

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

September 2	Slay the Dragon
September 2	A Mid-Summer Knight's Dream
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November 4	Halloween Havoc
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## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: THL Sarah MacGregor  
Knight Marshal: THL Maximilian von Braun  
Herald: VACANT  
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord 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: THL Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: Lord Michael atte Harp  
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull  
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

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

## AS RORY WRITES

There have been some changes in Ardanroe during the month of August. Baroness Charmaine has resigned to spend more time with her father, who is in hospice care. THL Sarah MacGregor is now the Seneschal and Quartermaster of the Shire. Fighter practice is being held every other Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please check the online Forum for notices regarding fighter practice, as should an event draw all the fighters away, practice will be cancelled for that Sunday. The September Populace meeting will be at Aulds Library in Shady Grove subdivision in Bossier City.

Keep sending in your articles and news. I look forward to hearing from all of you soon!

## LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings to the populace of Ardanroe from your Seneschal!

Despite August being a "quiet" month on the Kingdom calendar, Ardanroe has managed to stay busy! I'd like to take a moment to heartily welcome all of the new members we have recently adopted, and to thank all those members who have taken their time to help our newcomers feel at home in our group. Special thanks especially to all of those who have been answering questions, assisting with fighter practice, and working on clothing to get our new members ready to go to their first events.

With the end of summer upon us, the Kingdom calendar is getting busy again. Many of our Ardanroe members will be participating in Crown List on September 16, either as combattants, consorts, or event staff, so please try to make an effort to come out and cheer for your friends (and lend them a hand, if you find yourself able). Additionally, several of our neighbor shires are hosting events this fall, including Vogelburg, Loch Bais, and Blackwood, so there will be no shortage of fun things to do for the coming months.

With the increase of activity in the schedule, the Crown is, likewise, getting busy. I have been asked to share this request with you, sent to me by Her Royal Majesty Mary-Grace:

*It is the duty of the Crown to travel far and wide throughout Their Kingdom to assess the state of Their Lands and to reward those good gentles who have done service to Their Kingdom. In this vein it is Our desire to visit as much of Our Kingdom as possible and in doing so, to involve the members of Our populace in these travels. It is Our wish that the leaders of each of Our groups extend Our humble request to the members of your populace.*

*For any who wish to become part of the Royal Court, we would ask that they contact Us via electronic mail. Please know that We would welcome all, both young and old, even if they could help at even one event. For this service, We would not only be most grateful, but We will be so pleased to be able to get to know more and more of Our populace.*

*Mary-Grace  
Queen*

If any of you have questions about what is involved with being a part of the Royal Court, please contact either their Majesties or myself. I'd be happy to answer any questions I can.

In Service to Ardanroe,

THL Sarah MacGregor  
Seneschal

## HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative (subject to change as the stars move☺) schedule of Shire activities for the month of September:

September 6 – History of the Kilt – 7:00 p.m. – Johannes & Branwen's  
September 10 – Fighter Practice – 9:30 a.m. – Mike Woods Park  
September 13 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library  
September 24 – Fighter Practice – 9:30 a.m. – Mike Woods Park  
September 27 – A&S Workshop: Glass Etching – 7:00 p.m. – Location TBA (See FORUM or Pop Mtg to find out)



## POETIC WORKS

The following 'fantastic' work of poetry was created as part of the Quest requirements at Forest Maiden's Favour II by the future Mrs. Big John (Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra).

There once was a lady from Blackmoor  
 Who was sweetness down to the core  
 Items she did count  
 And chocolates hand out  
 Her guessing game had become lore.

She was loved throughout the land  
 The guessing game to everyone's hand  
 As the number they'd pick  
 With a guess or with wit  
 And to their number, they'd happily stand.

Who is the person described in this poem?  
 The answer is: Lady Barbara Sterling

## ANSWERS!

Below are the translations for the German words from the June 2006 issue of *Ardanrunes* found in the "how to" article James had at the May 24<sup>th</sup> "How Do I Keep All This Stuff Together: Part One – Bags and Pouches". The translations are from *Cassell's German-English English-German Dictionary* completely revised by Harold T. Betteridge (New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1978). A few words are best guesses based on what was found in the dictionary. I think the word "Fodder" was the English word from the computer translation of the article. It is uncertain what word truly was meant – hay, dry materials, something else?

Zusammennähen	to sew together	Troddeln	tassels (plural)
Wickle {probably Wickel}	roll (to roll something)	Troddel	tassel (singular)
Formbeständiger	lasting/constant shape	Fodder {English already}	hay
Zusammengeknötet	knot together/tie in a knot together	Umkrepeln	turn or tuck up
Festnähen	firmly sew/sew fast (sturdy)	Festgenäht	firmly seam/seam fast



## LET'S DANCE!

This month's dance is: Trenchmore

The Trenchmore is a couple's dance. The men form one line and the women form the other line facing each other. There can be as many couples as the room can fit. Each couple faces the front of the hall and takes the hand of his or her partner. And the dance begins!

Each couple goes up a double and back. Basically each couple steps right, left, right, and kicks with the left foot, bringing the left foot back, right foot back, left foot back, and right foot back. Each couple is back in their original starting position. Each couple again goes up a double and back. Once again back in their original starting position, each couple goes up a double. But does not go back!!

At this point the couples drop hands and split apart (cast off) going down the line to meet at the end of the hall. The couple takes each others hand and return to their starting place.

Now the dance gets dangerous. You have to pay attention or you will get hurt.

The lead couple, couple one of the dance, change places and still holding each others hand dive under the arms of the second couple, go over the third couple, under the fourth couple, over the fifth couple, etc. This is called a roll. Each couple follows. As each couple reaches the head of the line they change places and head back down the hall in the roll. Then the first couple reaches the end of the hall they change places and go back up the hall in the roll. Each couple does this until every couple reaches their starting position.

When the first couple reaches the head of the hall and their starting position, they swing their partner around one and half times and then head down the hall alternating swinging their partner and the next opposite sex person in line until they reach the end of the hall. Most couples in the line start clapping their hands and stomping their feet as if they were doing a barnyard dance. The first couple swings their partner at the end of the line and stops, now becoming the last couple in the line. The dance then starts all over again with a new first couple leading off the dance.

This is a very energetic dance. You must keep track of the roll – are you diving under or going over the next couple? If you don't pay attention you can have a collision. You may also get dizzy as the first couple doing the swinging all the way down the hall at the end of the dance.

While this dance normally has couples formed of one lord and one lady each, there is nothing against same sex couples. In fact, late at night during a ball, you may see two inebriated lords stumbling through the 'roll' part of this dance. This is a fun dance – both to do and to watch.

Enjoy!  
-Rory



**Crowd and Dragon watches at the Splendid Spectacle of Summer. Finals of the Oracle's Champion Tourney.**

## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### A Splendid Spectacle of Summer

The members of the Shires of Ardanroe, Blackwood, Loch Bais, and Rosenfeld came together Saturday, August 5, 2006 (AS XLI) for 'a splendid spectacle of summer'. Held at Lord James en le Breres' country manor, where his mother's Secret Garden grew (much like the story) and a few beehives were hidden in the briars, sixty-seven gentlefolk of all ages took an unofficial social event and made it a summer blockbuster. The Oracle of Summer Fun, THL Sarah MacGregor, with her Marshin Fayne parasol, heralded the Shire Champion and Oracle's Champion Tournaments. Five Ardanroe fighters vied to become the Shire Champion - THL Maximilian von Braun, Lord Michael atte Harp, Lord Johannes von Gruefenburg, Lord Blaec le Dering, and Lord Olaf Lutherson. The eight fighters fought to become the Oracle's Champion - Lord Khalil ibn Abd al-Rahman, Melisande of Loch Bais, Lord Orin Ketilsson of Rosenfeld, THL Maximilian von Braun, Lord Michael atte Harp, Lord Christopher Summerset of Rosenfeld, Lord Tomas Tostason of Rosenfeld, and Lord Johannes von Gruefenburg. Duke Patrick Michael Gordonne of Rosenfeld and Sir Robert Gethin Albrit of Blackwood marshaled the Oracle's tourney while Sir Robert and Lord Khalil marshaled the Shire's. Barun Rory was the list minister. Pick-up fights followed. A dragon archery target was not used due to the amount of fun the fighters were having. A potluck buffet was held inside along with four arts and sciences contests. After the feast the Ansteorran rapier fighters did pick-up fights outside. The children watched the tourneys, Scooby Doo, and attacked a thick-skinned piñata of Skittles. Contest winners received scrolls and prizes of books or other items.

The Oracle of Summer Fun  
Foresees games of strength, wit, and cunning  
Under a Fiery Red Gleann Abhann Sun  
During a splendid spectacle of summer.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August A.S. XLI in the Shire of  
Ardanroe  
Amidst the Briar Patches (beware the bees!)  
The Oracle of Summer Fun  
From her country estates sees

Maximilian von Braun is the victor of the Ardanroe Champion Tournament; Maximilian von Braun is the victor of the Oracle's Champion Tournament; Sarah Redford is the winner for the Best Use of the Color Red; Colette is the winner for the Best Drink to beat the Heat (non-alcoholic); Sarah MacGregor is the winner for the category SCA Life; Orin Ketilsson is the winner for the Best Summer Dish (period or non-period); and James en le Breres is a tired but satisfied autocrat.



**The Shire Champion revealed!**



**Children attack piñata of Skittles!**



**Autocrat thanked by the Oracle!**



**Sarah Redford, Best Use of the Color Red!**



**“I thought he was Sir Gethin, honest!” Orin Ketilsson, Best Dish**



**The Dragon goes to terrorize Vogelburg.**



**Ceara, Shire Historian, with the Oracle.**



**Teaching inkleweaving.**



Collette is winner of Best Summer Drink. “We can do pick-ups all day!” The Hostess of the House.

**SCA Summer Camp**

Medb and Antonio attended this jam-packed event on July 29<sup>th</sup> that boasted 191 gentlefolk by the end of the weekend. Classes, tournaments, and a Baronial Investiture! A rapier tourney, heavy tourney, and a youth tourney were held. In the late morning under the Kingdom pavilion the final court of Sir Merwydd and Mistress Eleri, Baron and Baroness, was held along with Kingdom court. The two stepped down, Mistress Eleri receiving a Court Barony. The Honorable Lord Ifor and Honorable Lady Muirgen, called Morgana, were invested as the new Baron and Baroness of Axemoor. Following court a group picture was taken by Baroness Barbara, Kingdom Historian, of all of the members of the Barony. In the afternoon the first Baronial court of Ifor and Morgana (Muirgen) was held with Kingdom court inside the hall at the Woodsmen of the World Camp in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Antonio was the lifeguard so that the pool could be open for swimming during the hot summer day.

**A LOOK AT THE PAST**

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. Since this is a look at the past, the first office to be featured is that of the Historian. The Historian maintains a written and photographic history of the Shire.

9/1981- ?/198?	Phillipe de’ Anjou	3/1989-7/1989	Judith
8/1985-11/1985	Diarmuid MacSeumas O’ Siodhachain	8/1989-10/1989	Jacqueline de Lyons (as Seneschal)
12/1985-6/1986	Stephen Wolfe	10/1989-7/1990	Alessandra Alegretti (as Seneschal)
7/1986-9/1986	Brendan O’Connchobar	8/1990-9/1990	James de Burget
10/1986	Brendan O’Conchobar	10/1990-12/1991	Amata Quentin Motzhart
2/1987-?/1987	Merlin Oakenshield	1/1992-9/2001	Rory ua Riada
1/1988-5/1988	Stephen Wolfe	10/2001-10/2005	Vacant and Dormant
5/1988-9/1988	Arwen of Caer Beaddan	11/2005-Present	Ceara ynseyder kiaull
10/1988-3/1989	Graham		

For all times not listed, the office was inactive. Merlin Oakenshield definitely held the office through September 1987 but there are no records for the last three months of that year. Presumably he completed the year and Stephen received it in January 1988. During Stephen’s tenure a one page synopsis of significant events during a given year from the Shire’s past was published in the *Ardanrunes*. Graham was Chronicler when she took the Historian’s office. Both offices were combined until Judith moved. At that time it reverted to the Seneschal and went inactive until James de Burget became Historian. Since then it has remained a separate office.

## TOWN FAIRE

On July 26<sup>th</sup> at the A&S workshop held at Aulds Branch Library, following a show and tell presentation on feast gear by several members, discussion of feast gear, preparations and table settings with handouts from James, many members decorated square or cylindrical wine bottle holders with paints and stamps.

The dragon archery target for the Shire's Summer Social and Vogelburg's Slay the Drago event was drawn and painted on the first Wednesday of August (2<sup>nd</sup>) James' house. The mouth and eyes were later cut out as targets.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Aulds Branch Library the following four dances were taught by Rory in preparation of the fabulous event season this fall: Hole in the Wall, Official Bransle, Maltese Bransle, and Black Nag. Twenty-one people attended.

Fighter practices at Mike Woods Park on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> were well attended. Sixteen people were there on the 13<sup>th</sup>, ten putting on or trying on armor. Twenty-three people were there on the 27<sup>th</sup>, eleven putting on armor. Both days practices went past noon, starting at 9:30 a.m.

## FORTNIGHT

The August Populace Meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Courtyard Coffee in Shreveport located at 7436 Youree Drive next to the Michael's Art Store. Sixteen people (Sarah, Dana, Medb, Rory, James, Amata, Maximilian, Antonio, Johannes, Branwen, 'Scott', John Goddard, Frances Bryant, and newcomers Tad, Tim and Samantha) attended. Charmaine sent a letter of resignation as Seneschal to concentrate on her father, who is in hospice care. Sarah was named as the new seneschal and conducted the meeting. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society members were thanked for coming to the meeting tonight. The calendar of upcoming events was announced. We still need a herald, youth marshal, surgeon, and minister of children. James' name submission was in the Gleann Abhann July Letter of Intent. Medb reported that the site deposit for Caney Lake had been refunded, Gulf Wars XV (2006) Volunteer Hours Funds received, and the second quarter finance report was ready to be signed and turned in. Sarah reported that as the new Quartermaster she is getting everything moved to her place and has a lot to go through. James as the A&S Minister announced that August's A&S workshop would be a dance class of four basic dances found at events taught by Rory, September's A&S would be glass etching of the Shire's plates, ideas were needed for what design to put on the Shire's plates and on banners. Everyone was encouraged to let James know what A&S projects they had done for his quarterly reports. A discussion was held on extra A&S workshops. Branwen's friend is willing to teach "History of the Kilt" and is available the first Wednesday of September. All were in favor and Branwen is to locate a place for the class (Auld's Library or elsewhere). Johannes' beer-making class is to be held on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a fighter practice at Johannes and Branwen's home.

A brief intermission was held for a round the room introduction of everyone. This included three new members, two whom have been in the SCA long ago and are now able to get involved again.

The Constable and Provost had nothing new to report. Rory stated that the August issue of Ardanrunes was on the website, print copy turned in for the files, and that Vachir had answered the question about an archive for Ardanrunes; these are available under the general directory of Ardanrunes. Sarah will ask Vachir to put a link to that directory on the site. The Chatelaine was not present, this being the first day of school and he being a school teacher. The Historian was also not present. Maximilian reported that fighter practice is now every other Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Mike Woods Park. This Sunday there will be fighter practice. But check the Forum in the future for cancellations when a big event conflicts.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society demo for "Princess Ida" was a big success for both groups in publicity. John Goddard and Frances Bryant thanked the Shire for all of the hard work done with the demo, costumes, and props. Both of them presented gifts to the Shire. The Gilbert and Sullivan North Louisiana Society is tentatively looking at a winter fundraiser, a madrigal dinner theme. The Shire may assist with this as the idea matures.

The August 5<sup>th</sup> Shire Summer Social had 67 people in attendance from the four groups (Ardanroe, Blackwood, Loch Bais, Rosenfeld). Rosenfeld definitely wants to have another activity with Ardanroe in the future. Sadly Rosenfeld and Loch Bais' events this fall are on the same weekend, November 4. More children's activities will need to be planned in the future, especially for the teen-agers.

Winter Wonders is the next Shire hosted event. It is the weekend of February 9-11, 2007 and the site, Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp One, has been reserved. The autocrat, co-autocrat, and feastcrat will have a planning meeting this month and present the budget, theme, activities and draft flyer to the group at the September populace meeting.

Antonio was wished a fond farewell as he is being transferred down to Axemoor by the BAFB.



### 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 Silver Ram

It is the artisans in these Current Middle Ages who create bright and splendid images of times long ago. Their skills give beauty and glory to the Kingdom and to the Society. The talents and skills of \_\_\_\_\_ have advanced the excellence in the Arts and Sciences in Gleann Abhann, therefore, We wish to name this talented gentle a member of the Silver Ram. We find such endeavors to create wondrous works a praiseworthy pursuit. Done this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_ Gregorian.

Sovereign     Consort

### MATCH GAME

With many new people interested in the SCA, the question of making garb (costumes) comes up often. Learn a few foreign words and terms related to the overall process of fabric-making and costumes. Match the term with the definition. These are from the “Explanation of Specific Words” section of *Woven into the Earth: Textiles from Norse Greenland* by Else Østergård (Denmark: Aarhus University Press, 2004). This book was used by THL Sarah during her class at Birthday Bash in June. Answers in the next issue!

#### Term

- \_\_\_ Broge
- \_\_\_ Fell wool
- \_\_\_ Guldgubber
- \_\_\_ Haircloth
- \_\_\_ Kobberem
- \_\_\_ ‘Hags’ Spinning Wheel’
- \_\_\_ Pile weaving
- \_\_\_ Repp
- \_\_\_ Shirting
- \_\_\_ Spinning or twining hooks

#### Definition

- a. Wool from dead animals
- b. Strips of sealskin
- c. Cheap and strong plain woven cotton
- d. Trousers with feet
- e. Norwegian designation for the weight for flywheels in drills
- f. A plain weave, where the number of threads decide the type of repp
- g. Wooden implements for the production of thread
- h. Golf-leaf pieces, the size of a fingernail, and impressed
- i. Cut threads or wool staples – rising above the surface of a fabric like a long-haired nap
- j. Old designation for clothes woven from goat and cattle hair