

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

July 8	Lugh
July 15	The Hunt for the Prize: The Gleann Abhann Live Weapons Championship
July 29	SCA Summer Camp & Baronial Investiture
August 5	A Splendid Spectacle of Summer
September 2	Slay the Dragon
September 2	A Mid-Summer Knight's Dream
September 9	Quest for the Holy Pail II
September 16	Gleann Abhann's Third Crown List
November 4	Battle of the Three Kings - Rosenfeld

## 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  
Chirurgion: 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, Chirurgion, Youth Marshal, Minister of Children (all vacant).

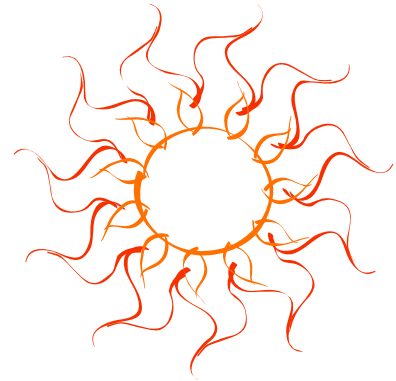
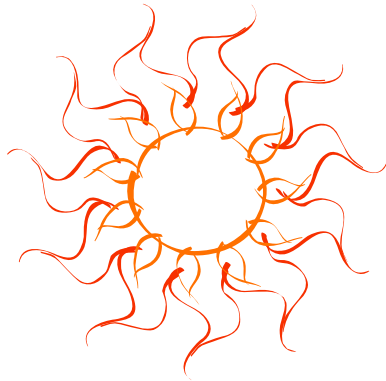
## AS RORY WRITES

I have received a couple of responses from Shire artists and art-finders for art work in the Ardanrunes. Thanks! But more is needed! Plus articles! Like book reviews (hint, hint Sarah), recipes, and research!

Thank you James for the wonderful Shire Social Event flyer!

Check out the addition of color! I was inspired by the Scribes. ☺

I look forward to hearing from all of you soon!



## A SPLENDID SPECTACLE OF SUMMER

The Shire of Ardanroe invites our friends, the Shires of Blackwood, Loch Bais, and Talondale to partake of a Splendid Spectacle of Summer under the Fiery Red Gleann Abhann Sun

August 5, 2006 A.S. XLI

As the Summer sun shines down in all its Wrath and Fury on us, and Harvest Time approaches we ask our neighboring Shires to gather for Games of Strength, Wit, and Cunning

THL Sarah MacGregor, the Oracle of Summer Fun, has opened her country estates Saturday, August 5, 2006, for a Summer Romp of Romanesque Frivolity.

Enjoy two tournaments, the Ardanroe Champion Tourney restricted to Ardanroe fighters and the Oracle's Champion Tourney open to all.

There will also be Combat Target archery for the children and adults, with a Splendid Beast to shoot, so bring your Bows and Combat arrows

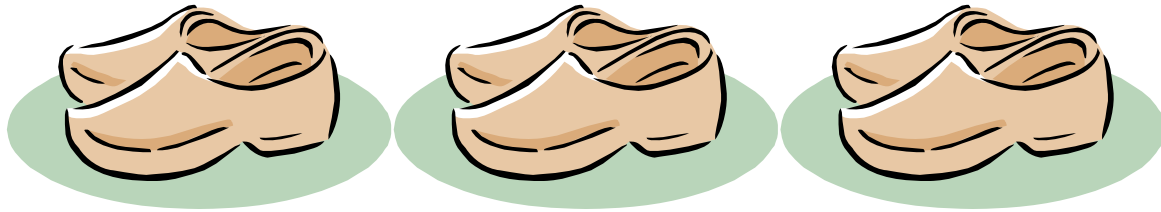
“Chase the Nymph” (tag for the kids), and other low-key fun in the warm summer sun.

There will be A&S categories of **Best use of the Color Red**, **Best Drink to beat the heat (nonalcoholic)**, **SCA Life**, and a special category in the potluck for populace voting, **Best Summer Dish (period or non period)**.

This is a **FREE** Social Event that will last from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. That should be enough time in the sun.

Lunch is pot luck, so please bring a dish of your very best crafting to share.

RSVP to James les Breres at [chicory@gmail.com](mailto:chicory@gmail.com) for Directions to these lovely lands with a count of who will be attending and the type of food that you will bring for all to sample



## LET'S DANCE!

This month's dance is: John Tallow's Canon

Since the plan is to do the Official Bransle and the John Tallow's Canon at the Gilbert & Sullivan "Princess Ida" demo this month, it might be good to give the directions to the second dance.

The John Tallow's Canon is also known as 'the Legend' dance after the music that occurs in the movie Legend (that 1985 movie that starred Tom Cruise as Jack and Mia Sara as Princess Lily and Tim Curry as the Lord of Darkness). However the music for the John Tallow's Canon is not always the Legend music. It does have a more period tune. And we will be using the more period tune at the demo.

This could be considered a country dance in that a lot of country dances are composed of two couples forming a square. In many country dances the couples interact with each other. In the John Tallow's Canon the second couple mimics the first couple, doing everything they do, just four beats later. Thus while there are four dancers you actually have two couples dancing, the partners interacting with each other but both couples actually separated from each other. This dance can be very elegant. Couples may hold items in one hand such as swords, candles, or fans to add to the dance. This can be a dance that hints at intimacy and longing but never attaining the desire for the partners and couples never have to touch each other. Partners can take each others hand when they perform the half circles, but it is not required. The actions of the hands, arms, and faces lend as much weight to the vision of the dance as the dance steps.

The dance could be performed by four lords or four ladies rather than two lords and two ladies. And even if there are two lords and two ladies, rather than having couples composed of one lord and one lady, it could be done with couple one being the two lords and couple two being the two ladies, or vice versa. And of course you can have as many sets of four dancers scattered around a room as desired.

Begin with the two couples forming a square and facing their partner. Consider the dance to be done to the count of four. Couple one will start. Couple two will begin on the second count of four (basically after couple one has danced the first count of four). These are the steps for Couple one.

Couple one come together and return to their original places as both step in a double and back. (Step one, two, three, and rise up and rise down and back two, three, and four.) Couple one will then slowly come towards each other crossing over on their left sides and quickly take their partner's original position. Step left. (Count one, two) Step right. (Count three, four) Crossing over on their left shoulders they step left, step right, turning to face partner with left foot and then right foot. (These four steps are to the count of one, two, three, and four.) These two parts of the dance are then repeated by Couple one – in a double and back, slowly crossing and taking their partner's place.

The next part of the dance I may have wrong. I am saying the next part is half circles; however, it may be a full circle. Couple one joins their right hands (or give the semblance of joining their right hands) and makes a half circle followed by a turn single to face the opposite direction. Couple one joins their left hands (or give the semblance of joining their left hands) and makes a half circle followed by a turn single and turn to face their partner. The dance then repeats from the start.

This is a beautiful night and demo dance.  
Enjoy! –Rory

## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Over the Hedge: Part 2 of Forest Maiden's Favour II

Johannes, Bronwen, and their two daughters, Delany and Taylor, also attended Forest Maiden's Favour II the first weekend of May. Johannes came in second in the Heavy Weapons Tournament. This is his personal best since moving to Gleann Abhann. Unbeknownst to them, while they were at feast, a part of the filming of "Over the Hedge" was taking place. RJ the Raccoon snuck into their cabin to steal their bread – a fine texture, baked fresh and made especially for sandwiches. The animals won for on Sunday morning the humans retreated to other less-wild habitats. ☺

### Birthday Bash

Attendance from Ardanroe was high with James, Maximilian, Michael, Ceara, Paul, Christiana, Dana, Medb, Rory, Sarah, Johannes, Bronwen, Stephen, and the mysterious Lily. Johannes and Bronwen's daughters were probably also there. There may have been a few others I have forgotten or did not see (yes, Jacqueline was there but she's a Vogelburgian now ☺). How many of these spent the weekend and how many came for just the day I do not know; however, Dana, Medb, and Rory traveled together to attend Saturday meeting at eight o'clock in the morning. Total attendance was 94 and one babe in arms. The Shire Defender Tourney was the heavy weapons tournament and ran from nine o'clock to sometime between noon and one o'clock. There may have been twenty fighters in the tournament, which included Maximilian, Michael, Paul, and Johannes. James was the bye fighter. Ambrielle was the minister of the list. Sarah heralded the first half of the list and Melisande of Loch Bais the second half. The final bout was between Ashikaga Hironoto and Sir Eric of Chester. This was historic in that the last time the two had faced each other was the final bout of the first Regional Warlord Tournament held on May 13, 1995 A.S. XXX (30). Sir Eric was the victor, as he had been that day over a decade ago. Upon being declared the winner of the tournament, a black and red armor bag made by Lady Bethany Bacon was presented to Sir Eric as the prize. He accepted the honor of Shire Defender of Loch Bais, but called forth the first person he fought that day, Michael atte Harp, and presented to him the armor bag. The contest categories were Brewing/Vinting, Open A&S, and Bridesmaid A&S. House Subrosa also sponsored a contest being the category SCA Life. James entered a cloth pouch, Johannes entered a leather 'man sack', and Johannes, Bronwen, and James each entered mead or other alcoholic beverages in the various categories. Sarah MacGregor taught 'Identifying Fabric' passing around samples of fabrics. Her class handout was entitled 'Period Fabrics and Fibers and their Mundane Counterparts.' Seven people attended her class including Christiana, Ceara, Dana, Rory, and Mistress Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree. Due to the heat of the day, Master Erik of Telemark's class 'Getting Started in Rapier in Gleann Abhann' was moved to the room on the left in the concrete yurt rather than under the pavilion at the list field. James en les Breres and Maximilian von Braun gave a class on 'Making Brigantine Armor' inside the feast hall. Both were well attended with roughly fifteen people at each. Four useful links for rapier given by Master Erik were [rapier.gleannabhann.org](http://rapier.gleannabhann.org) (Kingdom of Gleann Abhann Rapier Page), <http://www.zenwarriorarmory.com/> (Zen Warrior Armory [was Triplette]), <http://www.amfence.com/html/armoury.html> (American Fencers Supply - Armory Page), and <http://www.darkwoodarmoury.com/> (Darkwood Armory Webpage). A William Tell Combat Archery Shoot was held on the list field. James and Maximilian had made three wooden targets, two shaped as adult white rams with an apple on their heads, and one shaped as a baby black lamb with an apple on its head. The wood used was half inch in thickness and this proved to be too thin. Nonie Ramsbane, Seneschal of Blackwood, broke the horns off the large adult rams with combat arrows and bolts shot from bows and crossbows. Several other archers broke pieces of the horns following her example. The apples were attached by short metal rods so that when struck they might spin or fly off, if hit correctly. Some ladies asked about Celestine's fabric parasol used to ward off the hot rays of the sun. She obtained it from India and advised that it could be ordered from the following site, <http://www.shalincraft-india.com/subhome/umbrella.html>. The winners of the tournaments and contests and prizes were: Shire Defender – Sir Eric of Chester; Most Chivalrous Fighter (judged by Damosels of Astolat) – Michael atte Harp; Noted as a Chivalrous Fighter by the DoA – Danek Nikolaev of Blackmoor Keep; Open A&S – Katerina of Blackmoor [greenwoman vase], SCA Life – Katerina of Blackmoor [greenwoman vase]; Bridesmaid A&S – Camille of Axemoor [sweet still cherry melon mead]; Brewing & Fermenting – Griffin Brewery [two beers – a London Pub Ale and Amber Lager]. Bronwen's mead won the Brewing/Vinting category. Since House Subrosa sponsored SCA Life, Johannes' 'man sack' was disqualified as he was a member of House Subrosa, though his leather satchel had received the most votes.

Baroness Barbara's guessing game rhyme was:

Once again, it's Loch Bais Birthday Bash! Happy number eleven.

Hhmmmm.....

May the candles on your cake, burn like cities in your wake. Happy Birthday, (stomp) Happy Birthday (stomp)

I've developed leprosy, get your birthday kiss from me, Happy Birthday, (stomp) Happy Birthday (stomp)

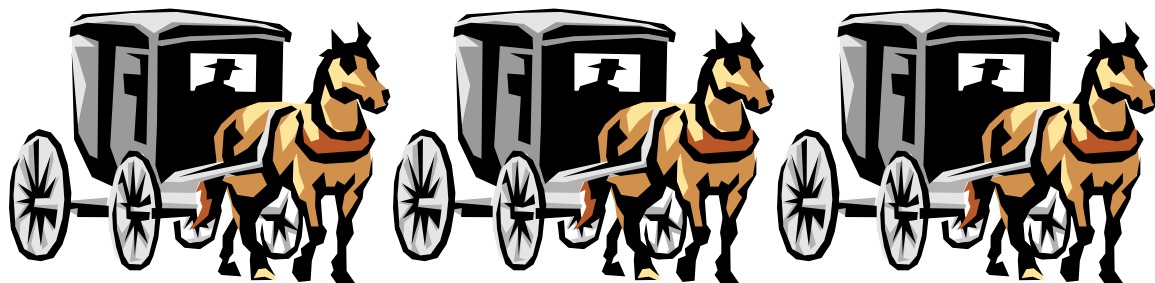
For guessing it was candles I would use, but in this heat they'd totally fuse, Happy Birthday, (stomp) Happy Birthday (stomp)

I'm not opposed to doing shticks, rather than candles, you're guessing picks ... unwoaded picks that is, Happy Birthday, (stomp) Happy Birthday (stomp)

The exact number was 151. Aurianna Ravenstein guessed 150 but had left before feast, so the prize (peanuts) went to Mistress Brigit who guessed 147. Victrix was one off with 152 and received a large bottle of Frank's Hot Sauce.

### **2006 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium**

Rory, Sarah, Medb, and Medb's mom attended this Known World event held the weekend of June 16-18<sup>th</sup> in Metairie, Louisiana, at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel. One hundred and seventy-one gentlefolk came. Thirty classes were taught by nineteen instructors after cancellations and substitutions. Medb was the merchant liaison and attended some name classes and scribal classes. Rory was the class coordinator running around everywhere but did attend a few name classes. Sarah was the travel goddess to assist with coordinating roommates and travel. She was also the 'go to' girl for the autocrat to lean on, cry to, and get drunk with. Sarah taught 'Practical Event Heraldry' as part of the SCA Practical Heraldry Track. At HRM Mary Grace's court Saturday evening the Shire of Ardanroe presented a nutcracker knight in heraldic armor of Gleann Abhann colors, Mardi Gras beads in Gleann Abhann colors found in Ardanroe, and a children's storybook with illuminated pages, all fitting the theme of the event. The event staff presented a ceramic golden panther (done at Linwood Ceramics) to the autocrat, Kat, whose device has a gold panther as its primary charge and whose household is House Golden Panther. The three staff members from Ardanroe received heavy glass goblets from the autocrat as thank you gifts so are ready for the next Shire party. Commemorative t-shirts, bags, and Proceedings were sold (some still available!).



### **TOWN FAIRE**

Little Eric the Viking now has a Tudor sister. Elizabeth, looking forward to her reign in two decades, joined the Erlund Family in late June.

Rovena conducted the SCA demo for the Home Schooled Children at Cedar Grove Library on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Parents and children enjoyed it and the Librarian was most appreciative.

Movie Night Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Cross Villa Clubhouse was a mixed success. Dana hosted providing the Clubhouse for use for a Shire dinner and movie. James, Medb, and Rory brought DVD and VHS movies to choose from for viewing. Sadly the DVD/VCR connection to the television could not be figured out. However, James' muffaletto, Rory's Mexican lasagna, Dana's Greek lasagna, Dana's whole wheat bread, Sarah's cheesecake, and cobbler, tea, water, and other drinks were enjoyed in a sit down social dinner. Nine members attended – Dana, Medb, Sarah, James, Rory, Deborah, Antonio, and Deborah's two younger children.

On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> a Sewing Day for the Opera (Gilbert and Sullivan's "Princess Ida") was held at the Auld's Branch Library. Lady Dana reports they were the fastest needles in the south. Twelve chemises, veils, and wimples were sewn and twelve belts for the fighters created. Lady Bronwen, Shire costume liaison to the G&S Opera Guild, was praised for a well organized sewing circle.

Bronwen gave a wonderful hour and a half show-and-tell lecture on mead-making at her home on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> to ten people (nine Shire members and the G&S Seamstress). Mead is a honey wine (**note that if you are allergic to honey you should not drink this**). From the class, the types of mead are:

Tradition – mead made only with honey and water

Hydromel – light-bodied traditional mead

Sack Mead – sweet mead (not made in Johannes' man sack)

Metheglin – mead flavored with spices

Melomel – mead flavored with fruits and/or fruit juices

- Cyser – mead made with apples
- Black mead – mead made with black currants
- Pyment – mead made with grapes

Hippocras – pyment flavored with spices

Braggot – mead made with malted barley (not mead made by a bragger)

Capsicumel – mead made with chili peppers (possibly drunk by the Red Hot Chili Peppers)

Rhodomel – mead made with rose hips (not the type used for hip replacement surgery)

Recommended sites for supplies are:

The Beer Essentials – they have everything as well as good customer service – <http://www.thebeeressentials.com/>

Austin Homebrew Supply – another good source with free shipping over \$60 – <http://www.austinhomebrew.com/>

Recommended sites for further reading:

About Mead – <http://www.aboutmead.com/index.html>

Got Mead? – <http://www.gotmead.com/index.php>

Johannes plans to give a beer-making workshop in the future. In addition to the mead-making class, two dances were taught for the "Princess Ida" demo – Official Bransle and John Tallow's Canon, the Shire banner for the Kingdom's Pennsic Wall was prepped – cloth was gesso-ed, and coats of arms were drawn up for the actors costumes in "Princess Ida". Pizza was also enjoyed.

## FORTNIGHT

The June Populace Meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Courtyard Coffee in Shreveport located at 7436 Youree Drive next to the Michael's Art Store. Eight people (Sarah, Dana, Medb, Rory, James, Amata, Johannes, Darlene) attended. Sarah was acting seneschal for the meeting. The calendar of upcoming events was announced. The flyer for the Shire's August social event was distributed and proofed – much to James' chagrin but to the delight of the coffee drinkers. James reminded everyone that the mead-making workshop at J&B's would start at six o'clock on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first Wednesday of August (2<sup>nd</sup>) would be the Shire Pavilion set-up night and field preparation for the August Shire Social event at Sarah's. We still need a herald. Good news is that the June Letter of Intent from Gleann Abhann covers almost all of the Gulf Wars submissions and most of the submissions mailed from Ardanroe. Because of Father's Day, fighter practice was canceled. Medb reported that the Shire is financially sound. There was no Quartermaster report. James stated that the box-making workshop for June's A&S night would be at Holy Cross Villas in the screen outdoor pavilion on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the supplies for each box is \$11.50. He hopes to have six or seven made out of pine that night. Each box should use one eight foot piece of wood. The July A&S will be feasting and picnicking (primary place settings). Paper Mache wine-bottle holders will be painted as the project. These may cost roughly \$3 each. August's A&S will be basic dances found at balls taught by Rory. September's A&S is tentatively block-printing (either field markers or a Shire wall hanging with something to represent each member – possibly a pennant for each person). The Constable had nothing to report. The webminister sent a report.

Everyone must subscribe to be able to post to the Forum. This should prevent SPAM that was appearing last week. There were no reports from the Provost, Chatelaine, and Historian. The Chronicler reported that the June Ardanrunes is on the Shire's web site. It was requested that issues of Ardanrunes be archived on the website so that you can go back and see all issues for any given year. That would also be helpful for end-of-year reports officers have to do. Under Old Business, Medb announced that the Shire did not get the bid for Crown List. More work is needed to be done in preparation for the Gilbert and Sullivan production of "Princess Ida" and the Shire demo at it. Contact Bronwen for details. Under New Business pitchers of plastic and metal, red and metallic in color were examined. The red metal one was considered the best and suggested that six be gotten for the Shire to use at its events. There will be no activity planned for the first Wednesday of July. The movie night the first Wednesday of June was fun as a dinner social since the controls could not be figured out. This has been remedied so movies could be seen at the Holy Cross Villa Clubhouse in the future. Sarah was asked to check on when Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX) has their fighter practices so that a road-trip could be arranged in the future. Those present also approved listing Ansteorra events by Rosenfeld in the Ardanrunes calendar. Forest Maiden's Favour was discussed and the William Tell apple-ram targets a hit.

Demos are in the planning stages:

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of North Louisiana "Princess Ida" – Michael atte Harp is in charge of this demo. There will be fighting, dancing, singing, and a display table. See posts on the Forum for Date, Time, Location, and Directions.



### SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

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

#### Order of the Lamb

Our children and youth are the future of this Kingdom. It is their sense of wonder and curiosity that lends them the willingness to serve. Their service and energy towards the care of Gleann Abhann shall not go unrecognized. Therefore, We name you, \_\_\_\_\_ as a member of the Order of the Lamb and commend you for all your good works. Done on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian.

X Sovereign

X Consort