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The Baron's Column

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Well here we are back again. After a few missed issues the North Wind is once more up and running. Of course that means I have to come up with something new to write each month, which would be a lot easier if I wasn't such a procrastinator.

This past month we had a very successful Newcomers event with over 35 new people attending. It is nice to see so many interested people coming out to see what we are all about. Of course we have new people coming out at all times of the year, not just at a newcomer's event. It is important that we make them welcome and show them what we do so that they come back. If we do not have new people coming into the fold then we are destined to stagnate and die. Events like these and programs and initiatives that are welcoming help prevent that. I remember when I first was introduced to the Society at a demo in Brentwood mall. It was this event that sparked my interest and showed me a place where I could indulge my passion for history. It wasn't until I started going to a fight practice hosted by Sir Oak that I really began to belong to the SCA. Oak along with his wife Shirin and others who attended that practice showed me what our group was all about and

helped mentor me, allowing me to arrive at where I am today. So remember you never know if that new person coming in the door may someday come to make a difference, make them welcome and see where it goes. Many of the people who are now vital members of this Barony are relatively new but they were welcomed and allowed to find their place.

On April 1st 1204 Eleanor of Aquitaine died and was buried in the monastery at Fontevrault in Anjou, France. Eleanor was a remarkable woman for her time or in fact any time. She was wed to both the King of France and the King of England. Three of her sons were crowned king, though she would outlive all but one, and several daughters were wed to monarchs of Europe. The fact that she lived to 82 would make her unique in the Middle Ages but it is what she did in those eighty-two years that makes her one of the most fascinating people of a fascinating age.



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Council Highlights

March 2010

Goodbye Autocrats. Hello, Event Stewards!

Starting immediately, Lions Gate will start using the term Event Steward instead of Autocrat as the title of the generous individuals that organize our events. There has been a change towards this nomenclature in the Principality, the Kingdom and the Society.

Callen Drakkar was named the Event Steward for the new Tournament of Armies event happening the August long weekend.

Caitrina Macandrew was named the Event Steward for the Baronial Banquet. Hmm, the banquet in the hands of a Scottish Household – does ketchup improve the taste of haggis?

Even if the name has changed, the demand is still there. If you are interested stewarding an upcoming event, check out the LG Autocrats Event Package on the library page of the Baronial website. And, yes, an action item has been taken to rebrand the document.

Dalibor Named New Master of Stables

Dalibor replaced Cyneric Bearson as the new Master of Stables. He is also looking at changing the structure of the fight practise with more instruction for the new fighters and designated lessons.

Dalibor will also be looking at a formal sign-out for the Iron Key.

Baronial Asset Inventory Underway

The Chamberlain is creating a complete inventory of all equipment that the Barony owns and where it is located. The goal will be to have all the Baronial equipment tracked and accounted for whether it is stored in the locker or with the appropriate officer.

A team consisting of Baroness Caitrin, Anika, Jaqueline, Edrik and Francesca tackled the storage locker eliminating unnecessary items and organizing the remaining.

Any officer who has Baronial equipment and has not supplied a list of that equipment to the Chamberlain should do so immediately.

Bust a Medieval Move

The dance practise is a huge success! Attendance is around 14-15 students with many newcomers coming out. The classes are a lot of fun and the dancers have been trying to relearn and reinvent some of our old favourites from years gone by.

There remains one question – Where are the ‘old-timers’?

Rhiannon thinks it would be nice to encourage some more of our seasoned dancers to come out to practise. There have been discussions of putting together a demo dance team for events and demos.

Games Mistress reports no deaths or injuries!

This reporter thinks the banning of the game “How Many Chess Pieces Can I Stuff In My Mouth” has really helped in this department.

For more information on what was said at Council, check out the Council Minutes for March 2010 now posted at the Barony’s website - <http://lionsgate.antir.sca.org/public/council.minutes.shtml>



Calendar of Events

April-2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Event Listings for April-2010

Date	Branch	Event
10-11		Tir Righ Heraldic Symposium
Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 12 , 19 , 26
Thu		Baronial Council - 22
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 28
Fri		Bransle - 9
Thu		Rapier Practice - 1 , 8 , 15 , 22 , 29
Thu		Dance Practice - 1 , 15

May-2010						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Event Listings for May-2010

Date	Branch	Event
1		Lions Gate May Bardic
21-23		May Crown
28-30		Archery and Heavy Defenders' Tournament
Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 3 , 10 , 31
Thu		Baronial Council - 27
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 26
Fri		Bransle - 14
Thu		Rapier Practice - 6 , 13 , 20 , 27
Thu		Dance Practice - 6 , 20

June-2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Event Listings for June-2010

Date	Branch	Event
4-6		Sealion War
11-13		Tir Right June Coronet
25-27		Tir Righ / Avacal War
Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 7 , 14 , 21 , 28
Thu		Baronial Council - 24
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 23
Fri		Bransle - 11
Thu		Rapier Practice - 3 , 10 , 17 , 24
Thu		Dance Practice - 3 , 17

***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 Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at the Sapperton Pensioner's Hall, 318 Keary Street, New Westminster (across from Royal Columbian Hospital).

Please contact the Seneschale, Lady Francesca Wallace Drakkar (mka Miriam Donnelly) if you have any questions or business for Council. She can be reached at seneschal@lionsgate.antir.sca.org.

*Dust off your lyres. Tune your harps.
Soothe your throats with honey sweetened
beverages.
The time for friendly song over a campfire is over.
Bard against Bard. Skald against Troubadour.
A song is sword. A story is a lance.
The harp is a quiver of arrows.*

*Let the blood bath that is the Lions Gate Bardic
Defender Tournament commence!*



May Bardic

May 1, 2010

Lions Gate Bardic Defender's and Day of Games

Event Steward: Baroness Caitrin

Site: Sunrise Community Hall
1950 Windermere St.
Vancouver, B.C.

Time: 10 am to 10 pm.

Cost: Adults \$10
Youth 13-18 \$5
12 and under free
NMS will be collected

Games will be ongoing throughout the day and for those who wish there will be a games tournament for the adults and one for youth and children. This will include a number of indoor and outdoor games and activities with prizes for the victors.

There is no feast or pot-luck served but the populace is encouraged to bring their own dinner and there will be a prize for the best dinner presentation so bring your best dishes and table linens. There is limited kitchen space and facilities for use and candles are allowed in this hall. Alcohol is allowed but must remain inside the hall, not out in the park.

Day food will be available for purchase.

Schedule:

9:00 site opens. Come help set up.
10:00 gate opens
10:30 opening court/invocation
11:00 Bardic Defender's competition Part 1 begins
Games tournament begins
5:00 dinner
5:30 Bardic Defender's competition Part 2 begins
8:00 closing court
10:00 site closes. Stay and help clean up.

Directions:

From Hwy #1 East or West take 1st Ave West exit. Travel west on 1st Avenue one full block. Turn left at Rupert, traveling south. Travel 2 blocks and turn right at 3rd Ave. Parking is on the street.

Competition Format

Bardic Defender competitor will need to perform 2 pieces; at least one must be period. One piece presented before the judges and one selection for the populace.

Challengers may wish to peruse the Tir Righ judging form to see what the judges are looking for.

http://www.tirrig.org/library/forms/008_AS_Performance_Arts.pdf

Who will be the Warlord of Lions Gate?

July 30-August2, 2010 – Island 22 Equestrian Park, Chilliwack, B.C.

Every tradition must begin somewhere!

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=100420883332245>

Archery and Heavy Defenders Tourney

Event Steward: Her Ladyship, HL Morweena of House Desdecardo

Site: Albion Fair Grounds
23448 - 105 Avenue,
Maple Ridge
Camping! Flush toilets and running water! Dog friendly (An Tir Leash laws in effect)

Date: May 28 to 30 (site opens 5 pm Friday, closes 6 pm Sunday)

Cost: Adults \$15
Youth 13-18 \$7
12 and under FREE
NMS will be collected
Mundane Family Cap \$35
Make checks payable to "The Barony of Lions Gate"



Calling all archers and heavy fighters!

Vie for the honour of being Defender in the fields of archery or heavy combat for the oldest Barony in Tir Righ.

There will be tournaments for both titles, scheduled over two days to not conflict. Learn from some of the best fighters and archers from across the land with our University of Tir Righ session.

Do you dare to apply to be a member of Baroness Caitrin's Sargentry? The deadline to apply will be at this event AND you will have the chance to brush up on not just your skills in war but also in the finer arts of dance and bardic at our evening revel Saturday night.

Got time to teach?

Please contact the Dean for this session of the University

Aine inghean ui Chonchobhair,
Dean of the University of Tir Righ

chassegalerie@yahoo.com

For more information on the event or to volunteer contact the event steward at morweena@yahoo.ca

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NSCA Votes to Dissolve

The Northern Society for Creative Anachronism (NSCA) voted that the NSCA will be dissolved at its' Annual General Meeting held on March 28th. With the SCA now registered in BC as a non-profit society and the international insurance at 6 million, the SCA can meet the requirements necessary for which the NSCA was originally formed. The NSCA has served its purpose for many years and can now be retired. Within the next 12 months, the current NSCA Board of Directors will complete the tasks necessary to dissolve a non-profit society in British Columbia.

As of April 7, 2010, NSCA Waivers will no longer be required at your events. NSCA Insurance will no longer be available at that time. If you have any questions regarding the dissolution of the NSCA, email the Board of Directors at directors@nsca.bc.ca.

Arts and Science Showcase

Welcome to a new feature that I would like to include in every issue of the North Wind – a photo gallery of the various A&S projects that the citizens of the Barony have made. Please send me digital photos of your recently completed or in progress projects. I will try to print some every month.



This month's showcase includes

1. German Brick Stitch Embroidered Pouch by Mistress Agnes Cresewyke (photo by Agnes)
2. Niddy Noddy by Her Ladyship Mary Ostler (photo by Mary)
3. 14th Century Turn shoes by James Wolfden and Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire (photo by James)
4. Books from the 1-Year Bookbinding Course instructed by Her Ladyship Aelana Cordovera
Students include Ceara, Ylas, Myrrim, Elana, Aibinn, Beitris, Leah, and Russell. (Photo by Ylas)

Compendium



* **Their Royal Majesties of An Tir** – King Owain ap Einar and Queen Adwen Wrenn (king@antir.sca.org, queen@antir.sca.org).



* **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Ieuan Gower and Princess Gwyneth Gower (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).



* **Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate** - TE Griffin Ap Bedwyr and Caitrin ni Cingeadh (griffcait@shaw.ca). 12159 – 222 St. Maple Ridge, V2X 5W4.

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About Our Cover

The Newcomer's Event and the follow-up TUTOR Spring Session were both huge successes. Thirty-seven Newcomer Scrolls were made and handed out at the event. The kitchen donated the hundred dollars that it raised to the Barony. There were rave reviews for the Chicken Pot Pie that was made from scratch. I look forward to seeing all the period shoes that were made or started at the workshop. The weather should be nice for May Bardic.

And the bruise has almost disappeared!