

# ARDANRUNES

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## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Baroness Charmaine de Chanson  
Knight Marshal: THL Maximilian von Braun  
Herald: VACANT  
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: James in le Breres  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Youth Marshal: VACANT  
Web Minister: Lord Vachir Altan  
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Baroness Charmaine de Chanson  
Chatelaine: Lord Michael atte Harp  
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull  
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING REPLACEMENTS – Quartermaster

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED - Herald, Chirurgeon, Youth Marshal, Minister of Children (all vacant).

## AS RORY WRITES

I hope all of you enjoy the fourth electronic issue of Ardanrunes. Submissions and artwork are strongly desired! Please give your input. This is your newsletter. I have replaced Bremen BdBt 12 pt font size with Century Gothic 12 pt font size for the headers, Bremen BdBt with Century Gothic 16 pt font sizes for the newsletter title, and am continuing to use Times New Roman 10 pt font size for the text. We will see how this looks once changed into a PDF file. 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!

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Cross Villa Apartments off of Airline Drive (turn at the road next to the Cici's Pizza). Starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse! Contact Lady Dana ([hellodana@juno.com](mailto:hellodana@juno.com)) for directions! Movie will NOT be "Kingdom of Heaven extended version" since Lord Michael atte Harp will be unable to attend. LASAGNA brought to you by Rory, James, and Dana (maybe we are watching "Garfield: The Movie"?). BYOD!



## LET'S DANCE!

This month's dance is: Gey Gordon

The Gey Gordon is also known as the 'Scotland the Brave' dance, because of the music. This is a couple's dance and can be danced with as few as one couple and as many as can safely fill the room. The dance takes a lot of space so it is a good idea to walk the dance once before the music begins to know just how long and wide your 'dance aisle' is for your couple. There are variations to the dance which can make it 'faster' for both members of the couple. However this dance can be pretty fast and lively in its original form. The dance is wonderful for endurance competitions (a "dance off").

Each couple is in their own world for this dance. Couples are scattered around the room, arranged so that the 'dance aisle' needed for each couple avoids collision. You can arrange the couples to form a cross or saltare (an x) or to be parallel to each other, or any other pattern. Just make sure the 'dance aisles' do not collide.

The young lord is on the left and the young lady is on the right side by side with their hands joined in front (right hands together and left hands together). It is important that the hands and arms are joined correctly in front as the couple will turn halfway around during the first part of the dance twice. If correctly joined at the hands the turn is smooth. If joined incorrectly someone is likely to get a dislocated shoulder or have a big fall. This starting position is called the Varisovienne Position. (Someone could look this up and write a brief synopsis of the history of this position for a future issue of Ardanrunes – hint, hint.)

The dance begins! Starting with their right foot, the couples take four steps forward, turn halfway round, and take three steps back. This is repeated (four steps forward, turn halfway round, and take three steps back). The lady twirls under the lord's arm. The lord and lady take both hands and spin around at least one full turn and assume their original position. The dance begins again.

First to note is that you are dancing to the count of eight. The dance down the 'aisle' is steps 1,2,3,4 turn (step 5), back 6, 7, and 8. This is repeated – steps 1,2,3,4 turn (step 5), back 6, 7, and 8. The lord and lady drop their left hands and the lord holds the lady's right hand up as she twirls to the count of eight underneath his arm. The lord and lady take both hands and spin around to the count of eight, ending in their original start positions.

There are some variations. The first is that while the lady twirls under the lord's right arm, the lord skips in place, as opposed to just standing there. That way the lord is also doing something and is not just a bump on the log and the lady is not the only one worn out by the end of the dance.

The other option is that the lord and lady move down the 'aisle' during the second half of the dance, the lady twirling while the lord steps forward eight steps. This makes the dance more energetic and tiring and can result in 'collisions' with other couples if they have not done it correctly.

It is a fast paced dance but a lot of fun.

Enjoy! –Rory

## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Forest Maiden's Favour II

Lord Michael atte Harp, HL Sarah MacGregor, and Barun Rory attended the second annual Forest Maiden's Favour held by the Shire of Blackmoor Keep the weekend of May 5-7 at Camp Wi-ta-Wentin (a Boy Scout Camp) in Moss Bluff, just north of Lake Charles. Sarah and Rory competed in the Quest, which included tasks along with discoveries to make. Sadly the poems both wrote as part of the Quest requirements are in the sacred hands of Baroness Barbara and not yet available for publication in this newsletter. However both performed their poems during feast. Michael competed in the single sword tourney held inside the great hall due to a lot of rain that morning. During court Michael received the Combattant Ram and Sarah received the Diamond Chalice. Some exciting highlights for those not from Ardanroe were: Big Jon proposed to Ancyra in court. King Radu finally won Baroness Barbara's guessing game. Nigel the autocrat received the Combattant Ram. Sa'ad became a member of the Order of the Aries and was paid twenty camels as the bride price for Ancyra by Big Jon.

### Aphar Faire

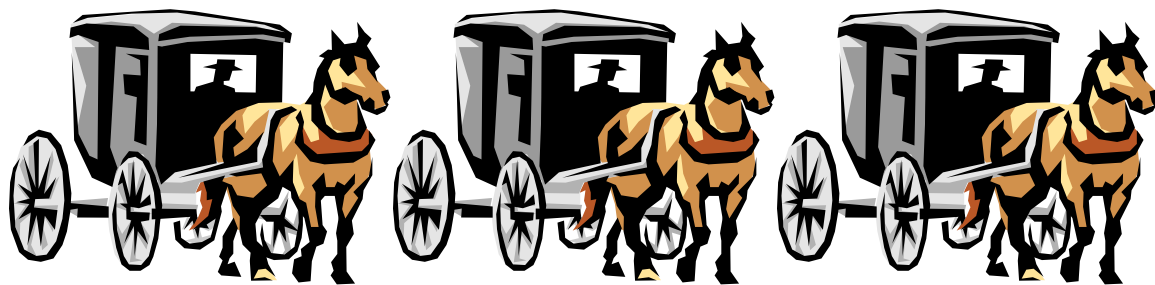
James in les Breres (and others?) traveled fair and far to the May 5-7 Aphar Faire held by the Shire of Lagerdamm. The theme was Middle Eastern and included many interesting classes and an amazing display of entries in the A&S contests. See Gawin's site for pictures from Aphar Faire, probably also taken by Eleanor of Small Gray Bear – <http://68.51.29.96/>.

### Spring Coronation

It was Sloth, Greed, and Gluttony at the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann's second coronation! Greed burned her arm trying to pull breakfast out of the oven before it was ready. (Greed showed off her burn scar at May's A&S workshop. Charmaine commiserated as she too had acquired a burn scar on her right arm this month doing wood-burning.) The Grim Reaper came for TRMs Radu and Broinnfinn. King Radu crowned Havordh before departing. The new King crowned Mary Grace as his Queen. During court the Incipient Shires of Northover and Rooks Haven were each elevated to full-Shire status. Sarah, Medb, and James were three of the seven deadly sins at the evening masque ball. Sadly the septuplets did not win any of the prizes that night. Spring Coronation was hosted by the Barony of Grey Niche at their new site near Jackson, Tennessee.

### Candlelight Lite

The Barony of Small Gray Bear held "Candlelight Lite" a one-day free event at the Baron and Baroness' country estate south of Little Rock, Arkansas (Mabelville) on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. See pictures at Gawin's website to try to spot anyone from our Shire there. Pictures at Gawin's site were taken by Eleanor of Small Gray Bear - <http://68.51.29.96/>



## TOWN FAIRE

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> an Extra Credit Fighter Practice and Drumming Social was held at Rory's starting at 6:00 p.m. Over 17 people attended. Lord Michael cooked spaghetti (he hated all of Rory's pots – not big enough) and later gave drumming lessons. HL Maximilian and Antonio (just back from basic training) fought. Lord Alexander armored up but arrived too late for the fighting, but not for spaghetti! Ice cream popsicles were after-dinner treats (and before dinner treats for those who could not stay). HL Deborah and Baroness Medb got to identify the liquor in Rory's hidden "wine cabinet".

James in les Breres held "Part One of How Do I Keep All This Stuff Together" as the Shire of Ardanroe's A&S night on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The focus of the workshop was bags, pouches, and pilgrim's satchels. Ten people attended. Several members brought pouches as examples for James' presentation which covered the use of soft leather and the use of cloth. Baroness Charmaine made black cloth red drawstring bags for everyone. The geometric shapes of the period pouches were also discussed – trapezoid verse triangle – and reasons for changes in shape over time. Decoration for the pouches from tassels and bells to embroidery was mentioned. Illustrations from Medieval manuscripts and patterns were distributed. A fun part of the evening was trying to correctly translate a short "how to" article originally written in German which had gone through a computer translation program. Several German words were not translatable by the computer.

See if you can find the meaning to the following words:

Zusammennähen	Troddeln	Wickle	Troddel
Formbeständiger	Fodder	Zusammengeknotet	Umkrempeln
Festnähen	Festgenäht		

Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Cross Villa Apartments outdoor clubhouse (screened pavilion) will be the Shire's A&S workshop "How Do I Keep All This Stuff Together: Part 2 – Boxes and Crates". James will bring pre-cut wood so everyone can make a basic six-board box. There will be a small materials fee (estimated at \$10 or less). James will let everyone know at the June populace meeting (14<sup>th</sup>) the costs and what materials to bring. Contact Lady Dana ([hellodana@juno.com](mailto:hellodana@juno.com)) for directions!

Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a special Mead Making Workshop at Johannes and Bronwen's in Benton. Contact Bronwen ([bjballbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:bjballbeck@yahoo.com)) for directions!

## FORTNIGHT

The May Populace Meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Courtyard Coffee in Shreveport located at 7436 Youree Drive next to the Michael's Art Store. The calendar of upcoming events was announced, forms for an Ardanroe directory were again distributed, and reports from officers made. Fifteen people attended the populace meeting. New folk introduced were Darlene, a friend of Charmaine's (Darlene brought her whole family to the fighter practice/drumming social though they were not able to stay long) and John Goddard with the Shreveport Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Health problems have been a major issue for families of several of the ladies of Ardanroe. Rovena resigned as Herald because of this. Conor, her husband, also resigned as Chirurgeon and Youth Marshal due to health problems in Rovena's family. These three positions are available and join the vacant Minister of Children. Charmaine is also looking for a Quartermaster (possibly Sarah – but time will tell). The Constable office has changed. Dana is now the local Constable. Because of Mother's Day, fighter practice was moved to Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Rory's as the extra credit fighter practice/drumming social for May. Medb reported that the Shire's Finance Committee is continuing work on revising the Shire's Financial Policy, but that the budget for the year was approved - \$50/office plus the extra requests received in April. The Finance Committee also approved designation of a Shire Social Fund of \$100 if the Shire holds a one-day event or Christmas Social, etc. Charmaine reported that Maximilian had donated the ancient plastic totes used for equipment storage over a decade ago (maybe two decades ago). These would be returned to Maximilian when new modern sealable totes were purchased. James reported on the upcoming activities for May and June and thanked all for participating in the summer garb workshop

in April. The Ardanrune's May issue is now on the Shire's website. James presented the information for a proposed one-day summer event (August 5<sup>th</sup> – first Saturday – could be called anything but Rory is currently listing it as “Tri-Delta Triangle: Our Shire Summer Social”). It will be held at Sarah's in Benton. A flyer with complete details is in the works. Medb had the paperwork for signatures tonight to then submit a bid to host the Fall Crown List at Caney Lake Methodist Camp the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held on the Shire working on an item of Kingdom regalia for presentation at Winter Wonders XXI. A discussion was also held on future locations for the populace meeting as the room is getting too small for the number attending.

Several demos are in the planning stages:

Cedar Grove Library – June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. for Home Schooled Children ages 11 and up (Contact Rovenia for information)

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of North Louisiana – John Goddard made a presentation and passed out information about this year's production by the Society, “Princess Ida”. It will be a summer musical at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse July 13-16 and 20-23. The G&S Society would like the SCA to help with garb, armor, and props, along with a demo before the play. Bronwen has already been in contact with the G&S Society's wardrobe manager. They are looking at Hungary as the thematic location for the musical (since it can be in any country). Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> is the date for the demo to be held before the performance. If all goes well, Mr. Goddard would also like the Shire to consider assisting with Madrigal Nights which the G&S Society may hold in November and December.

Amata's badge was submitted by mail on May 13<sup>th</sup> to the Ruby Herald of Gleann Abhann.



### SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many new awards in the new Kingdom.

#### Order of the Arrow and Bolt

It is Our Royal Will that those who have benefited the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, through excellence in the arts of the bow, the javelin, and the axe, shall be recognized for their achievements. To this end do We name (Recipient's name) to the Order of the Arrow and Bolt. To this We set Our Hands and Seals this (number) day of (month) Anno Societatis (Society year), being (year) Gregorian.

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