

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

August 11	Shire's Social Event (1-day Holy Cross Villa)
August 18	Aphar Faire - Lagerdamm
August 25	Gleann Abhann Scribal and Heraldic Symposium – Ardanroe
September 1	MidSummer Knights Dream – Smythekepe
September 1	Slay the Dragon – Vogelburg
September 15	Gleann Abhann Arts & Sciences Faire – Wyrngeist
September 29	Harvest Home – Northover
October 6	Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation – Tor an Riogh
October 13	Diamond Wars – Small Gray Bear
October 20	Knight's Academy – Dragoun's Weal
October 27	Halloween Havoc – Loch Bais
October 27	Samhain (Ork Wars) – Grey Niche

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greifenburg  
Herald: Lord James in le Berres  
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James in le Berres  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT  
Web Minister: VACANT  
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: VACANT  
Historian: Lady Ceara Ó Bárdáin  
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED – Chatelaine, Chirurgion, Minister of Children, Web Minister!

## HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of August:

August 4 – Pre-cook for GAHSS – 10:00 a.m. – Harp's House (Saturday)  
August 8 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)  
August 11 – Shire Social – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Villas (Saturday)  
August 15 – Fiber Arts Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)  
August 18 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)  
August 22 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)

**NOTE:** Please see the Forum and Shire website for updates.

## LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

I hope you all enjoyed your July! There wasn't much on the Kingdom Calendar, but we still had a great month, with good turnout at A&S and at the new regularly scheduled Fiber Arts night, as well as our demo for the Lincoln Parish Library. The kids really enjoyed having us, and I think most of us had a good time, as well. If you missed it, you really missed out on a good time!

August will start up our "busy" time of the year, and brings us our Social, the Scribal & Heraldic Symposium, and planning for the Crown List we'll be hosting in November. The fall is full of events on the calendar, so pull out your calendars now and start planning your travel for the Tourney season!

I hope to see everyone at this month's populace meeting and A&S nights!

In Service

Sarah



## SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

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

### Banner of Valor

Great feats of combat require skill, agility and heart. Exceptional performance on the field requires that the fighter is constantly looking to improve his skills and work hard to be better each and every time he takes the field. This day, you \_\_\_\_\_ have shown to Us that you possess all these traits and more be excelling in the art of Combat during Our Crown Tournament. Your performance was spectacular to watch and so that all will know of your deeds on this field, We award you with the Banner of Valor.

We charge you to display this Banner with pride and add your lineage to the others so that one day you might pass it on to another whose acts are recognized by the Crowns of Gleann Abhann. Done by Our hand, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ of the Common Era.

\_Sovereign \_Consort



## HERALDIC RESULTS

The following action took place at the April 2007 Laurel Sovereign of Arms' Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appears in the April 2007 LoAR printed July 15, 2007:

ACCEPTED/REGISTERED:

**GLEANN ABHANN**

**Lorccán na Túaithe. Name.**

This name mixes Middle Irish with Early Modern Irish; this is one step from period practice.



## TOWN FAIRE

Due to the more than 6 inches of rain received during the first week of July, the July 7<sup>th</sup> fighter practice at Mike Woods Park was cancelled. Fighter practice was cancelled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of July due to rain (almost 1 ½ inches fell between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 5:00 p.m. Saturday). Fighter practice may have been held on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Five people (Sarah, Katharin, Ceara, Apollonia, and Rory) attended the Shire's first Fiber Arts Meeting on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tablet weaving books and *TWIST* magazines were looked at; embroidery, spinning, and tablet weaving and loom warping were done, along with a little calligraphy.

Seven members (Sarah, Ceara, Michael, Amata, Rory, Apollonia, Timotheus) attended the Ruston Library Demo on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 -4:30 p.m., setting up from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room at the front of the Ruston Public Library. Sarah gave a presentation on heraldry. Michael and Ceara talked about garb worn by a Viking couple. Apollonia talked about foods eaten and cooking. Michael talked about armor and weapons. The owner of AB Armory attended and assisted with questions about armor plus brought a few pieces. Rory talked about calligraphy and illumination. Sarah talked about medicine and disease survival. There were a lot of children and a few grown ups (parents and grandparents). Many items were passed around and several tables were filled with items for the children and parents to look at. Fighter practice was not held on the 21<sup>st</sup> due to the demo.

Twelve people (Amata, Sarah, Medb, Dana, Apollonia, Ceara, Hugh, Lorccan and wife Dianaim, James, Michael, and Rory) attended the Shire of Ardanroe's A&S night on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. for toy workshop on completion of construction of the game boards for two games, four game boards total, one of one and three of the other, as gifts for the Crown of Gleann Abhann to give to the West Kingdom and its three Principalities (Mist, Cynagua, Oertha) at Pennsic. Boards were stained with colored ink in the various colors of the Kingdom and Principalities. Bags for the four games were sewn. These will be shipped to the Crown. Apollonia brought a lemon posset for all to sample.

A planning meeting for the GA Herald and Scribal Symposium was held at Johannes' house Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I believe nine people attended (Johannes, Branwen, Hugh, Michael, Ceara, Dana, Sarah, Medb, and Rory).



## 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 Hospitaller.

### Hospitaller

9/1981 - ?/198?	Phillipe de' Anjou
Vacant	
11/1986 – 5/1988	Jacqueline de Lyons
6/1988 – 9/1988	Leona of Dragunfen
Vacant	
12/1990	Maximilian von Braun
Vacant	
6/1991 – 7/1991	Alexander de Arundel
Vacant	
2/1992 – 9/1992	Charmaine de Chanson

The Society Chatelain is in charge of Newcomers' Relations. Each SCA kingdom has a officer in this position, known as the Chatelain(e), Hospitaller, or Gold Key.<sup>1</sup>

Alternatively spelled hospitaller and hospitaller, the word comes from the Old French *hospitalier* dating to 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century. There are several definitions for the word. A hospitaller in a religious house or hospice, is the person whose office it is to receive and attend upon visitors, pilgrims, and strangers. Also a hospitaller is a member of a religious order, brotherhood or sisterhood, formed for charitable purposes, esp. for the care of the sick and infirm in hospitals. Many such have existed from the 13<sup>th</sup> c. or earlier. Such were originally the *Knights Hospitallers*. More fully, *Knights Hospitallers*, an order of military monks, following chiefly the rule of St. Augustine, which took its origin from a hospital founded at Jerusalem, c. 1048, by merchants of Amalfi, for the succour and protection of poor pilgrims visiting the Holy Land, but subsequently grew to be a wealthy fraternity, received a military organization, and became one of the chief bulwarks of Christendom in the East, besides having dependent 'hospitals' and possessions throughout the Christian lands.<sup>2</sup>

In the SCA the first piece of armory associated with the name Hospitaller was registered by the Kingdom of Atenveldt in July 1981. The badge was "Gyronny azure and gules, a dexter hand couped apaumy Or" and was for the Office of the Hospitaller. The Kingdom of the Outlands next registered a badge in November 1982, which they later released in April 1988 for their Office of the Hospitaller. Theirs was "Gyronny from dexter chief Or and vert, a mug argent."

Castellan is the governor or constable of a castle. The word comes from ME *castelain*, ONF *castelain* (mod. F *châtelaine* = Pr., and Sp. *castellan*, It. *castellano*): - L. *castellan-us*, f. *castellum*.<sup>3</sup> Chatelaine is a female castellan; the mistress of a castle or country house. Also, the mistress of a household. It comes from the French *châtelaine*, fem. of *châtelain*. Alternatively the word refers to an ornamental appendage worn by ladies at their waist, supposed to represent the bunch of keys, etc. of a mediaeval châtelaine: it consists of a number of short chains attached to the girdle or belt, etc., bearing articles of household use and ornament, as keys, corkscrew, scissors, penknife, pin-cushion, thimble-case, watch, etc., according to taste.<sup>4</sup>

The Kingdom of An Tir first registered a badge for the Chatelaine in March 1986, being "Vert, a ring of three keys within a bordure Or." The Kingdom of Caid registered in February 1988 and released in October 2005 a badge for the Office of the Chatelaine. Theirs was "Azure, a key palewise, wards to chief, argent." In August 1991 the Kingdom of Atlantia registered the badge, "Azure, a ring of two keys and a chief wavy argent" for its Office of the Chatelaine.

Likewise, the Kingdom office has been called Gold Key. The Barony of Carolingia in the East Kingdom first registered the badge "Vert, a key palewise inverted and reversed Or" for the Order of the Golden Key in August 1987. The badge and order name were later transferred to the Society for Creative Anachronism in October 1990. In August 2006 it was reblazoned "Vert, a key palewise wards to sinister base Or" and redesignated for the Office of the Chatelaine and Office of the Hospitaller. By doing so, any chatelain(e), hospital(l)er, or gold key office at the Kingdom, Principality, or local group level can use the badge to represent the office.

In Meridies the office was first known as the Hospitaller. We know that Kate the Curious held the Kingdom office from August 1986 to January 1990, followed by Gwyneth of Lindisfarne from January 1990 to January 1992, and Daniel of Raven's Nest from January 1992 to April 1993, when the Kingdom changed the name of the office

from Hospitaler to Chatelaine in Popular Chivalry. It is possible that the office was being called the Kingdom Chatelaine at the end of 1992, as locally the name changed at that time. It is likely Meridies had a Kingdom Hospitaler prior to 1986 but whoever it was is unknown. The Shire of Ardanroe had a local Hospitaler, Phillipe de' Anjou, in the early 1980's, but the dates of office are not clear from those early days. The office was vacant after Phillipe until the end of 1986 when it was activated and held by Jacqueline de Lyons. From the Shire records the office of Hospitaler appears to have been held only by six people during the twelve years, and was vacant four times for varying time periods. Locally the office of Hospitaler changed its name to Chatelaine during the later half of 1992. When Charmaine de Chanson left for Korea for a six month visit in the fall of 1992, the files went to the Seneschal to temporarily fill until her return. When it was determined that she would be staying in Korea, a volunteer was sought for the office under the new name of Chatelaine.

<sup>1</sup>Society Chatelain. Under Society Officers. Society for Creative Anachronism, c2007. [last updated 2006 November 10; cited 2007 July 5]. <http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/welcome.html>

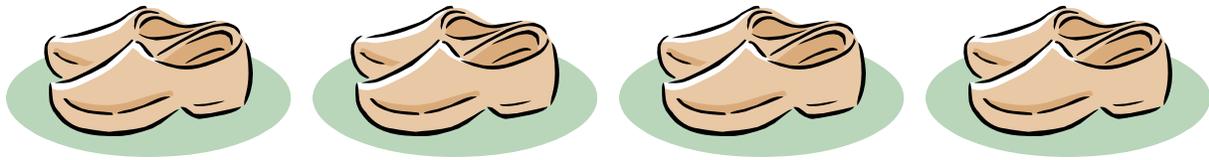
<sup>2</sup>The Oxford English Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1989; v. VII, p. 416.

<sup>3</sup>The Oxford English Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1989; v. II, p. 954.

<sup>4</sup>The Oxford English Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1989; v. III, p. 58.



**Congratulations to Lord Alexander de Arundel and Lady Francis del Oriente  
On their wedding July 14, 2007 A.S. XLII  
May they enjoy their new life together in the Barony of the Stargate**



## LET'S DANCE!

We will continue for the next few months in Branles. For those looking, the May 2006 issue of Ardanrunes featured the Official Branle and the October 2006 issue of Ardanrunes featured the Maltese Branle. In addition to the Horses Branle last month there is the Washerwomen's Branle, Clog Branle, Montarde Branle, Single Branle, Tangle Branle, Cassandra Branle and Charlotte Branle, and others.

This month's dance is: The Single Branle

Mistress Signy Dimmridaela, in her article "Opening the Book on Branles" suggests that the Single Branle "facilitates a tangle" better than the Double Branle, which is more often used for the Tangle Branle.<sup>1</sup> Therefore this month we look at the Single Branle as an alternative dance step to use for the Tangle Branle.

Remember that Branles use doubles, singles, kicks, leaps, hops, ornamentation's thereof, and occasional odd-ball steps .... The steps are to the side or forward.<sup>2</sup>

The formation for the Single Branle is a line or circle with everyone holding hands. There are no couples in the Single Branle so form up a line (or circle) with whomever you please.

The choreography for the Single Branle is:

(Holding hands)  
Double left  
Single right  
Repeat forever

This may be varied by dividing every other Single. A divided right single is performed thus:

As you step right, kick left foot and kick right (during the first beat) [1 and]  
Kick left (during the second beat) [2]<sup>3</sup>

As you can see, this is a very simple dance. If used for the Tangle Branle the leader weaves the dancers into a huge tangle as they double left and single right to the music the entire time. Adding the kicks to every other single just livens up the dance.

Enjoy! -Rory

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Dimmridaela, Signy. Opening the Book on Branles. In: Street Jr. Bill, comp. *A Known World Dance Compendium: Being a Diverse Collection of Theory and Practical Aspects of Dance as it is Practiced Throughout the Lands that Make up the Society for Creative Anachronism*. [Birmingham, AL: Bill Street Jr]: a publication of Saltare, the Dance Guild of the Kingdom of Meridies, 1997; pp. 81-89.

<sup>2</sup>Dimmridaela; p. 82.

<sup>3</sup>Dimmridaela; p. 87.



## FORTNIGHT

Nine adults (Sarah, Amata, Michael, James, Hugh, Dana, Rory, Timotheus, Apollonia) attended the July 11 Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 7:50 p.m. Timotheus brought a new helmet which everyone tried on. Apollonia brought fresh fruit (blueberries and strawberries) and cake (marble). This is wonderful. From now on new members are to bring food to these meetings. ☺

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, presided over the meeting. The calendar of events was covered for the months of July, August, and September. On July 28<sup>th</sup> the Shire of IronOx is holding a Regional Fighter Practice in Jackson, MS. This is the same day as Barbearian Brawl in the Barony of Small Gray Bear.

Sarah reported that the Forum (Shire message board) is being inundated by spam-bots. She would like to close the Forum and change to a Yahoo group for the Shire internet communication. NWLASCA is the current Yahoo group formed which Shire members use. If going to a Yahoo group then the name of the Shire (Ardanroe) needs to be on it. Sarah would look to see if can change the name of NWLASCA to Ardanroe or if have to create a new Yahoo group. It was unanimous to do away with the Forum and go to the Yahoo group list, changing the NWLASCA to Ardanroe or creating a new Ardanroe group list if the name could not be changed. Sarah is also looking for a Web minister now that the new website has gone into use. She is currently doing the job of Web minister but wants someone to volunteer.

The Ruston demo on July 21<sup>st</sup> is still a go, even though it is the weekend the final Harry Potter book is released. The librarians have advertised the demo in the local newsletter and library flyers. The demo will be at the Lincoln Parish Library from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. It will be for 15-20 teens as part of the Teen Reading Program (Summer Reading Program) “Joust into Summer”. Topics to be covered at the demo are games, survival, spinning, weaving, foods, calligraphy, dance, and costumes. Carpooling is to be arranged (use the internet).

The Fiber Artisans of Louisiana will be holding a Fiber Arts Forum Event September 7 – 9 at Camp Pearl. Classes range from \$15 - \$70 per session. Information on this was passed around. Contact Sarah if interested in attending.

Officer reports were then made.

James as Herald is looking for a deputy. All items so far have been submitted to Ruby. A few names and armory are still being worked on. The Diamond Principal Herald is holding a “herald tabard/baldric” contest at the GA Herald & Scribal Symposium and will have a prize for the winner tabard/baldric.

James as A&S Minister is looking for a deputy. The Pennsic gifts will be finished this month prior to the A&S workshop, as the A&S workshop will be on banners by Sarah. The bags for the games just need to be sewed. The boards need to be inked and the pieces dyed. James is looking at the 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for this. Sarah has found that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month is open at the Library and has reserved it this month for a Fiber Arts Meeting (18<sup>th</sup>) starting at 7:00 p.m.

No report from the Reeve since she was not present.

Dana as Constable had nothing new to report.

Rory at Chronicler reported that the July issue of Ardanrunes is on the Shire’s web page. A copy was given to Michael to give to Ceara as Historian. Rory asked about whether to include the flyers for Baldar’s Revenge and GAHSS in the August issue and told it was not necessary. The September issue will be the last with ‘complete’ information on Shire offices held in the “A Look at the Past” column. After that several offices have gaps. Dana has turned in the Persona questions for the September issue. Everyone was encouraged to fill this out.

Sarah reported the Chatelain position is vacant and applications are now being accepted. Michael submitted a written application during the meeting.

Amata as Provost encouraged everyone to attend RUGA in September.

The Marshal was not present. Sarah found out he left a message that due to class at Louisiana Tech he would not be back in town for the meeting. Michael as deputy Marshal had nothing to report.

The Historian was not present.

The Shire events were then discussed.

The Shire Social, Baldar's Revenge, is on-track per report sent by Ceara.

Hugh has a tentative date (Saturday August 4) for the pre-cook for the Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. Sarah will find out from Johannes when he wants to hold the event planning meeting.

Rory submitted a revised pricing structure for Winter Wonders XXII using ACCEPS to the Finance Committee.

Sarah reported that a bid from the Shire to host the Fall Crown List has been submitted.

There are some movies coming out later this fall "Enchanted" and "Stardust" which might be demo opportunities.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



## RUGA College of Heraldry

### Requirements for a **Lector's Degree**

1. Auditor Degree
2. Awards
3. Order of Precedence/ Order of March
4. Site Heraldry
5. Basic Emblazoning: Tinctures, Charges, Field Divisions, and Achievements
6. Basic Scroll Layout - Inks, Colors, Fixatives, Paper, and Metallics
7. Documenting and Submitting: Persona Name, Device, and Badge
8. Calligraphy: Learning and reproducing 1 distinct period alphabet

### Requirements for a **Prior's Degree**

1. Participate with Submissions at an event
2. Field Heraldry
3. Run a Tourney List at an event
4. Court Heraldry and Ceremonies
5. Calligraphy: Learning and reproducing a 2<sup>nd</sup> distinct period alphabet or Independent Study\*
6. Calligraphy: Learning and reproducing a 3<sup>rd</sup> distinct period alphabet or Independent Study\*
7. Intermediate Designing and Emblazoning of Devices
8. Intermediate or Advanced Illumination
9. Produce a Scroll
  - Document Independent Study with a sample of student's work. Keep all documentation with the Bluebook to present to Chancellor for Review prior to Graduation.

### Requirements for a **Philosopher's Degree**

1. The student must teach at least 3 classes in the lower levels in which he/she has expert knowledge.
2. Students wishing to specialize as **Heralds** will pick a heraldic topic and present a detailed research paper within the guidelines of the Kingdom A&S Faire rules. Paper must earn a score of no less than 4.  
Or
2. Students wishing to specialize as **Scribes** will produce five presentation scrolls for the Crown of Gleann Abhann. The scrolls must be for five separate orders or awards. Students will coordinate their efforts with Topaz Herald in order to help meet the needs of the Crown.

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College originally created by Kat the Strange, 2005, and edited by Brianna Baptista, 1/27/07.

## STATUS OF HERALDRY SUBMISSIONS: 2006s

During the year 2006, fifteen items (names or armory) were submitted for registration by the SCA College of Arms. The results for all of these 2006 submissions are now in and listed below. Of the fifteen items, ten were registered (9 Names, 1 Device) and five were returned (1 Name, 3 Devices, 1 Badge) for a 66% success rate.

Heraldry Submission	Date of LoI (Ruby)	Month of Laurel Decision (LoAR)
Vachir Altan – Device	January 15, 2006	May 2006 – Returned
Amata Quentin Motzhart – Badge	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Returned
Christiana Breakspear – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Registered
Michael atte Harp – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006- Registered
Michael atte Harp – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Registered
Paul the Small – Name	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Registered
Paul the Small – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Returned
Sarah MacGregor – Device	June 12, 2006	October 2006 – Returned
James in le Breres – Name	July 26, 2006	November 2006 - Registered
Ceara ynseyder kiaull – Name	August 22, 2006	December 2006 - Returned
Bella Talia Derro – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007 – Registered
Brúnn Anderson – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007 – Registered as Brun Anderson
Ketterlin Johanneß von Breßla – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007 – Registered
Pia Derro – Name	October 16, 2006	February 2007 - Registered
Lorccán na Túaithe – Name	December 14, 2006	April 2007 - Registered



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Lugh (1-day), July 14, Barony of Grey Niche

A VISIT TO THE ‘LUGH’-BRARY was the theme of this year’s one-day Lugh event held by the Barony of Grey Niche at the Mississippi River Camp Group in Meeman Shelby Forest State Park in Millington, Tennessee on Saturday, July 14, 2007. Maitresse Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères was the event steward; THL Elizabeth Donnon the head cook; Lady Lasairfhiona inghean ui Sheachnasaigh the class coordinator; Dame Brenna Lowri o Ruthin the librarian of the “Lugh”-brary. ‘Hundreds’ of books were available to peruse and take notes from. The Marcus Gracus Wheel of Fire Tournament for heavy fighters, a rapier, youth, and archery tournament were held during the day. At least sixteen classes were scheduled. Lunch was the feast of Il-Lugh-sions. The first course brought to the high table included a ‘four and twenty blackbirds’ pie which was filled will two dozen crickets. The court of Baron Geoffrey de Bradelei attended by Their Royal Highnesses Uther and Kenna completed the day’s activities. Sadly, no one from Ardanroe attended this event.

## **Barbearian Brawl: The Age of Discovery (1-day), July 28, Barony of Small Gray Bear**

'The Age of Discovery' was the theme for Barbearian Brawl, the Barony of Small Gray Bear's one-day event held at the beautiful air conditioned campus of the Arkansas State University – Beebe in Beebe, Arkansas, on Saturday, July 28, 2007. Lady Dia Ramberti was the autocrat. Lady Eithne Ruad was the head cook. Lord Ravenswar Brackae was in charge of reservations. The site token was a cast pewter ship similar to those sailed by the great explorers of the world. A pearl bead attached to this was the feast token. A separate pente-type glass bead, which varied in color from blue to opaque, was the token for lunch. Over one hundred people were in attendance, the majority coming from the Barony of Small Gray Bear, with a good turn out from the Shire of Smythkepe, Barony of Grey Niche, and Shire of Lagerdamm. Maistir Rory was the only person from the Shire of Ardanroe and any non-Arkansas or Tennessee group present.

The event was held in the Student Center/University Café/Bookstore building on campus. The Herald's Lounge was primarily used by scribes to illuminate and calligraphy scrolls for the barony. I learned that small glass bottles with rubber seals on the lids made very elegant holders of water with lots of room for multiple pens and brushes. Hobby Lobby and Michael's both in their scrapbook area carried a folding bag, perhaps three inches by three inches what could be filled with water and had pockets on all four sides to hold pens and brushes. THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange, Lord Pol MacNeil, and Lady Meave of the Hounds were but three of the many painting or writing text on scrolls. I picked up the inventory of t-shirts and bags left over from the 2006 KWHSS Gleann Abhann hosted, which will be sold at the GAHSS at the end of August.

I arrived just before noon and was able to transfer four boxes of files from the Exchequer's office of Gleann Abhann to Chiere and Gresh's truck, with assistance by Cormac, for them to take to Caitriona, my successor. These were the oldest files and filled just about one-third of the space taken up by all of the Kingdom Exchequer office materials.

The Arts and Sciences competitions included Barony Regalia (documentation encouraged), Open Arts and Sciences (documentation required), Youth Open Arts and Sciences for those ages 12-17 (documentation encouraged). The Youth Open Arts and Sciences were sponsored by Lady Eithne and Lord CuCullan the Bald. There were a lot of entries and judging lasted at least three hours, so that sadly I was not able to neither go look at the entries nor take pictures. The room was closed to all while the judging was taking place. Judges included Mistress Julien ferch Rhys and HRH Kenna.

Classes started at ten o'clock and went until five o'clock. There was a break from noon to one for lunch. The classes held in the Wal-Mart Room were: 'Does your garb fit? Looking better in your garb' by THL Gwyneth Cearr; 'Lunatics, lovers, and poets: Elizabethan theatre' by Lady Medb inghean Daire; 'Barenlager roundtable' at one o'clock [this had to do with a permanent site encampment to be built at the new site being used for Diamond Wars]; 'Exchequer 101: So now you are the local exchequer' by Master Rory ua Riada; 'Death and Taxes: a walk through of the group finance report' by Master Rory ua Riada. I had four people attend my first class (THL Chiere of Ravenglas, Lady Morin ingen Ruaric, 'Rose', Lord Saran mac Imair) and three attend my second class (Lord Ravenswar, Lady Morin, 'Rose'). Also while the Barenlager roundtable was taking place, Ravenwar overseeing it, I reviewed the Barony's files.

The classes held in the Regions Rooms were: 'Basics of glass bead making' by Lady Juliana Bonnaire de Cherbough; 'Silk screening' by THL Karis apa Mehlan er Kapas o'clock; 'Autocrating 101' by Lord Cormac the Bald; 'A Brief Introduction to fools, fooling and fools clothing in early to mid-sixteenth century England, Germany, and the Netherlands' by Lady Amelia von Hemessen; 'Calligraphy for beginners' by THL Garcia Guerrero de Corrales.

For the fighters, both heavy and rapier, armor inspection began at nine o'clock. The Warlord tourney and the Baronial rapier defender tourney were held at ten o'clock in the morning. After lunch in the afternoon rapier melees and a heavy weapons tourney sponsored by Duke Sir Tar Radu were scheduled. It was quite warm outside so how these went I do not know. For those interested in archery and thrown weapons, a kid's shoot tourney was held in the morning starting at ten o'clock. After lunch the Discovery tourney and the Baronial Yeoman tourney were scheduled for one and three o'clock respectively. Children's activities included Dragon Tails and Letters of Patent from nine o'clock to two o'clock in the Game Room.

In addition to all of these activities, a silent auction was held in the foyer of the Student Center to raise funds for the Cedar Valley Land Improvement, which was the Barenlager project. Over thirty items were on at least three tables plus displayed on the floor (large items such as two camp folding hammocks, a pirate ship toy box, and a castle book case). There was even a children's pavilion set up outside. I ended up being the highest bidder for the pirate ship toy box (I don't know how that happened), some fabric, and a set of nesting boxes, plus two sets of napkin ring holders. Over \$500 was raised for the Barenlager Project fund from the silent auction.

For lunch there was the choice of beef or chicken pot pies (the Banquet brand ordered by the cook from one of the local grocery stores in bulk), chocolate chip cookies (bought in bulk from Sam's), and assorted drinks (ice tea – sweet and unsweet, lemonade, and water). The food was wonderful after the four and half hour drive from Ardanroe (Bossier City) to Small Gray Bear (Beebe).

Turn out of the Peerage this one-day event was very good. THL Geoffrey de Bradelei, Baron of Grey Niche was present. Mistress Linnet MacLeod was there as entourage for Princess Kenna and was one of the servers to the high table during feast. Mistress Gabrielle von Strassburg was a kitchen helper for lunch and feast. Mistress Julian ferch Rhys was a judge for the Arts and Sciences competitions. Sir Rashid ibn Hilal was outside at the tourneys much of the day. Maistir Rory ua Riada taught two classes that afternoon.

Feast set up was at five thirty with feast to start at six o'clock. Lord CuCullin the Bald was the hall steward. The populace was seated in the hall and the lights turned off so that the tables were illuminated by candlelight. THL Garcia Guerrero de Corrales as court herald announced the entrance of HRH Kenna von Gleann Abhann in a German accent. The princess was escorted by Maistir Rory ua Riada, whom Her Highness had asked to join her for dinner that night, Prince Uther having stayed home with the children.

From the day's activities THL Jon was the new Baronial warlord, Juan Carlos Santiago y Benevidez the new Baronial Rapier Defender, and Ashlee Lever(?) the new Baronial Yeoman.

Baroness Brianna came forth bearing a large golden glass cup, which she called the welcoming cup. This she presented to the Baron and the Princess, and then walked around the hall presenting the welcoming cup to all within, as the court of Her Royal Highness was opened. The Princess thanked all for coming to the event, making her feel welcomed, and having a great time. The children of the realm were summoned. Most of the children were serving as drink bearers so it took a little bit before they all came up. Princess Kenna presented each with a small cloth bag about two inches by two inches as tokens with candy inside for after dinner. The Princess then wanted to recognize those for whom this was their first event. Two ladies shyly came forth and were given tokens and bid turn around and wave to the populace, whom all applauded the ladies. This ended the court of Her Highness.



The first course had already been served and the courses of the feast would continue to be served while court was held. The feast was excellent. Three cute items to note from feast were the honey butter in the shape of small teddy bears during the first course, the fake fish (a pastry shaped like a fish filled with strawberry jam) during the fourth course, and the spice cakes shaped like bears for dessert as part of the fifth remove.

In addition to the Baronial Yeoman tournament, there had been the Discovery Tournament. Lord William Drynok was the winner of the Discovery Tournament and received a beautiful thrown pottery bowl. Lady Bridgit O'Fallon came in second and received a nice book, *The Portable Medieval Reader* (edited by James Bruce Ross and Mary Martin McLaughlin; New York: Viking Press, 1949).

THL Garcia Guerrero de Corrales became a

member of the Order of the Morningstar. Luthien Alana was chosen by the Companions of the Morningstar to be the first member of the Order of the Rising Star, which is the new Baronial Youth A&S award. Mistress Julian ferch Rhys was made a member of the Order of the Bears Paw. Alana, whom had taken care of Their Majesties at Lillies and was one of three members of Her Highness' entourage, received the Order of the Honeybear. Instead of receiving a bottle of honey shaped like a honey bear, she received a small teddy bear doll. Cormac the Bald as a non-member of the Barony received the Order of the Bears Heart for his service to the Barony. Camilla Fonte di Ferrara received the Order of the Silver Bear.

An Honorable Mention prize was awarded for felted balls made by Joey, son of Jocelin, a five year old. The grand prize for the Youth Open Arts and Sciences was awarded to Haakon, a seventeen year old, who entered a chainmail coif, which the judges decided was too good to be judged as a youth entry. Lord Jocelin FitzHugh de Rouen, as the Baronial Standard Bearer (Baronial Champion of the Arts and Sciences), sponsored the Baronial Regalia competition. The winner was Frederick Alton of Smythkepe for his casting of medallions for the Bears Paw. The winner of the Open Arts and Sciences competition was Lord Jocelin FitzHugh de Rouen. The prize was a small wooden box with spices and a piece of handmade trim. His entry was a research paper.

Leaving just after nine o'clock and with a short stop to refuel the car, I got home just before two o'clock in the morning.



## Over the Fence



Have you met our local farmer and herder Lorccán na Túaithe? He lives with his wife, daughter and son. He has seen many important events during his lifetime. These include Brian Boru's succession, defeat of the Vikings, and his death at the Battle of Clontarf. He doesn't have much time for traveling with all of his crops and animals to tend to.



### A&S Documentation Made Simple

by Marion Leoncina da Susa

#### **Introduction:**

State what the item is and why you created it.

Example – This is a Baronial Scroll for Lord Hoozy Glump from the Shire of BFE.

#### **Materials:**

List the Materials you used. Use bullets. When necessary, site your substitutions from period materials, and give reasons for the substitution. Site your references with subscript numbers to indicate where your sources came from. These sources will be listed in your bibliography, and the superscript number will correspond to your bibliography item number.

### Example:

#### My Materials

- #2 Graphite Pencil
- Heavy weight Parchment Paper
- Gouache Pigments
- Speedball Carbon Black India Ink
- Nylon Bristle Brushes

#### Period Materials

- Silver Point lead <sup>1</sup>
- Goat/Sheep Skin Parchment <sup>1</sup>
- mineral pigments in an Egg tempera base<sup>1</sup>
- Carbon Black or Oak Gall ink <sup>3</sup>
- Squirrel Tail Brushes <sup>4</sup>

I used Parchment paper rather than actual parchment because it is much more readily available, and much less expensive. (tab A) Gouache pigments are a close substitution to period and allow for ease of use while maintaining a reasonable appearance, and not exposing the modern artist to hazardous substances in the powder form (ie white lead). I used India ink because it is a good representation, easily accessible and did not require the finding of, and preparation of Oak galls. I used nylon brushes for their durability and smooth application of the pigments. Yadda Yadda Yadda...

### Methods:

Use this section to tell us what you did, and how you did it. If possible, site differences in your steps from period steps and identify your source.

1. I prepared my parchment by drawing the design in lead and lining the area that was to be written upon.
2. I wrote in the text of the document using the hand known as “uncials”.
3. I painted in the image.

### Conclusion:

In my conclusion I like to write about what I learned during the course of the project, what I might change should I choose to do the project again, and what I would do the same. This can often give the judges a measure of your own feelings of success. After I completed my Minever paintbrushes, I concluded that I would NEVER use them again, even though I had learned a lot and the project was a good experience. The experience itself became the real outcome of the project – the brushes were just the vehicle to my learning. That fact was important for my judges to know.

### Bibliography:

Using whatever format you were taught, site your sources. Remember, it is best to use primary sources where available. For books, make sure to site the author, title, publishing date, and publisher. Web sites should list the entire title of the site, author or web designer, and the full address of the web-site. Make sure that all site addresses are complete so someone can access that site if they want to.

Sources are either primary, secondary, or tertiary.

**Primary** – written, created, or made in the age you are researching. Ex: a dress pulled out of a bog from the era of the Bayou tapestry.

**Secondary** – a painting, image or letter written or created during that time period, or a description that a researcher wrote about the dress they pulled out of the bog. Ex: looking at the image of a dress on the bayou tapestry or sighting an article written by the researcher that looked at the bog dress.

**Tertiary** – a modern article about the dress from the bayou tapestry or an article sighting another article written about the bayou tapestry dress.

### Appendices:

This is where you can include all the “other” interesting stuff you site in your summary. Pictures of the original item, copied pages from the books you used, examples of the items use in period, complete web sites etc. Make sure you put Tabs or Labels on these pages, and highlight the important info on each page.

I like to put indicators in my summary of what tab the judge can access for more info. Or, you can label your tabs with titles like “Minever Brushes”, or “Period Pigments”. This gives the judge a quick reference guide to what you have to offer.

**Always remember: cover all the details in as concise a method as possible.**