

ARDANRUNES

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ARDANROE OFFICERS

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

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lord Michael atte Harp
Historian: Lady Ceara Ó Bárdáin
Constable: The Honorable Lady Dana the Quarrier

HARKEN YE!

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

January 5 – Mead Workshop – 1:00 p.m. – Lorccán na Túaithe's house (Saturday)
January 9 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
January 16 – Fiber Arts Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
January 23 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

NOTE: Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahoo group for updates.

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Happy New Year, Ardanroe!

I'd like to again thank Erde, Heylen, and Ian for opening their home to us for our Christmas party – you are excellent hosts! I hope that everyone's holidays were as wonderful as that night was, and that we've all come into 2008 ready to get to work and have some fun!

January's business meeting is going to be a full one as we talk about our goals for 2008, discuss office openings and upcoming events, and see if we are going to plan any special projects in the New Year. I expect that we'll also be doing a good deal of discussion on the upcoming Winter Wonders. I hope everybody can attend and participate – and, of course, volunteer a bit of their time to help.

Speaking of offices – in the very near future (hopefully this month), Rory will be our new Herald, relieving James after 2 years of holding that office. Thank you, James, for serving that office and the A&S office well!

Stay warm, and we'll see you at the next meeting!

Sarah
Seneschal, Ardanroe



LETTER FROM THE CHRONICLER

Happy New Year! The Ardanrunes follows the standard Calendar year rather than the SCA Calendar year, so we celebrate a New Year of the Ardanrunes with this January 2008 issue while we are actually starting the ninth month of the Society's year, Anno Societatus XLII (42). The 43rd year (A. S. XLIII) for the Society does not begin until May 1st.

Please take note of the 2006 and 2007 Indices at the end of this issue which inventories the various columns (regular and irregular) from the last two years. This issue marks the end of the RUGA Colleges, while the next issue will end A Look at the Past. Scriptorium Sending will continue as a monthly column, but Let's Dance and Over the Fence will both be irregular based on time and input from the populace. For the former, I need new dancers to step up and write about dances, both European and Middle Eastern. For the later, we need your persona stories! Send them to the Shire Historian.

During 2006 three columns were tested – From the Kitchens, Match Game, and On this Day. I would like to bring each of these back on an irregular basis. Please share your recipes! Tell us how to make the wonderful dishes eaten at feast, or even from the Shire's holiday party! Create or present an idea for a Game that could be done in the newsletter (crossword puzzle, find the words, etc. – does not have to be Match-Up). Consider writing a short one page (or less) article on something historically important on a particular day during an issue's month. It could be a battle, a coronation, the founding of a town, a Saint's feast day, an invention, artwork, or monument, or even the birth or death of a historical person.

The Ardanrunes is the Shire newsletter. Please contribute to make it a truly Shire newsletter and not just Rory's newsletter (Rory's Angels' Newsletter or Rory and the Bond Girls' Newsletter [see - were you are really reading]).

Rory, Shire Chronicler

TOWN FAIRE

Fighter Practice planned for Saturday, December 1st was canceled due to work by the Knight Marshal. There were no other scheduled fighter practices in December.

The Shire Holiday Party & Populace Meeting was held Friday, December 14 at Erde & Heylen's home from 6:30 p.m. to 12 midnight. At least 28 adults and 8 children attended the festivities. Shrimp, pork loin, steak, chicken, sausages, hot dogs, and more meat were cooked on the Bar-bee in back yard. Two cheese fondues, several noodle and potato salads, green beans, potatoes au gratin, a vegetable tray, and a delectable and vastly overlooked sweet potato casserole composed much of the 'healthy' table near the MEAT in the kitchen. The dining room had the decadent sweets – several cakes, cookies, and other goodies. Tea, apple cider, soft drinks, and hard liquor were in the "kitty" room (frequented by the Cat who allowed it to be petted by youngsters just there). Goodie bags were given to the children. Photos were taken by Maximilian and Ceara (and those using Ceara's camera). The Yule horn was passed around for introductions and wishes for the New Year. A very brief (two minutes long) Populace Meeting was held. Following a motion made and seconded to become a Barony, the Seneschal appointed the two motion-makers as a special Task Force to research the idea and presents their findings at next year's holiday party (Olaf and Max). Six children participated in the children's gift exchange. Twenty-four adults participated in the adult's gift exchange (white elephant gift under \$10) finding the hand-made wax tablet to be the most prized possession followed by mead, beer bread, a shield, cooking pot, and candlestick.



The tempting dessert table at the Shire Holiday Party tempts young Ian most dangerously.



There is nothing like a table full of MEAT! Drinks and laughs are shared by Max, Michael, Branwen, & Johannes.



Heylen presents the Yule horn of friendship, while Timo shows off the wax-tablet made by Olaf.



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

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

Poet-Laureate

With eloquent words does the poet call to mind the glory of Our Kingdom. In meter and rhyme are his talents professed. So with words We _____ and _____, King and Queen of Gleann Abhann, do recognize Our subject _____ as Poet-Laureate for the duration of Our Reign, and charge [him/her] thus, to leave in words Our true beliefs, Our wisdom and concerns, and return again to paper to see what we have learned. To speak of truth and honor and to never let the pen be stilled, to never let your voice be silent until the words of Our hearts have been spoken. Done this _____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____.

_Sovereign _Consort



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. We have now reached the offices for which not all data is known. For these offices there are missing dates, sometimes months, sometimes years. Anyone having old newsletters, officer reports, or other handouts to fill in the gaps are encouraged to contact the Chronicler and the Historian. This month we look at the office of the Demo -crat.

Demo-crat

8/1992 – 12/1994	Kathleen Simonetta Riario
12/1994 – 12/1995 (?)	Christine O'Neill of Cork
1996 – 1998(?)	(?)
Vacant	
3/1999 – 7/2000	Brigid Wolfshead (originally known as Brigid Ellafern)
7/2000 – 5/2001	Rainillt Dering
5/2001 – 3/2004	Blaec le Dering
3/2004 – 11/2004	Medb inghean ui Maolainbhthe
Vacant	
2/2006 – 12/2006	Michael atte Harp
1/2007– 6/2007	Branwen Ballard
Vacant	
8/2007 – Present	Michael atte Harp

The office of Demo -crat is not an official SCA office. The Seneschal of Ardanroe was originally the person who coordinated the demos given by the Shire. During Jacqueline de Lyons' third term as Seneschal the office of Demo -crat was created to assist her. This person now coordinated the demos given by the Shire, sending out information to those persons or organizations seeking a demo, setting up a date and time for the demo, rounding up volunteers, and arranging the demo. Since so much of this was turning out to be similar to the duties of the Chatelaine in promoting the SCA to newcomers and the public, the office of Demo -crat became a deputy of the Chatelaine. In fact it has often been held by the Chatelaine.

Eight people are known to have served as Demo -crat for the Shire of Ardanroe. The first Demo -crat was Kathleen Simonetta Riario. Mona Vines and Christine O'Neill of Cork were the local Chatelaines during Kathleen's term as Demo -crat. Kathleen became the local Seneschal in September 1994 and continued to fulfill the office of Demo -crat until passing it to the local Chatelaine, Christine O'Neill of Cork in December. Christine definitely held the office thru 1995, as Chatelaine coordinating all demos. But then there are no local records (*help the Historian and Chronicler if you have them*) to determine if she held the office afterwards. Kathleen remained Seneschal through August 1996 and Christine may have served as Chatelaine and Demo -crat through Kathleen's term. Stephen Wolfe followed as Seneschal from September 1996 to February 1998 and was followed in turn as Seneschal by Conall mac Riogh from March 1998 to July 1999. Both men may have overseen demos or Christine (or someone else unknown) may have served as Chatelaine and Demo -crat during part of this time .

The office of Demo -crat was definitely vacant during the first few months of 1999. When Rainillt Dering (known as Generys le Dering at that time) volunteered to reactivate the Chatelaine's office in February 1999, Brigid Wolfshead (known as Brigid Ellafern at that time) volunteered to reactivate the Demo -crat's office. The Demo -crat was a deputy to the Chatelaine during Brigid's term. Brigid, with contacts at the public library system, served as Demo -crat until July 2000, when the office of Demo -crat was merged back into the Chatelaine's office. Rainillt, Blaec le Dering, and Medb inghean ui Maolainbhthe each oversaw demos as the Shire's Chatelaine. When the office of Chatelaine went vacant in November 2004, Conor the Black as local Seneschal, coordinated all demos with the assistance of his wife, Rovena of Bri Leith [*wives of office holders usually get stuck helping with the office*]. Michael atte Harp, a recent transplant from the Shire of Loch Bais (newly graduated student and ready for a job in the real world), re-activated the Chatelain office in February 2006, overseeing demos with the assistance of Branwen Ballard as his deputy, though Branwen was not officially called the Demo -crat. When his new job became too time consuming for local offices, Branwen Ballard filled the position. She in turn became very busy with a new job and in August 2007 Michael, now comfortable in his job, was able to step back into the office as local Chatelain. As such the office of Demo -crat has really not existed as a separate position from the Chatelaine's office except twice, when held by Kathleen and Brigid.

CARRIAGE CHATTER



CORRECTION TO
DECEMBER PHOTO:
Ceara and Her Father-in-Law
work on the Castle Cake
(Not her Dad)

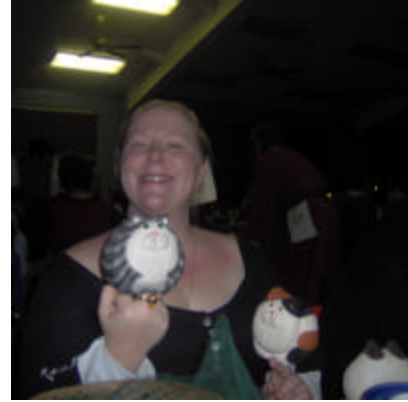
Christmas Revel, December 7-9, Barony of Axemoor

This year the Barony of Axemoor held their traditional event Christmas Revel at the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi. Toys-for-Tots were pushed for all tournaments, not just the traditional William Marshall List. A toy was required for the Newbie List, Great Sword Tournament, and TFT/William Marshall Tourney. Toys were optional for the Youth Combat Tournaments. While perhaps encouraged, toys were not required for the archery, live weapons, and fencing tournaments. Holiday inspired Bardic and A&S competitions were held along with standard and seasonal classes. A holiday dessert contest was held with entrants bringing two desserts, one for judging and one for the Grand Ball after feast. The Ladies of the Bow and Blade presented their annual Parade of Prizes raffle and Father Christmas visited the children. Two new guilds were officially recognized with charters at the event. These were the Gleann Abhann Embroiderers Guild and the Metalsmiths.

Ceara reports that Sarah, Ceara, Medb, and James traveled to Christmas Revel. James won the A&S competition in the presentation category for his sheep cake. Sarah and James presented Baroness Morgana with a tissue box cover for her court tissues. Sarah won many prizes in the raffle. The raffle was raising money for a trailer for the Baroness. Feast lasted well into the evening and most people retired soon after from exhaustion! Ceara represented Ardanroe as an authorized Youth Marshal assisting with marshalling the Youth Combat Tournaments.



Ceara Ó Bórdáin, Youth Marshal applauds during the Youth Tourney. Ten Youth Combatants pose with the Royals.



James accepts prize for A&S competition at Christmas Revel. Sarah shows off one for the raffle prizes she won.



RUGA COLLEGE OF DOMESTIC ARTS TEXTILES DEGREE TRACK

The Textiles degree program focuses on techniques of fabric production, as well as techniques used to embellish fabric. Included are such things as weaving, spinning, embroidery, beading, lace making, dyeing, knitting, etc.

I. Lector of Domestic Arts in Textiles

The focus of the Lector degree level is to gain an understanding of the domestic arts, as well as an in-depth understanding of one domestic arts subject area. This understanding will be gained mainly through class attendance. An independent study project is recommended for the Lector degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by an additional 10 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences.

Graduation requirements:

- A. RUGA Auditor status
- B. Completion of 30 RUGA class hours
 - a. Lector of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (10 class hours)
 - b. Completion of 10 class hours in Textiles
 - c. 10 elective class hours (these class hours can be any RUGA accredited class)
- C. Completion of independent study project OR 10 additional RUGA class hours
 - For project: Research, prepare and complete a project of the student's choosing in the area of Textiles. In order for a project to satisfy this requirement, it must be entered into a local or regional A&S competition, and obtain an overall minimum score of 75%. Documentation must be submitted with this project. A copy of the score sheet and a copy of the documentation must be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
 - For class hours: 10 additional RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences. Any combination of classes in these subject areas will be accepted, although it is recommended that the student concentrate on classes in Textiles.

II. Prior of Domestic Arts in Textiles

The focus of the Prior degree level is understanding and interpretation of historical sources in researching domestic arts subjects. An independent study project is required for graduation, and must be entered into a

Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition to gain credit. 5 teaching hours are recommended for the Prior degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by an additional 5 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences.

Graduation requirements:

- A. RUGA Lector of Domestic Arts/Textiles status
- B. Completion of 20 RUGA class hours
 - a. Prior of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (5 class hours)
 - b. 10 class hours in Textiles
 - c. 5 elective class hours (these class hours can be any RUGA accredited class)
- C. Independent Study Project:

Research, prepare and complete a project of the student's choosing in the area of Textiles. In order for a project to satisfy this requirement, it must be entered into a Kingdom A&S competition, and obtain an overall minimum score of 75%. The documentation score for the project must be no less than a 3, using the current Gleann Abhann Kingdom A&S judging standards. A copy of the score sheet and a copy of the documentation must be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
- D. 5 RUGA teaching hours OR 5 RUGA class hours.

For teaching hours: Although there are no subject requirements for teaching hours at this level, it is anticipated that most of these teaching hours will be in the student's subject area of concentration.

For class hours: 5 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences may be substituted for the teaching requirement. Any combination of classes in these subject areas will be accepted, although it is recommended that the student concentrate on classes in Textiles.

III. Philosopher of Domestic Arts in Textiles

The focus of the Philosopher degree level is communication of knowledge to others through written expression, teaching, and leadership in the area of A&S. Two independent study projects are required for graduation. 10 teaching hours are recommended for the Philosopher degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by any combination of teaching experience, judging experience, and/or service as an A&S officer.

Graduation requirements:

- A. RUGA Prior of Domestic Arts/Textiles status
- B. Completion of 10 RUGA class hours
 - a. Philosopher of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (5 hours)
 - b. 5 class hours in Textiles (Intermediate or higher level classes)
- C. 10 total service hours in any combination of the following:
 - a. Teaching hours (one class hour equals one service hour)
 - b. Service as an A&S officer (one month in office equals one service hour)
 - c. 10 Judging hours (Judging one A&S competition equals one service hour)
- D. Independent Study.

The student must complete a total of two independent study projects, in any combination of the following:

 - 1. Teaching. Research, prepare and teach a class on a Textiles subject of the student's choice. The class must be submitted for RUGA accreditation. Class preparation should include preparation of a class handout and other class materials (i.e., photographs, items to be shared with the class, etc.). A copy of all handouts and materials, together with a class enrollment sheet and/or copies of the teacher evaluation forms for the class, will be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
 - 2. Written Expression I. Complete an independent study project of the student's choosing in the area of Textiles, and write an article on the project subject. The article must be submitted to any SCA publication. (i.e. Tournaments Illuminated, Compleat Anachronist, Kingdom or local newsletter, etc.). The publication does not have to be in general circulation in the student's home kingdom, but must be a general circulation publication. The article may be of any length, but must be on the same subject as the

Come to Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp 1 located in Doyline, Louisiana.
Site opens at 5:00 p.m. Friday and closes at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Directions: Take your best route to I-20 in Louisiana. Heading EAST from Shreveport and WEST from Minden, take Exit 33 (Fillmore/Haughton exit). Follow the Lake Bistineau State Park and SCA signs to the site.

Event Steward: Barun Rory ua Riada (ddugga@lsuhsc.edu; 318.747.4939; no calls after 9 p.m.)

Head Cook: THLady Dana the Quarrier (hellodana@juno.com)

Deputy Steward: Lorccán na Túaithe (ravendarkshaw@yahoo.com)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT CAN BE FOUND AT
<http://www.ardanroe.org/WinterWondersXXII/>



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