

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

April 14	Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation – Grey Niche
April 28	Beltaine – Grey Niche
April 28	CANCELLED - Forest Maiden – Blackmoor Keep
May 5	Candlelight Camp – Southtower/Small Gray Bear
May 5	Saint Bogdacious - Axemoor
May 19	Spring Crown List – Small Gray Bear
May 26	Cracked Anvil – Smythkepe

ARDANROE OFFICERS

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

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

HARKEN YE!

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

April 1 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
April 2 – Armor Making – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
April 9 – Armor Making – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
April 11 – Populace Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
April 15 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
April 16 – Armor Making – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
April 23– Armor Making – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)
April 25 – A&S Night – 6:00 p.m. – Aulds Florist Shop on East Kings Highway (Wednesday)
April 29 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Duck Pond off King’s Highway (Sunday)
April 30 – Armor Making – 6:00 p.m. – Skallagrímr & Evlaliia’s House (Monday)

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



KINGDOM A&S TEAM CHALLENGE

Mistress Rosalind has issued the following challenge for Kingdom A&S. Our Baron James is looking for members for a team. See the Challenge and talk to James!

Kingdom A&S TEAM CHALLENGE:

Create Teams 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). Team competition will have a winner based on averaged highest Score. Team leader must enter as well.

Other Rules for entering:

1. Must declare your intent
2. Each team puts together a prize 'basket'
3. Winner takes all



CORONATION SCROLL COMPETITION

In an effort to create a “tradition” of having a scroll competition at Coronations, as there was at the Coronation of Tennô Heika, Ashikaga Hiromoto and Chûgu Heika, Ashikaga Kimiko, so shall there be at the Coronation of Uther and Kenna. There will be a scroll competition!

Guidelines: The entry categories are: Best Calligraphy, Best Illumination, Best Novice Calligraphy, Best Novice Illumination, King's Choice, Queen's Choice, and Best (Late) 12th Century German. Contestants may feel free to enter any type of kingdom scroll but we ask that kingdom needs are considered. Contestants may enter pieces that feature calligraphy only or illumination only. Entries do not have to feature both calligraphy and illumination. Documentation not required but highly encouraged!

To assist the Kingdom Historian and those distributing the prizes, please include not only the entrant’s name but also the name of the group the entrant is from. This can be done in pencil on the back on the scroll, besides somewhere with their documentation, if documentation included.



TOWN FAIRE

As reported by Akimoro from the Fighter Practice held Sunday, March 4th at the Duck Pond off King's Highway. "Wow! What a great turn out for Fighter Practice yesterday! Fighters included Skallagrím, Godric, Wolf, Cormiac, Simon, Karn, Alfred, Lorccán and Conall. Working on various projects and things were Jurgis, Joya, Rory, Akimoro, Jera, Branwyn and the boys, and Samantha. Also in attendance were Sir Robert and Tangwystl, Lorccán's family, Guðrún, Mateo and family, Jurgis' grandchildren, and a cute black puppy. There were a lot of walkups and several VERY promising contacts made. And the weather was perfect!"

Skallagrím reports on Armor Making Night on Monday, March 5th. "It was a very productive armor night. Cormiac and I worked on the Shire war boards; we are on track to have all 6 done for war. Jera, Kendra, and Guðrún sewed garb for Gulf Wars. They are on track to have everything finished before war. The plan is to get together Wednesday to finish up the last of the projects."

Skallagrím reported that Symon will be deputy Knight Marshall for the pre-Gulf Wars fighter practice on Sunday, March 11th for those fighters who have not already left or are not able to attend Gulf Wars this year. Symon, Wolf, and Cormiac braved the stormy Sunday to have a wet and wild fighter practice at the Duck Pond on March 11th.

Symon was again deputy Knight Marshall for the Sunday, March 18th post-Gulf Wars fighter practice at the Duck Pond. Akimoro reported a "GREAT fighter Practice today with Rob, Symon, Durst (the Pict formally known as Cormiac) and Travis who whipped out the Big hammers! Grateful to Sherri and Samantha for turning out to cheer us on!"

A cleaning night was held on Monday, March 19th at Skallagrím & Evlaliia's House to make the armor making workshop (aka the garage) nice and clean and roomy for future work nights and for the storage of a bundle of rattan for Shire members to purchase, which was picked up by Akimoro at Gulf Wars. Durst, Guðrún, Skallagrím, and Evlaliia were there.

Monday, March 26th became a fabric dying night instead of armor making. It was still held at Skallagrím & Evlaliia's House. Evlaliia, Skallagrím, Guðrún, Karn, and Kendra dyed fabric.



FORTNIGHT

The Populace Meeting was held in conjunction with A&S Night on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Auld's Library. The meeting began at 7:00 pm and ended at 7:35 pm. Avice of York, Seneschal, ran the meeting. Eighteen adults (Skallagrím, Evlaliia, Rory, Aislinn, Ebrahim, Amata, Kendra, Jurgis, Joya, Avice, Symon, James, Domnall, Guðrún, Akimoro, Medb, Melisant, and Jennifer) and two children (Baby James, Baby Daphne) attended.

Officer reports were presented.

Skallagrím, Knight Marshal, reported that the Shire's three helmets would be coming back from the spiff shop (being powder coated) this week. He thanked everyone for coming out to fighter practices during Gulf Wars

and Symon for running those. This Saturday is the Scottish Tartan Festival and fighters are needed. There will also be fighter practice on Sunday as the first Sunday of April.

Evlaliia, Chatelaine, went to Gulf Wars and made new friends.

Rory, Herald, asked for anyone with news from Gulf Wars herald-wise to let him know (submissions done at the War or awards or ...). Akimoro's name and badge are in the March internal Letter of Comment within Kingdom. We hope to hear next month if it is sent up or returned. There will be a scroll contest at Coronation again – just illumination, just calligraphy, or both together.

Rory, Chronicler, reported on the changes for submissions to the Chronicler, Webminister, and Calendar Deputy. There is a Release Deputy at Kingdom to whom all of the Release Forms are now sent by those submitting to the newsletter. The submitter received a code which they have to include with their submission to the Chronicler. The forms need to be scanned or filled out electronically. Rory had copies of the forms for those who wanted to fill them out by hand and scan them. There is a new Kingdom Chronicler. The Shire newsletter no longer has to be sent in to the Kingdom Chronicler in hardcopy (paper format). Sending the link to the electronic issue is fine. Rory went over the schedule of Shire activities to confirm dates for the April issue of Ardanrunes.

Amata, RUGA Provost, announced that tonight we were in for real treat with Akimoro's spiffy class on Japanese pirates.

Kendra, Historian, would like photos and reports from everyone who attended Gulf Wars.

Joya, Exchequer, reported that the Shire has money.

Melisant, A&S Minister, asked for reports of completed projects for her A&S reports. Please email these to her. After discussion, the A&S class for April will be on dying fabric taught by Skallagrimr and Evlaliia. It will be held at the Auld's Flower Shop on East Kings Highway. The class will take 1 ½ hours to dye the fabric. Skallagrimr and Evlaliia will post what dye colors they have for which fabrics. Attendees should bring fabrics to die.

Jurgis, Constable, had nothing new to report. The Webminister was not present.

Old Business:

The Scottish Tartan Festival is Saturday, March 31 in Minden. The Shire will be doing a demo all day and so will be able to get in for free. Avice and Symon will set up their tent Friday night as a sun and rain protector. They will also bring three tables. Symon will get the poles from the Shire trailer for the field. Anyone who can come out Friday evening to help with set up is welcome. The Festival starts at 9:00 am on Saturday and will close around 5:00 pm. We need fighters and crafts people to fight and show their wares. Melisant will bring some of her farm animals. Everyone is to bring their own chairs, drinks, and food or money to purchase food onsite.

A trailer inventory day still needs to be held. The tentative date is one of the days of the weekend of April 21-22. Everyone was reminded to start making a list of things that would be useful to have – such as extension cords and powerstrips.

New Business:

Mistress Rosalind has created the Team A&S Challenge to promote more people entering Kingdom A&S. James explained the rules. He would like to get teams formed of members from Ardanroe, Blackwood, and Loch Bais. The purpose is to make it fun to enter A&S.

James also reported that the first weekend of May at both events held that weekend there will be A&S helpers to give tips and promote entering A&S.

Avice reported that Forest Maiden has been cancelled due to closure of the campsite.

Avice reminded everyone that Kingdom Law requires that each group submit a bid each year for a Kingdom Level Event. She would like to submit a bid for Kingdom A&S and/or Fall Crown List. She is looking at the Minden camp and the Boy Scout camp, both dry sites. James suggested the Ramada Inn due to its many meeting rooms. Both he and Avice will call the Ramada to check on prices.

Announcements:

Medb announced that Dana was in the hospital. Phone calls to her are greatly appreciated. Medb will post the phone number for calling Dana.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, Akimoro gave a twenty minute introductory class for the SCA on Japanese Pirates in Period.



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

MARJORAM

Origanum marjorana is a member of the mint family.

Marjoram is native to the warm areas of the Mediterranean. There are 3 dozen species of *Origanum* which includes the marjorams and the oreganos. Sensitivity to frost varies with the species. The aroma varies greatly with the species from a light, clean scent of sweet marjoram to the creosote and tarry scent of Greek oreganos. Marjoram contains tannin, camphor-like substances, fat oil, and essential oil. Marjoram grows on branched stems with round leaves and flower spikes.

Marjoram seeds are usually started indoors because they are slow to germinate. Start the small seeds in mid-spring indoors then set them out once the danger of frost has passed. They would prefer a rich, well-drained soil in a sunny area. Space the seedling clumps on groups of threes about 6 to 8 inches apart. The average family will need 5 clumps to meet their needs. Do not allow weeds to overwhelm the newly planted clumps. At first you will need to weed by hand but once established you can use a hoe. Marjoram needs to be weeded frequently. Do not over water. To maintain their shape, you need to pinch it back just before it blooms. When it is ready to bloom again, you should cut it to 1 inch above the ground. In warmer climates, it is possible to get two harvests a year. Do not do this in the colder climates as this will weaken the plants. Marjoram can live two or more years. In the fall, you can divide the roots. If there is danger of frost, bring the roots inside for replanting in the spring and/or use indoors. Dried marjoram retains most of its flavor. To preserve its color and flavor dry marjoram away from sunlight. An easy way to separate the desirable leaves for the undesirable stems, rub the stems on a screen which will shred the leaves. Discard the stems. You can store marjoram inside airtight containers.

Marjoram is considered a safe herb. Its only hazard is that during menstruation or pregnancy it may irritate the uterus.

Medicinal uses of marjoram include the treatment of colic, flatulency, diarrhea, asthma, paralysis, indigestion, rheumatism, toothache, conjunctivas, and even cancer. There is no scientific study to support these uses but marjoram is a minor antioxidant as well as having antifungal properties. Marjoram teas have been used both as a tea and a gargle to treat sinus congestion and hay fever. Many add the tea to their bath water for the relief of aches and pains as well as chest congestion.

Marjoram benefits the skin because of its mildly antiseptic properties. Adding marjoram tea to your bath will scent the body.

Marjoram has a lingering taste and spicy aroma. It is popular in the cuisines of France, Italy, and Portugal while in Germany it is usually used in their sausage. If you use marjoram fresh, chop the leaves and flowers very fine. If you use marjoram leaves and flowers dried, use it ground or rubbed. Add fresh sprigs to salads. Dried sprigs are very appropriate for culinary wreaths. Marjoram is good in combination with bay, garlic, onion, thyme, and basil. Marjoram is good for use with game, beef, veal, lamb, poultry, fish, pâtés, green vegetables, carrots, cauliflower, eggplant, eggs, mushrooms, parsnips, potatoes, squash, and tomatoes. It is used in sausages, stews,

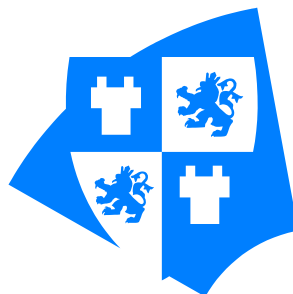
soups, gravies, sautés, marinades, dressings, herb butters, flavored vinegars and oils, cheese spreads, soups, and stuffing.

Marjoram was valued by the ancient Greek and Romans. The Greeks called it “joy of the mountains” and used it s rheumatism cure. The reason marjoram is so gentle is Aphrodite’s influence. To the Romans, marjoram was sacred to Venus. Its association with Jupiter and with Thor has given rise to the belief that it would protect against lightning. It was grown on graves to bring comfort to the dead. At weddings, Greek couples were crowned with it. Wild marjoram was used as a strewing herb.

Until the 16th century, marjoram was not widely known but since then it has come in gardens and nurseries. Even today, the French add sprigs to their hope chests and linen closets. Add dried sprigs to wreaths and leaves to potpourris and sachets. The tops can be used to make dyes. Wool with an alum mordant yields a green color while a chrome mordant yields an olive color.

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HERALDIC RESULTS

The following actions took place at the January 2012 Laurel Sovereign of Arms’ Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appears in the January 2012 LoAR printed February 29, 2012:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED:

GLEANN ABHANN

Guðrún Einarsdóttir. Name.

Nice Old Norse name! Both elements are found in settlement period Iceland.

Joana Alvarez. Name.

The submitter requested authenticity for 16th century Portugal; the name meets that request. (Rory’s baby protégé has a name! ☺ Yes, she’ll still be called Shimofuri.)



REMEMBERING GULF WARS XXII

(A Report written by The Honorable Lord Skallagrímr Bárðarson)

Last year I did a remembrances from Gulf Wars. I wanted to do the same this year. War was different for me this year. I went early to help set up. Left early Monday to go back to work for a few days, then back to war on Thursday for the end of the war. I didn't fight myself, but helped marshal youth combat Friday and Saturday. An exhaustive Sunday found us packing up ourselves as well as the war and heading back home. It is within this context that I write this years memories. I missed a lot and spent as much time on the road as I did at war, but hopefully everyone enjoys reading this.

I remember...

No tents the first half of the war.

A new bridge across the shortcut to the field.

Public Works can change light bulbs.

Giving the street signs a face lift.

More Royals than you can shake a Teagan at.

Meeting some Calontir friends leaving the parking lot, and having them help me push a golf cart that ran out of gas up the hill to equestrian.

There is no whining in youth combat. There is hugs however and Dex likes group hugs!

Watching three people help HRM into the four layers she was wearing for great court.

The third victim of the Bob party. Names will not be mentioned to protect the innocent.

The most vicious ravine battle ever fought, and it was youth combat.

Sacrificing Akimoro's truck to the gods to make it back to war before Gleann Abhann court.

The kingdom court where no one showed because they were all working for the war.

My first Royal Reception spent entirely in the kitchen. I had a blast!

Wombat's Happy Meal!

Jera not recognizing her registered name when we were called up during great court to receive GOA's.

Seeing someone carrying an Ardanroe warboard defending Her Royal Majesty, and another defeat most of a Calontir unit during the fort battle. The latter received a War Horn on the field that day.

Seeing the first War Horn given to a rapier fighter.

Taste the rainbow, with communist alcohol.

The announcement of the next knight, Martin von Augsburg. It was no surprise after his performance at Winter Wonders.

Borrowing a hat from TRM for great court, to cover my head, peeling from the setup sunburn.

Finally finding time to stop and shake hands with Cormac the Bald Friday evening.

Mistress Bethany saved my life Friday. She gave me sunscreen.

