

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

October 6	Fall Coronation – Seleone
October 13	Diamond Wars – Small Gray Bear
October 20	ZombOrkalyse – Grey Niche
October 20	Harvest Home – Northover
October 27	Gatalop – Osprey (Meridies)
November 3	Knight’s Academy – Dragoun’s Weal
November 10	Fall Crown List – Grey Niche
November 15-18	Bordermarch Autumn Melees – War of the Rams (Gleann Abhann vs. Ansteorra)
December 8	Christmas Revel - Axemoor

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Kendra Dey
Knight Marshal: Lord Akimoro of Ardanroe
Herald: The Honorable Lady Evlaliia Sveneivicha
Exchequer: Lady Joya la Normande
Minister of Arts & Sciences: THLady Melisant of Exmoor
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Chatelaine: THLord Skallagrímr Bárðarson
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: Lady Joya la Normande
Web Minister: Lord Lorccán na Túaithe
Minister of Children: Lady Bridok O Sullevan

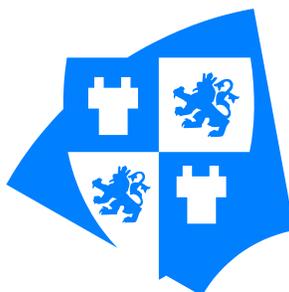
HARKEN YE!

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

October 1 – Armor and A&S Projects – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
October 4 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
October 7 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
October 8 – Armor and A&S Projects – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
October 10 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
October 11 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
October 14 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A.C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
October 15 – Armor and A&S Projects – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
October 18 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
October 21 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
October 22 – Armor and A&S Projects – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
October 24 – A&S Class Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

October 25 – War Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
October 28 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A.C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
October 29 – Armor and A&S Projects – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)

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



HERALDIC RESULTS

The following actions took place at the July 2012 Laurel Sovereign of Arms’ Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appears in the July 2012 LoAR printed September 8, 2012:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN RETURNED FOR FURTHER WORK:

GLEANN ABHANN

Akinaga Morohisa. Name.

This name combines two nanori; there is no evidence for a name formed using this pattern in period Japanese. If the first element could be justified as a family name, this could be registered.



STATUS OF OTHER SUBMISSIONS

On the July 31, 2012 GA LoI; decision should be in October 2012; look for results in late December/early January:
Drust mac Cirig – Name

On the August 27, 2012 GA LoI; decision should be in November 2012; look for results in late January/early February:

Karn syn Lysyi – Name

Álfráðr Marteinsson - Name

Skallagrímr Bárðarson – Device Change Resubmission

Guðrún Einarsdóttir – Device

Bridok O Sullevan – Name Resubmission



FORTNIGHT

The September Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at Aulds Library with 20 adults/1 child attending including multiple newcomers (!). The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Officer Reports

Seneschal - I need a count for every SCA sanctioned event/meeting that occurs within the shire. It is the responsibility of the hosting party (i.e. the officer normally) to get that information to me.

Knight's Marshal – The new schedule for heavy weapons activities is as follows below. Note that Wednesday evening practices have ended and that every Sunday there will now be practice.

- Fighter Practices: 1st & 3rd Sundays - Duck Pond/2nd & 4th Sundays - AC Steer
- War Practice: Every Thursday at Mangum United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119)
- 5th Sundays: Shire Demo/Tournament

Herald - Nothing to Report

Exchequer - The event did well.

A&S - September 26th is A&S. Class suggestions were naalbinding, drop spindle, leatherworking 201. Do you have ideas for A&S? Can you teach something?

Chronicler - Write up events you go to!

Chatelaine - We have new people!

Constable - Lots of lost and found approaching the year mark. A yard sale/fundraiser at Winter Wonders is in the planning stages.

Historian - Working on event report and he has the boxes.

RUGA - Nothing to Report

Quartermaster - Need trailer inventory day as we have legs for the trailer shelves.

Web minister - Need to update officers on the website

MOC - Nothing to report

Old Business

Heraldic & Scribal

All done

Winter Wonders

On hold until after TOC, theme is German

Banner for Fighting

- Proposed \$110-120 total cost for two portable holes/umbrella stands and an 8'x3' banner
- Suggestions for phrases including "Come Step Back in Time" "Live the Dream" "Looking forward to the Past" "History Lives".
- Knight's Marshal will do a mock up on cost and design and submit to the Shire Finance Committee. Currently from the top down in decreasing size is
- Line 1: "The Phase"
- Line 2: Sword fighting – Period Craft – Medieval Clothing
- Line 3: www.sca.org www.ardanroe.org
- Further suggestions for the saying are welcome.
- Knight's Marshal or his representative is going to talk to a second option.

Pre Meeting Social Dinner

All are welcome to meet up with us prior to Populace and A&S meetings. This upcoming meeting is a free week. Gilbert is checking on the size of Dahn's Noodle Shop.

New Business

5th Sunday Tournaments

The overall idea is to have a demonstration/tournament at a more visual park (Betty Virginia was suggested) that includes more than fighting. Mundanes should be able to see not just finished crafts, but crafts in progress. The idea of a small take away of some type for the visitors was suggested. The goal is to perfect this for the Tartan Festival in March 2013.

Future 5th Sundays are:

2012: 9/30 & 12/30

2013: 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/30

As a trial run, on September 30th at from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Betty Virginia is a 5th Sunday Demo/Tournament. I will let the Chatelaine and Knight's Marshal alert everyone to the specifics.

Demonstrations

The chatelaine is looking into further demonstrations.

Tartan Festival

The Chatelaine would like a bigger, more elaborate set up so start planning!

Future Events

Gilbert has offered Mangum Methodist for 1 day events. Please contact him about that.

If you are interesting in autocrating a future event (not kingdom level or Winter Wonders), be ready to have a short presentation about it next meeting. This is not necessarily an 'either-or' situation.

I believe that is the notes of the meeting. Corrections can be sent to me.

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by THL Kendra Dey, Seneschal



TOWN FAIRE

The Labor Day holiday weekend brought a local fighter practice on Sunday, September 2 at the Duck Pond off King's Highway from two o'clock in the afternoon to six o'clock in the early evening. Sir Grimbaldus and Lord Gabriel journeyed up from Loch Bais to participate. Local members taking the field included Alfred, Symon, Conall, Drust, Karn, Wolf, and Skallagrímr. Kendra, Kert, and Dave came, departed to shop for fabric for tunics, and returned. Other spectators included Aine, Aislinn, Rory, Michael (Harp), Jordan, and another with her daughter. The weather was good and many park enthusiasts stopped to watch.

Monday night of the Labor Day weekend was a moving night for part of the armor shop from Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's house to Akimoro's new house. Sewing projects (as garb or as armor) were also done.

Armor night at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's House on Monday, September 10, had Kendra, Evlaliia, Alfred, Kert, Conall, and Aine.

Starting Thursday, September 13, war practice/heavy fighter practice began to be held at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Rd) at 6:00 pm. Attendees included Michael at Harp, Paul the Small, Prior Gilbert, Johnathan, and Skallagrímr. Practice is held on a tile gym floor, so appropriate footwear is required. To access the gym, enter through the main doors after parking in the large parking lot.

Sunday fighter practice was held on September 16 at the Duck Pond off King's Highway starting at 2:00 pm. ki, Wolf, Conall, Gui, Alfred, Tralin, Paul the Small, Mateo, Symon, Drust and Jonathan (a new fighter) fought. Aine, Conall's sons, Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Bridie, Libby (Aine's mother), and Mateo and Bridie's daughter cheered the fighters on.

Armor Making & More at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's House on Monday, September 17, was very popular with a huge crowd composed of Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Tralin, Joya, Jurgis, Kert, Mateo, Bridie, Aine, Conall, Carol, Akimoro, Eida, Daphne, and Kendra.

The Thursday, September 20th war practice at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church had Paul the Small, Michael at Harp, Prior Gilbert, and Karn suit up while Skallagrímr watched. Paul gave an awesome footwork class.

Sunday, September 23rd was fighter practice at A.C. Steer off Youree Drive. Akimoro brought food early (1:30pm) to tempt the masses with meat pies, sandwiches, and pizza. Michael at Harp, Jordan, Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Conall, Aine, Gilbert, Marcella, Akimoro, Eida, Symon, Avice, Baby James, Kert, Wolf, Drust, Carole and her daughter, and Jonathan came to AC Steere.

Armor Making and More at Skallagrímr & Evlaliia's House on Monday, September 24, saw Amata finding her way and inquiring about the opportunity to create the tokens for Winter Wonders. Her plans are to cut leather roundels and use the leather burning skills learned from Conall's class to create the design. Word is that her project idea has been approved by Akimoro, and Amata is looking for something easy that is Germanic to go with "WW #", since this coming's Winter Wonders has a German theme. Send your suggestions to Amata and the WW autocrats.

Naalbinding was the class project at the Shire A&S night on Wednesday, September 26th at Auld's Library. The last cars were driving away at 8:30, tapestry needles and yarn starting to click and clack at seven o'clock. Naalbinding was taught by Melisant of Exmoor. Kendra and Evlaliia worked on tunics for two fighters outside the Shire who would be competing in the TOC that coming Saturday.

On Thursday, September 27th armor work was done at the Pirate's Booty HQ (secret location yet to be revealed to the Chronicler) with Skallagrímr, Gui, Laz, and Akimoro present.

Sunday, September 30th was the first Shire Ardanroe 5th Sunday Champion Tourney. This is planned as a high visibility and possible recruitment activity, ergo a demo. It will be held on those months having a 5th Sunday at Betty Virginia Park located in Shreveport between Line and Fairfield Avenue with parking in the park's parking lot off of Ockley. Ideally these will run from 2:00 – 7:00 pm with a heavy fighting tourney starting at 3:00 pm and everyone in garb showing off A&S projects, etc. Sadly, this was a very wet weekend in Ardanroe and the park was muddy and full of rivers from the over 1 ½ inches of rain that had fallen since Friday night. However, a valiant group came out to test the waters for this first 5th Sunday demo ideal. Six fighters took the field, being one of three dry spots found, two being on hills with foot breaking crevices and a mighty river between them. The fighters in a round robin tourney were Akimoro, Alfred, Drust, Gui, Skallagrímr, and Symon. Aine was the list minister with husband Conall as the marshal. Kert was the herald. The winner of the tourney was Alfred. A Best Death by populace vote was also held. Gui began the deaths by being the first to fall into the muddy waters. Skallagrímr upped this by twitching. Gui upped this by committing patricide in a great oration that would have made Shakespeare smile (or grimace). Aislinn, Evlaliia, and Kendra were present along with a new transplant from the Kingdom of Northshield, who lives just across the state line in 'Ansteorra'. Another new visitor was a blacksmith who frequents the Tandy Leather Store and had received one of the promotional cards about the SCA at the store (thanks to Aine and Conall!). The populace voted and Skallagrímr's twitch was declared the Best Death. The group departed at the tourney's completion to get dry, warm, and comfy after an afternoon in the constant rain. Look for the next 5th Sunday demo December 30th! (Mayhap ice and snow!)



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IV

The 4th annual Tournament of Champions was held the last weekend of September. Herein is the list of events at which qualifying tourneys were held and entrance was won upon the field. Since King Uther and Prince Rey each won entrance before ascending the various thrones of Gleann Abhann, they will probably be sending someone else to the Tournament in their stead. This year in each qualifying tourney, there had to be 12 fighters to qualify the winner, 16 for the top two to each qualify.

Havoc – Sir Uther von Zeimer
Winter Wonders – Sir Loric Sylvestris (Laurel's Champion), Martin von Augsburg
Swamp Romp – Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria, William of Glen Lyon
Beltaine – Sir Michael of the Mace, Sir Rey Ribeaumont
Forest Maiden – Cancelled
Saint Bogdacious – Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto, Ian Oliver
Candlelight Camp – Sir Caedmon of Jorvik (Pelican's Champion), Lorccán hua Conchobair
Birthday Bash – Sir Rian Mulligan, Stephan of Wyrmegeist
Small Grey Bear Regional Fighter Practice – Sir Jon the Tall
For the Love of Helen – Inigo Juliano Luis de Castile
Scribal and Heraldic Symposium – Lorccán hua Conchobair
Slay the Dragon – Carson Wynne, Sir Grimbaldus Bacon
Open Qualifier at TOC – Roland and Baron Max (of another Kingdom)
Open Qualifier at TOC – John the Bellringer (Rose & Diamonds Champion)

Congratulations to all of the qualifiers!



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

LICORICE

The scientific name for licorice is *Glycyrrhiza glabra* and it belongs to the leguminosae family.

This hardy perennial grows to between 3' and 7' tall. Licorice has a stringy taproot that can reach 4' in length and has a yellow interior with a brown exterior. The taproot sends out rootlets that can get entangled in a mass that would make Medusa proud. Licorice is an erect plant with alternating leaves that can reach 2" long. The leaves yellow-green in color with a lighter shade underneath has a slightly sticky, damp feel. During the middle of the summer, it produces half-inch purplish flowers on short spikes. The half-inch single cell pod is smooth and varies in color from maroon to a reddish brown. Each pod contains 1 to 6 kidney shaped seeds.

Licorice is native to an area stretching from the Mediterranean to southwest Asia though it has been naturalized in North America. It is extensively farmed on Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Russia, Spain, Syria, and, here in North America, California and the Arizona's Salt River Valley.

Licorice prefers a rich, moist soil with a neutral pH and partial shade to full sun. An ideal soil would be bottomland sandy soil enriched with compost provided it is free of any stones. You can start from seeds if the conditions are right though it is more common to do a crown division in the early spring or late fall, or sucker cuttings, or root cuttings, which many find the easiest method. Select your location carefully because licorice can be an extremely persistent and intrusive plant. Alternately, licorice can be container grown or in a greenhouse. The containers should have excellent drainage and be at least a foot deep to accommodate the root system. Once the garden has been deeply tilled and the soil prepared, set the plants 1' to 1.5' apart. The new plants will need direct and frequent watering until they take hold. After that, your major job will be weed control. You should expect slow growth during the first two years. Artificial light can be used to make up for an uncooperative sun. Licorice should be harvested after the plants have reached 3 or 4 years of age but before they have fruited or gone woody because this is the time span when glycyrrhizin is at its peak. The best method to harvest licorice is to dig a ditch along one side of the plants and pull the plants out towards the ditch. The roots that are left behind will be the start of next year's crop. You can cut the plants once the tops are dry which is usually late fall or early winter. These nitrogen rich tops make great compost. The harvested roots need to dry in the shade for about 6 months allowing their

moisture to reduce by at least 50% though 95% is ideal. Too much moisture will lead to mold and spoilage. Licorice roots, powder, and extract should be stored in airtight containers at temperatures below 80° F.

Modest quantities of licorice can cause an allergic reaction in some people. Less than a gram of glycyrrhizin, which can be found in chewing tobacco, can produce a toxic reaction such as electrolyte imbalance, high blood pressure, limb paralysis, or shortness of breath. Overdoses in non-allergic people can cause headaches, potassium secretion, lethargy, salt and/or water retention, raised blood pressure, and can accumulate in a cardiac arrest.

Hippocrates, Pliny, and Theophrastus all mentioned licorice. It is found in the first Chinese herbal. Its use was forgotten in Europe until the 15th century. In Italy, Spain, the West Indies, and other places where the plant grew, the roots became popular chewing sticks with a reputation for relieving thirst and sore throats. It has been used in poultices to treat such ailments as ulcers, rheumatism, and arthritis. Licorice is added to medicines to prevent pills from sticking together as well as improving the taste. It was once used as a powdered laxative. While it is being used to treat Addison's disease, it is more commonly used in cough syrups and cough drops to bring up phlegm and soothe the chest.

As a shampoo, it has been used to treat dandruff and suppress scalp sebum secretion, which can delay the oily sheen for up to one week. In a facial steam, licorice helps to open the pores allowing other cleansing products to work better.

Due to its toxicity, most "licorice" candy and flavorings are actually anise oil or extract. Real licorice has a much stronger taste. It is often mixed with anise to flavor liqueurs and herbal teas. Licorice adds flavor, color, and a foamy head to beers and stouts.

The earliest written record of licorice is from the Codex Hammurabi dated at 2100 BCE. Ninety percent of the licorice used in the United States is used in tobacco products. The pulp has many uses including fertilizer, mulch, a foaming agent in fire extinguishers, a component in composition board, and a component in insulation. It is used in insecticides as a wetting, spreading, and adhesive agent. If you need more nitrogen in your garden, you may want to plant licorice.

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CARRIAGE CHATTER

Slay the Dragon, Shire of Vogelburg, September 7-9, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Slay the Dragon, the annual event of the Shire of Vogelburg, was held the second weekend of September at Lake Bistineau State Park's group camp two, the smaller group camp containing six cabins, a main hall, and a bathhouse. The autocrat was Lady Aysun. The Seneschal, THL Meadhbh of the Galloglach, was in charge of reservations. The site opened Friday evening and closed Sunday morning. As there were only 48 beds onsite, eight beds (4 bunk beds) per cabin, the cabins filled up. Troll was run by THL Meadhbh with assistance by Lady Aysun.

The event had plenty of activities planned but rarely had anything overlapping, so it was remarkably relaxing. Breakfast was served inside the hall from seven to eight-thirty. Armor inspection was scheduled to begin at eight o'clock with the King's Challenge at nine o'clock.

The challenger for the King's Challenge for Slay the Dragon was Lord Akimoro. Count Ashikaga Hiromoto, Countess Ashikaga Kimiko, and their household attended the event. Akimoro did well in the three weapon styles against King Uther. Perhaps more amazing than the actual challenge was the letter that Akimoro presented. Done in English but laid out in the block style of Japanese script. Akimoro officially became a man-at-arms to Count Ashikaga Hiromoto.

An open A&S contest was held inside the hall with an open populace vote. This began at nine o'clock and ended at two-thirty. Youth activities were held inside and outside from nine until noon. Youth combat was also planned for the morning from nine until noon. The TOC qualifier tourney would be held after the King's Challenge. It was going on when I arrived. The fighting field was in the shade of the trees between the main hall and the cabins, overlooking the lake, which was a huge field of lush emerald green salvinia.

THL Nonnie Wlfraven was the list minister for the TOC qualifier. She reported that nineteen competed in the tourney. With nineteen participants, both the winner and second place finisher would receive 'golden tickets' to TOC IV. Lord Carson Wynne won the tourney. Sir Grimbaldus Bacon came in second. Kert was a field herald, much to Lady Evlaliia's pleasure.



From the group photo taken by Kert, the tourney participants included Carson Wynne, Gilbert des Moulins, Drust map Cirig, Aisha (aka Wombat), Paul the Small, Michael atte harp, Conall mac Roigh, Grimbaldus Bacon, Alfred Martinson, Swete, Gui de Godenak, Thorgrim, Yorek, Pops, Uilliam of the Galloglach, and Lorccán hua Conchobair.



Lunch was a fundraiser served outside by members of the Shire of Blackwood, though it may have been run by a household. After lunch the Dragon tourney was held to slay the dragon. The dragon was formed by four fighters. Teams of four fighters were formed to battle the dragon. There were ten teams. Again, THL Nonnie was the list minister. Four of the ten teams were victorious over the dragon. These four teams had to face each other. The finals were between 'La Tigre' and 'Tired of Life'. Team 'Tired of Life' was the winner.

A spear and buckler tourney was also held. This did not appear on the schedule, so I am not sure if this was a morning or afternoon activity. The finals of this tourney were between Lorccán hua Conchobair and Paul the Small. Paul was the winner.

When I arrived onsite, after trolling in and receiving a copy of the schedule and a cute little Oriental dragon on a black cord to wear around my neck, I met with THL Meadhbh of the Galloglach to conduct a review of the books for the Shire's exchequer office as Mistress Crystyna's representative; Mistress Crystyna being the Kingdom Exchequer. It being around two o'clock when we finished, lunch had concluded. I spent about an hour talking to folks inside the hall, meeting Leofric of Osprey, a recent transplant to the Shire of Blackmoor Keep, Baron Nigel, and Thomas the Tallest, whom I had not seen since the days when Gleann Abhann was a Principality. Mistress Bethany, Mistress Gwyneth and Sir Martin were also in attendance, so this little event had at least four Knights, one Laurel, and two Pelicans, along with at least five royals current and past.

At three o'clock Lord Motan gave a class on boot-making, which included a handout 'Step-by-Step Instruction: Mongolian-style Leather Boots', two pairs of boots as examples along with patterns and pieces of leather to practice the two types of stitches used in making the boots. Many questions were asked about the front of the shoe, how to make it not have a pointed tip, how to leave it as a shoe and not a boot but not attaching the top pieces of leather that go up the leg, and designs that could go on the shoe or boot, especially if looking at the Persian culture. The boot-making class was well attended and included Dave, Kert, Conall, Leofric, and even Countess Beatrix. A class on ring-making followed this.

While these two classes were on one side of the hall, a class on belly dancing and using fans in dance was held on the other side of the hall. Several ladies participated in this class. Light weapons fighting, either as a class or as practice, took place on the grounds on the other side of the main hall, where the children's playground equipment was located.

The ice cream man also paid a visit to the site during the afternoon resting break between classes and court. Many partook of the variety of cool sweets being offered. I was able to catch up with Draco, who had journeyed up with Thorgrimm. Nonnie and Beatrix regaled me with Nonnie's greatest feast ever from Lagerdamm's Aphar Faire this past August. She was complimented by many, some saying they would have paid \$50 for the meal in a restaurant.

Court was called to order by Countess Ashikaga Kimiko as the court herald. Count Ashikaga Hiromoto carried the sword of state. Entourage included THL Gilbert, THL Marcilla Despencer, Isabel Winterbourne, Mistress Gwyneth, and one other lady. Their Majesties thanked the populace for coming and for such a lovely, relaxing, visit with friends not seen often. The oath of fealty was offered and sworn and then the children of Gleann Abhann were called forth.

The pack, four boys now of young to mid-range teen years, along with others came up. Michael carried up little Harp, whom His Majesty took and sat with upon his lap and then walked back into the populace to return to his mother, Jordan. Michael then had to take little Harp away for some 'cleaning'.

It was asked if this was the first event for anyone, and Conall brought up a lady, who turned out to be Aine's mother, Libby. His Majesty told his story of Kenna's aunt and a token was given to Libby.

The autocrat, Lady Aysun, was summoned. She reported that 68 people were here today and that word had been received that Isaac (the hurricane or tropical storm) could come back to us due to a cold front. She presented the results of the TOC qualifier tournament, giving scrolls and dragons (but not the Harry Potter dragons, even though they were similar looking) to Carson Wynne as tourney winner and Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, as second place finisher. Carson's dragon was orange and red. Grimbaldus' dragon was green. Aysun also reported that an open A&S contest had been held. There were three entries. The winner was Leofric of Osprey for his leatherwork display. He received a scroll. There would also be a bardic competition that evening during feast with the winner to be announced at the end.

Branwen of Vogelburg was summoned, but in the kitchen.

Leofric of Osprey was summoned. Their Majesties welcomed Leofric to Gleann Abhann as a recent transplant from the Barony of Osprey in the Kingdom of Meridies to the Shire of Blackmoor Keep. They had heard much about his service and art and that he was already the A&S Minister for the Shire and did lot of leatherwork – shoes, pouches, etc. For his service, Leofric received an Award of Arms.

Branwen was now here. She too, for her service to Vogelburg, received an Award of Arms.

Baron Motan was then summoned. He presented the results of the Dragon Tournament. The winning team was composed of Paul the Small, Thorgrimm, Michael atte Harp, and Yorek. These four were summoned. However, Michael was still changing little Harp. Motan announced that Paul the Small had won the Spear and Buckler tournament and had already received the prize at the tourney's conclusion, an axe. While still waiting for Michael to return, Thorgrimm entertained the populace with a poem.

Upon Michael's return, Motan presented scrolls and prizes, four dragons, to the winning team. There were words about the colors of the dragons and which dragon was given to which team member, but all seemed to be happy with their respective dragons in the end. Yorek received a blue; Thorgrimm a black; Paul a purple; Michael a red.

Timogen of Vogelburg and Brendan of the Galloglach were summoned. These were two of the four boys forming the pack. For their service in the care of other children, help around the site, and general work for the Shire, they both received the Order of the Lamb.

Jurgis Bebra was then called forth. His Majesty said that sometimes you receive letters about a person and do not connect the name and the face. Ergo, what could have been done at the Scribal and Herald Symposium, was now done at Slay the Dragon. Jurgis, for his service, received the Order of the Onyx Chalice.

Swete Rollo was then summoned. I have to say at this point that I probably do not have the correct spelling of the name here; however, Swete has documented his name and I strongly encourage him to submit it because orally it sounds so cool and being able to say it is authentic for his time period of interest is marvelous. Anyhow, His Majesty stated that he is passionate about the martial arts and found that Swete, who may be squired to Sir Grimbalduis or in his household, does a lot in the martial arts. As such the members of the Combatant Ram were asked to stand and Swete Rollo was inducted into their Order. But the Queen then said they were not done yet. "We cannot have our fighters not bearing arms in our presence." And so Swete received an Award of Arms.

Akimoro of Ardanroe was then summoned, and escorted by his lady, Eida. His Majesty now spoke of the King's Challenge and presented his specially minted coin to Akimoro for his excellence upon the field this morning in the challenge. But then His Majesty pushed Akimoro back down into the kneeling position, for he was not yet done. Once again the members of the Combattant Ram were asked to stand, and Akimoro was inducted into their Order.

The call was made by Countess Kimiko for any further business. THL Meadhbh, Seneschal of Vogelburg, came forth to announce that the feastcrat has feast ready to serve, so after court, the plates can be set to table and all of the folding chairs outside for court need to be brought inside for feast.

Court was now closed and the chairs quickly folded and taken to the main hall for use at the tables.

Of the 68 present that day, I counted at least 16 from Ardanroe. As I had other appointments that evening, and it being seven o'clock, I departed as feast was begun, the minstrel music of the ice cream man returning to the camp site on last time as I headed homeward.



Kingdom Arts & Sciences, Shire of Lagerdamm, September 14-16, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The sixth Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire was held the third weekend of September at Camp Taloha in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Master Frederick Alton was the autocrat; THL Morin inghen Ruairc feastcrat, and Lady Aine ingen in Gobhann reservationist. The event was hosted by the Shire of Lagerdamm and the theme was 'Arts & Sciences, a Reflection of the Heart'. The site had a limited number of cabins but unlimited tenting. The cabins were screened with drop walls. As of the Monday beforehand feast was sold out and all cabin beds were taken. The site was discretely wet with period containers only allowed. A canned food drive to benefit the Food Pantry of St. Peters Church in Conway was to be held inside the feast hall. A drop off box would be just inside.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon and closed on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. The troll pavilion was set up as the first stop on the right side of the dirt road as one journeyed down from the entrance gate to

the main area of the camp. THL Cormac the Bald was in charge of troll, as part of Master Frederick's staff. All that Cormac requested was the registration list, schedules, and tokens. He would take it from there.

The troll pavilion had some lanterns, deep woods off spray, a nice stack of event programs, registration list, and site tokens. The site tokens were cast metal, probably pewter, and had a heart on one side and the badge of the arts and sciences, a candle enflamed within an arch stooped. Underneath the badge was the Roman numeral VI signifying this was the sixth Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire. A red cord indicated that one had feast, while a black cord meant no feast.

The event programs were a nice thick paper with a map of the camp grounds on one side including the emergency location information if one needed to call for emergency services to come and directions, along with the names of the autocrat and feastcrat. The other side of the event program was divided into three sections. The left section contained the site ordinances, the middle the event schedule from Friday to Sunday, and the right section the event name, date, and place in a decorative layout complete with the mermaid of Lagerdamm and a heart.

Per the schedule, travelers fare was available until ten o'clock Friday night with A&S set up in the feast hall from five o'clock until midnight. A rehearsal of the Gleann Abhann Choir was to be held at nine-thirty. The sites open air wooden pavilion, spooky 'lone cabin', and a large tent to be set up upon arrival were to be used for meals, classes, meetings, and the largesse derby during the day on Saturday. However; the weather was rainy from Thursday thru Monday, so all of the activities were moved inside the feast hall, except for a few meetings that needed more privacy.

On Saturday morning the feast hall opened at five o'clock for set up to continue for the A&S faire. Breakfast was served from seven to eight o'clock. Set up of the largesse derby entries began at eight o'clock. Ideally by eight-thirty all entries in the fair were done and the judges would meet. The judging of the faire would begin at nine o'clock and conclude at four o'clock. The Clothing Review, which is an on-the-body clothing entry (i.e. clothing worn by someone – either as a model for the person entering or worn by the actual person entering), began at nine o'clock. The Gleann Abhann Choir would rehearse again at ten o'clock with the Performing Arts judging to be held at one o'clock.

Heavy weapons and rapier armor inspection were held at the fighting field, which is where the Crown List Tournament that Sir Loric won back in AS XLIII (November 2008) was located on the grounds. A large pavilion was set up for the royal court to watch the list field. King Uther, Queen Kenna, Prince Rey, and Princess Miriel were all in attendance.

THL Wulfram Forester taught 'Basic Fabris (Rapier)' at the field that morning. King Uther held another of the King's Challenges. Alas, I have no idea who the challenger was. A Knight's Meeting followed to conclude the morning activities at the field.

Lady Esperanza de Navarre entered her gore dress in the Clothing Review. Afterwards she taught a class on 'How to Pattern and Construct a Medieval Hood'. Lunch was a fundraiser held from noon to one o'clock.

There were two entries in the Performing Arts. The first was the Gleann Abhann Choir lead by Lord Ian O'Donnell. The choir sang 'O sleep, o sleep fond fancy' which they had performed at the Academy of Performing Arts in July. They sang at least one other song, which I think was "Non nobis domine" by William Byrd, and was also performed at the Academy of Performing Arts. The second entry was by Ida de Lorca of the Barony of Grey Niche introduced by Mistress Jane Falada of Englewood and coached by Mistress Amelia von Hemessen. Lady Ida portrayed a famous beggar and several of the skits or acts that he used in begging, which were well documented in the history of that time. It was indeed quite entertaining.

Two more classes were to be held in the afternoon – 'Basic Cappo Ferro (Rapier)' taught by THL Wulfram and 'Court Heraldry Basics' by Lady Myoujouko Gozen.

At three o'clock the Pelicans held a Floating Meeting under the large pavilion by the list field. They originally were to meet in the 'lone cabin', which had an altogether "The Cabin in the Woods" B-rated horror movie feel to it. Plus 21 out of the 27 active Pelicans were on-site, so the 'lone cabin' would have been cramped. At the conclusion of the Arts & Sciences Faire at four o'clock, and immediately after the Pelicans' Floating Meeting, a joint Silver Lamp-Laurels Meeting was held inside the feast hall. That meeting was followed by the Laurels Meeting, again inside the feathall.

Court was moved from five-thirty to six o'clock. Feast was to be held thirty minutes after court ended. Having come for the day and due to the weather, I departed site at five-thirty for home as the local heralds announced the time delay for court.

During court, THL Eowyn the Weaver announced the results of the Largesse Derby. Each entry in the largesse derby consisted of twelve items to be donated to the Crown to use as largesse. A populace vote was held using beads and cups to choose the most favored or popular entry. The Populace vote was split between the bicornus of Lady Isabel de Winterbourne and the Sheepish Beads of Cinead of Eden. The Queen's Choice was

made by Queen Kenna and was the entry by Lady Isabel de Winterbourne. THL Eowyn had also held a competition within the derby, promising to weave a length of trim or to weave a belt in a design and material of the recipient's choosing. This would be for anyone and everyone who topped the number of entries made last year by Lady Isabel. It was called the Lady Isabel Over the Top Award (LIOTT Award). To qualify for the award, a person had to enter six solo entries (each entry being 12 items; ergo 72 items minimum). There were five people who did this at the sixth Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire. These were Cinead of Eden, Baroness Eithne, THL Morin inghean Ruairc, Baroness Eugenie, and Lady Isabel de Winterbourne. The weaving THL Eowyn would be doing for these recipients included a baldric in kingdom colours with rampant ram for Cinead of Eden, a regalia ribbon for her champion in blue with white stars for Baroness Eithne, Baroness of Small Gray Bear, and yellow bows on a blue background for Lady Isabel.

Master Frederick was able to report as autocrat during court that 170 were in attendance including, Their Royal Majesties Uther and Kenna and the Heirs Prince Rey and Princess Miriel. Breakfast was prepared by Lord Nicolas L'Anguille and his crew. Lunch was a fund raiser for Their Majesties' Travel fund provided by Finn's Public House. They raised \$275.00. Feast was by THL Morin inghean Ruairc and staff. The site tokens were made by Master Frederick with his shire members helping clean, string and bag.

Finn's Public House offered for lunch a variety of options. There was an adult portion (\$4) and a child size (\$3) of any one of the following:

- 4 cheese, 2 meat manicotti with garlic cheese biscuit
- Pasta tubes filled with seasoned beef, pork, parmesan, ricotta, provolone, and mozzarella cheese in a tangy sauce, served with a garlic and cheese biscuit
- Grilled chicken quesadilla
- Seasoned strips of grilled chicken served in a flour tortilla with shredded cheese with or without grilled onions and peppers, accompanied by corn chips and salsa
- BBQ pies
- Shredded barbecue beef in a sweet and savory sauce wrapped in pastry crust, brushed with garlic butter and baked to a golden brown; paired with potato chips

And then there was The Royal, a sampling of all selections for \$6. All meals included beverage choice of sweet tea, sugar-free fruit flavored beverages, or water.

The lunch fundraiser was ending as I arrived on-site. Mistress Lailiane offered me some of her food and Finn even said there was some left, but I had already partook of the local Taco Bell before entering Camp Taloha. I should note that Mistress Muirgen has absolutely no trust in Mistress Lailiane when it comes to telling her if she has removed all the sauce or crumbs near her lips after eating such delicacies. The dainty napkin was put to great use prior to the strategic nurse's jab.

During court Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhound turned over the office of Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences to Master Frederick Alton. I am not sure which one, or if both, reported the results of the Faire in court. However, after court, Master Frederick posted the following information.

There were 50 registered entries with a total of 45 being judged; 2 were pulled out by their owners and 3 did not make it to the event. There were 25 novice entries (first time entering in that category). The scores included three 20's, four 19's, six 18's, three 17's, and the rest were just as amazing. There were 30 judges. They were Laurels, Silver Lamps and experts in certain fields. For Kingdom A&S Champion, we had 6 people enter. To qualify for Kingdom A&S Champion, a person must enter in three different categories. Mistress Jane Beaumont is this year's Champion. This may be her second year in a row to be the Kingdom A&S Champion. She has definitely been it before.

In addition the selection was made for the three Gulf Wars Champions to represent the Kingdom at Gulf Wars in the Arts and Sciences. They are Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo, Lord Ian, and Lord Egil Haraldson. Ian won his slot for period music he wrote. Mistress Martha accepted the GW Champions letter for her husband, Egil.

There was also for the first time the Kingdom A&S Team Challenge. The rules were that a team would be led by a Veteran Artisan (or non-novice/has entered before) and up to 4 other artisans who have either (1) never entered KA&S before, or (2) enter a category that they have never entered before at KA&S. Each Team member enters one item (for this competition). The Team competition will have a winner based on averaged highest Score. The Team leader must enter as well. You had to declare your intent (name a team and the members of it). Each team had to put together a prize 'basket'. The winner (winning team) of the Team Challenge would get all of the prizes. There were three teams in this first year of the Team Challenge. Team String won by one point.

The presumably final piece of business in court was the announcement that Syr Loric will well and truly be representing the Laurels at TOC (he being the Laurel's Champion in the upcoming tourney) and at some future date will be elevated to the Order of the Laurel! Much later after the event the date of Christmas Revel was selected for this grand elevation.

The Shire of Ardanroe was represented by four people at Kingdom Arts and Sciences. THL Avice of York had an entry in the area of Cooking with fake peach pits. She also created fake brussel sprouts simply for fun. She was also a judge with Mistress Ceridwen, a cooking Laurel, of other Cooking categories in the Faire. Avice and Mistress Muirgen journeyed up together for the day and returned back to her farm that evening after court. Avice brought items for the Largesse Derby from two of the Shire members of Ardanroe, lucet woven cords of multiple colors by Lady Avalina di Pozzuoli and fibulae in multiple shapes and sizes by Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}. And Rory was there for part of the day to do Pelican stuff and enjoy seeing all of the entries in the faire and largesse derby.



Avice and Ceridwen judging



Ebrahim's fibulae



Avalina's lucet cords



Avice's fake brussel sprouts



Avice's fake peach pits



Tournament of Champions IV, Shire of Loch Bais and the Order of the Diamond Chalice, September 28-30, 2012, AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The 4th annual Tournament of Champions was held the last weekend of September at Camp Taloha in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. THL Cormac the Bald and Baroness Isabella D'Arques were the event stewards. Mistress Bethany Bacon handled reservations. Baroness Ambrielle was the feast steward. The event program was created by Mistress Barbara Sterling. Troll opened Friday evening at five o'clock with traveler's fare to be laid out at seven. The site tokens were metal and in the shape of an oval or cartouche with "TOC IV" engraved upon them.

Roughly 135 attended the event with at least 80 pre-reserving. Of that rough 135 at least 18 were from Ardanroe, including Mistress Sarah, Avice and Symon, Conall, Aine, her mom Libby, Gilbert and Marcella, Kendra, Evalaliia, and Kert, Gui, Mateo and Bridok and their children, Carol and her daughter. Some came for the weekend and other came for the day.

Despite a constant rain in Ardanroe, the weather in southeastern Arkansas was perfect with cool air, clouds and a beautiful sky. Rain did not come until after feast Saturday night.

Breakfast began at seven-thirty Saturday morning with armor inspection at nine o'clock. King Uther held perhaps his final King's Challenge, opening court at ten o'clock to face John the Bellringer. John actually had a godenak of his own and was much more skilled in this weapon than most challengers previously. King Uther took sword and shield, though the two bouts with John were long. John took the first bout in Florentine while His

Majesty took the following two. And in the godenak again the bouts were long. At the conclusion, His Majesty thanked John for taking the field.

At this time THL Cormac, as autocrat, was called up. His Majesty inquired if the event was still on track since the King's Challenge had taken a great of time and it was after ten-thirty when the open tournaments for adult and youth final qualifying were to start. Finding that all was going well, His Majesty waved and the Companions of the Pelican swarmed Cormac. Cormac was sent off to vigil and court was closed. There was much surprise and happiness.

From Ardanroe Conall, Gui, and Symon fought in the open tournament to try to win a last golden ticket. It was not to be. The finals were between Roland and Baron Max (who hailed from another Kingdom). Roland was victor, but there being sixteen or more competitors, both won tickets to the fourth TOC tournament. The Ladies of the Rose and Diamond chose from the competitors in the open tournament John the Bellringer as their champion for TOC IV. Evlaliia volunteered at heralds point but the heralds had plenty of volunteers to fill the field, run cards, and shield tree. Kert volunteered in the kitchen and had a wonderful time.

The Tournament of Champions was held after lunch. A Garb Exchange was run by Lady Isabel Winterbourne during the day. And there was a contest for Best Heraldic Display upon the Field with prizes provided by Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhounds.

While twelve qualifying tournaments had been held throughout the year, not all of those winning a golden ticket were able to be present at the final tournament. As such, substitutions occurred. King Uther gave his ticket to Ali. Ali wore one of the new tunics made by Kendra and Evlaliia. Baelin Wolf was chosen by the Laurels as their champion when Syr Loric could not attend.

The adult and youth Tournament of Champions were run at the same time, alternating with three bouts by the adults and one bout by the youths. There were five youths in the tournament, the winner being Nikolai, Ali's son. The finals of the adults were between Jon the Tall and Stephan of Wyrmegeist. It was after five o'clock when Jon defeated Stephan to be proclaimed winner of the fourth TOC.

Court was delayed from six o'clock to six-thirty. Many gentlefolk were recognized by Their Majesties including Nikolai, who received an Award of Arms. And then there was the elevation of Cormac to the Order of the Pelican. Many spoke and many had much to say. Sir John the Bearkiller and Sir Martin von Augsburg spoke for the Chivalry. Mistress Gwyneth and perhaps another (my informants were tired) spoke for the Laurels. Duke William, Duchess Onora, Countess Morgana (Muirgen), and even Viscountess Brenna in the body of Sir James the Holy spoke for the Royalty. Mistress Jane Beaumont spoke for the Pelicans. Three gentlefolk of the populace and the husband of a lady who runs troll at an event in another Kingdom(?) spoke for the populace. And Mistress Linnet spoke last of all. Informants say that Sir John's speech was most memorable in that he educated all in speaking of what defending the Kingdom and fighting for the Kingdom is when looking at the actions of people who are not participating in the martial arts. Fighting and defense through service. Fighting and defense through the arts. Many came away with a greater understanding of the Peerages.

Another memorable event was the pegs for the thrones presented by Master Robert von Flusswasser. He had been given one peg used in keeping the thrones together to use as the base to create many pegs, as pegs had a way of getting lost. Master Robert presented 60 wooden pegs for the thrones. But he took these pegs around and had all of them signed by the populace at the event. And he had Cormac alone sign the original peg he had been given. Thus could many come from one.

It was after nine o'clock when court ended. Feast did not start until ten o'clock and was called to a halt at eleven o'clock by the King prior to the final remove being served, "for all are too tired and too full to eat any more." However, the dessert table was laid out with desserts provided by members of the Order of the Diamond Chalice.

The rain came after and was a wet time for packing up and journeying home Sunday morning.

