

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

May 28	Cracked Anvil XIV – Smythekepe Steppes Warlord – Steppes (Ansteorra)
June 11	Birthday Bash – Loch Bais
June 18	Tournament of Champions III – Troll Fen
July 16	Barbearian Brawl – Small Gray Bear
July 30	Academy of Performing Arts – Iron Ox
August 13	Aphar Faire & Regional A&S – Lagerdamm
August 27	Axemoor Baronial Investiture – Axemoor
September 3	Mid Summer Knights Dream – Smythkepe

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Avice of York
Knight Marshal: Lord Skallagrímr Bárðarson
Herald: Maistre Rory ua Riada
Exchequer: Lady Joya la Normande
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Chatelaine: Lady Evlaliia Sveneivicha
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra
Historian: Lady Amelia Balentine
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe
Minister of Children: VACANT

HARKEN YE!

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

June 3 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Friday)
June 5 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – The Duck Pond, 1200 East Kings Hwy (at Reilly Lane) (Sunday)
June 8 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
June 10 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Friday)
June 17 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Friday)
June 19 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Darkhorse Farms (Sunday)
June 22 – Shire A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
June 24 – Pell Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr’s House (Friday)

NOTE: Fighter practice is now the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Replacement Deputy Herald and Replacement Deputy Constable



TOWN FAIRE

Pell practice continues to be held every Friday starting at six o'clock at Skallagrím's house with turnout varying each week.

Pell practice was canceled for May 6 due to family visiting at Skallagrím's. Pell practice was canceled for May 20 due to a happy family graduation ceremony.

Fighter practice was held on Sunday, May 1, at the Duck Pond located at 1200 East Kings Highway at Reilly Lane near the Broadmoor Branch Library, and on Sunday, May 15 at Darkhorse Farms in Haughton.

Despite rain the night before and rain in the middle of the afternoon that closed the demo early, the Shire of Ardanroe held a nice demo at Lake Bistineau State Park for the Park on Saturday, May 21. Set up of the list field, changing tent, and arts pavilion began at ten o'clock with the demo starting at noon. While originally planned to last until five o'clock, rain and lightning ended the fighting at 2:30 with the last members leaving the park's gates at four o'clock in the midst of a heavy downpour of rain and hail. Special thanks go to Jam Recarediz from the Shire of Blackwood who came and did calligraphy and displayed scrolls and poetry. Shire Ardanroe turnout was high with 24 present during all or part of the day. These included John Perez, Helmut, Branwyn Bryn-glas, Godric, Tyler, Garrett, Symon, Joya, Jurgis, Avice, baby James, Conall, Roan Libbesofte, Lorccán, Caitlyn, Drake, Danita, Skallagrím, Evlaliia, Rob/Karns Skallagrímsson, Amata, and Rory. Sir Robert FitzHugh came early to help with set up before departing for mundane travel. Fried chicken and baked beans were provided for lunch. A good turnout of park attendees, including Dutch Oven enthusiasts and Bossier Parish Public librarians, came to view the fighting, observe weaving, calligraphy, listen to psaltery by Drake, and other arts.

Wednesday, May 25, Godric Legrande taught "How to Make a Quill Pen from a Feather" as the Shire Arts & Sciences Night at Aulds Branch Library. Godric distributed a handout 'Cutting Quill Pens from Feathers' and store-bought feathers. Attendees learned how to cut the tip off of the end of the feather, pull out the pith inside, treat in heated sand until opaque, cut the nib and install a small metal well. The feathers had also been soaked for 24 hours in water beforehand. Feathers could be purchased from Hobby Lobby or Michael's Arts Store. This was an incredibly large class with an unusually high attendance of around 19 adults, 3 teenagers, one child, and one baby. Participants included Lorccán, Danita, Drake, Jurgis, Joya, Amata, Amelia, Rory, Helmut, Evlaliia, Skallagrím, Sir Robert, Alys, and the Oswalts.



FORTNIGHT

The Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 11 at the Aulds Branch Library. The meeting was called to order at seven o'clock by the Seneschal, Avice. Thirteen adults attended the meeting (Avice, Amata, Sir Robert FitzHugh, Alys of Dale, Skallagrímr, Lorccán, Domnall, Evlaliia, Amelia, Rory, Dana, Joya, Jurgis, Godric, and two other friends of Sir Robert) along with two babies.

Officer reports were given by the officers.

Amelia as Historian had nothing new to report.

Rory as Chronicler reported the May issue of the *Ardanrunes* is on the website thanks to Lorccán. Rory thanked everyone for submitting event stories for Carriage Chatter in the newsletter. An 'In Memoriam' for Max was also at the end of the newsletter.

Rory as Herald was happy to report that all of the submissions from Ardanroe members that had passed Kingdom had now been acted upon by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, the last ones being listed in the May issue of the *Ardanrunes*. Tonight Godric Legrande was submitting his name and device.

Joya as Exchequer reported that the Shire has money.

Skallagrímr as Knight Marshall reported that this coming Sunday was fighter practice at Darkhorse Farms. Fighter practice was held on the 1st at the Duck Pond. Pell practice was this Friday. We now have a new fighter, Godric, who has gotten his armor together.

Amelia gave the report for the Arts and Sciences Officer. She will be doing the A&S office for Melisant, who currently has an evening conflict, but Melisant will still be doing the quarterly reports. This month's A&S night will feature a class by Godric on quill pens. Amelia is also now Melisant's deputy for the A&S office.

Amata as RUGA Provost had nothing new to report. Avice stated that she would be teaching a class at Pennsic.

Lorccán as Webminister is working on the new version of the Shire's website. He is waiting on Rory to write up something for the introduction page.

Evlaliia as Chatelaine reported that a lady from Atenveldt is moving to the Shreveport area, and has been in contact with her.

Old Business:

Avice reminded everyone that bids for Winter Wonders are due by the June Populace Meeting.

Avice presented information on the Lake Bistineau State Park demo. It will be on Saturday, May 21, from 12 noon – 5:00 pm with set up at 10:00 a.m. This will be by the dock near the lake. She has talked to the Director of Louisiana State Parks and because the Park has asked us to come we do not need to get additional SCA insurance. We will get in for free; day fee at the park is \$2.00. Come in garb. Dress nicely. Bring fighter gear and/or A&S projects to work on. Evlaliia has made copies of handouts as the Chatelaine. Jason, the ranger, is happy we are doing this demo. Notices have been sent out to the Gleann Abhann yahoo list with requests to give numbers of SCAers coming to help so an accurate estimate is known for food and demo. The Shire will provide lunch and supper with sandwiches or wraps and chips for lunch and grill hamburgers and hot dogs for supper. Be sure to bring chairs and folding tables.

New Business:

Sir Robert has submitted a bid proposal to the Ardanroe Finance Committee for Fall Crown List. This event is the weekend of November 11-13, 2011. The site is Camp Forbing Woods. A church group meets at the Camp for church on Sunday's at 9:00 am so the main hall has to be cleaned Saturday night and closed for the church to use Sunday morning. The site has an amphitheater and a giant covered pavilion plus eight cabins and some other buildings (bathhouses, etc). The Shire was asked to vote as to whether to submit a bid for Fall Crown List. The majority approved holding the event if the bid gets accepted. The Finance Committee would meet with Sir Robert after the populace meeting to go over the bid.

With Shire approval, a pause was held in the meeting, during which time Sir Robert FitzHugh took Lord Skallagrímr as his squire (in garb, with a ceremony). Sadly no one had a camera.

The Boy Scout troop that uses Camp Forbing Woods would like the Shire to do a demo in the future. More details will be gotten.

Some Shire offices are desperately looking for volunteers. As Giric has not been able to be active during the last five to six months, a volunteer is needed to take up the office of Constable. Jurgis volunteered. The Herald and Seneschal offices are both looking for deputies. Sir Robert volunteered to be a deputy to the Seneschal.

Announcements:

Avice went over the Kingdom Calendar for the rest of the month of May and June.

The meeting was adjourned at seven-fifty.



ASK SKALLAGRÍMR

Where can I find the best shopping for the SCA in Shreveport/Bossier? (Part 2) We continue the where to shop question this month with feast gear. Since feast gear has many parts we will discuss several different places this time. The thing to remember is all of these places have a wide variety and move stock quickly. You may need to make several visits to find what you need.

Tableware (plates, bowls, cups, etc.) There is no one place that you can go to and find tableware, so instead I will suggest several.

- Antique shops-The small antique malls can be a great source for tableware and silverware. You never know what can be found there. You may have to browse several different shops over a long period to find what you need, but individual pieces can be obtained inexpensively. This allows someone on a limited budget to collect feast gear slowly over time, without a great expense at one time. Some of the places I like to visit are:
 - King's Ransom,
133 Kings Highway, Shreveport
Phone: (318)865-4024
 - River City Antique Mall
6363 Hearne Ave # 218, Shreveport, LA 71108-4355
Phone: (318) 621-1009
- Goodwill Thrift Stores- Thrift stores are a great place to find really inexpensive wooden plates, wooden bowls, serving bowls, and flatware. Their stock is constantly changing, so I suggest going often. You can find a Goodwill store close to you by checking out their website www.goodwill.org
- Target- Target has an ever changing selection of plates, trays, bowls, and silverware. Their stoneware is not expensive and some can be bought individually or in a set. They usually have a selection of wooden trays and trenchers, as well. A few years ago I found a set of silverware that looked hand forged. It's what Jera and I use every day, but I have seen it on many feast tables.

Table Linens (Tablecloths, Napkins) For table linens, you can spend a lot of money buying from a retail shop, if you can't find any at the thrift stores or you can make your own. If you use a simple broadcloth and

bias tape you can get any color combination you wish in a tablecloth. For napkins, I just sewed a quick hem on squares of muslin for an inexpensive set of napkins.

Storage (Baskets, Chests, etc) Again, the thrift stores and antique malls should not be forgotten, but if you cannot find what you are looking for there, I like Hobby Lobby. Never pay full price at Hobby Lobby. If you find something you like at full price, and then wait. It will eventually drop to 50-60% off. Hobby Lobby is located at 1750 E. 70th St., Shreveport, LA 71105. They are open from 9am to 8pm Monday through Saturday. The phone number is (318) 797-7843.

What is an eric? This was a tough one to find. (The good ones always are aren't they?) I had been told "The Eric" was the historical term for the list field. Well I searched a few historical documents on holding tournaments and found no mention of an "Eric." I knew then there was more to this than I was originally told. After much searching I found the following from the Barony of Atenveldt's newbie FAQ page of their website. It is cut and pasted directly from <http://baronyofatenveldt.org/index.php?page=faq>

What's the Eric, why is it important and why is it called that?¹

The Eric is the barrier that marks off the fighting fields. In the Barony of Atenveldt it is a yellow-and-black rope stretched between iron stakes driven into the ground.

The area marked off by the Eric is closed to anyone who hasn't signed a special waiver. Generally that means fighters, marshals, waterbearers and the odd (aren't they all?) herald. Be sure to stay outside the boundary.

The Eric got its name in the early days of the SCA. The Kingdom of the West (San Francisco area) originally marked off its field with a strip of red cloth. Because it was red, and because the SCA is full of punsters, the barrier quickly became known as the Eric, after Eric the Red, a famous Viking.

¹Ironstead, Count Richard. *Newcomers FAQ*. Barony of Atenveldt of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. <http://baronyofatenveldt.org/index.php?page=faq> (Accessed May 24, 2011)



CHALLENGES FOR KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kingdom Arts and Sciences will be held September 17 at Cabot Lodge by the Shire of Iron Ox. Already several challenges have been issued for sponsored competitions in different categories of the arts and sciences. More may yet be issued in the coming months. Below are those known of to date.

CHALLENGE #1

The populace is challenged to create items that can be used, worn and/or displayed by Gleann Abhann's Champion of the Arts. This challenge is issued by the Order of the Laurel in conjunction with the Office of Chamberlain and Amethyst Herald.

CHALLENGE #2

Largesse Derby sponsored by Lady Eowyn

Each entry consists of a dozen items, which will be donated to the Crown at the end of the day. (People are encouraged to enter as a team if creating a dozen items is seen as daunting) The winning entry is chosen by populace vote, and the Crown will also be asked to choose a favorite. The overall winner may choose one item from each winner. The Crown's choice(s) may each choose one item. All other items are donated to the Crown. No documentation is necessary. No judging either; other than the putting of one bead in one cup per person attending.

CHALLENGE #3

Novice Costume Review sponsored by Maistres Alysia

Do you love costuming? Do you love to create new costumes? Been *thinking* about entering for a while? Here's your chance! Maistresse Alysia will offer a prize to the best new novice Costume Review entry.

CHALLENGE #4

Animal Husbandry sponsored by Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhounds

Mistress Rebecca will be sponsoring a prize for the Animal Husbandry entry of her choice. So far the prize will consist of (1) Sake set from Japan (not awarded last year) and (2) Marble bowl from Vietnam.

CHALLENGE #5

The Performing Arts sponsored by THL Amelia van Hemessen

This year THL Amelia van Hemessen will be offering two prizes in the Performing Arts – a prize for the highest scoring performing arts entry and another prize for her favorite performing arts entry.

CHALLENGE #6

Bone and Pewter sponsored by THL Frederick Alton

THL Frederick Alton will sponsor a prize for the first time entry in Bone and also the first time entry in Pewter.



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



AGRIMONY

Agrimony's scientific name is *Agrimonia eupatoria* and it is a member of the Rose family. Common names for it include common agrimony, liverwort, sticklewort, and cocklebur. Its planetary ruler is Jupiter and its Zodiac sign is Cancer.

Agrimony is native to Europe but has been naturalized in Canada and the United States. You will find it growing along fences, hedges, roadsides, and on slopes. It flowers in July and August. While the rootstock is short, the plant can grow up to 32" tall. It has a long lasting and dense golden flower spike. When you rub the gray green foliage between your fingers, it gives off a pleasant scent. Agrimony ash contains silicic acid and nicotic acid amide. The chemical makeup of the plant includes tannin, a bitter principle, and some essential oil.

It is a food for the larvae of some *Lepidoptera* species including Grizzled Skipper and Large Grizzled Skipper.

Modern medical uses for agrimony are both external and internal. External uses include treatment of wound, ulcers, as well as athlete's foot, and as an astringent. It is also used in poultices to draw out insect venom and inflamed sores. Internal uses include treatment of diarrhea, digestive disturbance, colds, sore throats, uric acid by the stimulation of the kidneys, and as a diuretic.

Agrimony has a long history as a medicine. The Greeks used it to treat eye ailments, to cure diarrhea and disorders of the gallbladder, liver, and kidneys. Anglo-Saxons made a solution from the leaves and seeds for healing wounds. Its use to treat wounds continued up to the modern times. At one point, it became known as eau d'arquebusade, or "musket-shot water". By the Tudor period, agrimony was considered by many to be a panacea.

The cosmetic use of agrimony is as an astringent. One such use is to make a wash for the treatment of oily skin and for acne.

While the plant has a pleasant scent, the taste makes it unusable for culinary arts.

For those who have trouble silencing their minds so that they can sleep, it is used in dream pillows. There is some folk lore that it can induce a coma-like sleep but there is no evidence to support this. It was believed to repel all forms of negative energy.

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CARRIAGE CHATTER

Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation, April 8-10, Barony of Axemoor

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann's Spring Coronation was held the second weekend of April at the Lake Bistineau State Park near Doyline, Louisiana, on Shire Ardanroe territory by the Barony of Axemoor. THLady Gillian la Dyer, Seneschal of Axemoor, was the autocrat. Lady Adalyde de Sardaigne, Exchequer of Axemoor, handled reservations. Master Charles de Bourbon, Baron of Axemoor, was the head cook. As the site used was in the far northern reaches of the Kingdom used by the Shire of Ardanroe annually, the Shire loaned its trailer of event supplies for use by the Barony. The trailer was brought to the event Friday and many members of the Shire assisted in the set up of the site and with traveler's fare that night.

Troll was located inside the main hall. Attendees received the newest Gleann Abhann Trading Cards featuring Michael of the Mace and the Shire of Smythekepe, a token (a safety pin attached to a 'jewelry strand composed of five beads, one long blue and white in the middle, two round red, and two round wood colored at the ends), and a program booklet containing the schedule and feast menu.

On Saturday morning while the populace broke their fast inside the main hall, the Kingdom Greater Officers met outside under a white pavilion. The last court of Radu II and Broinnfinn II was held down in the valley, beyond the C and D Cabins. Master Stephan of Durham was the court herald and announced the arrival of Their Royal Majesties around nine-fifteen. In the announcement was the statement "may they reign forever". Their Majesties thanked Master Stephan for his help during their never-ending reign.

Mistress Jane Beaumont, THL Amelia van Hemessen, and THL Llewenn de Wakefield were thanked for representing the Kingdom as their Gulf Wars XX A&S Champions. Scrolls recognizing each of the Champions was

presented to the three; Mistress Jane receiving hers that day and Sir Geoffrey de Bradelei collected the other two to take back to the ladies of Grey Niche.

Baroness Alysia came forth as the representative of the Barony of Grey Niche so that Their Majesties could present the scroll for the Argent Keystone awarded at Pirates and Plunderers to the Barony. They had not had a scroll at the prior event to give with the award.

THL Melisant le Pireyere was presented with a promissory scroll as the Kingdom Bard during Radu and Brionnfinn's reign; the commissioned scroll having not yet arrived. Their Majesties noted that they had graciously shared Melisant with the Barony of Bordermarch in Ansteorra, as Melisant had won that Barony's Bardic position during BAM (Bordermarch Autumn Melees).

THL Ambrielle Llewellyn accepted the scroll for the Argent Keystone which has been awarded to Clan Marshin Fayne during Gulf Wars.

Nigel de Rothwelle was not present, but a scroll was read to enter it into the records that Their Majesties were awarding him with an Onyx Chalice. It was requested that all keep silent until such time as it could be presented in a future court (that future court being Forest Maiden's Favor three weeks later).

Baroness Lyzianor, Victoria, and Isabel, while none present, were all thanked by the Queen with the Jeweled Ring for their service to the Queen during Gulf Wars XX.

Charles de Bourbon, escorted by Martha, was presented with the Condatis for organizing the Japanese themed Gleann Abhann Social at Gulf Wars XX. Their Majesties were saddened by the fact that Charles was moving to Kingdom of An Tir. "We will lose Charles and it is definitely their gain."

Dafydd ap Kinith and Gellir Gunnarson were thanked by the King with the Sovereign's Letter of Endorsement for all of their service during Gulf Wars XX. Paul the Small, for serving as entourage to the King during the entire reign, received the Sovereign's Letter of Endorsement. Stephan of Durham and Luther von Ziemer (who was represented by Baroness Alysia) were thanked for their service as the Co-Chancellors to Their Majesties. Stephan also served as the Fire Opal Herald for Their Majesties. The Sovereign's Letter of Endorsement was presented to Stephan and the Jeweled Ring to Luther, which Alysia would take back to him in the Grey Niche. Tegan verch Dafydd was presented with the Jeweled Ring for her service as Travel Coordinator for Their Majesties and as the Gulf Wars XX Royal Liaison Assistant.

At this time Their Majesties stood and with tears running down her face, Queen Brionnfinn thanked the populace for all that was done to make Gleann Abhann shine to the world at Gulf Wars XX and during the Fifth Year Celebration of the Kingdom, which had occurred just prior to Their Majesties Coronation.

Now stating that at this time all things must come to an ending and a beginning, King Radu summoned Prince Havordh, who was accompanied by his entourage. King Radu placed the King's crown upon Havordh's head and three cheers were given. Queen Brionnfinn gave Havordh the Queen's crown to put on Muirgen's head. Having passed the Crowns of Gleann Abhann to their Heir, Radu and Brionnfinn had grander plans, Emperor and Empress of the Known World. King Havordh quickly stepped away as Radu and Brionnfinn's entourage swarmed the couple to question them, then huddled to talk, and then approached lead by Master Stephan, who announced that as a former representative of the Board, they were in violation of Corpora and the only way to leave the throne of Gleann Abhann is by death. The entourage stabbed the two to death, while King Havordh admonished to the crowd that "we saw nothing!" Slowly and not so easily the entourage took and dragged away the bodies of Radu and Brionnfinn 'in a cart', exclaiming off in the distance, "We are free!"

King Havordh now spoke to the populace. Stating that he had held the throne in the past with his wife, but this year had fought for someone beloved throughout the Kingdom. He had to get permission from many to do this and at this time wished to confirm the permission. Duchess Mary Grace and Baron Ifor were summoned and both gave their permission, Her Grace exclaiming that she gives her permission but cannot swear fealty as she is already in fealty to the Crown of An Tir now. King Havordh then asked the populace if he has permission to take Muirgen as Queen and there was a resounding 'yes'! Muirgen was summoned, accompanied by her ladies in waiting, and Havordh crowned her his equal. Three cheers followed. Melisant le Piryere served as court herald for this first court of the new King and Queen. The full entourage was summoned to fill the back of the royal pavilion. The populace was seated.

The shades of Their Majesties Radu and Brionnfinn were summoned. It had been a hard decision as to what to give them for their reign – naptime, a birthday? Instead roses and a framed scroll giving to them the Crown's support and love in imagery of Ravens, Bifrost, and Ragnarok.

The Oath of Fealty was now offered to the populace, Pelicans, Laurels, Chivalry, Territorial Baronages, Greater Kingdom Officers, and Royal Peers. The Baronages were represented by the Baron and Baroness of Axemoor and Seleone and the Baroness of Grey Niche. The Greater Kingdom Officers were all women. "We are an

Amazonian Kingdom.” The Royal Peers were represented by Countess Beatrix and Duchess Linnet, all others having sworn as members of the populace or other peerages.

Amata Quentin Motzhart was escorted forth by Jurgis. Queen Muirgen announced that at Winter Wonders Amata had received the Onyx Chalice, but there had been no regalia to give her. At this time the Queen presented her own Onyx Chalice to Amata.

It was announced that the King’s Champion Tournament would be held after court; armor inspection to start twenty minutes after court within the valley.

Mistress Seraphina Moslovska of the Kingdom of Ansteorra accompanied by several of the peers from the Barony of Bordermarch, presented four vases of red roses to the Queen to use as largess. The Queen in turn told the populace of Her Excellency’s work as Gulf Wars Merchantcrat, costumer to Radu and Brionnfinn after Hurricane Katrina, provider of food and meals at Pennsic and Gulf Wars, and of opening her dress shop at Gulf Wars one year to help the departed Ceara on her final trip to the War. For all of these things and many more, Mistress Seraphina was made a Citizen of Gleann Abhann.

It was then announced that the Fair was to be held behind the main hall at noon. There will be food and all should come. There being no further business court was closed just before ten-thirty.

While the valley in the field was prepared for the tournament, the clearing to the left of the main hall was prepared for the Fair. Three long white pavilions were set up for the Fair to contain seven booths. These ran parallel with the main hall but were set so that their entrances were following the line of the back wall of the main hall. Between these pavilions and the main hall was another row of long white pavilions, which were followed the length of the side of the main hall. In one of these was located the ticket booth for the Fair. The pavilions were set up under the direction of Dex with assistance of many, including Baron Morgan, for the Barony of Seleone and Clan Gambit lent many of the pavilions for use that day.

The Queen’s luncheon was held under a small pavilion in the middle of the D Cabins. It began around noon, at the same time as the Fair started. The Fair was organized by Baroness Anastasia Alexandrovna Andreeva as a fundraiser for the Kingdom Discretionary Fund. Tickets, which turned out to be plastic coins, were sold at ‘Ye Olde Ticket Booth’ by Annette. The seven Fair booths were House Marshin Fayne’s brats and potato soup, organized by Lady Myra of the Glen. Baroness Brigida with the help of Gellis and others ran a hot dog and pickle booth. Isabella of Axemoor ran a fish pond and a kissing booth. She won the best decorated booth prize for all the efforts put into the kissing booth. Baroness Anastasia offered a fortune-telling booth, but was so busy coordinating the Fair that she did not give that many fortunes. The Baroness gave each booth coordinator a set of ‘pearl’ Mardi Gras beads in appreciation of their time and donations to make the Fair a success. The Shire of Ardanroe completed the seven booths with ‘Another Man’s Treasures’, a garage sale of unclaimed lost and found items plus many things donated by Shire members, and ‘Ye Old Game Booth’, which was ring toss, the rings and targets made by Maximilian von Braun, and the prizes of stuffed animals, puppets, and leather creatures donated by Melisant of Exmoor, Rory ua Riada, or bought at the Dollar Store by Maximilian. Rory oversaw the operation of the two booths with the assistance of Jurgis, Joya, and Dana. Lorccán and Danita’s son Drake and Amata were the big spenders at ‘Another Man’s Treasures’. All told, when the Fair ended shortly before four o’clock, \$447 had been raised for the Kingdom Discretionary Fund.

At two o’clock in the afternoon the Order of the Pelicans met inside the small pavilion used for the Queen’s luncheon. Maistresse Alysia passed the office of Secretary of the Order to Maistre Rory. Also during the afternoon Duchess Mary Grace passed the office of Kingdom Chamberlain to THL Avice of York. The new Crown’s Chancellors, Baroness Isabella D’Arques and Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid, and others spent the afternoon with Avice inventorying the Kingdom’s trailers. The two trailers would later be stored at Avice’s farm in Minden.

Around five-fifteen the afternoon court of King Havordh IV and Queen Muirgen was held. THL Gellir Gunnarson, now the Fire Opal Herald for Their Royal Majesties, announced their entrance. Court was held in the clearing between the C and D Cabins. Lord Ian of Loch Bais blew the horn to announce the coming of the Crown. He had done this also for the morning court of the now departed Radu and Brionnfinn. Thanks were given from the Crown for the great day, good weather, good friends, great activities. The Oath of Fealty was offered again, but none had missed out at this point in time to take it. Sir Jon the Tall was announced as the victor in the King’s Champion tournament. He had defeated Lord Settimio in best two out of three in the finals. Lord Maximilian von Braun had come in third. Sir Jon was named the King’s Champion and three cheers were cried.

The Ladies of the Bow and Blade were called forth and presented gifts to the Crown. The children of Gleann Abhann were called forth and each child received a kite on a stick. Olrún Elidasdottir was summoned. She was thanked for making the garb the Queen was wearing and for the fabulous food prepared at the Gulf Wars Known World Party. Olrún received a Grant of Arms.

King Havordh announced that due to the sudden departure of Their Majesties, his parents, they will hold Crown List May 13-15, a weekend earlier than normal due to a site conflict. The Queen's Rapier Champion will be chosen at Beltaine hosted by the Barony of Grey Niche, April 22-24, which happens to be Easter weekend. The Kingdom Bard and Poet Laureate will be chosen at Forest Maiden hosted by the Shire of Blackmoor Keep, April 29-May 1.

Baroness Bethany Bacon was now summoned. She had to wait for Sir Grimbaldu to show up to escort her; he was further in the back. Bethany turned over the office of Youth Combat Marshal to Dex, Mikail al-Rashid. Her Majesty asked that she stay. Since she would have a lot of free time, no longer holding a Kingdom office, the Queen had something for her to do. Countess Meaghan was summoned and at this point admitted she had 'tossed her under the bus'. What was the project? Why to join the Order of the Pelican, for at this point were the Companions of the Pelican summoned. Bethany was hugged by the Pelicans. Countess Meaghan announced, "I don't need your resume anymore." King Havordh bid Baroness Bethany to choose an event and date for her elevation within the next six months. Sir Grimbaldu, whom had been informed of the Order's decision that afternoon, stated he was glad he did not have to keep this secret more than one hour.

The Queen's minions were summoned and presented a jeweled bracelet in her colors to the Queen. At this point the King almost drowned in his cup, and announced that the new entourage training program continues. The autocrat, THL Gillian la Dyer, was summoned. She announced that there had been 194 on site and that the Fair fundraiser for the Discretionary Fund for Their Royal Majesties raised \$ 447. Queen Muirgen thanked everyone for giving to the Fair and those for helping with the booths. THL Gillian announced that feast set-up would be held after court and that Lady T(?) would be replacing her as Axemoor's Seneschal.

Duncan was summoned but not present. His Majesty ordered Sir Jon to find him and kill him. Her Majesty announced that after feast a presentation social and social party would be held. Thorgard Valungi(?) was then called forth. The King stated that he had asked to fight in the King's Champion tourney in the name of Papasan and had done him great honor. The Queen asked Thorgard to give her his AOA circlet and then gave him a Grant of Arms circlet. Thorgard thanked His Majesty with an armband.

Baroness Barbara Sterling was then summoned to announce the results of the guessing game. The prize was donated by Lord Skallagrimr, a large bag of chocolate. The guessing game revolved around the strange astrological signs in the sky and the number was 297. Vicountess Rainillt was one over. Baroness Alysia was the winner of the big bag of chocolate.

At the call for any further business, Bootleg Bob presented gifts of necklaces to the Crown. Court was then closed. It was near five-forty.

Feast was held outside under the big white pavilions set up to form a square. These were on the opposite side of the main hall from where court was, so none could see them. The Barony of Axemoor pulled a gag on Queen Muirgen, having her lead into the main hall to find nothing there. Where was feast? What was happening? But then Her Majesty was led out through the opposing doors of the hall and saw a great hall formed of pavilions, each with sides down on the outside and open on the inside to form an open air courtyard. "Surprise" and applause greeted the Queen upon her entrance into this hidden walled feast hall.

Feast was delicious. The first course was savory toasted cheese (aka 'cheese goo'), Quiche Lorraine, French onion soup, fresh baked bread and tender herb butter, water and tea. The children served the tea and water throughout the meal. The second course was boxty (traditional Irish potato pancakes), fresh homemade pork sausage, and sautéed leeks. The third course was chicken tureens (chicken in pastry with veggies) and glazed carrots. The fourth course was dump-it cake and candied covered strawberries. Toasts were led by Sir Grimbaldu and others.

The evening's festivities were held inside the main hall with the presentation court of the Ladies of the Rose and Diamond, followed by gifts and partying sans formal dancing.

In the morning, all departed for home.

