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Meetings and Practices

Baronial Business Meetings

1st Thursday of each month Sachem Public Library (Holbrook) 7:30pm Contact Seneschal David Cortijo for information. *All are welcome. Officers are encouraged to attend.*

Incipient Canton Business Meetings

Hawkes Reache

2nd Tuesday of each month Harborfields Library (Greenlawn) 7:30pm Contact Seneschal Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler) for information.

Directions to Gachem Library

Take the L.I.E. to exit 61,
Patchogue-Holbrook Rd.
CR-19 towards Patchogue/
Holbrook. Merge onto Expwy
Drive South, turn left at
Holbrook Rd. The library is at
150 Holbrook Rd.
631-588-5024

Fighter Practice

Outdoor practice ON HOLD

Tuesday evenings 7pm,
Islip Grange Park: Broadway Ave.,
Sayville, two cross streets north of
Montauk Hwy. Contact Lisa Soto
516-446-8197 before 10pm or
eris235@gmail.com

Fencing

Friday evenings 7:30 - 10pm Loaner gear available. Anyone 14 yrs. and older welcome. 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, Port Jefferson, NY 1177. Contact Moresca at 347-276-8813

or morescarf@aol.com

Archery & Thrown Weapons

Contact Lord Logan de Londres and Lady Damianna de Londres (Mark & Dina Wolyniec) for information: 631-924-6968 (before 9 PM)

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Letters of Intent should be submitted to the Baronial Seneschal & Coronet via mail or email. Letters may also be submitted at the Baronial business meeting. See page one for time and location.

Event Calendar

Local Barony of An Dubhaigeainn events listed in red.

February

2/6 At the sign of the Dancing Fox XII: Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston, NY

2/6 36th Annual Black Rose Ball: Barony of the Bridge - Westerly, RI

2/6 Bellringers - Carillion Birthday Celebration: Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ

2/8 - 2/15 Estrella War: Kingdom of Atenveldt - Florence. A7

2/13 Passage of the Ice Weasel 5: Barony of Smoking Rocks - Fall River, MA

2/14 Eat Your Heart Out: Canton of Brokenbridge - Brooklyn, NY

2/20 Tourney of Love: Shire of Endewearde - Bangor, ME

2/20 An Afternoon at the Watery Oak Inn: Canton of Fennbrycg - Tolland, CT

2/20 Crystal Snowflake Ball: Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Saratoga Springs, NY

2/20 East Kingdom Bardic Champions: Crown Province of Ostgardr - New Hyde Park, NY

2/27 Winter War 13: Shire of Northern Outpost - Potsdam. NY

2/27 Bergental Novice Schola and Baronial Birthday: Barony of Bergental - Springfield, MA

2/27 Lupercalia: Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Riverhead, NY - see pg.5

2/27 King's and Queen's Fencing Champions: Barony of Settmour Swamp - Denville, NJ

SAVE the DATES!

Saturday, March 6, 2010
Painting In The Blank

a scribal workshop to be held in Commack. Please contact Lady Damianna for info: 631-924-6968 before 9 pm

> Saturday, May 8, 2010 Baronial Schola

March

3/6 Painting In The Blank, a Scribal Workshop: Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Commack, NY - see pg. 7

3/6 Blades & Blarney XIII: The End: Shire of Glenn Linn - Lake George, NY

3/6 Noisemakers Schola V: Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust - Clifton Heights. PA

3/6 A Celebration of Squamifer's Fortune: BIA lle du Dragon Dormant: Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant - L'Île-Perrot, QC

3/6 Festa di Michelangelo and King's and Queen's Arts & Science Championship: Barony of Carolingia - Needham. MA

3/6 - 3/7 Bear's Tavern-There Can Be Only One: Canton of Northpass - Peekskill, NY

3/13 Hrim Schola XIV: Shire of Frosted Hills - Millbrook, NY

3/13 Nova Schola: Shire of Hartshorn-dale - Center Square, PA

3/13 The Bog's Birthday: Barony of Iron Bog - Moorestown, NJ

3/13 Quintavia Hafla: A Day in the Middle East Shire of Quintavia - Bolton, MA

3/14 - 3/21 Gulf Wars XIX: Kingdom of Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS

3/20 A Dance Academy and a Ball in the Canton of Northpass: Canton of Northpass - Yonkers, NY **3/27** Mudthaw: Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

For full event listing and information see the East Kingdom website:

http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html

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Combat Arts: fighting, fencing, archery & thrown weapons



From the Knight Marshal: In my absence at an official Tuesday night fight practice, any of the following may step in as Marshal in Charge so that scheduled baronial practice may continue with insurance intact: Adam Steinfelder (deputy KM), Kevin Dowd, James Peck, and Eric Rhude.

The fencers operate on a similar premise. **Moresca** (Julie DeVuono) is the deputy KM in charge of Rapier. In her absence, any of the following may MiC a Rapier practice: Pete Boullianne, Erik Soto, and Brett Kessler.

Beavy Weapons: outdoor practices

ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD. For further info. contact Lisa Soto: eris235@gmail.com or call (516) 446-8197 before 10 pm. Up to date information on practices may also be found at the Yahoo web site here:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaducks/

We have been invited to join the fighters of Ostgardr

who continue to meet on Sundays in Brooklyn from noon until about four pm. at Quality Conservation, 140 58th Street, Bldg. A, Unit 8M. The site is indoors - a large warehouse with plenty or room, so even polearms are fine. There

is plenty of parking within a fenced and guarded lot. For those taking public transportation, the site is two to three blocks from the R/N train stop at 59th Street. Non-fighters are welcome to attend. If you have any guestions, please feel free to contact RobertEsteves@gmail.com

We have also been invited to join a NON SCA indoor practice by the fighters of MSR held Thursday nights at 7 pm at Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, 1845 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793. There is a \$5 fee to cover hall rental. Please wear non marking soles, like sneakers.



Archery: Archers can hone their skills on Tuesday evenings at C&B Archerv, 11 Commercial Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-5211 - (516) 933-2697. Generally, we meet from 4:30 p.m. until we quit. Contact THL Peter of Hawkwoods (Pete Farrell) for further information. (631) 754-8977 before 9PM, or at pfarrell27@yahoo.com. Additionally, the Barony is seeking loaner gear. If you have any gear you'd like to donate, please contact Baron Don Jean Xavier, 631-874-2748 before 10 p.m. or jeanxavier2001@yahoo.com with "archery gear" in the subject line. If you have some 7-8 oz. belt leather, Jean Xavier is also willing to give you some basic directions for making your own arm guard.

Sencing Practice

Please call Moresca before coming to practice to confirm that practice will be held. We continue to meet at 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, in Port Jefferson. As noted, practice for fencers is Friday evenings, 7:30-10 PM. Some loaner gear may be available if requested beforehand. If you're curious, come see what we're all about! Contact Moresca at at 347-276-8813 or morescarf@aol.com

Upcoming Events

Lupercalia at the River's Head Inn

Saturday, February 27th, 2010

It may be cold outside, but the party is hot in here! Come celebrate Lupercalia with the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn!

Lupercalia is a traditional Roman holiday, slightly akin to Valentine's Day, but this is no Hallmark Holiday. It's a mid-winter fertility and rebirth festival full of hijinks and delicious food. The holiday celebrates Lupercus, a god roughly equivalent to the Greek Pan, and the goddess Lupa, who suckled the orphan twins Romulus and Remus. Traditionally, a priest would do a ritual at the mouth of the cave where Romulus and Remus were fostered and a goat and wolf would be sacrificed. Two boys would be anointed with the goat's blood and then they would run through the streets with straps of goat hide. It was thought to be good for fertility or an easy labor to get hit with the goat's hide.

While we won't be recreating the traditional ritual, we have planned a hearty dayboard and a period yet palatable to modern tastes Roman feast. The day's activities will include a rousing game of "Whose Battle Line Is It Anyway?" (an improv bardic competition) and other games to be played throughout the day, as well as plenty of socializing and carousing with friends after being shut in for the long winter. Please note that the event location has an on-site bar. However, no outside alcohol will be permitted. Also, please note that fish will be served during the evening feast for those of the populace that have allergies.

Directions:

Take the Long Island Expressway to the end; Exit 73 to Route 58. Travel through Riverhead, go straight through the traffic circle, leaving the hospital on your left. Pass straight through the intersection with CR43 - Northville Turnpike. At the next major intersection, (look for Edwards Sporting Goods on the right) Route 58 will end and Route 25 is to the east and south. Turn Right on to Route 25 West (East Main Street). After approximately 3/10's of a mile, the Elks lodge will be on the left. Parking is available in the front of the hall. Please check in at Troll upon arrival.

At-a-Glance Information

Site:

Elks Lodge 1239 East Main St. Riverhead, NY 11901

Site Opens: 10:00 a.m. Site Closes: 9:00 p.m.

Event Fees:

Adult Onboard: \$13 before 2/1. \$15 if postmarked after Feb.1st and for at-the-door payments.
Children 12-17 \$10,
Children under 12 \$6.
Babes in arms are free.
There is a \$3 non-member surcharge for all attendees who are not members of the SCA.

Send Reservations to:

Lisa Soto 216 Berkshire Dr Farmingville, NY 11738

Autocrat:

Catrina ab Aqua (Lisa Soto) 216 Berkshire Dr Farmingville, NY 11738 eris235@gmail.com

For dietary concerns, contact the Feastocrat, Citizen Titus Aurelius Magnus (Kevin Dowd) at freegade@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to:

SCA Inc. Barony of An Dubhaigeainn



From our Neighbors to the West - An Invitation!

The Crown Province of Østgarðr invites you to join us as Their Glorious Majesties choose Their new Champions of the Bardic Arts on February 20th in our Canton of Lionsend. Enjoy bards performing stories, poems, songs, and music as they present their best to

Their Majesties. Festivities will be held at Gloria Dei Church, New Hyde Park, NY and run from 10:30 AM to 7 PM.

In addition to the competition, there will be dancing and a rolling dayboard of epic proportions. This includes a teaching kitchen – so if you've an interest in the cuisines of the medieval period and how to prepare them, you're welcome to join us in the kitchen and we'll put you to work.

Do you have questions and queries about heraldry? There will be a Herald's Point. If you'd like to submit your name and/or arms, we'll help you get it done. Merchants will ply their wares as well, so come support the good merchants of the East, if not with your coin, then with your presence. Please visit the East Kingdom Events Page for more information: http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-detail.html?eid=1888. For more information about the rules for the bardic championship, visit http://www.avigne.org/sca/ekbardic/rules.html. Merchants may contact Lady Devra the Baker for more information and to reserve space: devra@aol.com. Any other questions may be directed to Baroness Eularia, Vicereine of Østgarðr at vicereine@ostgardr.org. We hope you will join us!

Event Summaries

January Commons by Alissenda la Galiharda

About thirty people braved the cold weather to come out to January Commons. Hosted by Lady Alissenda and Lord Miquel, the holiday celebrations were a wonderful mix of great food and great company. Baron Ateno brought along the Blueberry ale we made at the last Commons. What a treat! It was a wonderful balance of bitter grain with sweet fruit that made music in the mouth for beer lovers like me. Plus, it was a point of pride for anyone who assisted in its making. Hopefully, it has inspired a few of us to continue brewing.

Speaking of home made goodies, the table was groaning with fresh food. Lord Thorolf brought his famous fresh-fried-that-morning tortillas along with guacamole and salsa while THL Peter of Hawkwood provided us with roasted turkey breast and stuffing. Beef stew, New England clam chowder and an assortment of cheeses, meats, pasta, pies and cakes graced our holiday table. As a special treat, Lord Marcus prepared individual chocolate souffles for anyone who asked!

New members mingled with old hands as we shared projects. I lost track of everything that was going on, there was so much to learn and do. Some of the things I saw demonstrated were adding gold leaf to painted scrolls, period embroidery, making cording on a kumihimo frame, laying out a surcoat pattern and working on small leather projects. We even got a chance to look at some new fencing garb and talk about some camp embellishments for Pennsic. All of this was accompanied with music as Henry Best gave us a

few tunes. It was busy, crowded and fun. Can't wait to do it again!

Arts & Sciences news and notes

Sewing and Stained Glass Workshop

Mark your calendar! The next two workshops will be held on Sunday, February 21 and Sunday, March 21 at 1 p.m. (For more info on the stained glass workshops, please call Baroness Lisl at 631-243-4734 or email at iliketosew1@verizon.net.) Sir Richard Blackmoore has offered to open his extensive library on Arms and Armor for on-site perusal by interested parties while the classes are going on. Both of these people lead busy lives, so as



a courtesy, please call or email on the Friday before to let them know if you plan to attend, thanks. Anyone needing hands on assistance from Sir Richard regarding armor & combat research or advice, should contact him in advance to set up a date & time to work with him in person: Email at theregent1@verizon.net.

Painting In The Blank: A Scribal Workshop



The second workshop in our ongoing scribal series will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the home of Robert and Eleanor Frank, 26 Genessee Drive, Commack, NY 11725 from noon to 5 PM. This workshop will involve creating scroll blanks as a group gift to present to to TRH during their upcoming reign as TRM in the spring, and will also include materials on how to register as a scribe with the Signet Office (papers and handbooks provided), and a general introduction to the Signet Office and Backlog Signet Offices. Attendees are encouraged to kindly let Lady Damiana know in advance if they are attending. She can be reached at (631) 924-6968 before 9 PM. Mistress Kayleigh McWhyte will be preparing both materials and lunch for the group, so please let Lady Damiana know about any dietary concerns well in advance of the date. Paints and pre-penciled blanks will also be provided, but please bring a paintbrush of your own - synthetic 000 size or

smaller should be fine, and please bring a compass and small plastic T-square. We'll also be covering some mechanical drawing on how to make a shield blazon. All skill levels welcome - even if you don't touch the paint, you'll learn about something you might like to try in the future and get a chance to meet some of your fellow members from the East. Hope to see you there!

Local Museum Exhibits of interest to Scribes:

We are lucky enough to live near Manhattan, home to some of the world's most valuable illuminated manuscripts. Both The Cloisters in upper Manhattan and The Morgan in midtown have regular displays, and for the next several months we will have the opportunity to see two of the most beautiful manuscripts ever created: The Hours of Catherine of Cleves, currently at the Morgan, and the Belle Heures of Jean de France, Duc de Berry, due to be displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art beginning in March. For more information, check out the web links below.

Seen on the Web - a random sampling of web sites

The Metropolitan Museum of Art - The February calendar of concerts and lectures can be seen here:

http://www.metmuseum.org/tickets/calendar.asp?m=2&y=2010&f=t, while the full range of museum offerings which includes free gallery talks and tours can be found here: http://www.metmuseum.org/events/. Of special note is the exhibit of drawings by Bronzino, court painter to Duke Cosimo I de' Medici of Florence. It will present nearly all the known drawings by, or attributed to, this leading Italian artist. The exhibit runs from Jan. 20 - April 18, 2010.



For those keeping track of upcoming exhibits at the Met, keep your eyes peeled in March for their much anticipated show, "The Art of Illumination: The Limbourg Brothers and the Belle Heures of Jean de France, Duc de Berry." Even if you don't know them by name, you will surely be familiar with the luxurious miniature paintings of this book with their brilliant blue skies and pinnacled castles that depict the months of the year in gorgeous detail.

Another wonderful site from the Met is a blog dedicated to the plants and gardens of The Cloisters. Explore the role of plants and gardens in medieval life and art, learn how to find and grow medieval herbs and flowers, discuss the long histories of many familiar garden plants, and discover which roadside weeds were once valued medicinals. Check it out here: http://blog.metmuseum.org/cloistersgardens/

Medievalists.net is a website for people interested in the Middle Ages. This includes scholars, writers, historians, readers and anyone who enjoys medieval history or culture. Linked to both Facebook and Twitter, the web site serves as a central online hub for news, resources and videos on medieval topics. Check them out at: www.medievalists.net and http://medievalnews.blogspot.com/.

The Book of Kells has popped up twice in the news in recent weeks. The intricately illuminated New Testament Gospels were transcribed by Celtic monks around the year 800, and the precision of the repeated Celtic knots has intrigued scholars for centuries. How did these monks refine the details which rival the complexity of the engravings on our own modern currency without access to any microscopic aids? Cornell paleontologist John Cisne has recently theorized that the monks trained their eyes to cross above the plane of the manuscript so that they could visually superimpose side by side elements of a replicated pattern, much as our eyes adjust a stereoscopic image, or unfocus to find hidden pictures in those puzzle posters.. http://medievalnews.blogspot.com/2010/01/paleontologist-discovers-3-d-secrets-of.html. And the hand drawn Irish animated feature movie, *The Secret of Kells*, was recently nominated for an Academy Award. The movie tells the story of Brendan, a young monk who goes on a dangerous quest to protect the Book. See the trailer here:

 $\underline{http://www.slashfilm.com/2010/02/02/the-secret-of-kells-trailer-refresh-yourself-on-the-surprise-oscar-nomin} \underline{ee/}$

Coinciding with the special exhibition, Demons and Devotion: The Hours of Catherine of Cleves (January 22 through May 2, 2010), **The Morgan Library and Museum** has mounted an online exhibit of one of the most

important and lavish of all Dutch illuminated manuscripts of the 15th century. Long ago, the Hours were split into two separate books. When The Morgan acquired both books, plans were made to re-bind the pages into a single book in their original order. Since bound medieval manuscripts can only be exhibited two pages at a time, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see almost all the illuminations contained in the Hours. The only ones not shown are the ones on the backs of some of the displayed pages. While you can take a look here: http://www.themorgan.org/collections/works/cleves/default.asp, don't miss the opportunity to view these up close while they are at The Morgan. By the way, admission to the museum is free after 7 PM on Friday nights.

On the lighter side (yes, there is a lighter side to the Middle Ages), you can check out the blog, Got Medieval here: http://gotmedieval.blogspot.com/. Written by a graduate student in Medieval Studies at Yale University, Got Medieval is an irreverent, but highly informed commentary on "the slipshod use of medieval European history in the media and pop culture." (quoting the blog subtitle) Recent entries include The Legend of Zelda mocked up as a gothic manuscript page and a review of the comic book AND video game, Dante's Inferno. (You've been warned.) In case you're wondering, he also discusses each month's medieval feast days and the use of gravity in medieval manuscript marginalia, among other things. While his subjects may be serious and the poster obviously knowledgeable, his slightly off center observations are a painless way to actually learn something new about history.

Canton of Hawkes Reache (incipient)

Greetings Citizens of Hawkes Reache. If you live in zip code 11701, 11702, 11703, 11704, 11706, 11717, 11718, 11721, 11724, 11725, 11726, 11729, 11731, 11740, 11743, 11746, 11747, 11751, 11754, 11757, 11768, 11770, 11787, or 11795, you're a member. We've taken the necessary steps to move out of incipiency. All the required paperwork has been submitted to the Kingdom, and hopefully we were on the SCA Board of Directors' agenda at their last meeting. We haven't heard anything official yet, but we hope to have some news by our next Canton meeting on February 9th at the Harborfields Library at 7:30 PM. Please join us. In Service.

Alexander MacLachlan, Canton Seneschal

From the Chronicler

Would you like to get more involved, but you're not sure how? Why not contribute something to next month's Viaduct? We're on the lookout for articles, book and movie reviews, original artwork, photography and writing. (or anything else you might think of interest to the populace) We're particularly looking for people to 'cover' the martial activities of the

Barony. You will always get full attribution and retain ownership of your work. Got a passionate interest in some aspect of SCA life? Please share it with us. You can contact the Chronicler at poetryqn@optonline.net, or the Deputy Chronicler at lvl70dna@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

From the Coronet





Recently, Her Highness Marguerite had a meeting with members of the East Kingdom at Birka. She wishes to make our Society more accessible to newcomers and encourage their greater participation. Towards that end, she reminded us that we have a wonderful resource readily available that introduces the SCA and the specific customs of the East Kingdom in wiki format. The address is http://wiki.eastkingdom.org/ Please use this for people seeking general information about the East Kingdom.

She also spoke about the different ways that people find and join the SCA. Anyone from a LARP crew to a PhD history candidate could find themselves talking to members at their first event. We need to remember this when talking to new people and be able to provide them with the information they need, or direct them to the correct people to talk with.



Newcomers are at an event because they are attracted to some part of the SCA and inspired to find out about it. Help them out. Try to think like a guide or a coach. What you say to them can leave a lasting impression, positive or negative. If you have any questions in dealing with a newcomer, of course please contact our new Chatelaine, Baroness Gianetta.

We'd like to quote something that our Cousins from Carolingia said to their own populace recently: "Try to remember 'Gentilesse, Courtoisie and Chevalerie' when dealing with others." Gentleness, Courtesy and Chivalry - we can't think of three better words to keep in mind as we welcome new members.

A few members of An Dubhaigeainn traveled up to Twelfth Night to attend the day's festivities and present the scrolls that were the result of our last scribal workshop. During the court, Baron John Xavier was awarded the 'Burdened Tyger' for his organizational talents shown at the recent "St. Andrews visits Iceland". We join Their Majesties in wishing him a hearty Congratulations!

Thanks, all of you who contributed their time on the scrolls. There is another scribal workshop scheduled for March 6th, and we encourage anyone who is interested to attend.

Thank you for listening to us and, as always, you are welcome to contact us on any matter.

In Service, Ateno and Lassar

Baron and Baroness An Dubhaigeainn