+) \$22.00

Child Weekend (age 6-12) \$13.00

Adult Daytrip (age 13+) \$15.00

Child Daytrip (age 6-12) \$10.00

All Meals **included in weekend prices.** Make checks payable to: "SCA Inc Shire of Ardanroë".

Non-members add \$3.00

Off Board Subtract \$5.00

Children age 5 and under without a bed or meals attend for FREE.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE – SHIRE, KINGDOM, AND INTER-KINGDOM

Position Available: Shire - Web Minister

The Shire Web Minister position is available. Responsibilities include moderating the Shire Forums, managing e-mail forwarders, and maintaining the Shire website. Knowledge of HTML is a must; PHP is a plus, but not necessary. Internet connection and reliable email account are required.

If you are interested, please submit an application in writing to the Seneschal no later than February 15 outlining the web tools you are familiar with and your vision for the webpage.

Position Available: Kingdom - Disaster Coordinator Deputy

I am in search of a Disaster Coordinator Deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal's office. The office involves ongoing communications with other kingdoms monitoring for SCA members affected by floods, fire, storms and other natural and man-made disasters. Additionally the DC would coordinate and/or monitor recovery efforts within the Kingdom as these efforts pertain to SCA members. If you are interested in this position please send me an appropriate resume by private email or USPS mail.

As Always,
In Service to Gleann Abhann,
Master Erik of Telemark, Incoming Kingdom Seneschal

Position Available: Kingdom – Calendar Deputy

I am looking for a volunteer to take the office of Calendar Deputy for the Kingdom Seneschal's office. Please contact me before February 16, 2007 if you are interested in this office. Also provide contact information and an SCA Resume.

Master Erik
Replacement Deputy Seneschal, Gleann Abhann

Position Available: Inter-kingdom – Gulf Wars Replacement Exchequer Deputy

Gulf Wars is seeking a replacement Exchequer deputy. The deputy will replace the outgoing Exchequer July 1, 2008. Requirements include the ability to arrive the Friday before the War and stay late the Sunday after the War. Applicant must have internet and email capability along with knowledge of Excel and Society Exchequer experience. A local branch of Bancorp South and/or Region's bank would be helpful.

This is a three-year position with the first year (starting July 1, 2007) as deputy and the next two as the War Exchequer. All interested applicants should send both their modern and SCA resumes to my attention for review by the financial committee. Please include all GW volunteer duties previously performed. Please address applications to exchequer@gulfwars.org
Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2007.

In Service,

Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo
Exchequer, Gulf Wars 15, 16, 17

A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. This month we look at the office of the Web Minister.

Web Minister

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| 6/2000 – 1/2003 | Matthew Thompson |
| Vacant | |
| 4/2003 – 10/2004 | Rovena of Bri Leith |
| 10/2004 – 12/2006 | Vachir Altan |

Each Web Minister has brought a different vision to the Shire's home page from photos and persona descriptions to bulletin boards and forums to officer email addresses. With the engagement of Vachir to Charmaine and their departure to the Barony of the South Downs, the position of Web Minister is now vacant. Please see the Positions Available notice for information to apply to become the next Shire of Ardanroe Web Minister.



HERALDIC RESULTS

The following actions took place at the October 2006 Laurel Sovereign of Arms' Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appear in the October 2006 LoAR printed January 17, 2007:

ACCEPTED/REGISTERED:

GLEANN ABHANN

Christiana Breakspear. Name.

Michael atte Harp. Name and device. Azure, a sword bendwise sinister between two harps reversed argent.

Paul the Small. Name (see RETURNS for device).

The following items have been returned for further work:

RETURNS

GLEANN ABHANN

Amata Quentin Motzhart. Badge. Checky sable and argent, in fess two ladybugs gules spotted argent, head and legs sable, a bordure gules.

This badge is returned for redraw. As drawn this appears to be two roundels rather than two ladybugs as there is no contrast between the ladybugs' heads (and at least half their legs) and the sable checks of the field. Please advise the submitter that when resubmitting this badge the bordure should be drawn wider.

Paul the Small. Device. Azure, a crescent and a chief potenty argent.

This device is returned for redraw. It appears that clip art was used for the submission and then scaled without maintaining the horizontal and vertical proportions. The potents should be drawn larger and deeper. The crescent should be circular, not elliptical.

Sarah MacGregor. Device. Gules, semy of shamrocks, on a pale cotised argent, a tankard sable foaming argent.

This device is returned for lack of contrast. The argent foam has no contrast with the argent pale. Though artistic details aren't as heavily bound by the Rule of Contrast, they still may not be of the same tincture as their background. Please advise the submitter to draw the shamrocks more recognizably on resubmission; drawing the slips would help.

MEET THE SHIRE

Greetings! I have been asked why I came up with the idea of doing a meet the shire column in Ardanrunes. As historian, my job is to keep the history of the shire, and the events that occur within it. I think a major part of the shire is the people that reside within. The persona questionnaire will not only help me to create a shire “scrapbook”, but will also help us to build our personas. These questions will hopefully help us to either create our persona or to make it more interesting.

1. What is your persona’s name?
2. What year was your persona born?
3. What is your native country?
4. What is your current country?
5. Who is your ruler?
6. In what city/town were you born?
7. What city do you currently claim as “home”?
8. What are/were your parents’ names?
9. What are/were your parents’ occupations?
10. Are you married?
11. Do you have any children?
12. What type of building do you currently live?
13. With whom do you live?
14. Do you have any servants, retainers, wards etc. living with you?
15. Do you have any pets?
16. What is your occupation?
17. What is your ethnicity?
18. Who is your current employer?
19. Are you literate?
20. Are you educated? If so, where did you study?
21. What languages do you speak?
22. What type of money do you use?
23. What major events have occurred during your lifetime?
24. Do you fight? If so, where did you learn to fight?
25. What type of weapons and armour do you use?
26. What are your skills and hobbies?
27. What “class” are you considered?
28. How widely have you traveled?
29. What religion are you?
30. What are your personal goals in life?

I hope that these questions will help us to think about our personas more thoroughly. I also hope that the number of questions does not scare everyone from trying this out. Feel free to answer as many or as few as you like. If there is more that you want to share, please do. Once you have looked over these and attempted to answer some, please e-mail them to me at musicladybw@hotmail.com. I will hopefully share one each month in the Ardanrunes newsletter.

In Service, Ceara ynseyder kiaull





LET'S DANCE!

This month's dance is: Petit Vriens

The Petit Vriens is a three person dance, often found with several three person groups forming a wheel, from above it appears that each group of three is a spoke to the wheel. The gender of the dancers varies. There could be three men, three ladies, two men and a lady, two ladies and a man. The three dancers in each group count off as A, B, and C. Dancer A is on the outside of the wheel. Dancer C is on the inside of the wheel, closest to the center. Dancer B is between Dancers A and C. All three dancers of each group form a line side by side, A, B, C.

As with the Amoroso last month, the Petit Vriens can be found in the dance manual of Guglielmo Ebreo da Pesara (known as Giovanni Ambrosio) as a 15th century Italian balli. The choreography uses the Italian words for the different steps. From Messer Guisepe Francesco da Borgo's "Basic 15c. Italian Renaissance Balli" in *A Known World Dance Compendium*, these are:

Doppio – a double. [Four steps are made starting with the left foot.] Step 1 & 2 are done on the balls of the feet. Step 3 brings you back down. Step 4 is a kick.

Doppii – plural for Doppio.

Piva – a fast Doppio. A fast set of 3-4 kicks.

Spetsatti – a varying Doppio done as 3 steps. Usually done as a long step, short step, long step with the foot doing the long step ALWAYS out in front.

Reverenza – a reverence or honoring of one's partner. [Usually this means you bow or curtsy.]

Continenze – plural for Continenza. A fast Ripresa. A fast step to the side.

Ripresa – a slow 4-count sidestep. Step to the side, cut under active foot with following foot, take 3rd step over and close. (step up, cut, step over, close)

Volta Tunda – full turn. Note that there are variations on how to do this depending upon the dance itself.

The choreography for the Petit Vriens by Giovanni Ambrosio is as follows:

16 tempi piva (Note: You may substitute Spetsatti for piva)

4 tempi piva (done one at a time by Dancer A, B, and C)

doppio (done one at a time by Dancer A, B, and C)

Reverenza (done by each dancer – variation can occur here)

2 doppii 2 Continenze

Volta Tunda

The music starts and the dance begins. The three dancers, A, B, and C, in a line side by side do 16 piva forward (you are doing 16 very fast doubles so these are a lot of small steps forward with small quick kicks – 1,2,3,kick; 1,2,3,kick).

Dancer A does 4 piva forward (4 very fast doubles – small steps with quick small kicks - 1,2,3,kick; 1,2,3,kick; 1,2,3,kick; 1,2,3,kick). Dancer B does 4 piva forward. Dancer C does 4 piva forward. The three dancers are now once again in a line side by side.

Dancer A does a doppio (a regularly paced double). Dancer B does a doppio. Dancer C does a doppio. The dancers are once again in a line side by side.

Dancer A reverences to Dancer B. Dancer B reverences Dancer A. Dancer C reverences Dancer B. Dancer B reverences Dancer C. Everyone reverences. What is occurring is that A bows to B and B bows to A. C bows to B and B bows to C. Everyone bows.

The three dancers do a doppio back and a doppio forward. They are doing a double back and a double forward. The three dancers do a continenze to the left and a continenze to the right. They are doing two fast ripresa. The first ripresa is to the left. Step to the left with left foot, right foot to left behind the left foot, left foot to left lifted over the right foot; right foot closes with left foot. The second ripresa is to the right. Step to the right with right foot, left foot to right behind the right foot, right foot to right lifted over the left foot, left foot closes with right foot. The three dancers make a full turn in place (360 degree turn). And then the dance starts up again.

The Petit Vriens has gained in popularity over the last ten years. Prior to 1997 it was not a dance taught at the Saltare Dance Collegiums in Meridies. But after the Known World Dance Collegium hosted by Meridies, the Petit Vriens began appearing more often at the balls (or revels) after feast. It was one of the dances at Christmas Revel this past December and you can expect to see it at balls held during Gleann Abhann Coronations. We should all learn this dance for future balls.

Enjoy! -Rory

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SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

Grant of Arms

By Right of Arms it is the privilege of the King and Queen of Gleann Abhann, to reward those who have served Our River Valley Realm with great energy, reliability, and devotion. The loyalty shown by (Recipient's name) has come to Our notice as being worthy of such recognition. Therefore do We bestow a Grant of Arms, and confirm all rights and privileges of this rank. This done by Our command, and under Our own Hands and Seals this (number) day of (month), Anno Societatis (Society year).

X sovereign X consort



FORTNIGHT

Seventeen adults and two children (Sarah, James, Roven, Dana, Amata, Medb, Johannes, Maximilian, Branwen, Lorccan, Ceara, Michael, Rory, Stephen, Olaf, Melisant, Hugh, and little ones Eric and Elizabeth) attended the January 10 Planning and Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, ran the meeting. Events were the first time. The January A&S workshop will finish up items for Winter Wonders. All bags for tokens should be done by then or brought for completing that night. Lunch will be soup and all Shire members are asked to bring thawed plain vegetable beef soup (canned or home-made) which will all be combined together (so no seasoning in advance). The web page has been partially updated with class and contest information and will be finished next week.

Based on the 2007 Kingdom Calendar the best tentative date for the Shire's August one-day summer event is August 11th. Bids are being accepted until February 1st to autocrat this event. Johannes is the designated autocrat if no bids are received.

While the 2007 Kingdom Calendar is still subject to change, the Shire members decided they do want to look at bidding to host a fall Kingdom event with Loch Bais.

The 2008 Kingdom Calendar was looked at for Winter Wonders and the question of when Mardi Gras falls was discussed since Easter is early that year (Mardi Gras is Tuesday February 5, 2008). The current date for Winter Wonders may stay or be moved based on what perceived effects Mardi Gras

would have for the members and the area. Bids to autocrat Winter Wonders XXII in 2008 are wanted in April.

Virgil and Charmaine are engaged and moving to Georgia for better job opportunities. We all wish them well! The position of Web Minister is now vacant and applications are needed. The web site is currently in Front Page and Dreamweaver. We are currently using only ~2% of the space available. Ideas, desires, suggestions for the website are desired.

Sarah reported as Quartermaster. With the move to Georgia, the last of the Shire items at Charmaine's will be soon coming to Sarah.

Maximilian has turned over the office of Knight Marshall to Johannes since his job opportunities may take him out of Ardanroe. Thanks Max for all your service! Fighter practice is this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mike Woods Park. Johannes is looking at having quarterly or bi-monthly socials at people's homes with a specialized fighter practice, food, and projects (which would also work with A&S). Johannes would also like to investigate fighter practices at more visible parks for recruitment (perhaps as a demo quarterly). Michael atte Harp will continue as Deputy Knight Marshall.

Branwen reported as the new Chatelaine. She would like to have a small Shire pavilion for use for newcomers at events and presented price costs for a 10x10 (\$199 plus S&H orderable on Amazon through Target). To make it more period-looking, the Shire opted to wait on purchasing and to look at constructing the pavilion cover (not frame) as a weekend A&S project this summer. Several people will bring pavilions to Winter Wonders so that one can be used for the newcomers. Branwen also visited ArtSpace in downtown Shreveport and got a Master Calendar of events. It is possible to put up a display for one month at ArtSpace and conduct demos during one or more of the festivals. She would also like to look at other demo possibilities, but not schools as scheduling is bad for people for doing demos at schools. The Scottish Festival was a success this past year and the Shire members definitely want to look at doing a demo there again in 2007. It may also be possible to walk in some parades (Doo-Dah). She wants to also look at upcoming plays and the local art/theater groups along with movies (need to check on insurance and demo questions for theaters). She would also like to create a booklet/handout for newcomers. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society have decided to look at January 2008 to hold their Madrigal Dinner. After discussion and looking at the Kingdom Calendars Branwen will suggest the G&S Society look at December 2007. So long as the date does not conflict with Christmas Revel, the Shire members would be able to help.

James reported as the local Herald. Hugh Dulac is the Deputy Herald. THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange (Diamond Herald) will hold a consulting table at Winter Wonders to help with name/device submissions. Countess Lailiane (Ruby Herald) will also be at Winter Wonders. Everyone wants a device should try to get it done at Winter Wonders.

James is also the Minister of Arts and Sciences. January 24th A&S will be finishing up for Winter Wonders. February A&S will be Saturday the 17th starting at 12 noon at Johannes and Branwen's house and will be making Nine-Man Morris games (Max teaching) as gifts for Gulf War. There will be no A&S in March. April will start A&S Wednesday night workshops. James is looking at project that can be started at a Wednesday night, taken home to work on, and finished at the following month's A&S workshop night. The tapestry map project is on hold. The pavilion cover might work as a summer gathering possibly the weekend of June 23-24.

Medb reported as the local Exchequer. With the New Year, each office has \$50 budgeted for the calendar year to use for office supplies/projects. Anything needed beyond that should be presented to the Finance Committee for approval. The Shire has over \$14,000 and Domesday report is due at the end of the month.

Rory reported as the Chronicler and showed his wish for Ardanrunes link and layout on the Shire's website. Three recurring columns were done in 2006 and will continue in 2007 (scroll text, local offices history, and dances). Some information is needed to fill in gaps on local officer history. A new column will be the persona project Ceara, Historian, announced in her January letter. Everyone was encouraged to submit articles, photos, letters, etc to the newsletter.

Ceara reported as the Historian and her big goal for this year is the persona project. She will be sending out a list of questions and hopes everyone will send back to her their answers. Then each month a different persona can be spotlighted.

Dana reported as the Constable, but due to no events being hosted recently had nothing new to report.

Amata reported as the Provost and has been working with the new RUGA Chancellor on forms for classes given in Ardanroe. She thanked James and Rory for arranging classes for Winter Wonders and will be at the event after work in the early afternoon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



TOWN FAIRE

Fighter practice for Sunday, 14th of January, was cancelled due to inclement weather. The newspaper reported roughly 3 inches of rain in the 24 hours before 5:00 p.m. Sunday and roughly 2 inches of rain in the 24 hours before 5:00 p.m. Monday.

Seven people (Sarah, James, Rory, Johannes, Branwen, Dana, and Medb) attended the January 24th A&S Workshop on Winter Wonders Stuff from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Aulds Branch Library. The status on completion of site tokens, troll set-up, feast and lunch, and scrolls and prizes were covered. An update on the August 11th social and the feedback and decision on the question of hosting the Gleann Abhann Herald and Scribal Collegium August 25th was gone over and discussed.

Fighter practice was scheduled for Saturday, 27th of January at 2:00 p.m. at Mike Woods Park. This was the first of the new Saturday practices. Practices from now on will be the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with exceptions made for conflicting SCA calendar events on a case by case basis. Due to a rain showers interspersed during the day, this first Saturday fighter practice may have been a little wet.

CARRIAGE CHATTER

Winter Crown List, January 19-21

The fourth Crown List of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann was held in the dead of winter at the Woodsman of the World Camp in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, hosted by the Shire of Dragoun's Weal. Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow was the autocrat and THL Magdalena de Segovia was the feastcrat. Ten entrants were accepted to compete in the tournament. They and their prospective consorts were:

Duke Havordh Aettarbani, KSCA for Duchess Mary-Grace of Gatland
Count Aengus Mac Owen, KSCA for Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow
Viscount Uther von Ziemer, KSCA, for Viscountess Kenna nic Ahern von Ziemer
Sir Loric Silvestris for Mistress Diana of the Isles
Sir Robert Gathin Albrit for THLady Celestine Albrit de Morat
THLord Caedmon of Jorvik for Lady Roxanna al Busara
Lord Khalil ibn abd al-Rahman for THLady Magdalena de Segovia
THLord Alan of the Bright Lands for THLady Susan Landbeorth
Baron Grimbaldu Bacon for Baroness Bethany Bacon
Lord James the Holy for Lady Lasairfhiona ingean ni Sheachnasaigh

Sadly of the ten, Sir Robert had to stay home with a bad cold. Rian Mulligan, a member of the Shire of Wyrmegeist and squire to Sir Aengus, was set on vigil Friday night and became the second Knight of Gleann Abhann Saturday before the procession of entrants in the tournament started. Five members of the Shire of Ardanroe attended this historic event. Lord Blaec le Dering was a bye fighter in the tournament. He also returned the Banner of Valor to the Crown so that it could be bestowed upon a worthy entrant that day. THL Sarah MacGregor was a herald and conveyor of documents for the Diamond Chalice meeting. Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid was a photographer for the tourney and knighting. Lord James en les Breres and Lord Michael atte Harp were supporters in the procession and assisted with activities during the day. James also was a courier for the Kingdom Exchequer along with scrolls for the Crown. The finals were between Duke Havordh and Count Aengus. Duke Havordh won the tournament. He and Duchess Mary-Grace will become the future fourth King and Queen of Gleann Abhann.



Sir Rian Mulligan, second Knight of Gleann Abhann!



James by the Barony of Axemoor banner.



With Michael in the background, Blaec escorted by Sarah presents the Banner of Valor to the Crown. King Padruig and Queen Linnet with the Banner of Valor. Blaec’s device now added to the Banner.

Newbie Collegium, January 27 (1-day)

Held in Lagerdamm, this one-day event was attended by THL Sarah and Lord James, both of whom taught classes. Sarah’s “Fibers and Fabric – finding ‘good’ fabric for garb” was held from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. “So you want to be a Combat Archer!” was James’ first class from 1:00 – 2:30 followed by “How to carry your stuff” from 2:30 – 4:00. Subtitled ‘Recreating the Past and Discovering your place in it’, Lagerdamm’s annual Newbie Collegium covered a diverse array of topics and activities at the Cold Springs Retreat in Conway, Arkansas. Amanda the Pink was the autocrat; THL Karis apa Mehlan er Kapas was the co-autocrat/classcrat; and Stormie the feasterat.



GULF WARS RESERVATIONS

The Gulf Wars Troll sends the following reminder:
 Pre-reserves online close on February 14th (pre-reserves via USPS had to be postmarked no later January 31). It is best not to wait until the last day to pre-reserve online as you might be timed out by the multitudes of other online users.