



The Cataract

The Newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters

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CALENDAR



NOTE: Meetings and practices are held September - June at Richmond Street School, Thorold, Sundays 2-5 pm, except holiday weekends and after a Rising Waters event. A&S nights are held at 122 Dufferin St. E, St. Catharines, 6 - 10 pm.

Please be advised that when not enough people show up for a Sunday practice, those who did come are likely to leave by 2:45.

May, A.S. XLVII – Happy New Year!

6 – archery practice

7 -- A&S night

12 -- ~~Lady Mary Memorial Tourney~~

Border Spat, Harrowgate Heath (Cornwall, ON)

13 -- Mother's Day (no practice)

18–21 – Fruits of our Labours V, Bryniau Tywynnog
(Ayr, ON)

20 -- Victoria Day (no practice)

26 – Spring Crown Tournament, Caer Draeth
(Barrie, ON)

27 – meeting/archery practice

28 -- A&S night

June

2 – Pikeman's Pleasure, Petrea Thule (Millbrook, ON)

Brass Ring Thing 12, Beau Fleuve
(N. Tonawanda, NY)

3 – fight practice/dance practice

4 -- A&S night

7-10 – Murder Melée 29, Ben Dunfirth (Acton, ON)

10 – fight practice (?)

11 -- A&S night

16 – Meeting Madness II, TBA

17 – archery practice

23 - Lady Mary Memorial Tourney (Stevensville
Conservation Area)

24 – NO meeting/fight practice

28 – July 2 – Trillium War, Ardchreag (Whitby, ON)

Summer schedule to be determined

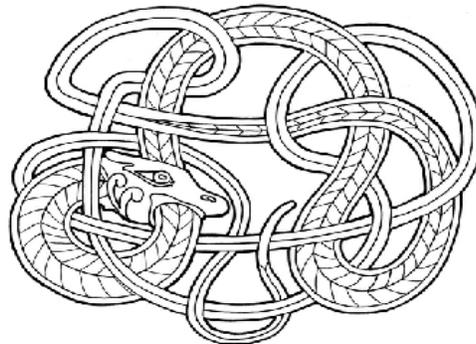
July 27-Aug 12 – Pennsic 41

August 31-September 2 – Baron's Howe, Brennistein
Vatn (Bonfield, ON)

October

27 -- Fall Crown Tourney (Merritton Hall, St.
Catharines)

Congratulations to Mistress Aibhilin who will be on Pelican vigil at Lady Mary Tourney XXV.



NOTE: I want to update the baronial phone list, which is a file in the Rising Waters Yahoo! Please go to that file, check your listing, and e-mail Lady Ysabeau with any corrections. Thank you!

Ariadne



BARON & BARONESS

Greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters;



St. Valentines Day Massacre III was a great event, even with hazardous weather conditions. It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to travel out to the event. The Queen was thrilled on all counts by the fantastic step stool and the Rydderich Hael's presentation of the Throwing weapons; her reaction was wonderful!

We were so pleased to see Archery up and running at the last meeting; hopefully this will be habit. Thank you to Don the Duckman and Reynard for their efforts.

A&S nights at Ylaria's are wonderful times to hone talents and get great advice. If you can be there, take advantage of the time to work on projects. Thank you, Yllaria, for hosting these nights.

Richard and Annabelle

CHATELAINE

Greetings from your Chatelaine;



Prize for great recruiting goes to Liadin for her encouragement of King Textiles . Awesome plan! As always, don't be shy; bring a friend out to play.

There has been a request for a demo at the Smithville Library for a Wednesday at 1300 during July OR August. If there is anyone available please let me know, I will organize a particular day according to the response. If you need me to I will simply choose a day and we can try to populate that day. Let me know. Thank you.

Annabelle

SENESCHAL

Greetings unto the populace of Rising Waters.



His Excellency Baron Valdr járnsmiðr (formerly known as Aeneas Oakhammer) will be taking over as Seneschal at Lady Mary.

The date for Lady Mary has changed to June 23, and will be at Stevensville Conservation Area. Lady Selwyn is the Autocrat. See the flyer for further information.

We will be finishing at the Richmond Street School at the end of June and need to decide on meeting and practice locations for the summer.

At the May meeting we will be discussing changing the day and time of practices. If you would like to have any input, please be there.

Their Excellencies need award recommendations for the Lady Mary Tourney and in general. Please make the effort to apprise them of anyone you think deserves an award. You are encouraged to suggest kingdom level awards as well.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in service,

Ysabeau de Comport

Greetings Everyone,

This is just a reminder to please ensure your registration information is up to date with SCA Inc for your membership. Updating can be done or at this url:

<http://www.sca.org/members/registry.cgi>

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or emails, please make sure you update your

file. It only takes a few minutes to submit any changes.

The only way the Kingdom can get correct information, for Baronial polling for instance, is if the information at SCA Inc is accurate and up to date.

Lady Heather, Kingdom Seneschal

All you need to do to declare yourself a citizen of a barony in which you do not live is to write the baron/baroness of the applicable barony, the seneschal and the current Royal couple, telling them that you play in this barony and would like to be officially considered a member of that barony.

FIGHTING



Fight practices continue on Sunday afternoons per the schedule. Once we have a Sunday afternoon with warm and dry weather we will move out of doors to fight in the fresh air.

During April we had an armouring session at Rusgain's. We hope to have another one in May to help folks get into armour. A date will be posted to the Yahoo group and the Facebook group.

At our most recent practice we had six fighters in armour. That is the most in quite a while. We hope to have more fighters come out. We have also had new people express an interest in fighting.

Congratulations to Viscount Ulfbrandr (formerly Michel D'Arques) who won the dagger tourney at the recent Passing of the Ice Dragon over in the Barony of Rydderich Hael.

Lastly please start practicing for the summer melee season. Get your muscles used to the use of mass weapons and large shields.

Richard Larmer

ARCHERY

Deputy Archery Marshal Report:



I'm happy to report that we are having regular archery practices at the Richmond Street School once every three weeks. We have had between two and six archers shooting. The setup seems to work quite well, and the ethafoam target faces are verra nice to shoot into. Thanks to THL Gandalfr, our Baronial Archery Marshall, for acquiring these.

We have some loaner bows, but lack bowstrings for most of them. We have a good supply of loaner arrows. We have a few loaner finger tabs and arm guards (donations appreciated). What I'd like to see is more archers on the line. C'mon out—I know you're out there!

I do have a favour to ask. We need a couple of able-bodied individuals to help with set-up and breakdown. Most of the archers we have are experiencing some physical issues (myself included) that make the ladder-climbing and toting of heavy-ish objects difficult. Often the fighters help (thanks muchly for that, good gentles!), but if there's no fighting that week, sometimes we are up the creek.

Next archery practice is Sunday, May 6, between and and 5 p.m. Put it on your calendar and let others know. See you there!

Reynard de Foch, at your service

CHRONICLER



For Sustaining and International members, our kingdom e-newsletter is available online now at <http://enewsletter.sca.org/>. Your user name is your membership number. The temporary password in order to access the e-newsletter site is "start" (without the quotes). We ask that everyone change the temporary password immediately. If you haven't received an e-mail notification yet that the newsletter is available, please send your current e-mail address, name, and membership number

to membership@sca.org to receive future notifications.

Thank you to all the officers for sending their reports/letters to me in a timely fashion. If anyone would like to send me an article, recipe, cartoon or artwork, please see the last page for particulars.

The Barony still has several copies of the new edition of The Known World Handbook for sale at \$30.00. Contact me if you would like to purchase one.

If anyone has a hankering to be the Chronicler, please let me know.

Ariadne

The Lady Mary Memorial Tourney XXD

Stevensville Conservation Area
Stevensville, ON



Site opens: 10:00
Armour inspections promptly at 11:00
Youth combat if marshalls are present

Site fees: Adults \$10.00, children 16 and below \$5.00
Feast fees: Adults \$13.00, youth 5-16 \$6.50,
children 4 and under free
Family caps: \$25.00 site; \$40.00 with feast

Regalia show-off contest

Bardic competiton theme: Chalicees/Swans

Event steward: Lady Selwyn of the Wood

519-686-2737 (work)

Reservations steward: Baroness Aibhilin fra Skye

lady.mary.tourney.reservations@gmail.com

Feast steward: Lady Sof'ia and Lord Ludwig

Directions:

From all points:

Take your best route to the QEW heading towards Niagara Falls

Take Exit 16, Sodom Road (Regional Road #116)

Travel south along Sodom Road to Main St., Stevensville

Turn right (west) onto Main St.

Proceed along Main St. to Park entrance



BRASS RING THING XII

(aka the Carrousel Museum demo)

The Canton of Beau Fleuve and the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Location: Herschell Carrousel Museum, 180 Thompson Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Once again, good gentles, do we invite all that is good and great from these Sylvan Lands to celebrate the medieval origins of the carousel and to give aid to the good gentles of the Herschell Carrousel Museum!

As always, this is a FREE event to all SCAdians who attend in garb and troll in. The day will be full of entertainment, pageantry, arts, games, food and tournaments in Heavy Weapons, Archery, Thrown Weapons and Fencing.

It is a day of grand Tournaments. Fighters, fencers, archers and throwers, come prepared to show your skill and be cheered on by the crowd!

It is a day of grand Art. We will again be hosting the Artisans' Tents and we invite one and all to come and share their skills. Work on projects, demonstrate your skills, display your art and visit with fellow artisans.

It is a day of grand Entertainment. Musicians, Gamers, Dancers, Singers, Thespians, Jesters, Drummers, Jugglers and more are invited to share their talents. We encourage all who enjoy performing to come and celebrate the day!

It is a day of Knowledge. Please come and display your collections, books, games or those items of which you are most proud. You will have the chance to talk about what you love most about the Middle Ages and share your knowledge with others.

It is a day to show who we are. We ask that you bring your good spirit, pageantry and good will. There is room for banners, so please show your personal and group devices proudly. This is a day to display all that is good in the SCA to the general public. It is a chance to share our hobby and invite new people to try our activities. The Brass Ring Thing is an opportunity to share the joy of our events with those that know little about us.

The site is once again open to the public from 11 am to 6 pm. Gentles are welcome to set up Friday evening after 6 pm and Saturday morning after 8 am. There is no sideboard or feast, but the concession stand will have basic picnic-style food available for sale.

This year's Autocrat is THL Morwenna Everdon (MorwennaEverdon@aol.com). J. Human, PO Box 607, Lockport, NY 14095 (716)622-4680. This event is free to SCA members in garb. There is no Non-member surcharge.

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Event Registration (just in case you didn't notice it in *The Tidings*)

The information requested below is to be supplied for the flyer to be published, failing which it will, of course, not be published, and just like her predecessors it will sit on the desk looking at me mournfully.

Book your event *first* with the Calendar Secretary. Don't worry; I've been told he's a very nice person and will do his very best to ensure your conflicts are sorted and everything is A-OK. E-mail him at calendar@ealdormere.ca.

Remember...if your event is not on the event calendar, your information will not be published...and if your event is not published in the Kingdom Newsletter, well then, your event is *not* an official event. You may send this information to The Tidings either electronically or in hard copy. But seriously, sending it electronically is really a very nice, friendly and polite thing to do. Contact information for the Chronicler is listed in various places, but just in case... marginalia@rogers.com.

Here is the information you really must have gotten the impression you need to send, which is good, because you do. Early. Now would be good...;-)

- Name of the hosting group, and sponsoring group if applicable.
- Name of the event, event site, and full postal address.
- Date of the event.
- Site opening and closing times.
- Site fees.
- Cheques made payable to "SCA-_____".
- Information about the event Steward: Society name; legal name; membership number; and contact information.
- Information about the Reservation Steward: Society name; legal name; membership number; and contact info.
- Directions to the site. (and go test them yourself please)
- Any additional information, feast information, etc.

Submissions may be edited for space. Events are allowed one page for the flyer. Send some artwork along with it to make it more eye-catching. Should you require additional space for your menu, full details on all the amazing classes you will be providing, pictures of the event from last year, etc...please consult the commercial rates listed under the Submissions Policy on the front inside cover of *The Tidings*.

Baron Gunther Wahlstadt Von Bremen

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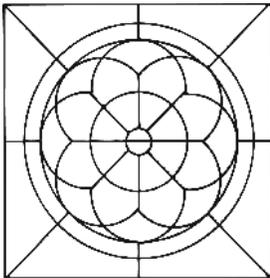
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Thrown Weapons Champion: Lady Selwyn of the Wood (Melody Green)

Rapier Champion: TBA

Youth Combat Champion: TBA

A&S Champion: Lady Chiara Stella (Pasqua Terrone)

Bardic Champion: TBA

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