

Morwenna says: "Water's not just for hydration anymore"



"Wash yer hands!!!"

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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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How things have changed in a very short a time! Last month We were planning for a busy spring of eventing and now all events, even practices and meetings, are canceled at least until May. This leaves us all uncertain of the future. While the necessity of this is apparent, We sorely miss coming together with Our chosen family and seeing all your smiling faces in person.

In the absence of physical gatherings, Their Royal Highnesses Anton and Luned are working on a Virtual Atlantia for us to connect with our SCA family. This effort is being spearheaded by Duchess Adelhait. Look for this on the Kingdom page <http://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/> and please share it with everyone.

At the beginning of March, Her Excellency enjoyed the Kingdom Arts and Science festival where Our A&S Champion, Lady Maeve/Mizuno, wowed everyone and won the day with her amazing skill at Tamari in the Baronial Champions competition. Lady Cyneswith also won second place in the novice competition with the beautiful stained glass “scroll” lantern she made for Lady Merewyn’s Award of the Coill’s Guiding Beacon.

That same weekend, His Excellency participated in the demo at the Camden Irish Festival which was very capably run by Lady Maire O’Halorane. Quite a large crowd went through, thrilling His Excellency to no end. The next weekend, His Excellency attended the Baronial Birthday of Raven’s Cove, where He noted the strength of Their archers, armored fighters, and A&S then tested the mettle of Their rapier fighters. Our very own Lord Mathais fought hard and won Their rapier tourney.

Little were We to suspect that would be the last event any of us would attend for a while. This will not be forever, but for now this self-isolation does seem the best course to deal with our current crisis. We applaud Their Majesties and Their Highnesses for coming up with a workable solution to handle Coronation and We plan to dress in our Baronial finery and watch the Live Stream as it unfolds.

Our Baronial Seneschal, Master Cian, is working to find a way to have a Baronial meeting online so please be on the lookout for this. We welcome any input and will do Our utmost to find ways to move forward as best We can in these difficult times.

In closing We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. If you find yourself in need then please reach out: in this age of social media no one needs to suffer in silence.

Yours in Service,

*Elphin and Delia
Baron and Baroness*

Baronial Progress:

March

- 7 Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival (Delia)
Demo at the Irish Fest in Camden, SC (Elphin)*
- 14 A Day of DaVinci (Delia)
Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (Elphin)*
- 28 Hidden Mountain Birthday and Investiture (Both)*

April

- 4 Spring Coronation of Anton and Luned (Both)*

May

- 15 Hawkwood Baronial Birthday and Investiture (Both)
GSA/SCA Medieval Day: Demo for Midlands and Upstate GSA
troops at Camp Waybak (Please consider supporting this effort)*

June

- 20 A Mid-Summer's Tale (Both)*
- 27 Fiber Arts Workshop (Delia)*

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Master Ursus of Anglesey

Well, it's been an interesting month, hasn't it?

There's a lot going on out in the world, and unfortunately, it means that not much is going on in our SCA world. Events, meetings, fighter practices, A&S nights - all cancelled. It's hard to get away from the stress of the modern world when our method of getting away from it in the medieval world isn't allowed. I'm sure many of us are missing our SCA family. I know I sure am.

But we've got to hang in there. This will pass, and soon we will be able to once again gather in friendship and fellowship, laugh and smile, and raise a flagon of mead together.

As you know, the Coronation event was cancelled, as was our neighbors' Baronial Birthday and Investiture. Their Majesties and Their Highnesses are doing a virtual Coronation to pass on the crowns of Atlantia, and will be doing

a virtual investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of Hidden Mountain. Life goes on, even if it's in ways we never imagined.

There are virtual hangouts, classes to be taught and taken online, and many other activities to keep you occupied. A&S Nights are being done online, and people are encouraged to share their projects with pictures and write-ups.

The Baronial Populace Meeting that was scheduled for Birthday of the Dragon has, obviously, been postponed due to the cancellation of the event. Because there was important business to conduct, I will work with Their Excellencies to see about doing a virtual online meeting, as I know some groups (such as the Canton of Cyddlan Downs) have done recently. I urge you to look in last month's Quill to see the full text of the General and Financial policies of the Barony, read through the proposed changes, and let Their Excellencies and myself know of any comments or suggestions you may have.

In the meantime, please take care of yourselves. This is an uncertain and stressful time. Check in with each other. Keep tabs on your physical and mental well-being. If you are in need of anything - food, supplies, moral support, whatever - please reach out and ask. The SCA is more than a bunch of weird people dressed in funny clothes and hitting each other with sticks. We are a family, a chosen family. We care about each other, we help each other, and we support each other.

We will get through this. I don't know when this crisis will end, or when life will return to normal, but I do know that we can do this. You can do this. You are not alone. Your chosen family is here with you, and together, we will make it past the crisis and return to the Dream.

Be well, take care of one another, and know that you are loved.

*Maistir Cian mac Ceallachain h'Uí Dublaich
Seneschal, Barony of Nottinghamill Coill*

Weaving Your Dreams

....by Barones Machteld Cleine



Photo credit: Barones Machteld Cleine

At Atlantian Twelfth Night, my dear friend Ellisif Gydasdottir (Libby Cripps) was given her writ to sit vigil at Gulf Wars to contemplate joining the order of the Laurel.

I was super happy for her (and super disappointed I could not attend even before pandemic had reared its head.) She mentioned to me that while there were many songs in one way or another of the journey from squire to knighthood, there were none that came to mind about an apprentice's journey to the becoming a master or mistress of their craft.

As a friend, I had to try and fix that. Originally three wonderful bards: Karis Hagen, Lanea Verch Kerrigan and Carson Grey Lutchansky would be my emissaries to at least read the words to her. With Gulf War cancelled I sent it

to her as a comfort for the vigil that is only postponed! I tried to make it special to her, but also available for others, and I wanted to honor her mentor Ellen T Hopkins as well as all the other people who 'guide' along the road. I will probably still tinker a tiny bit, but here it is:

*Weaving your dreams
for Maestra Elísif Gyðasdóttir*

*The first time you saw it,
You knew from the start
That thing they were making
It captured your heart
Igniting your dreams, you had found your key
"One day -I just know it- the maker will be me!"*

*Weaving your dreams with threads spun of gold,
Until those dreams blossom, and a wreath then unfolds*

*So heart all afire
You set on your path,
Materials were needed
But God, what was what?
You tried all the wrong things and some right ones too
But all of a sudden, it was a thing you could do*

*Sewing your dreams, with fabric by the bolt
Until those dreams blossom and a wreath then unfolds*

*Not perfect, not pretty
That very first try
But proud as a mother
Until time passes by
Then all of a sudden, flaws were all you could see
And you started thinking, it may NOT be for me.*

*Singing your dreams, with verses so old
until those dreams blossom and a wreath then unfolds*

*But then someone saw you
and all that you tried
A hand on your shoulder
To serve as your guide
They traveled along you, they shared their own art
They gave you their time and a piece of their heart.*

*Beading your dreams with glass bright and bold
Until those dreams blossom and a wreath then unfolds*

*And all of a sudden
Or after long years
Your skills started flying
More joy now than tears
Some projects you bled on, or cursed, sometimes both
But people were talking, they noticed your growth*

*Giving voice to your dreams with stories you told
Until those dreams blossom and a wreath then unfolds*

*The project of doom
Cost you nights without rest
doubts, tears, and yet trust now
Because it would be your best
You knew the way forward, right from the start
Because that thing you were making
had captured your heart.*

*Weaving your dreams with threads spun of gold,
Until those dreams blossom, and a wreath then unfolds*

*Your name is well known now
your guidance they seek
From student to teacher
for the bold and the meek
Who say as they sit and and they look at your art
"That thing you are making has captured my heart."*

Local Event Flyers

Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XV - An Investiture: The Field of Cloth of Gold

May 15 (AM) - 17 (AM), 2020
Barony of Hawkwood

The Field of Cloth of Gold was a spectacular event held from 7 to 24 June 1520, on a piece of land between the English-held town of Guisnes and the French town of Ardres. The land was dubbed the Field of Cloth of Gold because of the cloth the English had commissioned for the main tent. The event was organized to celebrate the ratification of the Treaty of London between England and France. It was also at this time that the courtesy of “Parlay” was used and this was instrumental in the ratification of the Treaty of London. What could be a better approach than with the parlay of our outgoing Baronage and our incoming Baronage for the Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XV. The event theme is Tudor and the feast will amaze you with sumptuous delights.

Fighting

Arts & Sciences:

Feast:

Merchanting:

Other:

Cost:

	Day-Trip	Feast	Camping
Adult, Member	15.00	12.00	\$0.00
Adult, Non-Member	20.00	12.00	\$0.00
Youth (6-17)	10.00	12.00	\$0.00
Child (0-5)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Make Checks Payable To:

SCA, Inc., Barony of Hawkwood

Cost Notes:

Additional Cost Notes: Motorhome Parking with Electric Hookup (available) is \$27.00 for the event and requires Advanced Registration. Tent camping is free to the populace.

Site:

The Haywood County Fairgrounds 758 Crabtree Road Waynesville, NC 28785 (828) 400-1704
www.haywoodcountyfairgrounds.org

Site Restrictions: All camping fires are to be above ground.

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Directions:

<https://www.haywoodcountyfairgrounds.org> has an interactive map for directions to the site.

<https://www.haywoodcountyfairgrounds.org/contact-us/>

SAAD - Oh, For Cog's Sake

June 05 (5:00 PM) - 07 (12:00 PM), 2020
Canton of Crois Brigitte

Oh, for Cog's sake! What will Bubba do now? This event is All Archery and Thrown Weapons All Day. Laid back with laughter and good companionship is the rule of the weekend. Archery themed A&S, Bardic Fun, Thrown Weapons and Archery prizes. Meat for potluck dinner will be provided.

Website: <https://saadxii2020.weebly.com/>

Fighting This event is all archery and thrown weapons. Stay tuned and check out the website for Friday night activities. Target ranges and Woods Walk Range open at 9 am Saturday morning. Shooting for scores will end at 3 pm. Ranges will open again Sunday morning for fun.

Arts & Sciences: There will be an informal bardic circle Friday evening. A&S competition to be announced and another bardic circle Saturday evening. Check the event web site for details.

Feast: Crois Brigitte will provide the meat, paper goods, and lemonade for the traditional potluck dinner Saturday evening. Everyone is invited to join us as we break bread together and laugh about the day.

Merchanting: Not everyone shoots and we need something for those board individuals to do. If you would like to merchant at this event, please contact the autocrat.

Other:

	Day-Trip	Feast	Camping
Cost: Adult Member Registration	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Non-Member Registration	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth (5-17)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child (0-4)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Canton of Crois Brigitte

Cost Notes: Camping is included as well as meat and paper goods for the potluck Saturday evening.

Site: Elchenburg Castle, 2239 Center Road, Boonville, NC 27011. Site opens Friday 5 pm, closes Sunday at noon.

Site Restrictions: Elchenburg Castle is a fairly primitive site and those with mobility challenges should be prepared. There is limited access to electricity. Contact the autocrat to reserve camping space close to outlets for medical machines.

Autocrat: Maistreas Aine O Grienan (Tammy D. Reid), 4926 Charnel Road, Winston Salem, NC 27127, Phone: (336) 829-8677, E-mail: twolfpax@yahoo.com

Reservations: Send reservations to autocrat

Directions:

From the SOUTH or NORTH: Take your best route to I-77. Take Exit 82 and turn East at the end of the exit ramp (away from Waffle House and towards Arbys). Proceed less than a mile and turn Right onto Messick Rd. which ends at a T about 3 miles on. Turn Left on Center Rd. Approx 9 miles later Mitchell Chapel United Methodist Church is on the Left. The Castle Lane (Willow Springs Lane) is less then 2/10 of a mile further on the Right. Signs will be posted. From the EAST via Hwy 421: Travel to Exit 259/Reavis Rd. Turn North onto Reavis Rd. Travel .8 miles to stop sign. Turn Right. Travel .5 mile and turn Left onto Center Rd. Travel 3 miles and turn Left onto Willow Spring Ln.

20	<u>Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament</u> (R)	Storvik	College Park, MD (Map)
26-28	<u>Old School War Practice</u> (R)	Marinus	Clarksville, VA (Map)
27	<u>The Lochmere Arrow Shoot</u>	Stierbach	Spotsylvania, VA (Map)
27	<u>Fiber Arts Workshop</u>	Nottinghamill Coill	Spartanburg,, SC (Map)
27	<u>Known World Theater Arts</u>	Sacred Stone	Lincolnton, NC (Map)

July 2020

10-12	<u>King's Assessment</u>	Black Diamond	Big Island, VA (Map)
10-12	<u>Eplaheimr Inaugural Baronial Investiture</u> (R)	Drachenwald	
11	<u>Warrior's Games</u>	Tear-Seas Shore	Harleyville, SC (Map)
11	<u>A Rainy Summer Afternoon at the Village Inn</u>	Falconcree	Spartanburg, SC (Map)
24-9	<u>Pennsic War</u> (R)	Aethelmearc	

August 2020

22	<u>Tourney of the Silver Chalice</u> (R)	Hidden Mountain	Harleyville, SC (Map)
28-31	<u>Day Of Challenges</u>	Marinus	clarksville, VA (Map)
29	<u>Non-European Persona Workshop</u>	Nottinghamill Coill	Spartanburg,, SC (Map)

September 2020

3-7	<u>Hastilude at the Hollow VI</u>	Black Diamond	Raphine, VA (Map)
4-7	<u>Battle on the Bay</u> (R)	Storvik	Upper Marlboro, MD (Map)
12	<u>Fall University</u>	Atlantia	
18-20	<u>Trial by Fire</u>	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD (Map)
18-20	<u>Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday & Investiture</u> (R)	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC (Map)
25-27	<u>Midnight at the Oasis</u>	Nimenefeld	Apex, NC (Map)
26	<u>Stierbach Baronial Birthday XXII Celebration</u> (R)	Stierbach	Spotsylvania, VA (Map)

October 2020

3	<u>Fall Coronation</u> (R)	Atlantia	
10-11	<u>The Wild Hunt</u>	Ponte Alto	Triangle, VA (<u>Map</u>)
13-18	<u>War of the Wings XV Atlantia's 40th Birthday Party</u>	Atlantia	Boonville, NC (<u>Map</u>)
30-1	<u>Highland Havoc</u>	Highland Foorde	Ijamsville, MD (<u>Map</u>)
30-1	<u>Border Skirmish</u>	Cyddlan Downs	Trenton, SC (<u>Map</u>)

November 2020

7	<u>Fall Crown Tourney</u>	Atlantia	
13-15	<u>Red Mountain Mead Hall</u>	Isenfir	Charlottesville, VA (<u>Map</u>)
14	<u>Birthday of the Dragon</u>	Saint Georges	Easley, SC (<u>Map</u>)
14	<u>Marinus Baronial Investiture</u>	Marinus	Virginia Beach, VA (<u>Map</u>)
14	<u>Buckston Birthday 44</u>	Buckston-on- Eno	Hillsborough, NC (<u>Map</u>)
21	<u>Holiday Faire</u>	Stierbach	Manassas, VA (<u>Map</u>)

December 2020

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The Back Page...



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Hello folks! Hope you're all well and making the best of the current situation we're all in together. When not working remotely, I'm spending time catching up on projects, both home and arts. I hope you are also! I'm sure I'm not only speaking for myself when I say that we would all love to hear and see what you're up to! Please please please share!

Should you choose to submit an article or work for the Quill, please include the appropriate release form or a clear statement in e-mail that your submission can be used in the Nottingham Quill. Please send submissions to me at (chronicler@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org). You can find the release forms at <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/Releases.html>

*Yours in Service to the Dream,
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