

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

September 4	MidSummer Knight's Dream - Smythkepe
September 11	Slay the Dragon - Vogelburg
September 18	Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire – Seleone
September 25	Holy Pail – Rooks Haven
September 25	A Grand Melee – Three Rivers/Grey Niche
October 2	Gleann Abhann Coronation – Ardanroe
October 9	Diamond Wars – Small Gray Bear
October 16	Harvest Home – Northover
October 23	Havoc – Loch Bais
October 30	Samhain – Grey Niche
November 13	GA Fall Crown List – Smythkepe
December 3	Christmas Revel – Axemoor
January 8	Newbie Collegium – Lagerdamm
January 15	Winter Wonders XXV – Ardanroe

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Avice of York  
Knight Marshal: Lord Skallagrímr Bárðarson  
Herald: Maistir Rory ua Riada  
Exchequer: Joya le Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor  
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: Lady Evlaliia Sveneicha  
Historian: Lady Amelia Balentine  
Constable: Giric I{o,}gmaðr

## HARKEN YE!

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

September 7 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
September 8 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
September 21 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
September 22 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
September 25 – Timeline Demo – Lake Bistineau State Park (Saturday) – See Seneschal for more info

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



## SAINTS DAY CALENDAR

September 27<sup>th</sup> is the calendar date for Vincent de Paul. Some know of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at churches today that minister to the poor. In 1600 Vincent was ordained. In 1605 while he was sailing from Marseilles to Toulouse, his ship was captured by brigands. He was sold into slavery and eventually became a member of the household of a lapsed Christian, who later repented and released Vincent. Queen Margaret of Valois made him her chaplain, which brought him to Paris where he became the tutor to Count Philip de Gondi's children. Due to his time as a slave, Vincent had delivered a great empathy for the poor. He now used his contacts in the court and high society to help the poor. He was first helped by the Countess de Gondi with funds to start his mission of aide and received funds from many rich women in Paris to open hospitals for the sick, including one at Marseilles for galley-slaves. As an intimate advisor to the French royal family, he was able to start relief work among the poor. He died at the age of 85 in the year 1660.

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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Web Minister, Provost of RUGA, Quartermaster, and Minister of Arts & Sciences, and Chronicler.

The following Shire offices are Open and Need Filling: Minister of Children and Chirurgeon



## SCA 2010 CENSUS

The SCA 2010 Census Survey is available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCA2010Census>



## TOWN FAIRE

Due to the excessive heat advisory (in the 103 – 115 range) all fighter practices during the month of August were cancelled.

Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> was the Shire's A&S Workshop night at the Aulds Library, starting around 7:00 p.m. The Shire's decorations for the hall (window and light covers, etc.) and other such items were looked at and a plan made for what was needed for Coronation and if there would be a Coronation A&S Project Night. James then taught some new period games he learned about at the Academy for Performing Arts.



## KINGDOM JOB AD

Wanted: Programmer to assist with building a new on-line Order of Precedence for Gleann Abhann

The qualified candidate will have their own reliable computer and Internet access and possess the following skills and knowledge:

PHP and MySQL is required.

HTML, CSS and some graphic skills is highly recommended.

This will be a standalone program hosted on the Kingdom web server.

This project will be overseen by the Kingdom Webminister, but due to the nature of this project and time constraints of the office we seek a deputy to manage this project.

Complete details of the program requirements may be obtained from the Kingdom Webminister by email inquiry to [webminister@kingdomofgleannabhann.org](mailto:webminister@kingdomofgleannabhann.org).

Send copies of inquiries to [the10threign@...](mailto:the10threign@...) as well.

HRM Beatrix



**THE ARDANROE HERBARIUM**  
(THL Rovena of Bri Leith, Column Editor)



*CARNATION*

The name Carnation has been applied to many related species over its history. It belongs to the *Dianthus* genus of which there are 300 species. Not to mention all the hybrids.

*Dianthus* comes from the Greek for either heavenly flower or the flower of Jove. The name carnation is thought to have come from its use in ceremonial crowns while others think it comes from the Latin "caro" for flesh (referring to the flower's original color). Common names include carnation (*D. caryophyllus*), pink (*D. plumarius* and related species) and Sweet William (*D. barbatus*). It was also known as clove carnations or clove gillyflowers. *Dianthus* was cited by Theophrastus, the Greek botanist.

Although the species are largely perennial herbs, you will find a few that are annual and even biennial, with some being low shrubs with woody stems. While this is a perennial, in our area it is treated as an annual due its short life. The leaves are simple, opposite, mainly linear, and the color is often strongly gray-green to blue-green. The flowers have five petals, often with a frilled or pinked margin, and are (in almost all species) pale to dark pink. One species, *D. knappii*, has yellow flowers with a purple center. The color of hybrids is another matter altogether including green, red, yellow, and white. The color pink gets its name not so much from the color of the plant as much as from the shape of the petal edges: pink as in pinking shears. Because carnations cannot produce the pigment delphinidin there cannot be a natural occurring blue carnation. This is a trait that carnations share with roses, lilies, and chrysanthemums. About 1996, thanks to genetic manipulation involving the petunia and snapdragon, a blue-mauve carnation trademarked Moondust was created quickly followed by a violet carnation called Moonshadow. Other shadings have followed these.

Its planetary ruler is Jupiter.

*Dianthus* genus is mainly native to Europe and Asia though its exact range is unknown due to extensive cultivation for the last 2,000 years. A few species extend south to North Africa while one species (*D. repens*) is found in arctic North America.

Gerard recommends a compost of clove gillyflowers for most heart ailments while Culpepper recommends one regularly consume either the syrup or the conserve of clove gillyflowers for improvement of general health and especially for hot pestilent fevers and to expel poisons.

The fragrance can be capture in syrup to be used in cordials or for desserts.

Most of the meanings that are commonly applied to carnations are from the Victorian era. The meaning was dependent on the color: light red for admiration, dark red for deep love or affection, white for pure love or good

luck, striped for regret, and purple for flighty and unpredictable. In France, carnations are the traditional funeral flower that is often given as a condolence. This has led to it being seen as a flower of misfortune and bad luck. Since 1907 it has been worn on Mother's Day. It was the favorite flower of Anna Jarvis. This custom has changed over time to wearing red for a living mother and white for a deceased mother. In Korea, red and pink carnations are worn on Parents Day and Teacher Day. In Austria, Italy, and the former Yugoslavia, a red carnation is worn on May Day. In Portugal, a red carnation is worn to honor the Carnation Revolution. Naturally, green carnations have been favored on St. Patrick Day. Because it was so often worn by Oscar Wilde in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it came to symbolize homosexuality. Ohio selected the scarlet carnation to honor William McKinley who regularly wore one. Former Ohio governor, President McKinley was assassinated in 1901.

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**FORTNIGHT**

The August Shire Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Branch Library. A fighter practice was initially set up for Sunday, August 15 at two o'clock, but was later cancelled when it became clear that an excessive heat advisory with a 103 – 115 degrees heat index would exist for the entire month of August.



**CARRIAGE CHATTER**

**Academy of Performing Arts, July 31, Shire of Iron Ox**

(Written by Amelia Balentine)

On a Friday afternoon, the last weekday of July, THL Avice of York, Lord Symon, and Lady Amelia set out for the Shire of Iron Ox. They were to meet up with others from the lovely Shire of Ardanroe for a weekend of performing arts. The travelers journeyed through the evening to Cabot Lodge Millsaps. The lodge was a welcome relief from the stifling heat that had dogged their travels.

The next morning the three had breakfast and then went separate ways for most of the day. Avice had meetings concerning Shire business. Symon and Amelia attended class. Amelia took the Italian court dance classes as well as the class on favorite dances of the SCA.

That evening they joined friends for supper at a local establishment and then went to visit a friend who was in the care of Hospitalers there. Sunday was a day for goodbyes and traveling home.

**Gleann Abhann 5<sup>th</sup> Year, August 20-22, Shire of Tor an Riogh**

(Written by Amelia Balentine)

Once again the faithful traveling companions, THL Avice, Lord Symon, and Lady Amelia set off for the far reaches of the Kingdom. This time it was to celebrate five glorious years of sovereignty. The fearless trio traveled through the oppressive heat to the Woodsmen of the World Camp. Many stops were made on the road for rest and refreshment as both ladies are expecting. The three arrived late in the afternoon and took up lodging in an inn. They were joined later that evening by Serena, a friend from Grey Niche. After a quiet supper, all retired to rest for the celebration the following day.

The next morning the four made their way to the Kingdom encampment. There they had breakfast with old friends and new. Amelia set up the display showing the 30 year history of the Shire of Ardanroe. Avice went to a meeting of the Silver Lamp and Symon prepared for the Dog ball games. The work was done and the games began. The Kingdom turned out in force to watch our brave fighters compete in a game of brute force and skill. Sir Ashi's team came in first, while Symon's team made a good showing in second. The remainder of the day was spent in fellowship and good cheer.

The next morning the weary revelers traveled home.



Four members of Ardanroe at Court – can you find Evlaliia, Skallagrim, Joya, and Helmut?



Lord Skallagrim presents a feast gear box to the Kingdom and comestibles to the Crown



Lady Amelia Balentine



Lord Helmut at the Dog Ball field (Does he remind you of a young Rutger Hauer?)

### Gleann Abhann 5<sup>th</sup> Year, August 20-22, Shire of Tor an Riogh

(Written by Skallagrímur Bárðarson)

Helmut, Jera and I made it back safe and sound. We camped with Her Grace Onora and her inflatable monkey. Helmut's tent got TPed.

Wombat was inducted into the Hot pants brigade. It is an exclusive group, and the only way to be a member is to be asked. The only way you get asked is to have the worst looking fighter pants on the field. She received her own pair of flame pants and Mistress Brigit made her wear them to fight in Saturday.

Dog ball was fun. The team with Symon, Helmut, me, and two Symon knew were second, behind Ashi's team. Helmut will proudly tell you he scored all the points for our team. That's because he was the only one who could score points.

We had a blast. Wish everyone could have been there.



## LESSONS IN HERALDRY

Seme! We of Ardanroe love our seme! And in the *April 2010 Letters of Acceptance and Returns* a clarification on the rules regarding one use of a seme was asked and answered. Hear the ruling from the Wreath Sovereign of Arms.

### **From Wreath: Divided Fields, Tinctures, and Strewn Charges<sup>1</sup>**

A submission this month asked for clarification on the subject of strewn charges on only part of a plain field. The LoI quoted the following precedents:

*[Per bend sinister argent and argent semy-de-lys sable, on a bend sinister gules a sword inverted Or, in chief an elephant head cabossed sable]* Current precedent disallows strewn charges on only part of a plain field, even when the field has a “natural” division such as an ordinary (see July 1998 LoAR, Miriel MacGregor), barring evidence that such fields were used in period armory. [Bohémond le Sinistre, 01/2001, Outlands]

and

[*Per chevron pean and sable, on a chevron Or ...*] It was the consensus of the College that a divided field in which the two parts are tinctures that share the same background is allowable if there is an ordinary to aid in the separation of the two parts, though the practice is not documented. [Thorgrimr inn kyrri, 02/2001, Atlantia]

The difference between the two is that an ordinary or other natural division is allowed to correct the style problem for tinctures, but not for strewn charges. Tinctures, even the ermined furs, are considered a single entity, not a field with charges strewn upon them. Charges may not be strewn on only one half of a divided field, even in the presence of an ordinary dividing the halves, when the halves share the same background tincture.

What does this mean to us? Tinctures are gold, silver, blue, green, black, red, and sable (under their heraldic names). Furs are representations of ermine and squirrel. The commonly used ones are ermine (black ermine spots on silver), pean (gold ermine spots on black), erminois (black ermine spots on gold), and counter-ermine (white ermine spots on black), and vair and potent (blue and gold in two varying designs). You can create other combinations of ermine but must specifically blazon these (ex: gold ermined red = red ermine spots on gold). And there are some other fur-like ones we will not get into at this time. Anyway, what this means is that ‘furs’ are treated as tinctures. Thus if you wanted to divide the field of your device into parts that are black and black with gold ermine spots (pean), you could if you used an ordinary to separate each part from the other (ordinaries being a cross throughout, saltire, chevron, pale, fess, pall, bend, bend sinister). However, if you wanted to divide the field of your device into parts that are red and red crusilly gold (this is a red field with lots of gold crosses strewn upon it), even if you used an ordinary to separate each part from the other, it would be returned because one is a tincture, red, and the other is a semy not a fur and thus not considered a tincture. You just have a field that is red with some of it having little gold crosses on it. That will not be registered based on the clarification above.

If you have a particular heraldry question you would like answered in “Lessons in Heraldry”, please let me know! I may not know the answer but will try to find an answer that helps.

Maistir Rory

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<sup>1</sup>*Cover Letter. April 2010 Letter of Acceptance and Returns.* (For the April 2010 meetings, printed July 30, 2010), [Accessed August 26, 2010] <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2010/04/10-04cl.html>





# Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation

Hosted by the Shire of Ardanroe

October 1-3, 2010

Bistineau State Park, Doyline, Louisiana

103 State Park Road, Doyline, LA 71023



The brutal heat of Summer is now a thing of the past; however a plague has covered the land. Their Majesties, knowing the fickle finger of fate, have made plans for the unthinkable. In need on the first of October the Heirs Fejedelem Radu and Prinzesa Bri will be set to ascend to the Throne of Gleann Abhann.

**Adult:** Cabin with Feast \$24.00  
**Adult Daytrip:** with Feast \$17.00

**Child:** (6-17) Cabin with Feast \$19.00  
**Child Daytrip:** with Feast \$13.00

Age 5 and under without bed or feast are Free! Additional Beds are \$5.00. Subtract \$7.00 if no feast. Get your reservations in early we have 100 feast spaces and the site sleeps 160. In accordance to Kingdom Law, no family shall pay a site fee higher than 3 adult members, not including Feast or bed. The only tenting at the group camp will be for those with horses. You can contact the state park about tenting within the park, not at the group camp.

Early Discounts \$3.00 until August 31, 2010. All non-members will pay an extra \$5.00.  
Refund request deadline is September 23, 2010. Troll opens at 5pm Friday. Site closes Sunday at 10am.

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*Make Checks payable to SCA, Inc, Shire of Ardanroe.*

Equestrian activities are anticipated. No pets are allowed.



Lake Bistineau State Park 318-745-3503 or 888-677-2478. For reservations, call 1-877-CAMP-N-LA (877-226-7652) toll free. They have cabins and tenting available within the park. **Directions:** From I-20 West take the Houghton Exit # 33 to LA 157 S, turn left at LA 3227 E, then a right at LA 164 E, another right at LA 163 S/Pearl Harbor Ave and turn left at State Park Rd. From Minden I-20 take LA 371 south to Sibley, LA 164 west to Doyline, and LA 163 south to the park. Do not go to group camp #2, most of you will pass it before getting to the main turn into the park.