

# Ardanrunes

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## Calendar of events

March 11-19	Gulf Wars XV
April 8	Cracked Anvil
April 8	Star Mangled Spanner
April 22	Candlelight Camp
April 22	Shadow of the Wolf II
April 29	Beltaine
May 6	Forest Maiden's Favour II
May 6	Aphar Faire
May 20	Spring Coronation

## Ardanroë officers

Seneschal: Baroness Charmaine de Chanson  
Knight Marshal: THL Maximilian von Braun  
Herald: THL Sarah MacGregor  
Exchequer: Baroness Medb  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: THL Conor the Black

Youth Marshal: THL Conor the Black  
Web Minister: Lord Vachir Altan  
Provost of RUGA: Vacant  
Minister of Children: Vacant  
Quartermaster: Baroness Charmaine de Chanson  
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull  
Chatelain: Lord Michael atte Harp  
Constable: Barun Rory ua Riada

\*There may be some changes that occur during the month of March, like at the populace meeting this week, but I am going with this list for this very first issue. The April issue may include contact information in addition to any changes in personnel holding offices.

## As rory writes

I send greetings to the faithful readers from the 'new' Chronicler of Ardanroë. After many years of ink spotted fingers, Lady Dana the Quarrier has set aside her quill pens and left the musty scriptorium for some well deserved fresh air. Never fear! Lady Dana's fact finding missions will resume after a brief break. Look for witty sayings and an occasional column from her in the future.

Ardanrunes is now going 'high-tech' and becoming an electronic newsletter available only as an electronic newsletter. The plan (my plan) is to send it to deputies to turn it from a Word document into a PDF file and post it on the Shire of Ardanroë's webpage. These will be kept on the webpage. A print copy will be stored in the archives (aka Seneschal's files). Other print copies may or may not be stored for posterity (aka Historian files, Chroniclers files). We will just have to see how things take shape.

Please note the 'Table of Contents.' I look forward to having some regular columns and occasional columns. 'Ardanroë Officers' will be a listing of the officers. I can include the SCA name, office, and an email address (generic one, for example – [chronicler@ardanroë.org](mailto:chronicler@ardanroë.org)). For any other information, since this will be an online

electronic publication I will need permission from the respective officers. I will be looking for that exciting online permission form (Lord Vachir may have it). The name of the 'From the Chronicler' letter/column will be 'As Rory Writes'. I look forward to interesting names for letter columns from each officer. 'Carriage Chatter' will be travel news from anyone attending an activity outside the Shire. 'Let's Dance!' will be a series of articles on various dances in the SCA simplifying the dance instructions. 'Scriptorium Sending' will be a series of articles, each one giving the text and some illumination information for Kingdom award scrolls in Gleann Abhann. 'Town Faire' will be Shire of Ardanroe activities – social gatherings, arts and sciences workshops, and our locally held events. Ardanroe is our town and these sorts of things are our 'fairs'. I am not sure what 'From the High Ground' and 'Fortnight' will be but liked the names.

Please give your input. This is your newsletter. For this first issue I am using Bremen BdB 12 pt font size for the headers, 16 pt font size for the newsletter title, and Times New Roman 10 pt font size for the text. Name a column. Write something for publication. Submit artwork. We can have photographs, so if you have a digital picture (or a picture I can scan), send it to me. From Winter Crown List, Baroness Barbara has a wonderful picture of Lady Branwen Brynglas and her children.

Some things that I would like to include in future issues are: historical facts about Ardanroe; the Order of Precedence of current members; recognition of those who do things outside the Shire (like who fought in Crown List, who entered a contest, who won a prize, who received an award, who attended an event, etc.); an Armorial of the current members (names and devices that have been registered – text and drawings).

I look forward to interesting articles on arts and sciences topics. Send me a one or two page handout or condensed version of a class you are teaching or research you have done.

I look forward to hearing from all of you soon!



## Let's Dance!

This is a new column that will appear on a monthly basis. Each month the instructions for one dance will be given. So practice, practice, practice!

This month's dance is: Angus Reel

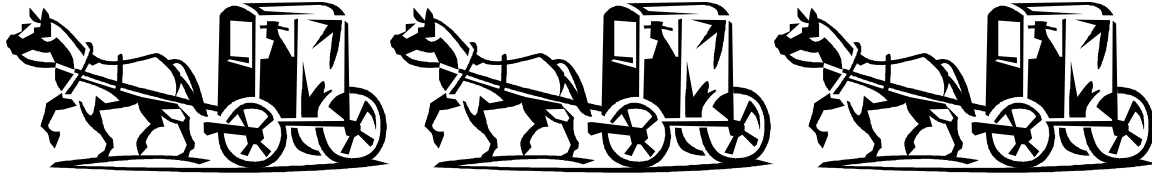
The Angus Reel is very energetic and can be like a barnyard hoe-down. It is a couple's dance that changes partners each set.

Start by forming a circle of couples with the men on the inside and the ladies on the outside. Each member of the couple holds each other's right hand. So you have a circle formed of couples, the lords holding the ladies right hand and the ladies holding the lords right hand.

Start the dance with your right foot and make eight skipping steps forward. Then turn and face your

partner. Back away from your partner by making a double (four steps back – right foot, left foot, right foot, left foot). Some people will literally skip backwards. Now stomp three times. Now clap your hands three times. Now you are going to do-see-do around your partner on your right side ending with your partner on your left side. This again can take eight skipping or buoyant steps. Look to your right and extend your right hand to your new partner. Take his or her right hand and circle in place to come to your original starting position. You have completed a set and have a new partner to start the next set with. Repeat the dance exchanging partners as long as the music plays.

Many people will take skipping steps for each of the dance steps. Thus you can see how energetic this dance can be.  
Enjoy! -Rory



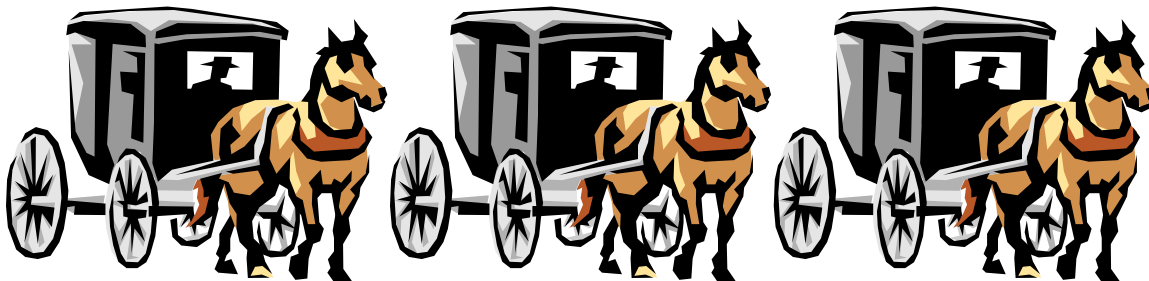
### Carriage chatter

#### **Kingdom Arts and Sciences/Royal University of Gleann Abhann**

The first Gleann Abhann Kingdom Arts and Sciences/Royal University of Gleann Abhann were held the weekend of January 20-22 at the Jimmie Davis State Park near Chatham, Louisiana by the Shire of Iron Ox. The Shire of Ardanroe had a nice showing at the event. Conor and Rovena helped in the kitchen Friday night. Conor, Chancellor of the Royal University, was in charge of the University classes. Rovena, reporting deputy to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, was the data entry clerk for the Faire and was almost literally tied to the data entry table the entire day. The morning classes included: Gleann Abhann's Award Structure and OOP by Sarah. She also assisted with the children's activities and attended a College of Heraldry meeting. The afternoon classes included: Feast Appreciation by Conor and an Exchequer Roundtable by Rory. There were also meetings by the Herbal Guild, Diamond Chalice, and Known World Herald and Scribal Symposium Staff. James attended many classes. Olaf had drill but Melisant brought a pair of his Viking shoes to enter in the Faire. These were well received. After feast Sarah organized the clean-up crew to wash dishes.

#### **Winter Crown List**

The first Winter Crown List, the second Crown List for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, the first held in May last year to determine who would be the first King and Queen, was held the weekend of February 24-26 at the Woodsman of the World Camp in Forest Hills, Louisiana by the Barony of Axemoor and Shire of Wyrmegeist. Despite a very rainy and cold weekend, the Shire of Ardanroe was well represented with about seventeen members. Fifteen fighters were accepted for the second Crown List, two of them our Shire. THL Maximilian von Braun fought for Rebecca of Abernathy and Lord Johannes von Gruefenberg fought for Lady Bronwen Ballard. Each entrant in the tournament had to sponsor an artist for an arts and sciences display. Bronwen entered a short houppelande she had made as the artisan for Johannes. Rory entered four poems in the Welsh Englygion style as the artisan for Maximilian. Blaec was a banner carrier for Johannes and Bronwen in the procession. Michael may also have been part of their procession. He was a weather-blocker for them at the list field. Rory announced Maximilian and Rebecca. I think James was a banner carrier for Maximilian. Sarah was one of the many very wet heralds during the tournament. Branwen and her two children attended the event for the day and took part in the children's carnival which had popcorn, cotton candy, and face-paint, and games. Christine and Jacqueline were part of the royal ladies line at the royal pavilion during the final bout between Count Havordh and Viscount Rey. In court Christiana was announced as deputy to the Captain of the Auxiliary Army. Sarah and Michael with Baroness Barbara announced fundraisers at Gulf Wars for Ceara's Church Fund to assist with her hospital bills. Medb was also there and may have assisted with a procession before I arrived on-site (I got there in time to walk and announce Max and Rebecca). I don't know who the bye fighters in the tournament were but Paul could have been one of them. Stephen also attended the event for the day.



## Town faire

The Shire of Ardanroe held a Regional Fighter Practice on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at Mike Wood's Park from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. A chili cook-off was also held with two entries from Lady Dana and James. Over thirty people attended, several coming from Blackwood, Loch Bais, and Vogelburg.

Amata Quentin Motzhart gave a presentation on “A Brief History of Paper and How to Make Paper” at the Shire of Ardanroe's A&S night on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Several examples of different types of paper were passed around and the techniques for making paper from several items (plants to rags) were discussed.

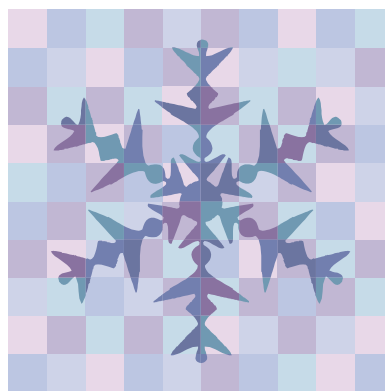
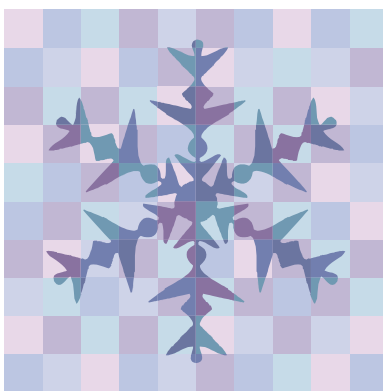
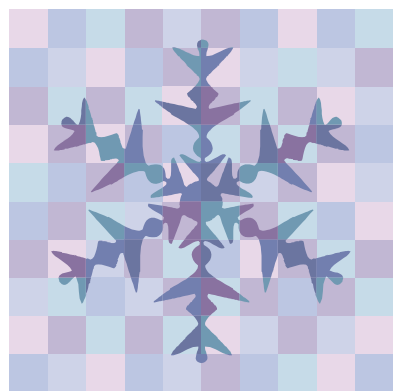
Amata Quentin Motzhart gave a presentation on “Candle-making” followed by James le Breyeur (surname subject to change) hands-on demonstration for making beeswax candles by rolling sheets of beeswax around a wick. Many of those attending were able to make a candle to take home. This was the Shire of Ardanroe's A&S night on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Winter Wonders XX

The Shire hosted Winter Wonders XX the weekend of February 10-12 at Lake Bistineau State Park in Doyline, Louisiana. HL Sarah MacGregor was the autocrat. Lord Michael of the Harp was the feast steward. The theme for the event was “A Day in the City of Ladies” set in the 13<sup>th</sup> century during the time of Christine de Pizan whom had written a guide to ladies of love, honor, and chivalry in *Le Tresor de la Cite des Dames*, or *The Treasury of the City of Ladies*. The guide was to be the inspiration as all danced, feasted, and made merry on the eve of St. Valentine's Day. As a fundraiser for Gulf Wars Gleann Abhann Social's libation fund, James de la Breyuer provided bouquets of flowers to be purchased and delivered with messages of love. In court Lady Dana received the Onyx Chalice and Vachir an Award of Arms. The number of cookies in Baroness Barbara's guessing game was 143. Viscountess Christine was over that number having selected 145. The closest number without going over was Baroness Medb's guess of 137. HE Medb had a choice between a bag of M&M's and the jar of cookies. She chose the M&M's. Winners of the activities of the day were:

- Youth Combat Tourney - Gabriel Bacon and Victor the Younger
- Rapier Snowball Tourney – Aethan Dunmire
- General Arts and Sciences – Deborah of Haleshaven (her cordials rock, say Medb and Charmaine)
- Best Display of Heraldry - Finian O'Naill
- Duke Stephen's Crest Tournament - Jon the Tall
- Best Crest - Uther von Ziemer (for an attack chicken); Runner Up - George le Breton (for his hula girl)
- Bridesmaid Pas de Armes by the Damosels of Astolat – Paul the Small
- Most Chivalrous on the Field – Paul the Small
- Quest of Virtue – Motan the Mongol

There were many classes during the day, but the demonstration of favors by Lady Sabine from Trimaris during feast was the most entertaining.



All clipart from Microsoft Word.

## Fortnight

Give your input! What should this neat column headings cover!

### from the high ground

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## Scriptorium sending

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. If you go to Gulf Wars, stop by the Scriptorium and calligraphy. They have many illuminated scrolls which need text. Below the text to one of the many new awards in the new Kingdom.

### Order of the Sable Banner

The King's Banner men are those warriors whose exceptional skill in the Science of War while serving faithfully as soldiers assisting in the muster and training of the army of Gleann Abhann are the strength of the fighting force of this Realm. One such soldier is \_\_\_\_\_ whom We are well please to induct into the Order of the Sable Banner with the rights and duties of this honor.

By Our Command this (number) day of (month) Anno Societatis (Society year), being (Year) Gregorian.

X\_Sovereign X\_Consort

### from the kitchens

A Treat fit for a Hungarian King! Kiraly is Hungarian for King. HRM Radu has a Hungarian persona. Below is a simple recipe for a Hungarian treat I found in a children's story published this year. - Rory

#### Kiflis

Kiflis are crescent-shaped pastries filled with jam or with cinnamon, sugar, and chopped nuts and are a favorite sweet throughout Eastern Europe. They are known by many names, including the German word Kipfel.

1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup cream cheese  
Pinch of salt  
1 tablespoon sour cream  
2 cups flour

Jam (tart jams such as raspberry or apricot work best)

Cream together the butter, cream cheese, salt, and sour cream. Stir in the flour. On a floured surface, knead the dough with your hands until its smooth. Chill the dough in the refrigerator for three hours. Place the chilled dough on a lightly floured countertop. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough thin (about 1/8"). With a table knife, cut the dough into 3-inch squares. Spread one corner of each square with jam. Starting in that corner, roll up each square, then curve in the ends to form a crescent. Gently place the crescents on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the edges are beginning to turn golden.

This recipe found in the back of *Danger at the Zoo: a Kit Mystery* (American Girl series), c2005.