

ARDANRUNES

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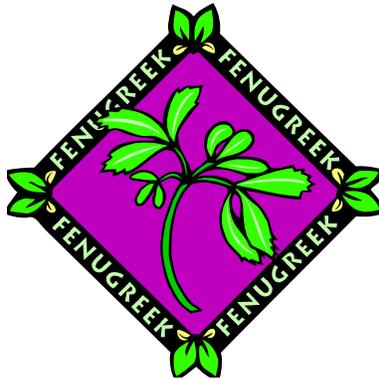
HARKEN YE!

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

March 3 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A.C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
March 21 – Fighter Practice – 6:00 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
March 24 – Fifth Sunday Tourney Demo – 2:00 p.m. – Betty Virginia Park (Sunday)
March 27 – Shire Populace Meeting and A&S Night – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
March 31 – Easter Sunday (Actual 5th Sunday) – No fighter practice today

NOTE: Fighter practice held at Duck Pond off King's Highway on Sundays when raining. Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahooogroup for updates.





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

FENUGREEK

Fenugreek, *trigonella foenum graecum*, is a member of the leguminosae family. Mercury is the planetary ruler. Its Latin name translates as "Greek hay". During the 9th century, it was brought to Western Europe by Benedictine monks. Though its native range is the Mediterranean and western Asia, it has become naturalized in North America.

This annual herb vaguely resembles clover and can grow to between 1' to 2'. Its white flowers appear in midsummer. The oblong triple leaves can grow .75" to 2" long. The curved seedpods grow 2" to 3" long and contain 10 to 20 brown seeds. Fenugreek is not frost tolerant and likes rich soil with full sun.

What hasn't fenugreek been used to treat? Records of its use go back to ancient Egypt. Modern research supports some of these uses. Its use in poultices is from the fact that there is 30% mucilage in the seeds. It is this mucilage that makes fenugreek a good laxative and in treatments for stomach problems such as ulcers. They may lower cholesterol and Type II diabetes. To soothe a sore throat or to reduce a fever, drink a fenugreek tea. Fenugreek contains sotonone that creates its distinctive aroma and diosgenins that are used in the manufacture of steroids.

The seeds are used in a skin softening treatment. It is also used to treat skin eruptions and dandruff.

Fenugreek is only commercially available whole seeds.

If you can imagine maple flavored celery, then you know what fenugreek tastes like. It is popular in the cuisine of Africa, the East Indies, and Pakistan. You will find the seeds used with baked goods, beverages, candy, cheese dips, chutneys, curries, gelatins, halvahs, ice cream, marinated vegetables, meats, pickling brine, poultry, puddings, and syrups. The leaves and the sprouts are added to salads. Be careful on how much fenugreek you use because it can make the dish bitter tasting.

The seeds have been used in aphrodisiacs. Its distinctive aroma has been used to cover up the smell of moldy hay. When use on wool mordanted with alum, the seeds produce a yellow dye.

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FORTNIGHT

The February Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at Aulds Library (3950 Wayne Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112) with around 17 adults and 1 child attending. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 8:20 p.m.

Attendees: Aki, Amata, Ebrahim, Rory, Trina, Skallagrímr, Evlaliia, Kendra, Medb, Álfráðr, Kert, Joya, Jurgis, Drust, Gilbert, Avice, Marsilla, and Baby James. Harp arrived at the conclusion of the meeting.

Officer Reports

Seneschal

- Dates that reports are due for that month will be announced at the meeting as a reminder for local officers.
- Officer reports due in February are: 2/15 – Historian; 2/15 – Marshal; 2/20 – A&S; 2/21 – MOC.
- Please be sure to send in attendance numbers to Kendra for activities that appear on your reports, as her report is monthly, not quarterly like most officers.

Knight's Marshal

- Several new people are attending fighter practice, trying out the loaner armor, and working at getting armor.
- We have some youth combat occurring at our fighter practices.
- We are making progress in getting Shire light weapons loaner armor. We just received two helmets and a sword. We also have one set of gloves. We need body armor and personal protection.
- Discussion was held on options for Shire loaner armor to fit the body armor requirements for light weapons. Fabric (linen or cotton) will be looked at. \$40 was approved for armpit/upper arm protective gear.
- The Shire has two sets of youth combat loaner armor still loaned out to the past Kingdom's Youth Marshal. Efforts will be made to get these back.
- Wolf was authorized in heavy weapons in December. Kert should be ready to authorize in heavy weapons at his next event.

Herald

- Álfráðr's device is ready to be mailed to Ruby Herald. Bride's device is being redrawn and will soon be ready to mail to Ruby Herald. Aki is working on resubmissions for his name and badge.
- Updated (thru December 2012) files for the Shire's Armorial and Order of Precedence [aka alphabet soup] were done by Rory and sent to Evlaliia and Aki.

Exhequer

- We have over \$ 5,000 in the bank. Winter Wonders had a profit of \$ 455.70. The yard sale made \$ 44.95. A donation of \$ 30 was received for the Shire's light weapons loaner armor fund.
- The SCA lawsuit counter-suit has been settled. Some funds may come back to the Shire.

A&S

- This month's A&S will be continuing the war horn tokens. Bias tape is needed. The Finance Committee quickly approved funding for bias tape to complete this project.

Chronicler

- Events write-ups are great!
- Thanks given to Master Frederick for labeling the photos he took of the Regional A&S at Winter Wonders. This helped Rory identify the pieces and entrants for the photos Rory took of the Regional A&S.
- Thanks given to Aki for linking all of the past issues of the Ardanrunes to the new Shire website.

Constable

- Winter Wonders report is done. All went well.

Chatelaine

- Parade yesterday was fun.
- We have a demo this Friday at Southfield Elementary School for a First Grade class at 1:00 p.m. about Vikings for culture studies that all grades are doing (each class doing a different culture). Meet at 12:30 at the school. More details to be sent out via email.

Historian

- Winter Wonders report has been turned in.
- Working on Quarterly report that is due this month.

RUGA

- With the changes made to RUGA reported in the Kingdom A&S Minister's letter in the February issue of The Ambassador, RUGA may no longer exist and the local office of RUGA Provost may no longer exist.
- People will check with Master Frederick about this for Amata.
- If RUGA Provost office is officially no more, Amata is interested in being a deputy to the Herald (Evlaliia).

Webminister

- Kingdom Web Minister has not updated the Kingdom website with the name of the new Shire web minister.
- The new Shire website will grow. Plans are to make pages for each office that wants a page. Please send materials to Aki and let him know what directions to take.

Old Business

Winter Wonders Recap (1/18-20/13)

- Finances reported above.
- 143 people were on-site
- Very impressive turnout for Regional A&S
 - Candlemas had 5 entries in A&S and Swamp Romp had 3 entries in A&S.

GA Symposium (6/1/13)

- Sarah has posted the notice about arranging crash space for the event.
- Flyer is in the works – due March 1st to Kingdom Chronicler for the April issue of The Ambassador.
- Event Steward is contacting Kingdom Officers to arrange classes.
- If the Shire helps clean up outside the Church (pick up branches, etc), a reduced fee for use of the Church is possible. Dates in April and May will be looked at for a work day at the Church.

Rock and Role (8/23-25/13)

- Site to be booked with State Park
- Flyer will be due May 1st to Kingdom Chronicler for the June issue of The Ambassador.

Office Badges

- Tabled until next month

War Horn Tokens Status

- To complete at Shire A&S Night February 27.

February A&S Class?

- See War Horn Token Status

GA Social at Gulf Wars

- Skallagrímur too take full responsibility for the chocolate fountain at Gulf Wars. He will see that it is set up, cleaned, and used correctly during the war.
- Medb and Skallagrímur will coordinate the amount of chocolate needed for the fountain
- Shire approved spending \$300 or less on chocolate for the fountain.

School Demo

- Covered in Chatelaine's report.

New Business

Tartan Festival

- April 6, 2013 – an open weekend
- Tentatively this festival is going to be held. More information to be known next month. Tentatively the Shire to demo at the Tartan Festival again.

Demo at Lake Bistineau State Park

- At the conclusion of Winter Wonders the Park Ranger asked Aki if the group would come out and do a demo at the park. We have done this before. Aki will contact the Park Ranger to find out more details. Skallagrímur willing to bump Rock and Role event if the August date works for the Park Ranger.

Schedule Changes for March due to Gulf Wars

- Thursday fighter practices on March 7 and 14 are cancelled
- Sunday fighter practices on March 10 and 17 are cancelled.
- Monday armor nights on March 11 and 18 are cancelled.
- Wednesday March 13 populace meeting is moved to Shire A&S Night, March 27.

Demo Policies

- Kendra went over SCA demo policy.

Kingdom Policies Regarding Kids

- Kendra went over Kingdom Law regarding kids.

Winter Wonders 2014

- It is now time to reserve the state park for next year's Winter Wonders event. Possibly weekends were January 11-12 and January 18-19. As the 18-19 is MLK holiday weekend, it was preferred. Kendra will put this date on the Kingdom Calendar and reserve the state park.

Kingdom Event Bids

- The call is out for bids for Kingdom A&S. The deadline to submit bids is April 1. Avice and Rory will look at creating a bid for Kingdom A&S – possibly the Church or the Ramada Hotel.
- They will present the bid at March Pop Mtg on the 27.

Barony of Grey Niche Invitation

- Beltaine is April 26 – 28. The Barony of Grey Niche has sent out invitations to all the groups to come attend this event. The theme is the birth of Henry VIII's son.

Shire Pavilion

- Avice proposed the Shire purchase sides for the Shire pavilion and taller poles for the pavilion. In general the members present were in favor of looking at this. More data (cost estimates, supplies, etc) to be presented at the March 27 Pop Mtg.

Gulf Wars 2014

- Gilbert announced that bids to be the autocrat for Gulf Wars 2014 are being accepted until March 1st.

Kingdom Calendar

- Kendra went over the upcoming events on the Kingdom Calendar in February, March, April, and May.

Aki's Fundraiser

- Aki has bumper stickers for sale - \$ 5 each – of the Shire's device.

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by Barun Rory, Chronicler



WANT TO HOST GUESTS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ON 6/1? SIGN UP HERE!

Please sign up at the link below if you have crash space that you are willing to offer to populace members traveling to Ardanroe for the symposium on June 1. It is assumed that crash space is being offered for Friday (May 31) and Saturday (June 1). As guests sign up with requests for crash space, I will attempt to match them to those offering space and contact you first to make sure that you are agreeable to the arrangement before notifying the event attendees of the spaces being offered. Please sign up no later than 5/10/13, and let me know if your plans change after you sign up.

This sign-up sheet and participation therein is strictly voluntary, and is not under the official auspices of the SCA. Any questions may be directed to Mistress Sarah MacGregor or asked here on the list [Ardanroe yahoo group] and I'll do my best to answer them!

<http://tinyurl.com/ardanroe-crash-space>

Sarah



TOWN FAIRE

The first fighter practice of February, Sunday afternoon on the 3rd at A.C. Steer, was a large turn out. It was still going till around 6:30 before everyone left. Symon, Harp, Paul, Aki, Luke, Kelli, Harmony, and Álfráðr fought. Janna, Sarah, Skallagrímr, Mateo, Rory, and Eida attended.

Monday, February 4, 2013 was a project night at Skallagrímr and Eivaliia's house.

Thursday, February 7, 2013 fighter practice was cancelled due to work conflicts.

Due to the massive rain late Saturday night and most of Sunday morning and the Gemini Mardi Gras Parade Saturday night, the Sunday, February 10, 2013 fighter practice was held at Betty Virginia Park. Álfráðr, Aki, Symon, Kert, and Luke fought. Drust, Skallagrímr, Eivaliia, Eida, and Luke's mom watched and cheered.

Lady Bridok has started a beginner's level belly dance class to be held at the park during fighter practice. The first practice was held at her house due to the weather Sunday, February 10, 2013. Trina and Carole attended.

Monday, February 11, 2013 project night at Skallagrímr and Eivaliia's house was very productive. Jurgis, Joya, Álfráðr, Kert, Carole, Trina, Drust, Mateo, Amata, Gilbert, Marsilla, Kendra, Skallagrímr and Eivaliia attended.

Due to it being Valentine's Day, fighter practice was not held on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Friday, February 15th the Shire held a demo at Southfield Elementary School. The group met at 12:30 and started the demo at 1:00 p.m. The school children were studying Vikings so the focus of the demo was Vikings and their culture. Crafts done by the Vikings along with an A-frame tent, tools used at that time, and armor were brought for the children to feel and touch. The demo was coordinated by Skallagrímr. It was attended by Olaf, Melisant, Eivaliia, Michael Harp, Skallagrímr, and others.

Sunday, February 17 was Part 2 of the Vellum-making workshop at Symon and Avice's. This began around three o'clock that afternoon. Armor repair was also done in preparation of Fighter's Collegium and Gulf Wars. A potluck supper concluded the afternoon and evening activities.

Monday, February 18 was Project Night at Skallagrímr and Eivaliia's house. It was attended by Skallagrímr, Eivaliia, Joya, Jurgis, Mateo, Carole, Trina, Gilbert, Marsilla, Álfráðr, Kert, Amata, Jordan, Baby Liam, Kendra, and Rory.

Thursday, February 21 was Fighter Practice at the Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church. This was attended by Gilbert, Kert, and Álfráðr.

Fighter practice was canceled for Sunday, February 24.

The Monday, February 25 Project Night at Skallagrímr and Eivaliia's house was a breather after a long week and weekend of sewing on a Chivalry elevation cloak. However, some of those attending did work on garb for Gulf Wars. At least twelve were present for hot dogs and smores in practice cooking over an open fire. ☺ These included Skallagrímr, Eivaliia, Amata, Joya, Jurgis, Kendra, Kert, Álfráðr, Rory, Trina, Carole, and Drust.

Twenty-seven war horn award regalia belt tokens were completed Wednesday, February 27 at the Shire A&S Night at Aulds Branch Library. It was sew, pin, snip, sew, sew, as yards of bias tape were attached to the sides of the belt tokens. The group completed the project in under an hour, from 7:00 – 7:50 p.m. Three sewing machines, several scissors, and a bowl full of pins were used. Those attending included Melisant, Trina, Kert, Jurgis, Symon, Joya, Kendra, Marsilla, Gilbert, Skallagrímr, Amata, Drust, Eivaliia, Rory, and Jurgis' two grandkids and Melisant's son.



CARRIAGE CHATTER

Swamp Romp, Shire of Troll Fen, January 25 – 27, 2013 AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The last weekend of January the Shire of Troll Fen hosted Swamp Romp at Chicot State Park near Ville Platte, Louisiana. The theme was Beowulf Victorious! The populace was asked to come and celebrate Beowulf's victory, learning more about the culture, history, and clothing of the days of Beowulf and of the scribe who recorded the saga. Roland of Troll Fen was the feastcrat. Countess Ashikaga Kimiko handled reservations. Baroness Judith Wilkinson was the autocrat.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday night and closed at ten o'clock Sunday morning. Traveler's fare was served at six-thirty Friday evening and was crawfish chowder (a crawfish, corn and potato chowder with a cream base and a dash of tomato containing mushrooms).

A hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits was laid out at seven forty-five. Many activities began at nine o'clock. Inside the main hall an arts and sciences contest was set up and the first part of children's activities began. Outside there were live weapons (archery and thrown weapons) until noon, and armor inspection for the tournament. Mistress Bethany Bacon gave a class on Running a List during the tournament. Count Ashikaga Hiromoto gave a class on Marshalling during the tournament. The tournament for Troll Fen Defender began at ten o'clock. A final morning class inside the main hall was held at eleven o'clock. This was Early Period Calligraphy and Illumination Styles by Baron Alrekr inn svarti.

At noon a lunch fundraiser for the Royal Reception at Gulf Wars of chili and cornbread or vegetable soup was coordinated by THL Mateo Lopez. During lunch a meeting of the Queens Blade was held with Her Royal Highness Emma, Princess of Gleann Abhann.

Following lunch armor inspection was held for the rapier tournament, the Troll Fen Protectorate Tourney, which was followed by Holmgang duels. All entries in the arts and sciences contest were also picked up and the second part of children's activities began.

Two more classes were held in the afternoon. These were Christianity in Beowulf by Lady A'ishe Qilichlu Qari and Early Period Garb by Mistress Brigit Olesdottir.

The morning children's activities were coordinated by THLady Christine Forester and included the Story of Beowulf for Kids, Illustrate Your Own Beowulf Story, and playing Kubb: The Viking Game. After a break for lunch, the afternoon children's activities were Boffer Games and Slay Fafnir. The children's activities concluded around three o'clock.

Stefan of Wyrnggeist won the heavy weapons tourney to become the Defender of Troll Fen. In rapier combat, Don Ryan Dollas won the tournament to become the Protector of Troll Fen. THL Olaf Bristlebeard received Best Death for his visual defeat upon the field in the heavy weapons tourney. The arts and sciences contest was won by Geoffrey of Blackmoor with his entry of a wonderful helm he created.

Amongst the rapier fighting, THL Wulfram Forrester was challenged by THL Aindel Drake for the coveted Iron Ring. THL Wulfram announced he felt he had not been able to defend the ring in a manner proper to the challenge of the Iron Ring and did give the ring to THL Drake under the conditions that he would accept two challenges on this day. Only by besting both opponents would the ring succeed to him. In his first challenge, THL Drake fought victoriously against Troll Fen's own Robear duBois. Lady Ysabeau de la Mar also challenged unsuccessfully for the prize. In the end, THL Drake completed the challenge set before him and earned the Iron Ring.

Feast was to start at six-thirty. When the hall was set and all were seated, Countess Muirgen of the Mist, called the feast hall to attention. She wished to take a new protégé and to do so this evening. THL Rose Eriksdottir was called before Princess Emma to attend Countess Muirgen and was presented with a yellow belt.

Four removes composed feast that night. The first remove was assorted vegetables, fruits, and cheese with bread. The second remove was ground beef and vegetable pasta bake with a side salad. The third remove was pork tenderloin with corn stuffing and smothered cabbage. The fourth remove was homemade sweet potato pie.

During feast a bardic competition was held. The challenge was to explain how the Shire of Troll Fen came across a piece of Grendel's skin. The winner was Thomas the Tallest. His story was of the great feat by Lady A'ishe, who battled Grendel and kept the skin as a prize.



Candlemas & Baronial Investiture, Barony of Grey Niche, February 2, 2013 AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Avice of York and Kendra Dey represented the Shire of Ardanroe in attending the Barony of Grey Niche's annual Candlemas event the first Saturday of February at the Collierville United Methodist Church in Collierville, Tennessee, one of the suburbs of Memphis. The theme of the event was "For the love of war" with the setting being Venice in 1456, when ancient Rome was being glorified and recreated by those in the Renaissance. Four tracks of classes were offered – for Mars (Roman god of war) – classes on the art of war and fighting; for Venus (Roman goddess of love) – classes in the gentle arts; for Rome – classes in astronomy, calendaring and Roman costuming; for service – a service track provided by The Raised Hand – We Serve.

Lady Emelin de Swynton was the autocrat. Mistress Sarita Vashti al Coya was the feaster. Vincent du Vannes was in charge of reservations. THL Olrun Elidasdottir was the class coordinator.

The site opened at eight-fifteen Saturday morning and closed at six o'clock Saturday night. While the event closed at six o'clock, everyone had to be off site by seven o'clock. Feast would be a lunch served at one o'clock. Court would be at four-thirty. A Regional Arts and Sciences Faire would also be held as part of the event along with a Regional Fighter Practice.

While the event flyer mentioned four tracks of classes, the published list of class times and topics only gave three tracks – classes occurring in Room A, B, and C. Four class sessions, each one-hour in length, would be held in the three rooms; the first beginning at ten o'clock, second at eleven o'clock, third at twelve o'clock, and fourth after the luncheon feast at two-thirty.

The four classes held in Room A were Fighting for Women (How to kick butt and still be a lady) by THL Fatimah Al-Naqidah; Astronomy/Astrolabe Class by THL Martin Gareth; Fighting for Non Fighters (What are those people doing, and why should I care?) by Mistress Kenna; European Idol - Minstrels & Troubadours by Seamus Mac Feargus and Sorcha Inghean Domhnall.

The four classes held in Room B were Making Paternosters by Mistress Jennet; Roman Clothing Construction by Mistress Roz; Landsknecht Class by Brad Moore; and the Order of the Laurels' Meeting.

The four classes held in Room C were Kitchen Management in the SCA by THL Kendra Dey; The Secret History of the SCA by THL Brendan mac Sionnac; Autocratting 101 by Master Cormac the Bald; The Joys of Local Group Office Holding by Master Cormac the Bald.

Grey Raven (a quasi-group/household) and Master Cormac hosted a fundraiser breakfast along with a "fancy schmancy" coffee immediately after troll opened. The breakfast included apple cinnamon muffins, berry muffins, banana bread, oatmeal buffet, ham and potato breakfast pie, and mini breakfast quiche of various fillings. Fundraising was by donation.

A glorious Roman feast prepared by Mistress Vashti al Coya served at one o'clock was composed of three removes termed Gustum, Mensa Prima, and Mensa Secunda. The Gustum had focaccia with olive oil, marinated

olives, pickled turnips in mustard (a Roman aphrodisiac), chicken wings in a sauce (Pullum Oxyzomum – from Apicius' De Re Coquinaria), and pickled and brined vegetables.

The Mensa Prima had pork and apricot ragout (Minutal ex Praecoquis – from Apicius' De Re Coquinaria), moretum (a soft garlic cheese), barley bread, chicken meatballs in a sauce, fried fish in a sauce (Pisces Frixos Cuiusumque – from Vinidarius' Apici Excerpta), lentils and rice (Laganophake – from Heidelberg Papyrii), a dish of mushrooms (Boletos Fungos – from Apicius' De Re Coquinaria), and garbanzo galettes.

The Mensa Secunda had stuffed dates and apricots (Dulcia Domestica – from Apicius' De Re Coquinaria), spiced almonds, custard with candied figs and fruit (Tyropatinam – from Apicius' De Re Coquinaria), and biscotti with almonds and walnuts.

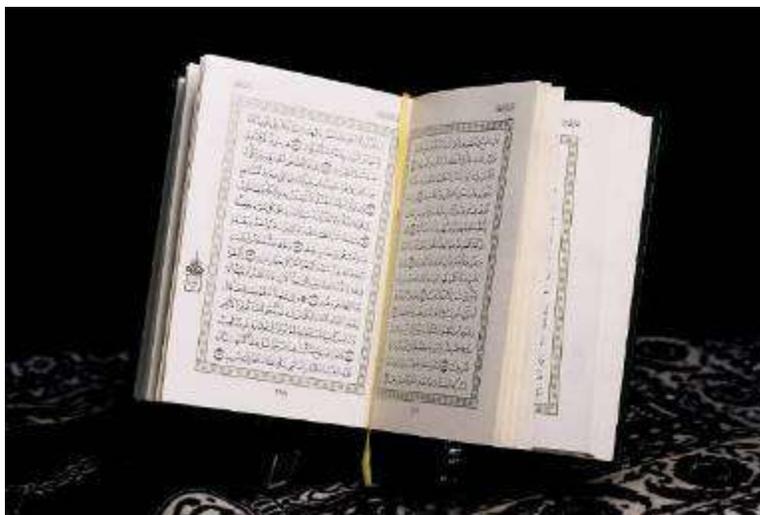
Set-up of entries in the Regional Arts and Sciences Fair was from the opening of the event until nine-thirty. An entrants and judges meeting was then held followed by the beginning of judging around nine forty-five. All items in the Fair were to be picked up by three o'clock so court could be set up.

Items in the Regional A&S Fair or on display only included a poster board layout on the step by step creation of an illuminated page containing four different scenes, the counting cloth by Meister Frederick Alton (which he had at the Regional A&S Fair at Winter Wonders), a page from *The Hobbit* where Bilbo Baggins and Smaug the dragon converse recreated as part of an illuminated manuscript by Juan Carlos, a card woven or inkle woven belt, green on one side and gold/yellow on the other side, head beads by Cinaed of Eden based on findings by the Phoenicians, a Monmouth cap by Mathilde de M..., and possibly a collection of naturally dyed yarns.

A regional fighter practice was held outside the building at ten o'clock. There was a break for feast and then the practice continued until court.

Court was held by Their Royal Majesties Rey and Miriel and attended by Her Highness Emma, and Their Excellencies James and Alysia, Baron and Baroness of Grey Niche. After the oath of fealty was sworn to the Crown, the Baronial court was opened. Sadly the Baron and Baroness appeared strangely afflicted. Duke John the Bearkiller was appointed in a special position as the "grand vizier" of the Barony with the only known copy of the Corpora-Nomicon, able to do weird powers. When the Baron and Baroness decided to remove their regular coronets to put on "future metal crowns" made of tin foil, King Rey stepped in and had them sent away. Her Grace, Duchess Linnet MacLeod, was presented as the new Baroness for the Barony and swore her oath of office and fealty. She was presented with symbols of the office by the previous Baronets of Grey Niche, including Arielle de Brabazon and Guillermo Berenguer de los Almogavar, Jane Falada of Englewood, Geoffrey de Bradelei, Dagan al-Mahdi ibn Ysuf ibn Hilal and Mahsheed Leily. Queen Miriel placed the baronial coronet upon Linnet's head.

Following Linnet's investment as Baroness of Grey Niche, the former Baron and Baroness were summoned back. Mistress Alysia Gabrielle de Fougeres received a beautiful prayer-book scroll by Mistress Marion as a thank you for her service.



Garbapalooza, Shire of Blackwood, February 8-10, 2013 AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Avice of York, Kendra Dey, Evlaliia Sveneicha, Skallagrímr Bárðarson, and Aedan MacFarland represented the Shire of Ardanroe in attending Garbapalooza, a clothing and accessory class event, hosted by the Shire of Blackwood the second weekend of February at Jimmy Davis State Park in Chatham, Louisiana.

Lady Jorhildr Hrafnkelsdottir was the autocrat and handled reservations. Lord Brusi Hrafnkelsson was the feastcrat. The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon and closed at ten o'clock Sunday morning. Pasta salad was served as traveler's fare Friday night.

Breakfast was served Saturday morning starting at seven o'clock and included made-to-order omelets. Armor inspection began at nine o'clock for a Heraldic Tournament to be held at ten o'clock. The tourney was to be a single elimination, best 2 out of 3 in the first round. The tournament was made "simple" so that everyone who wanted to fight could fight and not miss any classes they wanted to take. The winner would not only receive a lovely scroll, but also receive a custom chain made by Magnus.

At noon a fundraiser lunch was held by Avice of York as a Companion of the Diamond Chalice to raise funds for the Gleann Abhann Social at Gulf Wars. Skallagrímr and Aedan assisted Avice with the lunch preparations. The lunch was turkey and sausage jambalaya over rice with a little something sweet on the side. A silent auction was also held at the event, run by Countess Muirgen of the Mists as a Companion of the Diamond Chalice, to raise funds for the Gleann Abhann Social at Gulf Wars. Through both activities \$175 was raised for the Social.

During lunch an A&S Roundtable was held by Mistress Rosalind and Mistress Brigit.

Classes on clothing and accessories were held from eight-thirty Saturday morning until five o'clock Saturday evening. At eight-thirty Lady Isabel Winterbourne gave a Beginning Blackwork class limited to five people inside the feathall. At the same time Katrinka Whitehair also gave a Fabric Buttons class limited to twelve to fifteen people inside the feathall. Elsewhere in the lobby of Cabin 2 Mistress Brigit gave a class on Early Period Clothing in Northern Europe. This was an overview, covering males and females, was very general and geared toward those new to the SCA or new to that era, focusing on the areas of Europe that became England, France, and Germany.

At nine-thirty Kendra Dey gave a class on the Construction of a Birka Style T-Tunic: Gores and Gussets. This class was held in the feathall and lasted until lunch time. At the same time Lady Broinninn inghean Aindriasa gave a class on How to make a Mongolian Del. She had seven people in this class including Aedan MacFarland. In both of these classes, those who brought fabric and supplies would be able to leave with measurements, patterns, and even pieces ready to sew.

At eleven o'clock in the lobby of Cabin 2 Nicolas gave a class on English Tudor garb from the time period of 1490 – 1540.

Following lunch, Kendra Dey gave a class on Modifying the T-Tunic in the lobby of Cabin 2, while Mistress Bethany Bacon gave a class on the SCA Gambison inside the feathall. While originally scheduled for four o'clock Mistress Rosalind's Three Late Roman Cloaks for Men was instead held after lunch.

At two o'clock Kendra Dey's class was So You Screwed Up Your Garb, Now What? Those attending were encouraged to bring any "screwed up" garb, which could then be fixed. This class was in the feathall. Nicolas in the lobby of Cabin 2 gave a class on German Landsknecht from the period 1490 – 1540. Skallagrímr Bárðarson gave a class on appliqué in the feathall.

At three o'clock Mistress Rosalind's class was Late Roman Clothing for Women – fabrics, techniques and how to wear it. Her class was inside the feathall. Mistress Brigit in the lobby of Cabin 2 gave a class on Viking Age Clothing. Brigit's class was more detailed class than her first, covering males and females and what makes a distinctively Viking look.

At four o'clock Lady Isabel Winterbourne gave a Beginning Embroidery class limited to eight people in the feathall. THLady Evlaliia Sveneicha (also known as Jira) gave a Viking Apron Dress Patterning class in the feathall. Evlaliia was able to make part of an apron dress for Jorhildr while teaching the class.

At five-thirty the hall was cleared for feast set-up. Feast was at six o'clock. While attendance was considered small, many were able to leave with hands-on knowledge about different accessories and types of clothing, including patterns and partial if not completed articles of clothing made that weekend.



Turf War IV, Barony of Seleone, February 15-17, 2013 AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The fourth Turf Wars, a battle between the Baronies of Seleone and Osprey in the neighboring Kingdoms of Gleann Abhann and Meridies was held the third weekend of February at Camp Camilla, formerly the Woodsman of the World Camp recently purchased by another group, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. THL Deborah of Haleshaven was the autocrat. Lord Odhran Fhion was the feasterat. THL Marcel Orillion handled reservations. There was to be heavy fighting with combat archery, rapier fighting, live weapons, and two A&S competitions – Best Baronial Heraldic Display and Open.

Kendra Dey represented the Shire of Ardanroe at Turf Wars.

This was an event full of battles upon the field and a great way to prepare for Gulf Wars. That evening Mistress Daphne of Colchester was the court herald for Their Royal Majesties Rey and Miriel. The set up of thrones for court that evening from left to right – Baroness and Baron of Osprey, Prince and King of Meridies, King and Queen of Gleann Abhann, Baroness and Baron of Seleone.

THL Lugh and Mistress Christine Silkewymman were the Baron and Baroness of Osprey. While Queen Elisenda and Princess Katerina were not present, King Thomas and Prince Ulrich of Meridies were.

During court Orliadh an Einigh received an Award of Arms. Odhran Fhionn received a Grant of Arms. Marie Kaldere of Seahold received a Grant of Arms. And William of Haleshaven received the Order of the Lamb. All were members of the Barony of Seleone.

Alas, during court, rats seemed to plague Baron Morgan and Baroness Eugénie, appearing on the arm rests of their baronial seats. At last, standing it no longer, Baron Morgan pulled out a pipe and played it to lead the rats away from Gleann Abhann. He thereby departed the court and ended his term as Baron of Seleone. Baroness Eugenie sadly would leave soon after; though, her departure may have brought a lot of laughter.

Aleyn Kynyd ap Rhys and Ellyn Heath of Hemingford Grey were invested as the new Baronet of Seleone. A time of great music from musicians was now at hand.

Following the investing of the new baronet, Master Morgan of Osprey and Lady Eugénie Griffon de Seleone each were granted a Court Barony. As his baronial coronet as a court baron to King Rey and Queen Miriel, Morgan received an inflatable pink coronet with stars.

Odhran Fhionn, head cook, and Orlaidh an Einigh, assistant cook, prepared a four remove sumptuous feast to fill all who had fought long and hard that day. The first remove was bread, cheese cubes, tomatoes, and olives. The second remove was a beef and barley soup with a salad and dressing on the side. The third remove was Mongolian pork tenderloin and rice. The fourth remove was caramel apple crisp. After feast a reception in honor of the new Baron and Baroness of Seleone was held.



Gleann Abhann Fighter's Collegium, Barony of Axemoor, February 22-24, 2013 AS XLVII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

At least ten members of the Shire of Ardanroe, including Drust map Cirig, Kendra Dey, Marsilla la Despensere, Kert, Avice of York, Symon Mac Coynich, Skallagrímur Bárðarson, Evlaliia Sveneicha, Álfráðr Marteinsson, and Baby James, attended the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann Fighter's Collegium hosted by the Barony of Axemoor the fourth weekend of February at Kings Arrow Ranch near Lumberton, Mississippi, just south of Hattiesburg.

Tegan verch Dwgan was the autocrat. Brigida Ingvarsdottir, Baroness of Axemoor, was the head cook. Adalyde de Sardaigne handled reservations. The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon and closed at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Traveler's fare was served Friday night starting around six o'clock.

The schedule for Saturday was very full with activities in many locations. The main hall would host breakfast followed by classes in the morning and afternoon with a lunch fundraiser for the Auxiliary Army in between and end with court and feast.

The Champion's Field, designated as the front of the fort, would have heavy and rapier inspections, spear and fighting authorizations, combat archery authorizations, and loads of heavy and rapier classes. Bede Hall would be the place for youth combat with authorizations for youth combat marshals, sparring marshals, and youth sparring and plenty of classes.

The Diamond Chalice would hold a Silent Auction with proceeds going towards the Gleann Abhann Social for Gulf Wars. The fundraiser lunch provided by the Gleann Abhann Auxiliary Army was Frito chili pie and lemonade. The funds raised from the lunch would go towards supplies needed at Gulf Wars. The lunch was coordinated by Adalyde.

The classes in the main hall were non-fighting. Countess Beatrix de Montecassino taught Handling the Media. Kendra Dey, Kingdom Chatelaine, was scheduled to follow with Intro to the SCA, but convinced a former Kingdom Chatelaine to cover the class for her, as she was occupied with a sewing project. Mistress Magdalena de Segovia and Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow taught the class. After lunch in the main hall Countess Muirgen of the Mists taught Protocol and Precedence. Mistress Jennet of Tewkesbury followed with Paternostro Beads. Lady Isabel Winterbourne concluded the classes in the main hall with Beginning Embroidery, limited to eight people.

Meanwhile at the Champion's Field throughout the day there would be combat archery authorizations and renewals by Sir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal. Throughout the afternoon would be spear authorizations and fighting authorizations and renewals by Sir Drogo of Axbridge.

The front of the fort saw bright and early Countess Beatrix and Count Aengus leading Yoga for Fighters. At nine o'clock Sir Michael of the Mace taught Timing and Hand-Eye Coordination; THL Settimio d'Olivio Advanced Shield man Mechanics; Baron Motan Crossbows and Combat Archery; Earl Brian MacBrand How to be Effective with a Spear.

At ten o'clock, Duke Boru of Meridies was a guest instructor on Body Mechanics and Pick-ups with individual instruction. Prince Jon of Gleann Abhann covered Controlling a Fight before the Fight begins, while Duke Padruig Dubhchlogad covered Know your Ranges, and Baron Gellis of Axemoor went over War Scenario Tactics.

At eleven o'clock King Rey of Gleann Abhann covered Offensive Shield work; Sir James the Holy went over Terminology and How to Train; Sir Rian Mulligan covered Tournament Offense; and Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto explained Marshalling a Tournament. During the lunch fundraiser a Heavy Marshallate and Fighter Round Table was lead by Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto, Kingdom Earl Marshal, with a Discussion of Gleann Abhann and Society Rules. At one o'clock Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto covered The Book of Five Rings and Controlling the Fight. Afterwards there were pick-ups and melees until time to prepare for court.

While the heavy weapons occurred at the Champion's Field, so too did the rapier. The front of the fort saw bright and early Baroness Lorelei von Orlamunde (called Osprey) leads Warm-ups for Weekend Warriors. At nine o'clock THL Aethan Dunmire taught Running Unusual Tournaments, while THL Binn MacBranain went over the Care and Feeding of a Happy Rapier. At ten o'clock, THL Aindel Drake lead Venetian Rapier. At eleven o'clock THL Lorccán hua Conchobair and THL Aethan Dunmire went over the Punch Test, Mask Test and Blade Flex Testing. During the lunch fundraiser a Rapier Marshallate and Fighter Round Table was held with a Discussion of Gleann Abhann and Society Rules. At one o'clock THL Binn MacBranain went over Basic Line Work and Communication, while THL Aethan Dunmire and others lead Melee Drills. Afterwards there were pick-ups and melees until time to prepare for court.

THL Mikha'il al Rashid (known as Dex) began Youth Combat at Bede Hall with armor inspection at eight o'clock. This was followed with Youth Combat Rule Changes, Marshalling and Authorizations for all youth and

parents. At ten o'clock Sparring Marshaling Authorization and Youth Sparring Authorizations were held until lunch time.

During the lunch fundraiser a Youth Marshallate and Fighter Round Table was held. After lunch Baron Jon of Widcombe went over Youth Melee Commands and Leadership. Baron Gellis of Axemoor followed this with War Tactics. Afterwards there were pick-ups and melees and different weapon styles until time to prepare for court.

In addition to all of the classes in fighting and non-fighting, sewing was done throughout the day. In fact the morning began with a surprise court. William of Glen Lyon was told Her Majesty had need of him. His cabin mates hastily assisted in getting him dressed and dragged to the field. There His Majesty, King Rey, announced that William was to be placed upon vigil for elevation during evening court into the Chivalry. William sank to his knees, but was prevented from falling by THL Ali and THL Fatimah. He was escorted off to a tent to sit vigil for the entire day. He was clad in a white tunic for the vigil sewn by THL Fatimah Al-Naqidah. Meanwhile in another tent with table and chair, THL Kendra Dey coordinated the sewing of the elevation cloak for William. This was her gift to him and had been started one or two weekends ago (perhaps longer) and several ladies and lords of Ardanroe (and elsewhere) had been stitching by hand the ornamentation that is appliqué, upon the cloak. A great deal of work was done by Evlaliia Sveneicha and Marsilla la Despensere and Kendra Dey, who were joined by Baroness Judith Wilkinson and Mistress Brigit, and at times during the day by Duchess Kenna nic Ahern von Ziemer, Skallagrímr Bárðarson, and so many others. The cloak had been sewn upon for days before the event and then almost continuously Thursday and Friday night and all day Saturday. When evening court began, the cloak was nearing completion. The seamstresses finished thirty minutes before the elevation ceremony and were able to rest their fingers and eyes before witnessing the emotional moment.

Evening court was set up left to right with the thrones of the Baron and Baroness of Axemoor, King and Queen of Gleann Abhann, Prince and Princess of Gleann Abhann. Court included the gifting to the children by Queen Miriel. Then King Rey named his Black Guard. Master Damiano Elie Bellini was the court herald, while Baron Jon of Widcombe bore the sword of state. A child named Jonathan received the Order of the Lamb while an adult named Roland received an Award of Arms and the Combattant Ram. Baron Jon of Widcombe retired as General of the Ram Army. Sir Caedmon of Jorvik is the new General to lead the Gleann Abhann forces into battle.

William of Glen Lyon is Uther's squire. As such, in the elevation ceremony, Duke Uther von Ziemer spoke for the Chivalry, Mistress Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree spoke for the Laurels, Master Erik of Telemark spoke for the Pelicans, Viscountess Brenna inghean Fhionnlaoich spoke for the "ancient" Roses (Diamonds) and Countess Muirgen of the Mists spoke for the Royals. Duchess Kenna made the elevation tunic he wore. Duke William FitzHugh de Cambria presented William with a sword. Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto presented William with the spurs. William was presented with the cloak. He may then have received the chain of knight, removing the chain of a squire that he wore (but I am unsure from the photos taken by Viscountess Danielle de la Roche). He was dubbed a knight with the sword of state by King Rey. He stood to accept his last unanswered blow, being a slap across the face by the King. Presumably during the ceremony there was also the swearing of the oath of fealty.

Members of the Chivalry present included Sir Brian MacBrand, Sir Loric Silvestris, Sir Angus Mac Owen, Sir Leto Darkhorse, Sir Padruig Dubhchlogad, Sir William FitzHugh de Cambria, Sir Michael of the Mace, Sir Caillin Mac Leoid, Sir Wernherus Rudemann, Sir Uther von Ziemer, Sir Rian Mulligan, Sir Ulric Blackoak, Sir Luther Zeimer, Sir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal, Sir Drogo of Axbridge, Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto, Sir James the Holy, Sir Caedmon of Jorvik, Sir Geoffrey de Bradelei, Sir Grimbaldus Bacon, and Sir Martin von Augsburg.

The court of the Baron and Baroness of Axemoor was also held, probably after the court of Their Royal Majesties was opened but before Their Majesties bestowed awards to the populace. In the Baronial court of Gellis and Brigida, several members of the Barony were recognized. Lady Johanna Merryington received the Order of the Gull (Axemoor's arts and sciences award) for her creative food art and more. Baron Jon of Widcombe received the Order of the Bow and Blade. Lady Marie Castelle received the Order of the Axe (Axemoor's service award listed in Heraldic Law) much to her surprise.

Feast followed court. Dex served as the Hall Steward. The first remove was flat bread, herb butter, honey butter, hummus, salad, beef and grain stuffed onions, and Kibbeh with Tzatziki. The second remove was herbed chicken/turkey, Zuppa toscano, and bacon green beans. The third remove was cookies.

Besides the busy sewing, many from Ardanroe actually took part in the fighting classes and activities. Kert, Drust, Symon, and Álfráðr rode down together. Kert was authorized as a fighter. Álfráðr was authorized as a youth sparring marshal. Skallagrímr was authorized as a youth combat marshal. Baron Jon, General of the Gleann Abhann Army, was impressed with the war shields the Ardanroe fighters brought down for the event. Ardanroe was the only group to bring war shields to the event; three others being brought by individuals. Three of our fighters were almost struck by lightning at the Crimson Chimera Camp when a tree at the campsite was split in half by a bolt of lightning. That bolt also knocked out the electrical power poles and lines at that campsite. Overall everyone had a great time.