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Submissions are not only welcome, they are encouraged! Be a part of the newsletter, reach the people, share your knowledge and wisdom.

Please send all submissions to the Chronicler at chronicler@loch-salann.org. Please include Questing Quill in the subject line. Thank you!



Hear Ye Hear Ye



Start planning now to support the Utah Ren Faire! As last year, we will take volunteers to have the SCA demo, with an invitation to entertain and serve the feast, as well. Contact baron@loch-salann.org for more details! August 24-25th <https://www.facebook.com/events/296486864207027/>

Please join the Barony of Gryphon's Lair at their demo at Hill AFB, on June 1st. Because this is on the base, they need people to sign up in advance to provide a list at the base gate entrance. If you have any questions, you can email chatelaine@baronyofgryphonslair.org Sign up here: <https://baronyofgryphonslair.org/demo/summerkickoff2018>

Fighter's Practice has moved outside on Tuesdays back at the park near the Veridian Center. Archery practice is also at the outdoor location.

If you have someone you'd like to recommend for a Baronial Award, please use the form on the Barony's website to share your recommendation.
<http://www.lochsalann.org/library/barony-awards/>



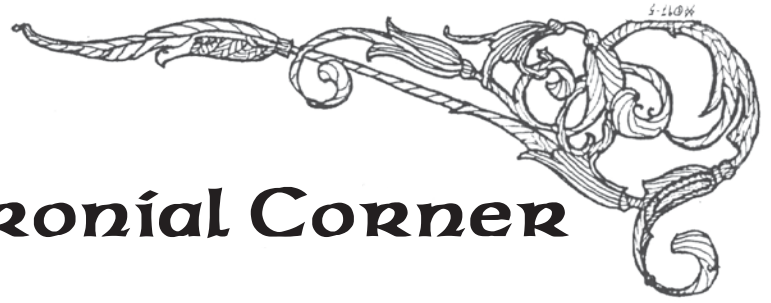
Casamira's Corner

The Pun is Mightier Than the Sword!

I would like to personally thank Mistress Casamira for sharing her wit and the wonderful humor she has provided the Quill over the years. There is room for all to share their own talents and humor. Please thank her for all she contributes at events and here the next time you see her. --Rhianna

By: Mistress Casamira Jawjalny, OL, OP, GA





Baronial Corner

Unto the Most Ancient Barony of Loch Salann do We, Ælwynn and Amanda, send greetings! Happy Anno Societatus LIII (53)!!

With the coming of May, We are reminded of so many things that give Us great joy: having the most amazing populace in the Known World, the camaraderie and friendship of Our friends, both near and far, and verily the best version of The Dream We have ever experienced! Let the coming summer months warm not only your body, yet your heart and soul as well. We look forward to enjoying it all with you!

First of all, We must say that It has been a wonderful tenure these past few years for Us, and it is time for us to pass the proverbial torch to our successors. Therefore, we are accepting letters of intent for Baron and Baroness of Loch Salann through Quest, the 28th of May, which is commonly known as Memorial Day. Please consider putting in your letters of intent, but please do so very soon! We will have meet and greets for our candidates at Melee Madness, The King's Road: Baron's War, and another date to be determined once all letters of intent have been received.

This past month we were able to attend Crown Tournament to witness the victory of Their Highnesses Yuri and Sumayya; many congrats to them and we are so proud to serve with them! We also attended the feast of Saint Pyre with our friends in Cote du Ciel. It was so much fun to once again participate in the carrot-face tourney and the bar room brawl! Then, to wrap up the month of April, we had a wonderful time on Antelope Island for Regional War Practice. Thanks to so many of you and to the members of Gryphon's Lair for attending and making it a success!

This month is going to see more opportunities to share The Dream: on the 12th you will find us at the Provo Castle to share with our southern neighbors the joy of combat, archery, revelry and more at Castle Crusades! A few weeks later, we shall return to this amazing site for our very own Melee Madness on 2-3 June, so prepare your gear and join us, one and all! Also, this month, in the Barony of Gryphon's Lair, there is an event called Quest (for the Holy Grail) on the weekend of 25th through 28th. Please plan to dust off your camping gear and support our northern cousins in this wonderful opportunity!

The Barony has openings for Seneschal, as Lady Luveday's warrant is set to expire in November. Also, we have need for a new Chronicler as Lady Rhianna's warrant is up at the end of this month. Both Ladies have served the barony well and look forward to well-earned breaks. Please inquire into these offices and look into serving other offices

as deputies to make the running of the barony easier. As they say, many hands make for light work!

From the office of Chatelain, His Grace Timmur, is putting out a call to service: Thank you in advance, to all who are able to support the Utah Ren Faire in Thanksgiving Pointe during the last weekend in August, the 24th and 25th. We have a great relationship building with their coordinators and have the opportunity to share our passion and skill for history with other recreation groups, such as the Utah Vikings, Armoured Combat League, and others! This year we hope to have an interactive village to showcase all the fun and various ways that we play! Contact HG Timmur or Their Excellencies for more details.

On the horizon are many baronial activities that will offer the opportunity to revel locally with friends, new and old, to celebrate the many diverse activities in the SCA. In addition to our fighter practice, archery, guild meetings, and workshops, stay tuned for more details as we plan for low-key, fun in the spirit of the early days of the SCA. Bring your ideas for revels and picnics and look to our households for leadership! Many activities are being planned now!

So, come and bring a friend, bring two! Come share with us the Dream in what is now our 53rd Anno Societatus!

May your heart be lifted up in joy and may your burdens be lightened with love!

Baron Ælwynn
Baroness Amanda

We would like to take a moment to thank our beloved Chronicler for serving so well and faithfully for the past 2 years. Each issue has been filled with love and passion. Each theme carefully considered. We are lucky to have had her expertise and love. Thank you Rhianna. Three Cheers for our beloved Rhianna - Vivat, Vivat, Vivat

-- Amanda



Baronial Officer News



Seneschal's Office:

Our Baronial Chronicler, Rhianna ingen Cathail (Paula Sageser), after her valuable service to the Barony, will be stepping down after the May 2018 issue of The Quill. We invite all who are interested in succeeding her in this vital communication position may contact Luveday de Salford at seneschal@loch-salann.org.

Furthermore, my warrant as Seneschal for our wonderful Barony will be ending this November 2018. This opens a position of leadership in the Barony that is unique in its role. The Seneschal is the first officer for the Barony. They are the official representative of the Barony. The individual will act on behalf of the SCA, Corporation at the local level. The Seneschal's Handbook at the SCA website can be reviewed for a more thorough overview. Note: the Handbook is written for Kingdom Seneschals but provides valuable information for local branch operation. If you are interested in serving the Barony in this position, please contact Luveday de Salford at seneschal@loch-salann.org.

Yours in Service,
Luveday de Salford – Seneschal

Baronial Officer Reports can be found on the website and are tagged as “Baronial Forum”
<http://www.lochsalann.org/category/library/baronial-forum/>

Chronicler:

This month's theme is on Service. As noted in the information I share from the SCA Newcomer's portal later in the issue, our society runs on the service of its members. From organizing and running events, to creating the objects we present to each other, to serving at feasts, each person can contribute in small ways or large, but nothing happens without that willingness to volunteer. I challenge each member of our Barony to commit to at least one act of service at each SCA function they attend.

The role of a baronial officer is one of the most rewarding ways that you can become more involved in building this dream that sustains us through so many years, so many friendships, and so many events. Is it hard work? Sure it is, you will give many extra hours of your free time to making sure the necessary tasks are accomplished. Is it worth it? I certainly think so. I have held the role of Chronicler in the past and I can say that I credit the award recognition I shared on a resume for helping me get a mundane job. But more than that, I've had the joy of putting the history of our Barony into a lasting format. I've enjoyed your stories, your arts, your photos, and your passions. It has re-affirmed for me those things I love the most about the SCA, over and over again.

I am here to answer your questions about the role of Chronicler and to make sure that you feel comfortable stepping in and taking over the job. I can explain the software we use, or help you start a new template in software you feel comfortable using. Take the leap, it is a wonderful job!

It has been my great honor to serve these past two years,
Lady Rhianna ingen Cathail - Chronicler



Upcoming Activities and Events

Melee Madness - June 2-3, 2018

Spring has sprung and Summer is a-comin' in! The lengthening days bring a song to our hearts and call us forth to MELEE MADNESS, June 2-3, at its Ancient and Honorable site at the Castle in back of the Utah State Hospital in Provo, Utah! Come roam the ramparts of the castle, storm the walls, defend the keep! Or just relax in the sun and visit with friends old and new!

It will be a day of martial joy as armored fighters, rapier warriors and combat archers battle their worthy adversaries in melee after melee!

The Baronial Archery and Thrown Weapons

championships will be held, so sharpen your knives and axes and wax your bowstrings!

Opening announcements will be at 10:00 am on Saturday (or whenever TRMs, TEs of Loch Salann and the Activity Steward thinks enough people have shown up). The earlier the fighters arrive, the more fun (and cooler) the fighting will be.



On Sunday, weather permitting, House Catwing and Hold Tyte will hold their annual Pas d'Armes, open to all armored fighters; see the Activity Steward for details. Bring your nicest fighting clothes and banners, and display your skill at weapons and words.

There will be Bardic classes, as well as activities for our youth (including youth combat!). If you've ever wanted to sponsor/run an activity, contest or teach a class (fighting or non-fighting) this is the place to do it; just clear it with the Activity Steward.

Though this a 2-day activity, the populace is encouraged to come early on Saturday and bring picnic lunches and sunshades/tents, although there are many shade trees on site. **This is a very dry site!** Because this is a state facility, anyone bringing alcoholic beverages onsite or found to be in an inebriated condition will be politely required to leave immediately! Ground fires or open flames are not permitted, but off-ground fire pits, hibachis and gas grills are allowed. Pets are welcome if accompanied by responsible owners. After unloading, please park your vehicle in either the parking lot at the bottom of the hill or up the hill near the stone privies.

Site: Utah State Hospital, 1300 E. Center St., Provo, UT. While the site will officially OPEN at 8:00am on Saturday and CLOSE at 10:00 pm on Sunday, we will be allowed to set up tents Friday afternoon after 5:30 pm. Unless told otherwise, camping will only be allowed on the field in front of the castle. If you plan to camp overnight, please contact the Activity Steward beforehand.

Site fees: Donations are very welcome, to help defray costs. Make checks payable to "SCA Inc., Barony of Loch Salann"

Directions: Take I-15 to the Provo Center St. exit 267; drive east on Center St. (about 2 miles) and turn right into the hospital grounds. Continue east and turn left at the large planter in the road in front of the admin building; follow the road to the right up and around to the castle area (the "off limits" signs aren't meant for us).

Activity Steward: Sir Michael the Lucky (Michael Huston), 801-645-5651; sirml@aol.com

Upcoming Activities and Events

Full York Shoot - June 9, 2018

Event announcement with more details: [Facebook event details](#)

Barony Arcuum has been asked to host an Activity, and we have chosen to put on a full York shoot. We will be holding this shoot at The Front Archery (Archery Tag Utah)

14932 S. Concorde Park Dr., Bluffdale, UT 84065

The cost for the shoot is \$7 per person.

A York consists of 24 ENDS

12 ends of 6 flights shot from 100 yards, 8 ends of 6 flights shot at 80 yards, and 4 ends of 6 flights shot at 60 yards.

The York is always shot in the following order : 100 yards, 80 yards, 60 yards.

A long range competition. The major round shot by longbowmen, which was developed by the Royal Kentish Bowmen. (Wales) 72 arrows (12 ends) at 100 yards, 48 (8 ends) at 80 yards, 24 (4 ends) at 60 yards, at a standard four-foot target, a 48" diameter target with 4 equal concentric rings around a center of gold.

Inner Gold = 10 points

Outer Gold = 9 points

Inner Red = 8 points

Outer Red = 7 points

Inner Blue = 6 points

Outer Blue = 5 points

Inner Black = 4 points

Outer Black = 3 points

Inner White = 2 points

Outer White = 1 points

The York is always shot in the following order : 100 yards, 80 yards, 60 yards.



Upcoming Activities and Events

The King's Road 1: The Baron's War - July 19-22, 2018

Ladies and Gentlelords! Nobles of all ages! Presenting for the first time anywhere a spectacle as of yet unbeheld by any man, woman, or child. For the first time ever; for the Glory and Honor of Artemisia, we give you:

THE KING'S ROAD:
The Barons' War



This new event serves the entire Kingdom of Artemisia for a summertime camping extravaganza. The Barony of Loch Salann promises you a long weekend of fun and excitement as we prepare our King and Queen for a campaign to faraway lands in search of glory and treasures. Join us as we gather the resources needed to meet any potential challengers on the treacherous campaign trail, from snakebites to disease to the occasional Saracen warrior.

The event will host two days of activities, including:

- Kingdom Archery and Thrown Weapons Championships
- Fighting Tournaments and Scenarios for both Armored and Rapier Combatants
- A Two-Day Arts & Sciences Collegium and Display of Dreams Artisan Showcase
- A Full Slate of Youth Activities and Youth Combat Symposium
- More to Come! Stay up-to-date by visiting <http://www.lochsalann.org/>

Schedule: Site opens at 2 pm on Thursday, July 19. Site closes at a very strict 12 noon on Sunday, July 22.

Site: Curlew Campground, 22500 W, Malad City, ID 83252 (NOTE: this is the address per Google Maps, but the site is closer to Holbrook, ID, NOT Malad). The site is ADA compliant and allows pets and alcohol.

Site Fees: Full Event: \$35/person, Saturday Only: \$20/person, Minors 17 and under are guests of the Barony. SCA Member Discount is \$5.

Please make checks payable to: Barony of Loch Salann, SCA, Inc.

Directions: From the South: Take the Snowville, Utah, exit off Interstate 84, northwest of Tremonton. Continue north on the paved highway for 6.5 miles. Turn left (north) at the Curlew Campground sign, then go another half-mile on a gravel road to the campground.

From the North: From Holbrook, Idaho, travel 24 miles west of Malad and continue south for 7.5 miles on the paved highway. Turn right (west) following the same highway and go almost 2 miles to the Curlew Campground turnoff. Turn right (north) on gravel road and go a half-mile to the campground.

Event Stewards: Lady Marguerite Delemontagne (Ashley Aedo), ashley.aedo@gmail.com;
Lord Yamanouchi Eidou (Andrew Aedo), andrew.aedo@gmail.com

Service - The Lifeblood of Our Dream

Service (Newcomer's Portal)

Source: <http://welcome.sca.org/service/>

Our Society is built on the ideals of chivalry and courtesy, but runs by the concept of service. Without cooks, marshals, teachers, tent-raisers, hall-decorators, and so forth, no one would get to enjoy any of the activities we have come to know and love. The opportunities for service are practically limitless and the best part is, when everyone gives a little, nobody has to give a lot! Let us consider the types of service in the Society and learn about the reasons and rewards for serving.

"The SCA is not simply about what I get out of it; much more it is about what I put into it. To serve at an event, behind the scenes, or in my day to day interactions and by doing so to lift up others and honor their service is far more reward than any scroll I've ever received." -- Señor Santiago Ruiz de Zaragoza

There are two main types of service in the Society: group service and event service.

Group Service

As you begin to participate in the Society, you will quickly come to discover that the everyday, ongoing activities of the Society take planning, coordination, and execution by the members of its groups. Whether it be local fighter practices, business meetings, arts and sciences workshops, or any other gathering, someone usually has to organize it, plan it, run it, and clean up after it. By serving in your local group or for your kingdom, you help the Society to function on a daily basis.



The main individuals responsible for ensuring that the activities in any group are held are the officers. From the Seneschal who directs the business of the group, to the marshals who coordinate combat practices, to the herald who helps research names and devices, the officers of a local group or kingdom oversee and promote nearly every type of activity we do. Whereas many officers' activities put them out in front of fighters, classes, and crowds, many officers act behind the scenes, such as those who balance the books, organize and file event paperwork, and sort heraldic submissions. There are many opportunities to serve from the comfort of your computer desk, leaving you free to relax at local events (or serve there, too).

In addition to serving as an officer, you can also serve by helping out at workshops, teaching classes, participating in demos, or assisting the group or individuals with projects. The best way to find out what opportunities for service exist is by attending the activities of the local group.

Ask a SCAdian: What's the best way to start with service in my local group?

"The easiest way is by offering up ideas when the group is planning an event as it

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often helps the group think outside of the box or get out of a rut. You can also help with the loading and unloading for an event. Help is always needed and you get to know more local folks. There are also demos and educational activities, parades, etc. where you can start out as a learner yourself and also help fill out the ranks. Becoming a deputy to an office you are interested in is also a great way to get to know the ins and outs of a group. It is never too early to start volunteering. The group will have more opportunities to get to know you the more you ask if you can help.” -- Bantiarna Muirenn ingen Donngaile

Event Service

As the ongoing activities of the Society are maintained through its local groups and kingdoms, one of the most important parts of our organization are its events. Without a doubt, this weekend some group somewhere is hosting an event, probably in your kingdom, and possibly right down the road. Most local groups host anywhere from one to three events each year, so there may be a hundred or more opportunities to attend and serve at an event in your kingdom.

For as many opportunities are there are to serve in your local group, there are that many more positions that need to be filled at any given event. For example, the average small armored combat tournament needs at least one marshal, one list master, one field herald, one person to run cards between the list table and the heralds, not to mention a handful of people to set up the field. If there are additional needs such as multiple fields fighting simultaneously, a large number of entrants, or a large list field to cover, the need for volunteers may double or triple. It may take ten or fifteen people working together to run one tournament, and this is

only one of the activities that may be taking place at any given event!

No matter what your experience level, there are plenty of areas to serve at an event. Feasts need cooks, servers, and dishwashers. Collegiums need teachers and coordinators. Whether you give an hour or a whole weekend, even the smallest amount of volunteer time can make a huge difference in both the stress level of the event staff and the enjoyment of the attendees.

You do not have to be a member of the group hosting the event in order to serve. Check with the relevant officer or event staff member to see if they will need help. If you like to help out in the kitchen, contact the head cook. If you like to herald the field, drop by the list table and ask for the lead voice herald. If you see someone setting up a pavilion, offer a helping hand. The worst thing that can happen is to be told they already have enough volunteers and that's not such a bad thing to have at all!

Why Do We Serve?

Service in the Society is a means to an end. Without someone running the tournament, there is no tournament. Without someone registering names, nobody gets a unique name. Without someone cooking the feast, nobody gets to eat. By volunteering at local events, you make it so that others can come and fight, feast, and have a good time. Then, when it's your turn, you'll hopefully find those others in their own kitchen or marshalling their own field so that you can play, too.

Ask a SCAdian: How important is it that I find a way to get involved?

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“Being involved is probably the most important part of being in the Society. Our groups is based on volunteering and being part of the group, whether it’s helping run events, making things, cooking, fighting or listening to stories. The main aspect that sets us apart from Renaissance Faires -- which many of us enjoy -- is that we are always participants, not just spectators. We make the magic happen.” -- Master Liam St. Liam

That said, there are also substantive benefits to providing service in the Society. Every kingdom in the Society has a series of awards and orders designed to recognize those who participate in their realm, either through arts and sciences, through martial activities, through service, or by other means. By that token, every kingdom has specific awards that recognize acts of service to local groups or to the kingdom at large. Many of these awards increase your rank or precedence within the kingdom, and some come with special titles and regalia.

Should the “end” of our means of service be recognition with an award? Generally, no. While aspiring to be recognized by your fellow Society members and your kingdom’s Crown is never a bad thing, serving only for the sake of getting an award will generally leave you anxious or disappointed. In the Society, service is more about providing for the needs of the group or the event to ensure success and the feeling of accomplishment that comes from a job well done. Getting an award always feels good, but knowing a hundred people had fun because of how you helped out feels even better. If you serve faithfully and consistently for twenty years, will you rack up the medals and tokens? Perhaps, perhaps not. But in that time, what else will you have accomplished?

You will have helped countless events run smoothly, aided newcomers in learning and growing within the Society, ensured the success and longevity of your local group, and earned the esteem of your fellows who see the sweat of your brow and appreciate all that you have done. Serve from a heart of dedication and from a sense of duty to your local group and kingdom and you will never find yourself unfulfilled.

If you’re interested in learning more about service opportunities, contact the Seneschal of your nearest branch to find out what opportunities are available! and explore your story and flesh it out, I’d be happy to help anytime.

In preparation of the topic for this issue, I asked the following on Facebook: “Service. What is one act of service in the SCA that has stood out in your mind? Be it large or small, are there acts of kindness that you could share?”

--Rhianna

Mistress Heloys de Bec shared:

Kris Olsen: Our first Pennsic as we were leaving me, Greg Olsen, Lanie Keller, and Conrad von Zuberbuhler got into an accident. It was a Sunday and we had a Jeep and a trailer piled high with tents and other camping gear. HE Balen of the East Kingdom came out and got us and Duchess, then Queen, Sarah helped us get a hotel in Pittsburgh for the night. I know there were more that helped that day, but I have a hard time with names. On the way home we got to play Dukes of Hazzard and crawl out the front windows all the way home because the only car we could get was a sedan and to attach the car top carrier we had to strap it to the windows. It was exciting. I don’t recommend it.

Celebrating A Recognition Given

Passing of the Symbol

By Amanda de Spencer

Written to celebrate the elevation of
Vicountess, Mistress, Mistress, Sir Leah de
Spencer

Passing of this symbol marks a way-point,
not an end
Of a journey witnessed by you gathered
here
Passing of this symbol, imbuing it with love
As you welcome to your ranks this noble
peer
Inspiring and gracious,
Encouraging and strong
Leading from the throne or on her knee.
Her true-love won the coronet and placed it
on her brow
They gave to us a royal legacy
She wears the chain of fealty,
White belt her waist adorns
These honors won by chivalry and might
And all the knightly virtues she lives with
simple grace
That we might look and say, there is a
Knight
Passing of this symbol marks a way-point,
not an end
Of a journey witnessed by you gathered
here
Passing of this symbol, imbuing it with love
As you welcome to your ranks this noble
peer
This dream that we all celebrate is not by
magic made
But by the work of many loving hands
Hers have labored constantly in hours of
service given
In her you find our first Pelican
She has a gift for teaching and a passion
for the arts
A willingness to share in work and play
And now a fourth Accolade upon her head
is laid

A laurel here is recognized today.
Passing of this symbol marks a way-point,
not an end
Of a journey witnessed by you gathered
here Passing of this symbol, imbuing it
with love As you welcome to your ranks
this noble peer



Recognition and Thanks

From the Barony's website: <http://www.lochsalann.org/library/barony-awards/>



These are the various awards given out by the Baron and Baroness and a brief description of what they recognize. Please take a moment to share your own recommendations for those people you see who might fit one of these award categories. Even if you think they already have one, it doesn't hurt to make sure they do.

Order of the Crystal of the Salt Wastes – An award given for outstanding service to the barony and its people. This award carries with it an Award of Arms.

Order of the Fons Animae – An award given for diligence in instructing the populace and thus increasing their knowledge of the SCA and improving their courtly graces.

Order of the Golden Reflection – An award given to those who, through their personal example while outside the barony, bring honour on the barony.

List of Grace

List of Chivalry

Order of the Crystal Heart – An award given

by the Baroness to those who provide a shining example of courtesy and noble behavior.

Order of the Ermine & Gauntlet – An award given for excellence in learning and teaching the art of rapier fighting.

Order of the Ermine & Quill – An award given for outstanding service to the barony and its populace.

Order of the White Cygnet – Companion of the Young Gentles Nurturing Emerging Talent – An award given to baronial youth who display exemplary courtly graces.

Order of the White Duck – Devoted and Unique Company of Keepers – An award given for notable service to the barony.

Order of the White Falcon – Fighters Awarded for Laboring Toward Chivalry and Nobility – An award given for excellence in the learning and teaching of the fighting arts.

Order of the White Lark – Laboring Artists Recognition Company – An award given for excellence in the arts and sciences.

Order of the White Goose – An award given for excellence in the learning and teaching of archery.

Order of the White Osprey – An award given for excellence in the learning and teaching of thrown weapons.

Order of the White Loon – An award given to members who show outstanding effort in guiding and supporting new members.

Order of the White Phoenix – Awarded to members who have returned after an absence or a member who has continued to play for many years and has gotten all the awards but deserve recognition for continuing to do a great job. The Phoenix can be given multiple times.

March and April University of Loch Salann classes covered a variety of fun topics.

March focused on needlework and courtly graces. April got sweaty and muddy as our students learned about pottery and fencing footwork.

[Watch the Facebook group](#) for upcoming classes. Thank you to all of the teachers and students for making this such a fun and educational monthly activity.

The baronies of Loch Salann and Gryphon's Lair hosted a joint activity on Antelope Island as a regional war practice in April. Several classes were taught as well, such as tablet weaving and archery authorizations.

In honor of said event on Antelope Island, where we all enjoyed the "hospitality" of the "locals," I wrote this short poem:

The Hatching of an Army

by Rhianna ingen Cathail (Paula Sageser)



We marched out to practice one lovely Spring day
Our forces did muster across the causeway
Our bright banners snapped and the wind it did blow
It delayed our first knowing of what lurked below
In lee sides and eddies, in wind breaks and calm
To our warriors in armor they could do no harm
There had been awakened an army most fierce
Our watchers, unarmored, their weapons did pierce
Uncanny the lurkers, unseen and relentless
No see 'ems they said, be prepared, or defenseless

SWAT! DRAT! Take that GNAT!

BLSNG Report for May 2, 2018

Greetings from the Needleworkers Guild

In attendance were 6 ladies, including myself. We were pleased to have Mistress Heloys de Bec visiting with us. She was doing the quilting on a pieced quilt that she made quite some time ago. It is a sampler quilt that has quite a variety of different piece quilt designs. I have never seen anyone do quilting in a hoop on their lap instead of a giant quilt frame, so that was very interesting to me. Mistress Bengta joined us as well. She is going to redesign the trim on one of her dresses, so she was in the process of removing the existing trim. Also joining us was a new comer to the SCA, m'lady Raine. Because she is renewing her interest in embroidery and hasn't stitched for while, she was given a piece of zenbroi-dery from a previous give away so that she could practice stitches. She also went home with fabric for a couple of neck coolers. We hope to see more of her in the future.

As a group, we discussed doing another 100 day challenge. Rules will be similar to last year with the following changes: Only decorative embroidery will be counted, in other words, it must be seen from the outside of the item/garment. I won't be counting hand stitched seams on dresses, quilts, etc. I will be counting decorative stitching as is often seen on the outside of seams for Viking apron dresses as these are decorative in nature. At least one item must be completed within the designated time frame, this would include those items for the guild largesse projects as well as personal projects. The start date is May 1, end date is guild meeting on September 4th. Starting early allows plenty of days off. Minimum embroidery time, 30 minutes per day, multiple days cannot be combined into one. Reporting will be like last year, use facebook and list hours worked per day, posting must occur at least once per week and should include a photo showing the status of your work. List individual days separately. Everyone who completes the challenge will earn a prize, I have not decided yet what the prizes will be and/or if they will be different or the same. I am considering additional prizes for the following: total hours work and total number of largesse items completed within the designated time frame. So keep that in mind as you work. Final decisions will be posted soon as well as a full listing of the rules.

In service
Bethoc

How Did You Get Started in the SCA?

Our ongoing series of articles where members of the barony can share stories of their early days in the SCA or early memories. If you would like to contribute, please send your story and any pictures you may have to go along with it. Our memories books are in need of new stories. **Please look for these books at events.**

--Rhianna | Chronicler@Loch-Salann.org



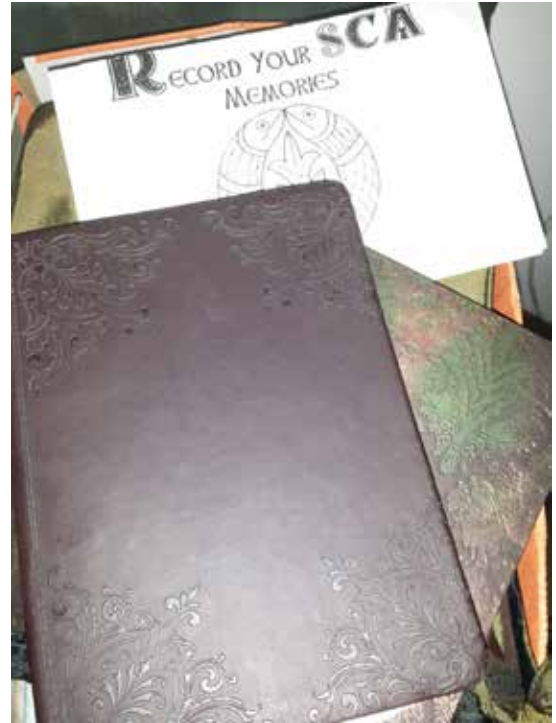
Michael Gerard

Anecdote the First: An Abbot's Staff

At the very first Twelfth Night revel in Loch Salann, then an incipient Shire or less, 'Is Irreverence AEthelred the Over-Ready, Habbot of the Abbey of Misrule in the 'Ighlands o' Winter--not too far from Christmas Hisl'nd if you know the shortcut--presided over the festivities, firmly believing that the functions of an Abbot of Misrule are 1) to encourage misbehavior and 2) to limit it. So when a round game called Catch the Plague Rat was organized, in which those who failed to catch the stuffed plush Muzzy Muskrat (being thrown instead of a Rat) pretended to die, His Irreverence poked w/ his staff of office at the accumulating bodies, begging Heavenly forgiveness for any sins committed by use of the hand, foot, head--whatever protruded from the pile. And then one participant's hand slid down the staff as she collapsed--a gentle later called Elizabeth Street--and Sister Scholastica inquired from nearby what one got for dying while clutching an abbatial staff. At which point the poor Abbot's voice went up about an octave, probably accompanied by a blush, and he answered, "Arrested in some states!" Followed by perhaps unnecessary apologies to the ladies involved, both mundanely quite married ...

Anecdote the Second: A Silent Knight

At the 20th or 25th Society Anniversary campout in Texas, a strong, silent knight was digging a trench around the tent of the Viscountess Yelisveta Katlin Savrasova, against the drenching rain still falling after some hours. Lord Michael Gerard, from the same Barony as Viscountess Katlin, walked up and engaged her in conversation as they watched the work. And they continued talking--especially Lord Gerard, tho he sincerely intended to assist the knight in just a moment--and watched, and talked, until the trench around Viscountess Katlin's tent was quite finished, and the knight silently departed to dig for another. At which point Gerard barked that he'd intended to help, really, but ... Whereupon the Viscountess told him that it was fine, because he had instead exercised his "talent to amuse". Gerard doesn't claim he deserves the same characterization assigned to Noel Coward, but admits that he aspires to it.



Guilds and Activities

This is the latest known information on our guilds as of the publication date. If you have any updates, have a guild that is not listed, or would like to share your household activities with the populace, please contact the Chronicler, chronicler@loch-salann.org.

ARCHERY

Practices have moved back outside. Check out the Loch Salann Archery Facebook page for updates and weekly shoot information at: <http://www.loch-salann.org/blog/activities/archery-practice/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/258853954213137>. You can contact our Captain of the Archers by email at archery@loch-salann.org.

ARTS & SCIENCES

More information will be posted on the Baronial Facebook page and the Loch-Salann.org website. Contact for more information: Heloys de Bec - email at moas@loch-salann.org.

BARONIAL BARDIC CIRCLE

The Bardic Circle will be holding monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month at the home of HE Amanda de Spencer. Contact Robin de Spencer for additional information 801-520-5481 (no calls after 9 please).

BREWER'S GUILD

The Brewer's Guild will hold meetings approximately every six weeks. Announcements will be made on Facebook pages and on the Baronial Website. The meetings will be held on Friday evenings and will be at the home of HE Dunkr.



COOK'S GUILD

Additional information will be posted on the facebook pages for Loch Salann and Loch Salann Arts & Sciences, plus on the Loch Salann baronial website. Please contact Mistress Casamira by email at jeannecas@gmail.com or by phone 801-572-6458 (speak to the Machine) if you have questions.

FIGHTER PRACTICE

Armored Combat (Heavy Fighting) and Rapier Combat practice have moved to our summer site at the Veridian Center, on Tuesdays, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (or until it is too dark in these earlier Spring months)

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*Note: Donations are still welcome to help offset the cost of our indoor site. For more information, contact the Knight Marshall by email at kmarshal@loch-salann.org



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GARDENING GUILD

The Gardening Guild is currently on hiatus. Please contact the Minister of Arts & Sciences if you'd like to participate or help run this guild.

MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE AND DRUMMER'S GUILD

The Dance and Drummer's Guild is currently on hiatus. Once it starts up again, Lady Zafirah will post dates and times for meetings, but please feel free to contact her if you have questions. Contact Lady Zafirah: 801-971-2308 or zemlar@hotmail.com for additional information or changes.

MUSICIAN'S GUILD

The Musician's Guild is led by Mistress Anne de Junius (June Olsen), and will be meeting (for the foreseeable future) on Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the home of Mistress Aldgyth atten Fennholme (Diane Keay) in the Avenues, 276 B St. SLC. Everyone is welcome regardless of musical skill. We are a teaching guild and welcome beginners, and all that is required is a love of medieval music. If you can't meet for practice, your musical talents are still most welcome at events. Contacts: Mistress Anne, 801-466-7300; Mistress Aldgyth, 801-598-7867; or Lady Gauden (Leah Sanford), 801-819-9814.

We also have a Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/901096403326655/> If you want to join the group go to the page and send us a request.

NEEDLEWORKER'S GUILD

The Needleworkers Guild meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7-9 PM at the home of Mistress Bethoc du Cruford. Location 628 N. American Beauty Drive, Salt Lake City UT 84116. If you need more info or have questions you can contact Bethoc at 801.322.4984 or email her at leishman10@msn.com. The group has a [Facebook Page](#) Barony of Loch Salann Needleworker's Guild, where you can read their reports and catch up on their largess projects and the 100 DAYS OF EMBROIDERY challenge.



THROWN WEAPONS

Check the Barony's Facebook page for updates on planned Thrown Weapons activities and locations.

SOUTHERN PEWTER CASTER'S GUILD

Southern Pewter Caster's Guild currently meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the home of HE Oonaugh. Please contact her for additional information 801-898-7829.

UNIVERSITY OF LOCH SALANN

The University currently meets on the last Wednesday of each month at Holdtyte. Please visit the [Facebook Page](#) for updates on planned classes.

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