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On the Cover:

Scenes from the Relay for Life in 2006. Photos taken by Isabella Peccettii. In case you are curious, these pics were submitted in the photo contest that ran last year.



The Baron's Column

Baron Harold Devin of Waltham

We all have our preferences, for example, I like curry, scotch and jazz. I know people, good good friends, who hate all three of those things. To me, a perfect

evening can be made from a good meal of Aloo Gobhi [1], followed by sitting down with a glass of Lagavulin [2], and a vintage tape of Thelonious Monk on the stereo. For me, it's a good thing.

However, for reasons that completely escape me, otherwise sound-in-mind friends would rather gnaw off their own ears before any of those three things enter their lives. I fail to understand this at all. But that's okay, because I don't insist that they enjoy these things and to be selfish - the more for me to enjoy.

They, on the other hand, might enjoy a good steak, a glass of pepsi and Ozzie's greatest hits. Not my first choices but that's okay because they don't insist that I enjoy these things and to be selfish - the more for them to enjoy.

Seems fair. Seems completely fair. They like what they want and I like what I want. We are, and remain, friends because there are many things that we both enjoy. We respect each others differences and enjoy our similarities.

One of the strengths of the SCA is that we do it all. Be it food, blacksmithing, clothing, warfare, teaching, politics, construction, painting, service or any of myriad of other things we seek out and enjoy, we cover pretty much all aspects of medieval life. It is a wide range that will take a lifetime to discover and enjoy. Someone might focus in on one thing or decide to touch a bit of everything. We are the Baskin-Robbins of

social clubs - thirty one thousand things to see and do with another thirty one thousand around the corner.

Even if you choose to do it all, you probably won't be doing it all at the same time and there will be things that you sometimes embrace and sometimes discard or even avoid. In the same vein, others in the SCA will share your love of some interests and shake their heads as you take off down site for your monthly meeting of the widget [3] polishers guild.

This is all good. This is a strength of the SCA and we should all be happy that this venue exists to allow each of us to enjoy what we want to enjoy and take a pass on things that we don't want to enjoy.

So, what's my point? Well, it goes like this. There is so much going on in the SCA, things that you like and things that quite frankly you hate. We should all try to enjoy what we like and let others enjoy what they like even if we ourselves hate it. It boils down to this - if it's not hurting you personally, let's all try to avoid getting in the way of other peoples fun.

For consider this - if you hire yourself as someone who gets in the way of someone else's fun - have you not set up rules of play whereby they can get in the way of YOUR fun? Doesn't seem like we're building a very nice place in which to play.

So have fun.

[1] sorry chronicler, your spell checker is going to fight this column [2] ibid [3] can't have dull widget[4] [4] not a euphamism

Council Meeting Highlights April 25, 2007

 May Bardic and Defenders (James Wolfden): We're looking pretty good for profit with 70-80 members in attendance. Finances aren't finalized yet. Rough guess is \$500 in profit because the site expense was much lower than budgeted for. There were 13 fighters. For archery there was 14, A&S 2 people and 2 people for Bardic. Down on members participating on A&S and Bardic. Overall the event was a big success. James is doing a post-mortem poll which was posted

- to the lists recently. Congrats to the autocrats (James and Cyneric) on a fantastic job!
- Last week was the Clinton meeting. Clinton is on the calendar. Contract won't be signed until legal and professional advice is received. Are there any volunteer Engineers who are willing to sign a document to ensure that the buildings at Clinton are safe? This is to show due diligence. There are still lots of questions still to be answered about the site before the contract does get signed. Event information has been sent to the Crier. Amanda has a preliminary event copy for the Crier containing information about risks on using the site. (More on the Baronial website...).
- The Baronial Librarian, Mariko, will be looking at selling off some of the less useful books at Bransles and making some acquisitions as well. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please contact Mariko.

- The SCA has changed the rules regarding alcohol at events. The ban on selling alcohol using our group's funds now extends into Canada (was previously just in the US). Investigations on how we are going to deal with this are underway.
- Not one, but TWO bids were put forward for Baronial Banquet. This is good! Since both contenders were not present, the discussion was postponed. Also, James Wolfden has volunteered to autocrat May Bardic in 2008. A Grand Ithra is being planned for the first weekend in March 2008.
- John MacAndrew will eventually stepping up as our A&S Officer. James Wolfden has volunteered to take on Baronial Archer. The office of Sheriff, Waterbearer and Demo Coordinator still need volunteers as well.

For all the details on what was discussed at Council, visit the Baronial website for a complete copy of the meeting minutes.

Greetings from your Sable Loat

to the submission process for An Tir. Mainly the where and the how. The Lions Blood Herald will be stepping down next month and a new position of a Lions Blood Clerk has been created to help with the job of submissions within An Tir. To that end there is a new address to send your submission packets to:

There have been some changes

An Tir College of Heralds 1001 Cooper Pt Rd SW #140, PMB-164 Olympia, WA 98502

Also, as I've reported previously, please ensure you use the new forms for submission. If you submit using the old forms the Lions Blood

Clerk as been directed to send them back immediately. The old forms were phased out late last year and have not been accepted since February 1st, 2007.

You can find the new forms on the An Tir College of Herald's website http://www.antirheralds.org/submissions/forms/forms.html or see me at a Bransle as I always try to have some on hand.

Yours in Service,

Caitrina Sable Loat

"Quarterly gules and sable a winged fox sejant argent"

http://www.members.shaw.ca/Caitrina/index.html

From the Chronicler's Quill...

We've got a double issue coming with the next issue so I would love to hear from you! Send me your ideas or – better yet – your SUBMISSIONS. Got pictures? Send those too! What better way to share with

your fellow Lions Gaters than in print. So don't delay and send those submissions today!

Yours in service, Lady Kira the Lighthearted of Rockfall



Lions Gate Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in bold.

<u>June</u>	
2	Relay for Life
8-10	Sealion War (Seagirt)
15-17	Lionsdale Champions Tourney

22 Bransle 26 North Wind submissions deadline

27	Lions Gate Baronial Council*
<u>July</u>	
1-3	An Tir West War (Oregon)
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27-29 Seagirt SYG 27 Bransle

27-Clinton Work Week

<u>August</u>

Clinton Work Week -2

3-6 Clinton War 18-19 SYGC Trials

Lions Gate Baronial Council* 22

24 Bransle

24-26 Warren War (Shittimwoode)

September Crown (Blatha An Oir) 31-2

*Lions Gate Baronial Council is where the "business" side of the Barony is run. All members are encouraged to attend council. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 7283 Nelson Avenue in Burnaby.

Contact the Seneschal, Lord Donatello Sanudo (Don Giacomazzi), (604) 856-8788, integratedtube@hotmail.com.



Cancer Society

Canadian Société canadienne du cancer

Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life

Relay for Life

June 2, 2007 from 10am to 10pm

Once again we are participating in the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Our day to battle against Cancer is almost here. Won't you please help us and enjoy some fun with friends at the same time? We need Fighters (both Heavy and Rapier), Dancers (Lots), Musicians, Waterbearers, Marshals, Funseakers and people who can answer the question "What in the world are you people doing?"

In honour of Baron Gerhard Kendal's memory, we have a team to participate in "Relay for Life". Rather than walk we will be doing our wonderful, amazing, 12-hour fundraising demo again for the Canadian Cancer Society in Coquitlam on Saturday June 2, 2007. The demo will be held at the Coquitlam Town

Centre Stadium (now known as Percy Perry Stadium).

We also need people to help set up on Friday at 6:00pm. We need to put up the Baronial Pavilion, a waterbearing station and the display area.

Help fight this disease by donating to our Relay team! Donations can be made online https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPled ge.asp?ievent=211269&lis=1&kntae211269=B DBD6907571A47C7AA77B52336F11E86&supl d=0&team=1760085&cj=Y

Once again this in memorial to Baron Sir Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland (aka Gerard Manson Stevens) November 12, 1936 -December 16, 2003, Anno Societatis XXXVIII.

Please find your way to the website and make a donation of any size at all, \$5.00 or \$50.00 it's all appreciated and it all helps. Please encourage others that you know (friends, family, doctors, dentists, etc.) to donate on the web site too. As the time is getting near to make our \$5,000.00 goal any donations that can be made before May 27th would be especially helpful. Any donations after that time will go to this wonderful cause, it just won't count toward our team total.

The Relay for Life is a community celebration where individuals raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminary candles around the track in a moving ceremony to honour cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. There will be mundane activities as well:

- Crafts for the Kids
- Rock Wall
- Live Bands
- Volleyball, Frisbee, etc

Sealion War June 8-10, 2007

Their Excellencies welcome you to the Barony of Seagirt.

War drums sound across the waters as the annual foes Seagirt and Lions Gate come together for Sealion War held in the Barony of Seagirt (Victoria, BC Canada) dated June 8th-10th, 2007.

Site opens at 2 on Friday and closes at 4 on Sunday. No dogs allowed (this a site rule) and site is VERY discreetly damp. Period containers only. Restating the importance of the discretely wet site. This is an active boy's scout camp with the camp steward on site, therefore, we ask all gentles for their understanding in this matter. All empties must be taken with you, however we are making

- Hair Cuts
- And, of course, the Relay!



Directions to Site

Make your best way to Lougheed Highway and Barnet Hwy Intersection in Coquitlam. Head North (this is Pinetree Way). Turn Right at Pinewood ave. Left at Pipeline Road. Try to find parking (good luck). If you need to unload, continue to Gabriola Drive and turn left.

Enter the park and find the unload zone near the entrance to the event.

The address of the relay is 1290 Pipeline Road Coquitlam.

The current team is filled with the following participants:

- Cocking, Darren (Cyneric)
- Hart, Colin (Colin MacKay)
- Delory, Yvonne (Dona Lasairiona)
- Gregory, Jacqueline (Azure)
- Hood, Roxanne (Caitrina)
- Jayson John (Jayson of House Werner)
- Shannon McAleese (Isabel de la Roche)

Please come out and help. We're counting on you!



possible arrangements to accept these on site, but please be

prepared to take them with you if you cannot. There is a dumpster on the site for garbage only.

Merchants are welcome

Site Fees:

Adult Camping	\$15
Adult Day	\$10
Youth Camping	\$10
Youth Day	\$5
Children 12 and under	FREE
Merchants	\$5
NMS of \$4 applies to all adults	

Make cheques payable to Barony of Seagirt.

There are a limited number of cabins (17 cabins with 4 bunks in each) are available by prebooking. At this time, all cabins are booked but a wait list has been set up. Cost is \$25 per person for weekend (includes site fee). If you're interested in a Cabin, please contact Mistress Lenora about space at lenora.is@shaw.ca.

Ithra at Sealion War

With the approval of both Lions Gate and Seagirt, there will be Ithra classes at this year's Sealion War. If you are planning to attend this years war on the Island and wish to take a class please contact HL Brenethwyn O'Connuluin, Chancellor, Insula Magna at stenning-johnson@telus.net.

Site Info

Camp Banard 3130 Young Lake, Sooke, BC V0S 1N0

Directions to Site

<u>From Lower Mainland</u> - Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay ferry. Pat Bay highway #17 toward Victoria. West (Right) on McKenzie. Right (North) onto the Trans Canada Hwy. Colwood exit (North) onto highway #14, which becomes Sooke Road. About 30 minutes to Sooke - In Sooke, Right onto Otter Point Road. Right on Young Lake Road. Straight at crossroads into site.

From Port Angeles - Take the MV Coho ferry. At the terminal exit turn left onto Belleville Road, Left on Douglas St., which becomes the Trans Canada Hwy. Follow instructions above.

From Up Island - After Malahat, take Millstream Rd/Veteran's Memorial Parkway exit. Go right (West) at exit ramp lights, follow to Sooke Road. Turn right (North) onto Sooke Road; follow instructions above.

Autocrat

HL Ming Lum Pee (Terrance Lam) 716 Belton Ave., Victoria, BC, V9A 2Z6 minglumpee@gmail.com



Lionsdale Champions

June 15-17, 2007

The sound of the bagpipe, the cries of the herald, the thunk of axe and arrow, the sweet smack of rattan on leather. Come join your friends in The Shire of Lionsdale for our annual Lionsdale Champions Tourney.

Site Fees

Adult (19+)	\$12
Youth (12-18)	\$6
Child (0-11)	Free
Family Cap	\$36
Non-Member Surcharge	\$4

Make cheques payable to "The Shire of Lionsdale"

Schedule

Site Opens at 5pm Friday. Opening Ceremonies 10am Saturday. Lists immediately after court. Closing Ceremonies 2pm Sunday. Site Closes at 7pm Sunday.

Competitions/Activities

- Armoured Championship
- Missile Championship
- Archery Championship
- Thrown Weapons Championship
- Bardic Championship
- Rapier tourney
- A&S competition
- Field herald competition
- Visual heraldry competition
- Ladies frying pan toss
- Dancing

Site Restrictions

Site is discreetly wet. Above ground fire pits only, must have an appropriate method of extinguishing fire within five feet of fire pit. Animals must be leashed at all times and cleaned up after. Please see the website for other restrictions.

Location

25133 - 0 Ave, Aldergrove B.C. V4W 2H4 Event is on your right-hand side after 256 St. and before 248 St.

Directions

From the East: make your best way to HWY 1, Take HWY 1 West, Get off at 264, heading South, Turn Right at 0 Ave., Event is on your right hand side after 256 st. and before 248 st.

<u>From the West:</u> Make your best way to HWY 1, Take HWY 1 East ,Get off at 264, heading South, follow directions above.

From the South: Make your best way to Guide Meridian (WA539, Meridian St. or exit 256 on the I5) Cross the Border at Lynden/Aldergrove crossing, Turn left at 0 Ave.

Much more information available at our web site: www.noaharney.com/champions

Hope to see you there.

Event Stewards (Autocrats)

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Her Ladyship Johanna Katarina Morgenstochter johannaswolf@lionsdale.com

Merchant Steward

Her Ladyship Sofia Marika traum von Trifels sofiasgirl@yahoo.ca



Growing Herbs - The Basics

Perhaps you'd like to use fresh herbs in your cooking or you enjoyed the fragrance of the herbs as you brushed past them in a museum garden. Whatever the reason, the idea has taken root and you're ready to start. If you knew where to start.

First consider the space you have available for the garden. How much sunlight does it receive? Does it get direct sun all day, part of the day or is it in shade? Most herbs prefer full sun, needing at least 4-6 hours of direct sun a day, although there are a few that will tolerate shade.

What type of soil is in the garden - clay and silt, sand or loam? Clay and silt soils have very small particles and slick and sticky when wet. They hold water well, sometimes too well, but water runs off quickly when the surface is dry. Sandy soil contain large particles and does not compact well when squeezed in your fist. This soil type is usually light colored and does not retain water well. Loam is a combination of the first two soil types and organic matter. Moist loam will form a ball when squeezed in your fist and the ball crumbles when poked. It absorbs and holds water well. Most soils can be amended by the addition of organic matter to make it more productive and balance the sand/clay ratios.

Does water stand in the space you've selected or does it stream through the area after a heavy rain? If so, look for another area. Your plants won't appreciate being drowned or swept away. Consider raised beds to improve drainage.

Do a little research on the herbs you would like to grow. Some plants take more water than others and some will tolerate shade better. Groups your herbs by their light, water and soil needs. Some don't take well to heat and need to be started early in the season. Most herbs can be sown directly in the garden, while others will be most successful if bought as seedlings or cuttings and transplanted into the garden.

If you buy a packet of seeds, be sure the seeds are fresh. Results will be much better with seeds that haven't been on the shelf for years. Check the packet for the date. Seedlings should be from a nearby nursery or gardening department. The microclimate from a nearby source will more closely match that of your garden than one located across town. Look for healthy plants with a good color. Tall, spindly plants are not better than short, bushy plants.

Don't crowd your plants. The seed packet or information marker with your seedling will list the space the plant needs. Heed their advice and give you herb room to grow.

Herbs, like all plants, like fertilizer. The herbs will grow bigger and greener if fertilized. Fertilized herbs tend to have less essential oils than their unfertilized counterparts. Less essential oil equals less flavor and aroma. The choice is up to the gardener.

Mulch your herb beds with 1-3 inches of a hardwood mulch or hardwood and sawdust mix. Mulch conserves water and cuts down on weeds. It also helps control the spread of invasive herbs, such as mint. The time you spend in mulching will be repaid in the time you don't have to spend in watering and weeding.

Herbs are generally quite hardy and resistant to insects and diseases. If you plan to use your herbs in cooking, do not use synthetic

pesticides on them. Insecticidal soap or horticultural oil can control severe outbreaks of aphids and mites. Planting a variety of herbs generally helps attracts helpful insects to keep the harmful ones in check.

If you have questions or problems, many resources are available. Your local county extension service offers many types of assistance, from lists of the best varieties of each herb for the area to free or low cost soil tests to free classes. Many of the gardening clubs offer help to gardeners. You might ask a member of your local herbalist guild.

Lady Aetheldreda of Dun Breatan Barony of Bryn Gwlad, Ansteorra



Word Search Puzzle — Foot and Leg Fashions

- **★** Boots
- ★ Brass
- ★ Buckle
- T DUCKIE
- **★** Button
- **★** Hose
- * Leather
- **★** Linen
- **★** Moss
- * Pattens
- *

- ★ Pewter
- * Shoes
- * Silk
- **★** Socks
- * Thread
- **★** Toggle
- * Turnshoes
- **★** Wood
- **★** Wool

Compendium



- * Their Royal Majesties of An Tir King Sven Falgr Gunnarson and Queen Signy Oxendahl (king@antir.sca.org, queen@antir.sca.org).
- * Their Highnesses of Tir Righ Prince Ulf Bloodfoot Fallgrson and Princess Caoimhinn ingen Domnaill (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).



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- * Archery Lady Anika Styfe (604) 299-0038, cheech23@telus.net. 4245 Dundas St., Burnaby, V5C 1B2.
- * Arts & Sciences Lord Adam Fairamay (604) 812-1503 (no calls after 9:00 pm please), dragon_carver@shaw.ca. 11076 - 143A St., Surrey.
- * Bardic Arts Bard HL Azure Mary McGregor (604) 420-5225, azure_347@yahoo.com. 5305 Prince Albert St., Vancouver, BC, V5W 3C7. * Recorder Classes run when there are students. Please contact Master Nikolai (604) 585-9607, dj4loney@shaw.ca. * Collegium Leonum Mistress Cushag (604) 467-8032, cushag@telus.net.
- * Blades (rapier) Augustine (Shawn Brueckner) (604) 464-5496, Augustine_sca@hotmail.com.
- * Chatelaine (newcomers) HL Genevieve Barbota of Gryphonshold (604) 872-8550 or cell (604) 872-8550, dragonward@shaw.ca. 5246 Spencer St., Vancouver, V5R 4A3. * Deputy - Mistress Kate Morrow.
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- * Dance Lady Cara Di Aquila, (604) 538-3051, cari@databyte.com. 2222 - 171A St., Surrey, V3S 9X6.
- * Demo Coordinator Volunteer needed! Please get in touch with the Seneschal or Baronial Coronet.
- Dragonward (rides to events) Lady Genevieve Barbota of Gryphonshold (see Chatelaine listing above).
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- * Stables Lord Cyneric Bearson (604) 576-4351, cyneric@telus.net. 8239 - 60th Ave., Cloverdale, V3S 1V7.
- * Waterbearer Volunteer needed!! Please get in touch with the Seneschal.