

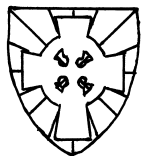
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Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

November 2009 (AS XLIV)

6-8.....Coronation/King's Champion - Eldern Hills/Brad Leah (Duncan, OK)
13-15.....Queen's Champion - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
19-22.....Bordermarch Autumn Melees/Kingdom Middle Eastern Dance Champions
- Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
27-29.....**Thanksgiving Weekend**

December 2009 (AS XLIV)

4-6.....Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel - Wiesenfeuer (OKC, OK)
Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, TX)
Champions for Children - Trelac (San Angelo, TX)
Loch Ruadh's Yule Revel at Dragonsfire Tor - Loch Ruadh (Benbrook, TX)
11-13.....Guardian of the Gauntlet/Yule Revel- Bryn Gwlad/Ffynnon Gath
(Austin/San Marcos, TX)
18-21.....**OPEN**
25-27.....**OPEN** (25 Christmas Day)

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Populace Meetings

December 1.....504 Rudder Tower
January 5?.....TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Chivalric	Thur 7:00PM	TAMU Main Drill Field	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	TAMU Main Drill field	Don Conner benjamin.white@gmail.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Benders (Brewing and Blacksmithing)	2 nd & 4 th Wed 7:00PM	TBA check the list	Lord Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Cooking	3 rd Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 7:00PM	See below	Lady Morina elwenadualloth@yahoo.com
Musicians	1 st Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com
Scribes	2 nd & 4 th Mon 7:30PM	Kaitlyn's house	Luciana pchanjeni@sbcglobal.net
Singing	3 rd Mon 7:00PM	Brigid's Apt	Lady Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com

Dance Rooms

Dance is on Sunday nights at the General Services Complex, at the corner of F&B Road and Agronomy Road. It usually starts at 7:00PM, except on the days we do Italian, when it starts at 6:00PM.

Getting Started in Calligraphy

By Lord Pædríc OMullan

As with most activities in the SCA, before you can start doing calligraphy you need to acquire some basic equipment. Fortunately, before you can get started the list of needs is fairly short, and the tools fairly inexpensive. This month's article will deal with selecting the most important tool for calligraphy, the pen.

There are several different kinds of calligraphy pens, of varying degrees of usefulness. I recommend a nib-holder with interchangeable nibs. The brand I use is Speedball, which seems to be the most widely available. This kind of pen is dipped into the ink in a way very similar to the technique used in period. Since it involves a bottle of ink, it has the most opportunity for making a mess, and I don't recommend it for children. I suggest getting at least two nib-holders, and a variety of different nib sizes. Speedball nibs range in size from C-0 (more than ¼ inch) to C-5 (less than 1/16 inch). Obviously, different nib sizes will produce very different results. C-0 nibs can make letters up to 2 inches tall, while C-5 letters will be less than ½ inch. Larger nibs are also useful for learning the basic techniques.

Felt tip calligraphy pens are useful for trying out the skills involved, with a reduced risk of making a colossal mess, but they are not at all period, and they come in a limited range of sizes. Cartridge calligraphy pens are, in my opinion, nearly useless. They are less likely than nib-pens to make a mess, but only marginally so. It is often difficult to get the ink to flow smoothly, and they generally cannot use waterproof ink (a must if you are adding illumination).

For very large lettering you might consider using a bamboo or reed pen. When you have mastered the techniques involved in writing calligraphy you might consider trying a quill pen, the most widely used writing instrument in our period. Quill pens add a whole new level of complexity, as you must prepare the quill, then cut the nib, and continue re-cutting the nib as it grows dull.

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The Shadow Notes

Congratulations to Lord Bastian Eisengart, the new armored combat champion of Gate's Edge.

Congratulations to Master Francois le Flamme, the new archery champion of Bryn Gwlad.

Congratulations to Lady Catan ingen Míchlí, who received a much deserved Sable Thistle for her skill in Fiber Arts at Lochtoberfest. Vivat!

The Benders Guild had its first brewing night, at which we started a batch of dry mead. The mead is bubbling happily away, at last report.

Lady Catan's term in office as Treasurer of the Shadowlands will end in April. This office MUST be filled. It requires only basic accounting skills and looks GREAT on a resume. Interested parties should send the Ansteorra Application for Kingdom Office (available at the Kingdom webpage { www.ansteorra.org }) to the Kingdom Treasurer and the Southern Regional Treasurer, with copies to the local Seneschal (Sir Rhodri) and the local Treasurer (Catan). As with all officer positions you must be a paid member to hold this office. This position will be open for applications until the first of March.

Sign up for the Shadowlands group email list at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shadowlandssca/>

Visit the Shire webpage at:
shadowlands.ansteorra.org

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Seneschal's report for October

Greetings!

The shire has been doing well. We had a great turnout at Three Queens, outnumbering all shires and many of the baronies.

The new tabbards looked fantastic! Many thanks to Kaitlyn for getting the fabric and coordinating the many people who came out and helped make them. There are still more to make, so if you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Kaitlyn and/or watch the email list for postings about work times.

The benders guild has gotten off to a great start with brewing and the first batch of mead is in progress.

Dance guild is doing well in its new location. We hosted an area Italian dance practice with instruction from Perronnelle out of Stargate. There will be another Italian dance practice the third Sunday in November.

Shire archers did very well at Bryn Gwlad. Kaitlyn, Francois, and Catan lead the field with Francois finally winning the day on an incredible balloon shot round. He got 2 balloons with 1 arrow and got the third (and last) one with his third arrow. Francois replaced Kaitlyn as the archery champion of Bryn Gwlad.

November 14 a group of people are planning to go out to Ren Faire. BAM is November 21 and once again our neighbors, Glenn Abhann are coming to "visit". A large group is planning to attend. Both of these will be discussed at populace meeting on Tuesday November 3 in Rudder Tower.

Unfortunately my work is taking me on the road again most of the month. Bastian will be handling the populace meeting for me. I will be available by email if you are patient (there are several very long plane trips involved).

Remember to have fun.

Rhodri

17 In 1558, Elizabethan era begins: Queen Mary I of England dies and is succeeded by her half-sister Elizabeth I of England.

18 In 1477, William Caxton produces *Dictes or Sayengis of the Philosophres*, the first book printed on a printing press in England.

19 In 1095, the Council of Clermont, called by Pope Urban II to discuss sending the First Crusade to the Holy Land, begins.

20 In 762, during An Shi Rebellion, Tang Dynasty, with the help of Huihe tribe, recaptured Luoyang from the rebels.

21 In 1430, Joan of Arc was sold to the English by the Burgundians

22 In 845, The first King of all Brittany, Nominoe defeats the Frankish king Charles the Bald at the Battle of Ballon near Redon.

23 In 800, Charlemagne arrived at Rome to investigate the alleged crimes of Pope Leo III.

24 In 1190, Isabella of Jerusalem married Conrad of Montferrat at Acre, making him King.

25 In 1034, Máel Coluim mac Cináeda, King of Scots died. Donnchad, the son of his daughter Bethóc and Crínán of Dunkeld, inherited the throne.

26 In 1476, Vlad III Dracula defeated Basarab Laiota and became the ruler of Wallachia for the third time.

27 In 1295, The first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward I to attend what later became known as "The Model Parliament".

28 In 1520, after navigating through the South American strait, three ships under the command of Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan reach the Pacific Ocean, becoming the first Europeans to sail from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific

29 In 1530, the death of Thomas Cardinal Wolsey

30 In 1016, the death of Edmund II of England, Called Ironside

This Month in the Middle Ages – November

- 1 In 1512, the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, is exhibited to the public for the first time.
- 2 In 1570, a tidal wave in the North Sea devastates the coast from Holland to Jutland, killing more than 1,000 people.
- 3 In 1493, Christopher Columbus first sights the island of Dominica in the Caribbean Sea
- 4 In 1429, Joan of Arc liberated Saint-Pierre-le-Moûtier.
- 5 In 1530, St. Felix's Flood destroys the city of Reimerswaal in the Netherlands
- 6 In 1528, shipwrecked Spanish conquistador Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca becomes the first known European to set foot in Texas.
- 7 In 1492, The Ensisheim Meteorite, the oldest meteorite with a known date of impact, strikes the earth around noon outside the village of Ensisheim, Alsace, France.
- 8 In 1519, Hernán Cortés enters Tenochtitlán and Aztec ruler Moctezuma welcomes him with a great celebration.
- 9 In 1494, The Family de' Medici become rulers of Florence.
- 10 In 1444, Battle of Varna: The crusading forces of King Vladislaus III of Varna (aka *Ulaszlo I of Hungary* and *Wladyslaw III of Poland*) are crushed by the Turks under Sultan Murad II and Vladislaus is killed.
- 11 In 1500, Treaty of Granada – Louis XII of France and Ferdinand II of Aragon agree to divide the Kingdom of Naples between them.
- 12 In 1028, Future Byzantine empress Zoe marries Romanus Argyrus according to the wishes of the dying Constantine VIII.
- 13 In 1002, English king Ethelred orders the killing of all Danes in England, known today as the St. Brice's Day massacre.
- 14 In 1305, Crowning of the first "Avignon Pope" (Clement V)
- 15 In 1515, Thomas Cardinal Wolsey is invested as a Cardinal
- 16 In 1384, Jadwiga is crowned King of Poland, although she is a woman.

From the Treasurer

NO REPORT RECEIVED

From the Hospitaller

NO REPORT RECEIVED

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings to the Shire! Guild meetings are continuing. I heard that some charters were ready to be turned in; good job, Charter Painting! Dance also continues to have folks and sounds like there's plenty of fun happening there. Music and Singing have been lacking in attendance. Also, after some discussion at last practice, Music guild will now be on the first Monday of the month, and Singing will be on the third Monday of the month. This is to accommodate Mea's schedule, so she will be able to join us for Singing. I have not heard much about Cooking guild or the Benders, but from what I have heard it seems both guilds are doing well. As always, if there is an A&S activity someone would like to do, let me know and I can either point you in the right direction for learning the activity or help arrange for an A&S night for that activity.

-Brigid

From the Chivalric Marshal

Practice will continue on Thursday nights at 7:00 on Simpsons Drill field. With special "as needed" additional practices on the weekend. I'd like to send a special thank you and encouragement to our new fighters, you're doing great and keep at it, you'll be calcitrating posterior and collecting monikers in no time. In the same lines, if anybody is interested, or knows anybody interested, in Chivalric combat, come talk to me, and you too can join the ranks of the black, blue, and gold.

Bastian Eisengart, Lord

From the Rapier Marshal

Practices continue on Thursday nights, same Rapier Time Same Rapier Place (Simpson Drill Field 7 PM, Thursdays). We are currently short on gloves; I am looking into purchasing more pairs for the loaner gear. If you have suggestions on where to get gloves at a reasonable price, I would appreciate them. We are down to zero funds, so we may have to do some sort of fundraising effort to put money in our coffers so we can buy new gloves (we're

down to 2 usable pairs). If you have gloves and are not using them and do not intend to use them in the future, consider donating them to a good cause.

Shadowlands had an excellent showing at 3 queens and I know that we've been represented well at events all over Ansteorra this October. For those traveling north to Queens' Champion this November, safe travels and good luck. The next event that is close to our area is BAM. Remember to bring your Shadowlands livery and represent the shire with excellent skills, honor and courtesy.

In Service,

-Don Connor MacGillivray

From the Web Minister

NO REPORT RECEIVED

From the Chronicler

I'm afraid I'm beginning to get a little burnt out at this job already. If you would like to see me continue publishing a monthly newsletter that is accurate, up-to-date, and worth reading, PLEASE help me out with submissions of articles, (informative or how-to) event reports, artwork, poetry, etc. Otherwise we may go back to strictly online publication with the only information being changed monthly the calendar of events. Officers, this applies to you, too. I shouldn't have to beg and extend deadlines to get officer reports.

Lord Padric

From the Historian

In October of that same year the Shadowlands did turn out for The Battle of Three Queens with nigh on thirty members dressed in Shire livery, and it was a very impressive sight.

Also in that month did Lord Stephen Crowley become a squire of Duke Ulsted the Unsteady and Duke Sigmund the Wing-footed.

Congratulations to Lord Bastian Eisengart, the new Armored Combat champion of Gate's Edge, and Master Francois le Flamme, the new Archery champion of Bryn Gwlad.

Lord Padric

The Shadowlands Shows the Kingdom How to Represent:

3 Queens.

By Lord Stephen Crowley

In the early morning hours in the forests of Ansteorra, 3 armies marshaled their forces in preparation for the battle to come. Soldiers sharpened blades and strengthened armor, artisans prepared their works, support personnel moved among the throngs assisting those who needed it. As the appointed hour drew nigh the 3 armies gathered in front of the castle to witness the ladies of the day enter in procession. The Queens came in all their glory, heralds and warriors in the fan fare marched, banners and horns signaling the glory of each monarch from their home lands. As the She-wolf stood and prepared to enter her royal gaze fell upon a certain throng. Clad in matching tabards with the symbol of the sun and the moon half in each other, the throng stood ready to support the glory of the She-wolf. A smile crept across her face as the She-wolf saw the supporting throng, the shire of the Shadowlands stood tall and proud, each with a smile on his/her face. Each supporting the other with their presence. The She-wolf turned to me, her loyal general, and bid me summon the throng of Shadowlands to join her procession into the Court of the Queens. With a respectful bow and quick words I had in moments the throng gathered and ordered. The sound of the ram's horn summoned all eyes as the She-wolf and her generals, followed by the shining ranks of Shadowlanders marched into the Court of the Queens. The sun came over the trees and caressed the tabards, the She-wolf and the court. The other queens stood by in regal silence, as the long ranks of Shadowlanders supported the She-wolf in unbroken ranks of tabard, blade, art and song. As we passed the retainers of the other noble queens I heard the phrase that brought a swelling of pride in my breast. One said to another "Which barony is that, there are so many?" the other looks to the first and says with certainty: "that's no barony, Those are SHADOWLANDERS..." For the She-wolf and the Shadowlands, your humble servant and Soldier of the shire.

Crowley