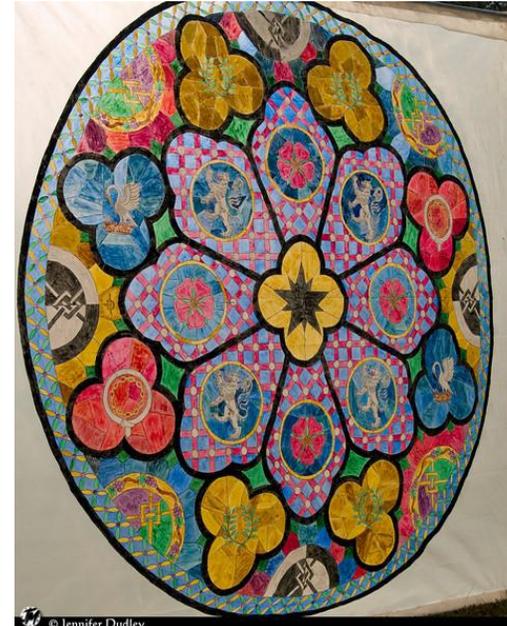


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Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

June 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

3-5 Eldern XXXIII - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
10-12 Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
17-19 King's College - Loch Ruadh (Benbrook, TX)
24-26 Bordermarch Baronials - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Knowne World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium
- Atlantia (High Point, NC)

July 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

1-3 Out of Kingdom: Known World Dance Symposium - Mynydd Seren
(Bloomington, IN)
Out of Kingdom: Battlemoor II: Outlands 25th Year (29th - 4th) - Outlands
(Rye, CO)
8-10 Crown Tournament - Adlersruhe/Bonwicke (Mobeeti, TX)
15-17 King's Round Table - TBD
22-24 Open
29-31. Ansteorran Heraldic & Scribal Symposium - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XL

Populace Meetings

July 5, 2011 Location TBA
August 2, 2011 Location TBA

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Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
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Blacksmithing	1 st Wed 6:30 PM	TBA	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
Cooking	3 rd Wed 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot isabelotdeforens@gmail.com
Dance	TBA	TBA	TBA
Scribes	2 nd &4 th Mon 7:00	Kaitlyn's house	

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The Shadow Notes

Charter Painting Guild has been replaced for the Summer with Open A&S Night every Monday Night at Kaitlyn and Rhodri's. Come paint charters, bring your current A&S project, work on armor or just hang out.

Don't miss the Shire's Activity Day, Saturday June 11, to include archery, dance, and bardic and finish with a revel. There's more detailed info elsewhere in the newsletter.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Order of the Shadow, Kite the Damaged, Tristram of the Shadowlands, and Aldred of the Shadowlands.

If you are fighting, practicing, or just hanging out in the heat this Summer make sure to stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water or Gatorade, stay away from caffeinated or alcoholic drinks!

It is official, finally! The shire Achievement of Arms has, after only 21 months in submission, finally been registered with the Ansteorran College of Arms. On the other hand, we went 32 years without even designing an official Achievement, so what's a few more months...



Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

What about the SCA excites you? What are you passionate about? I encourage you to not wait for someone else to do something. Get involved and do what you enjoy doing. Whether it is dancing, bardic, leather working, fighting or whatever, get in there and start some action. If you really want to but don't know how, come talk with myself or Kaitlyn and we will be glad to assist you in getting started.

Rhodri

From the Treasurer

Nothing new on the financial front. Inventories were taken of the Hospitaller, Charter Painting, and Dance Offices. All went well. There are a few items of loaner garb which need to be voted on for repair/disposal at populace

-Kolfinna

From the Hospitaller

OFFICE VACANT

From the Knight's Marshal

Hello friends! Your lovely knight marshal here! So few things going down now that its beautiful summer time...Chiv. fighting has moved to Sundays at 330pm at Austin Colony park (note: this may change very soon during the month, watch the list for info. questions contact me at benny_wro@yahoo.com). We have lost a good amount of friends to the summer and that graduating thing...so since we are low on numbers now is the time to come out and try chiv if you've always wanted too! There is plenty of loaner gear and fun to be had! Also at this time/place Archery is after chivalric finishes so if you've wanted to try both you can in one day! However I will say if you plan to come out, bring water (H2O, thrust- quencher, non-dying of heat liquid, etc.) because its hot in that armor. I hope everyone has a splendid summer break!

Love,

Felice

From the Rapier Marshal

Practices are going well thus far into the summer. There was a lull immediately following finals (as expected) and the practices since then were very strongly

attended. Practices are still scheduled for Thursday nights at 7:30pm at Bee Creek Park. Most people show up earlier than that, and that's all well and good. I'm hoping we'll see a few Chiv faces at practices in April what with the practices being separated. I'm looking for a Rapier Deputy. If anyone is interested, speak to me and I'll point you in the direction of things you need to do to meet the qualifications.

-Kolfinna

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders,

During the month of May, we had 3 shire members come out and try archery for the first time and all did quite well. I enjoyed helping our new archers and hope they will continue to participate in archery in the shire. In May, we had 5 archery practices with an average attendance of 3 archers at each.

As a reminder, to those interested in archery, the shire's activity day on June 11 will start at 10 AM with archery at the Austin 's Colony Park archery range. It will be a fun shoot with several styles of targets. If you have an idea for a shoot let me know.

For the summer, archery practice is Sundays, 5 - 7 PM, at the archery range in Austin 's Colony Park . Newcomers and novices welcome. Loaner equipment will be available. Watch the list for updates!

Ronald fitz Robert

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings from your Minister of Arts and Sciences! Let me start by reminding you of a few things we have discussed regarding A&S activities over the summer.

Cooking guild will continue so long as there is interest and those willing to cook as will brewing, so for those staying in college station over the summer free up your Wednesday nights. Also charter painting on Mondays will continue as more of an open A&S night so bring any projects you have to work on and enjoy great company while working on them.

We are still trying to get dance practice back up and running so if anybody could find a place possibly for next school year please let me know so it can be arranged as early as possible to ensure a convenient time for everybody.

Enjoy your summer everybody!!!

Lady Caitlin Labouche

From the Chronicler

Applications for this office have been extended until June 30. This is the absolute latest someone could apply and still get warranted at the July King's Round Table (where the warrants are signed. This would also allow the successful applicant to attend the warranting class, which will be at Round Table.

To apply send an Ansteorran application for office (<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) with proof of membership and identity to the Coastal Regional Chronicler with courtesy copies to Rhodri (the Seneschal) and myself. We don't really need the proof of membership and identity...

Thanks to the officers who submitted reports for publication this month. Thank you to HL Brenna MacDonald for allowing me to use her photo on the cover. As always, a big thank you to Ronald fitz Robert for doing the printing!

Rædric

From the Historian

In May of the new year three people were received into the Order of the Shadow and they were Kite the Damaged, and Tristram of the Shadowlands, and Aldred of the Shadowlands, both of whom should consider choosing a last name. And in that month also was the Shire of the Shadowlands Achievement of Arms officially registered at the kingdom level.

Rædric

From the Web Minister

You can visit the Shire web page at: <http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/>

If there is any information you would like to see added or updated, or anything you feel should be removed, please contact the Web Minister at:

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Useful Websites for Newcomers

<http://sca.org/> - SCA Inc. web page

<http://ansteorra.org/> - The Texas/Oklahoma Kingdom web page

<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/> - the Bryan/College Station chapter web page

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shadowlandssca/> - the Shire email list used for discussion, announcements, and activity planning

This Month in the Middle Ages – June

1. In 1495, Friar John Cor records the first known batch of Scotch whisky.
2. In 455, The Sack of Rome: The Vandals enter Rome, and plunder the city for two weeks.
3. In 1326, the Treaty of Novgorod delineates borders between Russia and Norway in Finnmark.
4. In 1070 Roquefort cheese discovered.
5. In 1341, Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York, son of Edward III of England was born.(d. 1402)
6. In 1178 Some monks at Canterbury report an explosion on the moon
7. In 1520 "Field of the Cloth of Gold"
8. In 1405, Richard le Scrope, Archbishop of York and Thomas Mowbray, Earl of Norfolk, are executed in York on Henry IV's orders.
9. In 721, Odo of Aquitaine defeats the Moors in the Battle of Toulouse.
10. In 1539, Council of Trent: Paul III sends out letters to his bishops, delaying the Council due to war and the difficulty bishops had traveling to Venice.
11. In 1381 "John Ball hath rungen his bell" Peasant revolt in England.
12. In 1560, Battle of Okehazama: Oda Nobunaga defeats Imagawa Yoshimoto.
13. In 1329 The Kingship of Robert I, "the Bruce," King of Scots, is recognized by Pope John XXII
14. In 1381, Richard II of England meets leaders of Peasants' Revolt on Blackheath. The Tower of London is stormed by rebels who enter without resistance.
15. In 0923 Robert I, Usurper of the French Crown, killed in battle with the real King, Charles "The Simple"
16. In 1497 The body of Juan Borgia is recovered from the Tiber river
17. In 1128 Marriage of Geoffrey V (Plantagenet) of Anjou to Matilda, daughter of King Henry of England and widow of Henry V, Holy Roman Emperor
18. In 1497 Publication in Florence of the excommunication of Savonarola
19. In 1312 Beheading of Piers Gaveston, Earl of Cornwall, lover of King Edward II
20. In 1499 Isabella, Queen of Spain, condemns enslavement of Indians
21. In 1598 English capture El Morro, the fort at San Juan, Puerto Rico
22. In 1497 BLACKHEATH (Cornish rebellion favoring Perkin Warbeck suppressed)
23. In 1314 The army of Edward II, King of England, crosses the Bannockburn
24. In 1209 The Crusade against the Albigensians sets forth from Lyons
25. In 1560 Gustav Vasa, King of Sweden, abdicates in favor of his son, Eric XIV
26. In 1548 The administration of the Netherlands is made independent of the German Empire
27. In 1095 Death of St. Ladislaus I, King of Hungary
28. In 1483 Howard family takes possession of Dukedom of Norfolk
29. In 1214 The Interdict is removed from England
30. In 1559, King Henry II of France is seriously injured in a jousting match against Gabriel de Montgomery.

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pædric O'Mullan

Title - *The Poyson Garden*
Author - Karen Harper
Publisher - Delacorte Press

The Poyson Garden is a mystery set in Tudor England in the late 1550s. Bloody Mary sits the throne, and Princess Elizabeth is kept confined at Hatfield House in the care of Sir Thomas Pope and his wife Beatrice. When Elizabeth receives a letter from her aunt, Mary Boleyn, who has reportedly been dead for twenty years, she contrives to escape her keepers to visit her Aunt Mary at her home, Wivenhoe. She arrives there shortly before Mary Boleyn dies, possibly of poisoning. She also learns of a possible conspiracy to eliminate all the Boleyns, "e'en the royal one."

With this threat to her life, which may or may not involve her royal sister, Elizabeth must investigate to defend her life, but without freedom of movement or even a royal retinue. She gathers around her a few people she can trust, including her governess, Lady Kat Ashley, and her attorney, Sir William Cecil, and her cousin, Harry Carey (who may also be her half brother) as well as some servants, Jenks, her groom and bodyguard, Meg Millagrew, a former maid to her Aunt Mary with a strong physical resemblance to Princess Elizabeth, and Ned Topside, a travelling actor who rescued Harry Carey from an ambush.

With this small band of co-conspirators, which Elizabeth dubs her "privy plot council" Elizabeth investigates the murders of her aunt and others, and the poisoning plot directed at herself. Elizabeth and members of her privy plot council visit Hever Hall, the Boleyn ancestral home, Igham Mote, and Leeds Castle, some openly and others using various kinds of subterfuge, seeking to prevent the poisoner from killing not only Elizabeth, but possibly a large number of her Protestant supporters in the Kentish countryside.

The Poyson Garden is an interesting and well plotted story about the days before Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne of England. It contains a good deal of information about various poisonous and therapeutic herbs. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and recommend it as well as other books in the series.

Activity Day: June 11th, 2011

The day is centered around three activities: Archery, Dance, and Bardic. Garb is highly recommended, but I won't be following people with a shepherd's crook.

(1) Archery will run from 10am-1pm (or until we get tired and hungry) at the Austin Colony Park archery range. Bring sunscreen!! There are enough archers in the area, I'm sure there will be one or two challenging shoots set up.

At 1 o'clock, we'll break for lunch. Since it's going to be past noon in June, I expect the appeal of air conditioning and iced drinks to tip that decision scale for us. So, the plan is to raid the Cotton Patch Cafe just around the corner from the range.

(2) European Dance practice will be held from 3pm-6pm in the Zachary foyer. There will be lots of room and lots of dances to learn. The shire dancers are fantastically good at providing training wheels for new dancers, so "I don't know the dance" or "I can't dance well" are NOT valid reasons not to come. <grin> Guest instructors for dance include Master Ihon, Peronnelle, Avatar, and maybe one or two others. If you don't have a campus parking pass, meet us at the Cotton Patch and we'll arrange to carpool.

At 6pm, we will retreat to Rhodri and Kaitlyn's (or the nearest shower, if that's your fancy) for a potluck dinner. Directions to their house, as well as the other two locations can be found online.

(3) Bardic will begin around 7pm or around when we've found our way to empty plates and comfortable seats. The first hour to an hour and a half will be primarily instructive. I've asked Master Ihon and Honorable Lord Andrew Scarhart to be the leading bards for the evening. We'll begin with the songs "every ansteorran should know," rounds, and lots of group songs. There was a lot of interest in madrigal songs at war, so we'll be doing those, too. Once the songs are learned, or the liquids take effect, whichever occurs first, we'll dim the lights and open up the floor for whatever songs you'd like. Preferably period or period-like, but I won't complain if it's just something fun. I'll contact Ihon and Scarhart when the day gets closer and make sure there are lyrics available for as many of the songs, if not all, as possible.

These activities are available for anyone. The archery and dance will be an official Shire practice (I've checked with the marshal/guild leader), so loaner bows, arrows, and tabbards will be available to use. [i.e. you have no excuse not to come!] Carpooling will be a must. No need to park ten cars in the campus garages for dance if we don't have to. I'd like to rely on local drivers to volunteer to get out-of-towners to where they need to be, be it showers, restaurants, parks, or homes. But, those details we'll work out as the day gets closer.

To summarize: Save the date for June 11th, and be here in Shadowlands. The Shire is going to shoot, dance, and sing until we can't stay awake any longer. It will be a day of fun, friends, and learning for all of us.

I'll be asking at Populace if anyone has bedspace to spare for Sat night, as there may be people who don't want to drive home the next day.