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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

August 2009 (AS XLIV)

7-9 Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII
14-16 ...Steppes Artisan/Elfsea Baronial College – Multi-group Event (Dallas/Ft Worth TX)
21-23 OPEN
28-30 Jägermeister - Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)

September 2009 (AS XLIV)

4-7 Gothic War XVIII - Multigroup Event (Lubbock/San Angelo, TX)
11-13 Laurel's Prize - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)
Grand Assembly of Archers - Multigroup Event (Norman/Oklahoma City, OK)
18-20 Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)
Triumpe of the Eclipse IV - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
25-27 OPEN

Populace Meetings

August 4..... Location TBA

September 8..... Location TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 6:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Chivalric	Sun 1:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Sir Rhodri sir.rhodri@gmail.com
Rapier	Sun 1:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Don Conner benjamin.white@gmail.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Cooking	2 nd Tues 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 6:30PM	See below	Lady Morina elwenadualloth@yahoo.com
Musicians	Sun 5:30PM	See below	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com
Scribes	Mon 7:30 PM	Kaitlyn's house	Luciana pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net

Music/Dance Rooms

NO ROOMS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Don Connor MacGillivray and Lord Stephen Crowley, winners rapier tourneys at Ansteorra xXx.

Kudos to Lady Catan, who taught Kumihimo and knitting at Ansteorra xXx, and to Lady Solange, who taught a beginning embroidery class.

Lord Bastian did a great job running the Champion of Champions Tournament at Ansteorra xXx. Congratulations!

Many thanks to Mistress Kaitlyn, who made the beautiful prize banner for the Champion of champions tourney, and to Lord Pædric, who made the mushroom crest helm and the Roll of Arms of Duke Ulsted's lineage, to represent the Shadowlands Champion in style.

The Shire Achievement of Arms has finally been submitted to the Kingdom Heralds, and it is only a matter of time before it is officially registered.

Congratulations to Master Francois, from Shadowlands South, the new Champion of Westgate. He taught a class on cheese-making at Westgate Winter Collegium that was outstanding (as were the cheese samples.)

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Greetings,

The shire put on a tournament at 30th year celebration. Many thanks to Lord Bastian for organizing it and many of the shire members who helped prepare decorations for the tournament as well as the Shadowlands items which were used to escort in our Champion, Duke Ulsted. The tournament was well received and enjoyed by many different groups, despite the intense heat of the day.

We had active participation throughout the event, from Isabelot running gate, Isobail managing money, Catan and Solange teaching classes, and Pædric did a great Shadowlands history display.

During the August populace meeting we will be discussing when and where we want our activities to be this fall. In particular rapier and chivalric fighter practice, dance and music practice. With the construction around the MSC, our previous fighter practice site at the reviewing stand may not be as easy to get to as it used to be. Dance and music will be moving but we don't know to where yet. If anyone has a site or location that would be good for these activities please contact myself or Brigid.

In early September we have the annual demo for TAMU at open house. This year it will be held at the rec center on the west side of campus. We have been talking to the event organizers and their final meeting is not until early August so we are still not sure what space we will have available for fighting and dancing and our usual display.

Planning continues for the Fall Ball in the Small Hall Take II in January. Contact Catan if you have ideas for the event or are willing to help out in any way.

Rhodri

Acting Seneschal

From the Treasurer

Hello,

We currently have \$5157.66 in our account as of the end of the second quarter. This puts us in pretty good shape to host the Fall Ball in the Small Hall (Take II) and a Kingdom-level event next fall (to be discussed at the August and/or September Populace meeting). So try to think of what Kingdom event you would like to host next fall.

Thank you and see you next month!

Catan

From the Hospitaller

Greetings!

With the MSC closing in the fall, many organizations are moving to different buildings around campus. In the event that no dance rooms are available, please start looking for alternative places to meet! Reservations for populace should not be affected as Koldus and

Rudder tower are still open. Newcomer's Meeting/September populace will be on the 8th, the Tuesday after open house. Reservations for a table at open house, at the Rec Center Sep. 6th, pending on decision of August populace. Have a wonderful last few weeks of summer!

~ *Affran*

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

There is charter painting happening. And..planning for dance is sorta been going around. Preferences for day of the week and info on any locations for dance are being sought. June/July had shields being painted in addition to charters. July also had several shire members teaching classes at 30th Year and Westgate Winter Collegium. Our Francois la Flamme won the Westgate Championship for his Cheese class.

Submitted by Mistress Kaitlyn, Lady Brigid's source for news

From the Chivalric Marshal

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

From the Rapier Marshal

Practices will continue in Austin Colony Park on Sundays from 1-4 PM through the month of August. We are investigating where on campus we will be moving practices to come the fall. We will probably also move the time from the daylight hours on Sunday to an evening time during the week. If you have any suggestions or comments as to the place or timing of practice, please let me know privately. I am also interested in discussing the format of practices with those members of the shire that would like to share their input, specifically how the training of newcomers will be handled. I've run a great many introductory classes before and would like to know who I may count on for assistance. I am also open to the idea of advertising "beginner classes" that span several weeks, but in order to do so I will need several people who are willing to spend a healthy amount of their practice time drilling with beginners. If you are interested or have any opinions on the matter, please speak to me. I am more than happy to make myself available during the week if need be for such conversations.

Tourney News: Ansteorra 30th year celebration – On Saturday, three tournaments were held, a Schwarze Rapier Tourney, an Everyman Rapier tournament and the Rapier Champions Tourney. The first tourney was won by Don Connor MacGillivray and the second was won by Lord Stephen Crowley. Vivant Shadowlands (Big like moose)! A great many Shadowlanders also fought and participated in these tournaments (and several more on Friday and Saturday). It was wonderful to see so many members of the shire out demonstrating their art.

August Events: For those going to Pennsic. Safe Travels and Have Fun! For those still around, there will be several classes taught at the Steppes Artisan/Elfsea Baronial College (Aug 14-16) including a class on beginning rapier taught by Don Ingve of York and a class on infighting and a discussion on advanced techniques in single rapier by Don Connor MacGillivray.

Beyond: As we gear up for the Fall, we will think about what events we will attend and have a strong rapier presence at. Several of us have been discussing regalia so that we might display our membership to the shire prominently on the field. If you are interested in the design or construction process, please let me know and I will point you in the appropriate direction.

Don Connor MacGillivray

From the Web Minister

Greetings!

For those of you who missed the history of the Shadowlands articles that Pædric did over the previous months, it is now posted, in it's entirety, on the Shire web page (<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org>). He has done a wonderful job of covering our entire history, including the times when our various historians and chroniclers have "lost" the records! Thank you Pædric for all your hard work in putting this together.

If you will be leading any guilds or practices in the coming months and would like your own web page, please contact me and we can make arrangements.

If you have any pictures that you would like posted on the Shire's photo gallery, send them to me with a signed permission form (<http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/Forms/PubPerm.pdf>).

Thank you, and have a great rest of the summer.

Calan

From the Chronicler

Another month, another newsletter. This month's is pretty thin, kind of to be expected in August. Next month I will be publishing a newcomer's issue. I would really appreciate some submissions to help our newcomers get started in our bizarre little world. This month's cover art is a rerun. This is partly because I didn't get any art submissions, and partly to celebrate the fact that our Shire Achievement of Arms has officially been submitted to the Kingdom heralds for registration. I chose not to run *Poetry Corner* and *The Shadow Reader* because the newsletter works in increments of four pages and I didn't feel like producing two more pages of filler that I wonder if anyone will actually read. *Pryess the Unexpected* is still on summer hiatus.

Pædric

From the Historian

The shire history display at Ansteorra xXx was a big hit. The History of the Shire of the Shadowlands, current through July 12, AS XLIV, is now available online at the Shire website.

Lord Pædric