

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

February 2	Candlemas Collegium – Grey Niche
February 9	Winter Wonders XXII – Ardanroe
February 12-18	<i>Estrella XXIV - Atenveldt</i>
February 23	Gleann Abhann Fighter Collegium – Loch Bais
March 9-16	<i>Gulf Wars XVII</i>
March 29	Hadrian's Wall Revisited – Seleone
April 12	Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation – TBA
April 19	Athenaeum – Tor an Riogh
April 19	<i>SCA BOD Mtg – Ansteorra – Steppes (Dallas, TX)</i>
April 26	Beltaine – Grey Niche
May 3	Candlelight Camp – Small Gray Bear
May 17	Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List – TBA
June 7	Gleann Abhann Live Weapons Championship-TBA

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greiffenburg
Herald: Maistir Rory ua Riada
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: VACANT
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgion: 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 Bórdáin
Constable: The Honorable Lady Dana the Quarrier

HARKEN YE!

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

February 2 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – TBA (Saturday)
February 13 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
February 16 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – TBA (Saturday)
February 20 – Fiber Arts/Open Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
February 27 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

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

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

Wow- where did January go? February is now upon us and with it, Winter Wonders! Everyone has been doing a great job of planning with Maistir Rory, and I know he appreciates your help. Don't forget to lend a hand at the event- many hands make light work.

Those of you who attended the January A&S night saw that we had a whole lot of newcomers in attendance. I think that we did a great job of telling them a little bit about our Society, and I do hope we see them again. Please take a few moments to introduce yourselves to new faces and tell them a little bit about yourselves and your personae!

Officers- if you haven't sent in your doomsday reports, please check with your Kingdom officers soon to see when those are due. I'll also need a copy for my files.

I hope to see you all at Winter Wonders, and of course, at our meetings this month!

Stay warm,

Sarah
Seneschal



TOWN FAIRE

Five adults attended the Saturday, January 5th Mead Making Workshop hosted by Lorccán na Túaithe and Dianaim na Mhuimneach, shortly after 1:00 p.m to 4:30 p.m. Lorccán taught the class. Michael atte Harp, Hesper, and Rory were able to transfer Cinnamon mead to bottles, transfer Plain mead from the first brewing container to the second brewing container, and make a batch of Blackberry Sage mead which was placed in the first brewing container. A CD and handout were received. The hands-on class took three hours. Michael won the door-prize with his dancing. An Autocrats meeting regarding Winter Wonders was held afterwards by Rory and Lorccán.

Five adults attended the Wednesday, January 16th Fiber Arts/ Open Night from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Aulds Library. Timo, Apollonia, James, Sarah, and Rory created three paper wall decorations for Winter Wonders and discussed the event and ideas for calendar dates for next year.

The January 23rd A&S Workshop at Aulds Library ran from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. and had a huge turnout. Sarah and Michael gave a presentation to a lot of newcomers while Rory held a Winter Wonders event meeting. Feast and schedule were revised, activities and jobs were gone over, and other meals were updated.



Murder at the Faire - Winter Wonders XXII February 8-10, 2008, A.S. XLII

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



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

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

Equestrian Champion

Since the truest flowers of Chivalry were carried upon the mighty backs of Great War-horses while engaged in tournament combat, We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of Gleann Abhann, wishing to recognize Our subject _____ for Outstanding Skill in Horsemanship and for Excellence in the Art of the Tournament, do hereby elevate [him/her] into the Order of the Gleann Abhann Equestrian. By Our Hands this ____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____, being _____ by the common reckoning.

_Sovereign _Consort



CARRIAGE CHATTER

Masque of the Red Death XV, January 11-13, Shire of Blackwood

(Written by Ceara Ó Bárdáin)

Ceara, Sarah, James, Johannes, Olaf, Melisant, Hesper and Alexi traveled to Blackwood for Masque of the Red Death. This year's event was full of activities for all to enjoy. Johannes won the Knight's Grand Champion Tourney. Olaf taught a class on Soap Stone Casting while Melisant taught a Naalbinding class. While there were many entries in the A&S competitions, the overall winner was Olaf. Sir Sa'ad won in the woodworking category. Olaf won in the leather making category for his shoes. Fatima won the herbal category for her henna tattoos. John Widcomb won the jewelry category with his lost wax pewter cast token. All winners were presented with Red Death scythe brass tokens made by John Fleig. We cannot forget Sa'ad's infamous Bocce' Ball Game. It had the players doing the chicken dance for one round. Sarah MacGregor and John Bell were the winners. This year Death and Death's squire were played by Sir Gethin. All were treated to a Middle Eastern feast prepared by Lady Nonnie. After the young ones went to sleep, many of the adults participated in the "Captured Celt" contest.



Ceara and Alexi make pouches for charms against the plague. Johannes and Grimbaldus fight in the Kings Champion Tournament.



Johannes prepares to fight.



Group shot.



Melisant teaches Naalbinding class.



Olaf teaches Soap Stone casting class.

Survivor Valhalla, January 18-20, Shire of Iron Ox

(Written by Ceara Ó Bárdáin)

Dana, Medb, Ceara, Michael, and Olaf braved the cold weather and traveled to Utica, Mississippi for Survivor Valhalla hosted by the Shire of Iron Ox. Despite the rain and sleet on Friday and the snow, yes snow, on Saturday morning, the day's activities went as planned. The Three-man Valhöll tournament was held on Loki's ship of fingernails. There was a time scored quest, Arts and Science competition, Physical and Mental Obstacle Course (won by Baroness Barbara) and Cavalier Combat. The winners from each of those competitions took part in the Supreme Survivor Challenge. After a very brief court held by His Royal Highness William, everyone was treated to a wonderful feast leaving all very tired and full.



Sir Uric takes Ingvarr Vorsar as his first squire.



Michael and Ceara



Michael stands as entourage during HRH's court.



Baroness Barbara competes in the Va lhalla Survivor Game.



FORTNIGHT

The Shire Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the Aulds Branch Library in Bossier City. The meeting started at 7:00 and ended around 9:00 p.m. Dana ran the meeting as deputy seneschal, as Sarah was out of town. Sixteen adults (Dana, Erde, Medb, Olaf, Melisant, James, Johannes, Branwen, Rory, Amata, Lorccan, Michael, Ceara, Ibrahim ibn Karl, Angus the Scot, and Angie) and four children (Eric, Elizabeth, Taylor, and Delaney) attended the meeting. Ibrahim and Angus are old-timers from the 90's and 80's returning after many years away.

The end of December and beginning of January has been hard on the SCA family. Sarah's dad was wished a successful surgery. Rovena was wished comfort following the death of her mother. Gellis' sister was wished a full recovery. Brenna was wished comfort following the death of her sister.

Site tokens for 'Survivor: Valhalla' made by James were strung by the populace.

The events in January and February occurring in Gleann Abhann were gone over by Dana. Several items from Sarah were put forth. The first was "interest in keeping a monthly fiber arts night? Would it be more useful to the Shire if it were just an open workshop night where all members could bring their works in progress to work on?" The answer was yes to continue to keep the monthly date at the Library but to make it an open workshop night.

The second was "currently, many offices in the Shire are vacant or at the least, needing deputies." The following offices are currently vacant – Minister of Children, Chirurgeon. The following offices will be vacant once the office's domesday report is filed – Minister of Arts and Sciences. The following offices have a replacement who will be taking the office as soon as the domesday report is filed (or such) – Constable, Herald. The following office is currently filled but a replacement to take the office is strongly desired – Quartermaster. All other offices need a deputy in general.

The third was "with a few exceptions the Seneschal's office is not receiving copies of reports. This issue needs to be remedied in the near future."

Sarah not being present, there was nothing else from the Seneschal office to report.

Medb as Reeve reported that the books are closed on Fall Crown List. The Shire and the Kingdom each made ~\$542 in profit.

James as outgoing Minister of Arts and Sciences reported that he is waiting on details from the Kingdom regarding filing a domesday report for the office. Melisant expressed interest in becoming the next Minister of Arts

and Sciences. Sarah, in her agenda, wished to have a Q&A Night for the January A&S Workshop to prepare new members for Winter Wonders. However, both January A&S-type nights will be needed for Winter Wonders preparations per the autocrat.

James as outgoing Herald reported that he is waiting on details from the Kingdom regarding filing a doomsday report for the office. Rory reported that Katharine's name/device has left Kingdom in a Letter of Intent and that all other submissions from Ardanroe from September to December were being looked at for a January Letter of Intent by Ruby.

Johannes as Knight Marshall reported there were no fighter practices in January and that due to the number of events and war practices in the next two months, the first weekend of February would be the soonest.

Dana as Constable report that the Constable report for Fall Crown List has been submitted. The Lost and Found is at her office and is ready to be passed to Olaf. Olaf is taking the office this month.

Rory as Chronicler reported that the January issue of Ardanrunes is online. A copy was given to the Historian. Rory read this "Letter from the Chronicler" covering ideas and desires for the newsletter for the year and for input from the populace.

Amata as Provost reported sending a second request for teachers to the RUGA list for Winter Wonders.

Ceara as Historian encouraged everyone to complete the persona questions. She has questions from His Highness, so will be able to write up his persona story for a future issue. But she really needs Shire members to complete the persona questions. She may have to do persona stories for members' pets.

Michael as Chatelaine has nothing to report.

While Sarah was not present, as Quartermaster she was looking for someone to take over the office. The majority of the inventory is currently at Medb's.

Lorccan as Webminister has gotten Dreamweaver to assist with the Shire's website. His class on Mead Making last Saturday was a lot of fun and he had extra diskettes of handouts for anyone wanting them.

Under Other Business, the past event, coming event, and newly formed committee were discussed. There was no Post-Crown List business other than the report from Medb that the books were closed and a good profit was made for the Kingdom and Shire.

Ceara and Olaf, as two of the three members (third being Max) of the Ardanroe Advancement Inquest Committee (AAIC) reported that the committee had been formed and members appointed to it to investigate both Baronies and Provinces. They had started a fact finding mission to find out everything there is to know about Baronies and Provinces – rules for formation and continuation, how they operated, what the definitions and differences and similarities were between them, etc.

Rory, Lorccan, and Dana ran the Winter Wonders XXII meeting. About 36 reservations (via ACCEPS and USPS) had been made, though we have not yet received the ACCEPS reservations. A Staff List was passed around for everyone to volunteer to run a 'department'. Baroness Bethany Bacon will run the Youth Combat tourney. She wants to try a crest tourney for the kids, but if not enough competitors will look at best show of chivalry to determine the winner(s). Lorccan has not yet heard from THL Wulfram Forester (Kingdom Rapier Marshal) about running the Rapier Tourney or suggesting someone to marshal it. Michael has volunteered to head Troll. James will head Gate. Gate will remain open all night (idea using a cell phone was good but not everyone has a cell phone).

The Heirs of Gleann Abhann will be attending Winter Wonders. The Crown will be preparing for Estrella War which is later that week. Branwen will be the Royal Liaison with Medb as her deputy. Mistress Marion is the Heirs' Travel Coordinator. Rory will contact her.

Johannes is the site Marshall. Erde will be the Road Sign Coordinator (put out and pick up the SCA road signs). Melisant will be the Bathroom Monitor (toilet paper, etc.). Rebekah MacGillivray will coordinate children's activities. Sarah is in charge of the Persona A&S Triathlon. She is arranging for judges now. [Gwyneth Carr has volunteered to be one of the judges.] Amata is the Class coordinator. Rory will coordinate the Miller's Wife Mystery Game. Lorccan and Dianaim (his wife) will coordinate the Tri-Page Tournament [three challenges – one from the court of King Stephen; the court of Empress Matilda; the court of Gleann Abhann – scavenger hunt outside; an activity inside; and some other activity for those Ages 12-17]. We need list ministers for the four tournaments (youth, rapier, 'crest', and bridesmaid). Ceara will coordinate the Prizes. Olaf has volunteered to get the "Ardanroe tradition" glasses and will etch them with lasers. A total of 9 glasses are needed as prizes (will get 11; needs 2 to practice on). Branwen, Johannes, and Melisant have volunteered to help do the 15 scrolls. Text for scrolls will be emailed by Rory and members can say which ones they are doing so all 15 get down without duplicates. Other donated prizes (books, toys, weapons) will round out the prizes (Rory has a lot of books and some games; Sarah has a book for the Persona A&S Triathlon winner). James is making the tokens (mill with wheel and river that has WW XXII on it).

Dana went over the menus. Erde will do pork and apples and pears instead of salmon as fish has not been at a good price. The breakfast menu still needs to be gotten from Timo. A Hall Steward is needed for feast. Heylen will be the Entertainment Director just as she was for Fall Crown List's feast.

Everyone is urged to bring donations for the royal cabin to the next two Wednesday night workshops to give to Branwen, Royal Liaison. Everyone is urged to bring prizes to the next two Wednesday night workshops to give to Ceara, Prize Coordinator.

Johannes and James will repair the four list-field posts that were damaged at Crown List.

The Feast and Other Meals web page will be done up by Rory and Lorccan.

Classes are still needed. The Honorable Lady Saqra al-Kudsi is unable to attend our event due to conflict with Ansteorra's Kingdom A&S Faire. Gwyneth Carr has volunteered to teach a fiber-related class and to find out who might be able to teach a Persona Development class at our event. Amata will check with Eithne Ruad to see if she is planning to come to Winter Wonders and would teach her Finding Your SCA Niche class. Melisant has volunteered to teach a Basic Naalbinding class and Olaf will teach Introduction to Calligraphy. Melisant and others would like to have someone come and teach Drop Spindle. A forge and metalsmith activities would also be nice.

Per the January issue of The Ambassador, the Kingdom Combat Archery Marshal plans to have some type of Combat Archery activity at Winter Wonders. James reports that they want to hold CA-authorizations in the afternoon.

Next Wednesday (our Fiber Arts Night at the Library), we would like to string tokens (any that are done by James) and work on a 'curtain' to cover the opening between the hall and kitchen. People can also work on scrolls for the prizes.

The following Wednesday (our A&S Workshop Night), we will continue to string tokens (done by James), work on the 'curtain' to cover the opening between the hall and kitchen, and Sarah will lead a Q&A for new members. Heylen also hopes to hold Middle Eastern dance practice for the feast entertainment as well.

Several people are attending Masque of the Red Death. Coordinating carpools was not overly successful. The meeting was adjourned. Anyone wanting to pay reservations for Winter Wonders was to see Rory after the meeting.



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. We have now reached the last of the offices in the Shire and come to the end of this column. This month we look at the office of the Quartermaster.

Quartermaster

8/1990 – 11/1990	Maximilian von Braun
12/1990 – 1/1993	Stephen Wolfe/Michael of Normandy
1/1993 – 11/1993	Dietrich
?	?
5/2004 – 8/2006	Charmaine de Chanson
8/2006 – Present	Sarah MacGregor

The office of Quartermaster is not an official SCA office. During the first ten years of the Shire of Ardanroe's existence, the Shire did not have a lot of property used at events. Pots, pans, and other cooking items were part of the State Park's camp sites. By the end of the first decade the Shire had accumulated enough 'stuff' that someone needed to be in charge of it and making sure it could be accessed for events. The office of Quartermaster

was created. Being an unofficial office there were no reports and most newsletters and minutes did not list the office. It is believed that Maximilian von Braun may have been the first Quartermaster for Ardanroe. He was followed by Michael of Normandy, whose home was used for the storing of the Shire's equipment. Michael rented his house from Stephen Wolfe so Stephen and Michael were jointly the Quartermasters. Michael eventually moved and as the next renters were not in the SCA, the Shire's property had to be stored somewhere else. Dietrich, husband to Mona Vines, was brand new to the SCA but volunteered to be the Quartermaster. He also had connections with SPAR (Shreveport Parks and Recreation), which was good for fighter practices, demos, and small one-day events. After Dietrich, there are no good records for determining who was Quartermaster and for how long (*help the Historian and Chronicler if you have them*).

The Shire has a trailer. After Dietrich, the Shire's trailer was located at Christine's house (in her carport), Stephen and Jacqueline's (in their carport or garage), Rory's (on his driveway next to his carport), and Medb's (in her garage), until it eventually was located behind Charmaine's house when she was made the official Quartermaster of the Shire by the Seneschal, Jacqueline. The Shire also used a storage shed which may have belonged to the Shire or was donated for Shire use. The storage shed may also have originally been at Michael of Normandy's house. It may have been moved three or four times but spent most of its life in Stephen and Jacqueline's backyard. It was moved to Rory's as a result of family issues Stephen and Jacqueline were experiencing. Rory's original shed (which came with Rory's house and covered the entire cement slab in his backyard) was moved to Edward's. The Shire's shed covered one-third to one-half of the cement slab. Unfortunately the shed leaked and was not well-sealed against the elements and environment (spiders, wasps, ants, etc.). When the Shire's trailer was moved to Medb's, the shed was declared condemned and all items removed from it. The shed was demolished. Since then all Shire property has been stored in a person's home (or garage) and in the Shire's trailer. When Charmaine became the official Quartermaster, the trailer was re-located to the paved back parking area of her house and all equipment was stored in her house filling the attic.

When Sarah became Seneschal, she also became Quartermaster for the Shire. The trailer and all equipment were moved to her place of work. When her place of work was sold, the trailer was moved to her home and the rest of the equipment stored at her house and Medb's house. At this time Sarah is strongly encouraging someone to step forward as the next official Quartermaster to take over the duties of equipment management and storage of the Shire's property.



Over the Fence

His Royal Highness, William fitz Hugh de Cambria currently resides in Wexford, Ireland. He and his wife, Onora inghean mhic Cathain, live with their servants, retainers, wards, men at arms and one squire.

William is the third son of a Marcher Lord. After his brother's death, he was called back from the church to run the family holdings while his father and oldest brother fought for King Henry in France. He can speak French, Welsh, Irish and some Latin. He has traveled to Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Normandy and the Holy Land.

As a knight in service to Henry II, he is currently in Ireland fighting with Richard de Clair for Daimait MacMurchada, King of



Leinster. He comes from a long line of Marcher Lords who hold the western frontier of the English lands that border with the warlike Welsh. William fights with sword, lance, spear and axe. He is trained to fight as a mounted soldier.



His armor consists of a metal conical helmet with a nasal, a full-length chain hauberk, chain chausses and a kite shield. When he is not fighting, he likes to hunt, joust, practice archery and compete in the lists.

In his lifetime, Prince William has seen the 2nd Crusades, the battles of the succession of Stephen, the “so called” Norman invasion of Ireland, the death of Henry at the hands of John and Richard, the disaster of Hatin and the resulting loss of Jerusalem, and the 3rd crusade. His goals are to expand his lands and titles, secure his holdings, and serve the King with the strength of his sword arm.



ON THIS DAY

February 2, 1141

1141 February 2 – Battle of Lincoln – King Stephen of England is captured by Robert, Earl of Gloucester, and is imprisoned in Bristol. Everyone remembering the fate of Robert Curthose, brother of King Henry I of England, who lost to Henry and was imprisoned for the rest of his life, believes Empress Matilda has won. Queen Matilda, King Stephen’s wife, and William of Ypres, his chief lieutenant and unnamed Earl of Kent, refuse to concede and continue to fight for King Stephen.