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Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Beloved Tir Ysgithr!

We are humbled by the tremendous outpouring of support and affection that we have received. As we look ahead to the work that must be done and the good times that will be had, we are excited for the continued growth and glory of the barony. We have an amazing barony of talented artisans, dedicated officers, and stalwart warriors. We look forward to sharing these coming years with you as your Baron and Baroness.

We would like to thank Thegn Tighearnain and Bannthegn Sabiha for their service and continued support of Tir Ysgithr. We wish them all the best and hope for their prosperous future. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make our investiture a magnificent event. To quote Thegn Domingo, "Many hands make light work"--and there were definitely many hands! We are still in awe of the creativity and organization of Baronesa Sancha and Thegn Domingo. Thank you to all those who helped make their vision a reality! Thank you, as well, to Patrick the Butcher for your beautiful voice and inspiring presence. Your passion embodied the dream for many of us.

Congratulations to the Premier Bard of the Boar, Lord Coilean Mac in Baird! We look forward to hearing the new Tir Ysgithr battle cry bellow through the shield wall as we meet our enemies on the field! Congratulations to Lord Galen McIntire, our new Banner Bearer! We are honored to entrust our beloved baronial heraldry into these worthy hands. Congratulations to Master Ivan Petrovich, the new Bearer of the Great Helm and Captain of the Armored Guard, and to our new armored guard, Lord Thomas de Revel, m'Lord Ciaran Gallowglass, and Lord Rudiger Seraphin. Congratulations to Lord Wyllym MacLeod, the new Captain of the Rapier Guard, and to our new rapier guard, Lord Gilchrist Truesdell, Lord Ronan de Gerin MhicHughe, and Lord William Lochridge. Congratulations to m'Lord Leif the Assassin, the new Captain of the Youth Guard, and to our new youth guard, m'Lord Henry and m'Lord Celyn De'Revelle.

We are excited about our upcoming baronial events, the Baronial Archery Championship on April 23rd, Gawd Awful Grail on April 24th, and the Calendar Meeting on April 30th. Come support our skilled archers as they compete to become the new champion and host their annual bake sale fundraiser. Her Excellency looks forward to testing their mettle against her fine new crossbow! We anticipate a fun and tortuous Gawd Awful Grail and hope to find worthy custodians for the horrid regalia that has tormented many a baroness over the years!

We also look forward to attending many upcoming events within the kingdom, including Barmaids, Coronation, Champions in the Pines, and Highlands War. We encourage our populace to travel with us to support these fun events and share the good will and good times of our barony in true Tir Ysgithr style!

Let the fun begin!

Zhigmur Aled

Officers Needed!

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal

Open until filled

We are in need of a deputy youth combat marshal. This position requires that you be authorized in hardsuit combat and have an understanding of the youth combat rules. Any individuals interested should send a letter of intent to Their Excellencies and the Knight Marshal. Any questions can be directed to Lord Thomas d'Revel.

Web Minister

Open until filled

With the selection of Lady Aleyd as the new Baroness, Tir Ysgithr again finds itself in need of a web minister. Duties include keeping the website up to date, posting the letter from the Baron and Baroness and the Tusker monthly, and updating event articles. Any interested gentle, even if you only wish to be a deputy to this important position, is encouraged to contact their Excellencies and Lady Caitrina de Ros.

Chronicler

Open until May 2011

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Barony but have trouble attending events regularly? Do you have great ideas for articles or the networking skills to coax articles from others? Or maybe you are able to work within a monthly deadline and wish to put your skills to use for your Barony. The Position of Chronicler is for you! The Barony is currently looking to fill the position of Chronicler to handle the production and distribution of the monthly newsletter, Tusker Times. Some requirements are: a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or the Adobe publishing program, working phone line, reliable internet and email access, a flair for creative writing, and a close adherence to deadlines. Please submit a letter expressing interest to Their Excellencies, Lady Zofia the Chronicler (Chronicler@btysca.org), and the Baronial Seneschal, Lady Caitrina (seneschal@btysca.org).

Baronial Rapier Marshal

Open until June 2011

My hair grows long and grey, my arm no longer swift and strong, and my eyes dim and swim. My time as your marshal draws to a close. Who will be the next protector of the Rapier Community? Who will keep us safe from harm, sharp, and knowledgeable? Who will train the new fighters in the lore of safety and friendly competition?

If you are the next marshal of rapiers for the Barony of the Land of the Tusk, find me on aeric at practice. I'll 'prentice you in the ways of a marshal 'til my warrant expires, and you can take the reins.

The Rapier Marshal for the Barony is the person responsible for safety on the rapier field and tournament aeries. Requirements are having rapier and marshal authorization, being familiar with the Society and Kingdom Rapier rules, having dedication to make practice regularly and monthly officers meetings as frequently as possible, in addition to filing a report monthly. Also, being available to marshal or organize marshaling for local events. Any individual should submit questions and/or letters of intent to Their Excellencies (tybaron@btysca.org, tybaroness@btysca.org), and cc to the Seneschal (seneschal@btysca.org) and the current Baronial Rapier Marshal (rapier@btysca.org).

Black Boar Herald

Open until June 2011

Responsibilities of the position include vocal heraldry. You must be present, or arrange for a deputy / substitute to be present, at all court events to be the voice of the Barony to the Populace. This requires close coordination with Their Excellencies and event stewards. The position also includes a responsibility for book heraldry. The ideal candidate will have (or be willing to acquire) a working knowledge of the standards and rules of heraldry, and be available to consult with the populace. You will be required to accept Heraldic submissions, to forward them to the Kingdom submissions herald, and to account for all funds attached to those submissions. Finally, there is a monthly report which must be prepared and submitted to the Kingdom Herald. If you believe you would like to undertake these responsibilities and the pleasures attendant on their fulfillment, submit your letter of intent to Their Excellencies.

Officer and Populace Meetings

April Calendar/Officer/Populace Meeting:

When: Saturday, April 30th
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Officer Meeting)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (Break)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Calendar Meeting)
Where: Lady Cairina de Ros's home, 9209 E. Deer Trail St., Tucson

Take your best route east to Harrison Road. Deer Trail is located between 22nd & Golf Links, off of Harrison. You will be heading west when you make the turn on to Deer Trail. Follow Deer Trail and pass the intersection of Cathy St.. The house will be on your right about midway between Cathy St. and Aida St. Please park in my driveway or anywhere on the street, but don't block mailboxes or neighbors' driveways!

May through December Officer/Populace Meetings:

Beginning in MAY, our Officer/Populace Meetings will move to the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month. The location has also changed.

Dates: May 11th, June 8th, July 13, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th,
November 9th, and December 14th
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Patrick J. Hardesty Midtown Police Substation
1100 N. Alvernon Way
The building is located at the Northwest corner of Alvernon and 22nd

Thank you to Mistress Magdalen for your hospitality in offering the Barony a location for the last two Officer/Populace Meetings!

Fighter Practices & Group Gatherings

Baronial Fighter Practice: This is an opportunity for everyone in our barony to come together and practice armored combat (including melees), rapier, youth combat, European and Middle Eastern dancing, musical instruments (including bagpipes and drums), arts projects and games. It is an informal social gathering of friends, where we meet and greet and distribute the newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Garb is NOT required. Fighter Practice is held every Tuesday night from 7-10 pm at Reid Park (SW corner of 22nd Street & Country Club). For more information, contact any member of the Marshallate or Officer Corps (listed in our Panjandrum on the inside cover of the newsletter). Hardsuit: Lord Coilean Mac in Baird. Rapier: Lord Carys Concernu.

Rapier Practice: All those who wish to practice their skill with the blade should join us each Tuesday evening at Baronial Fighter Practice (see above). We often have fighters from throughout the Kingdom join us for pick-ups and melees. For more information, please contact Lord Carys Concernu (Chris Babbie), locationsound@cox.net.

Youth Fighter Practice: Held during baronial Fighter Practice (see above) for ages 6-16. Parents will need to attend to sign the youth waiver and watch their youth. Some loaner armor is available. For more information, please contact Lord Thomas d'Revel, tjacobs@jacobsazlaw.com, (520) 907-8659.

Archery Practice: Held most Saturdays from 9am -12pm at Precision Shooting Equipment (PSE), 2727 N. Fairview Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705. There is a \$5 range fee for those shooting. We have loaner bows and arrows, and can provide introductory instruction for any newcomers. Newcomers are welcome! Youth archers are welcome as well, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Upcoming practice dates: 4/2 and 4/16, Baronial Championship and Fundraiser: 4/23

Please see <http://btyarchery.org> for more info. There is a Yahoo group, TirYsgithrArchery, and we can also be found on Facebook at Btyarchery. Up-to-date info including weather cancellation is available through the list and FB. For more information, please contact Lady Aeryn ferch Ellylion ap Pwyll (Jean Goodrich), radigund@gmail.com, (520) 400-8846.

Populace Business & Officer Meeting: Populace Business and Officer Meetings are held at 7pm on the third Wednesday of each month (except for Saturday Calendar meetings in April and September). Their Excellencies meet with their officers and populace to review baronial business matters. The populace is encouraged to attend and bring with them any new ideas, questions, or concerns they might have. Populace members are also encouraged to consider joining the officer corps. Garb is NOT required. If you have any business for the meeting, please contact Lady Caitrina de Ros (Kat Turek-Said) at seneschal@btysca.org or (520) 869-9939 (no calls after 10:00 pm).

Dance Practice: Mistress Elaine and Sir Wulfere teach English and Italian Country and Court dances regularly at our Baronial Fighter Practice and at selected Arts Nights. For more information, please contact Mistress Elaine o Llansteffan at (520) 572-7039. Middle Eastern dance is also informally taught at Fighter Practice, please follow the sound of the drums or join in with the dancing ladies.

Arts Night: Arts Nights are held on the second Thursday of each month (except February and November) in the Social Hall of Christ Church United Methodist Church. Christ Church UMC is located at 655 N Craycroft Rd, just north of 5th on the west side of the street. The site is dry. Each month a number of arts classes are offered. Garb is encouraged. Contact Lady Mishia Mac Bain (Machiel Lea Bain) for more information at as@btysca.org or see the related article in this issue.

Baronial Scriptorium: Interesting in painting or calligraphy? Want to learn more about how those lovely scrolls that get handed out at court are made? Join us every Thursday from 7-10 pm at 9331 East Trail Ridge Place (near 22nd and Harrison). We are open to scribes of all levels, even complete novices. Garb is not required. Also, sign up for the BTYScriptorium yahoo group to get the latest information on meetings, classes, and scroll requests. For more information, contact Baronessa Sancha Galindo de Toledo at scribe@btysca.org or at 520-891-8242 (no calls after 9 pm).

Heraldry Hut: Heraldry Hut is held on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity for gentles throughout the kingdom to consult with our Kingdom Submissions Herald, Mistress Marta as tu Mika-Mysliwy, on a suitable SCA Name, Device or Badge. For directions or more information please contact Mistress Marta at (520) 881-9492, bagbaazai@nexiliscom.com.

The Cooks Guild: Cooks Guild is a gathering of those interested in period cooking and recipes. Each month, a different food theme is chosen and participants are encouraged to prepare and bring a dish following the theme, to share. Cooks Guild meets the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30 pm. Site changes monthly. Please contact Mistress Marta at (520) 881-9492, bagbaazai@nexiliscom.com.

The College of St. Felix: Specifically directed to those gentles who are Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni of the University of Arizona. St. Felix is the SCA at the U of A. Their mission is recruitment of new SCA members and the group introduces "New Blood" into our Current Middle Ages. St. Felix gathers for meetings during the University school year from August through May. For more information, please contact William Lochridge (Will Emigh) at (480) 612-3412 or wilfarmane@gmail.com.

Websites

Barony of Tir Ysgithr: <http://www.btysca.org>

Kingdom of Atenveldt: <http://www.atenveldt.org>

Society for Creative Anachronism: <http://www.sca.org>

College of St. Felix: <http://clubs.asua.arizona.edu/~stfelix>

Tir Ysgithr Email List: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TirYsgithr>

Rapier Email List: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/tir-rapier>

Archery Email List: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TirYsgithrArchery>

Arts & Science Night

Come join us for classes at Christ Church United Methodist Church, just north of 5th on Craycroft at 655 N Craycroft Rd in the Social Hall. Arts & Science Night is held the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm.

Next Class: April 14, 2011

Viking Apron Dress

taught by Mistress Tigra of Marwood

Please bring the following supplies for pattern making:

a tape measure

a 12 " ruler

a pencil and eraser

Mistress Tigra will provide the butcher paper for patterning. If you prefer to make a cloth pattern, please bring your own cloth and chalk to mark the pattern.

Achieve Better A&S Scores

taught by Mistress Dairine Mor O hUigin

Have you ever wondered what the judges look for in documentation and how they come up with those numbers? How should you interpret the judges comments? Why is writing documentation so scary? How can you write documentation that will improve your scores?

Take the sting out of competing by taking this class. I will tell you the secrets of how judges use the documentation to justify giving higher or lower points and show you how you can get better scores. I will also discuss strategy for choosing projects to enter that win. And since entering is not always about winning, I will discuss strategies for those who don't care about winning but still want to get the most out of the experience. taught by Mistress Dairine Mor O hUigin

Come join the fun and learn something new or maybe teach something YOU know! If you would like to teach a class please contact the Minister at:

Lady Mishia MacBain

Minister of Arts & Sciences

as@btysca.org, (520) 319-8817



Baronial Archery Championship



April 23, 2011

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

Pray Attend, All good gentles whether an archer or not!

The Annual Baronial Archery Championship approaches post haste. This Crucible of Competition will yield One Archer...One Winner...One Champion! Whether bowman or crossbowman, One will emerge as the point of the arrow, the Tusk of the Boar, the Defender of Their Excellencies, for the coming year.

Any registered SCA archers from near or far are welcome to participate and enjoy this shoot. Contestants will be asked whether they wish to declare for champion. Non-declarants are encouraged and welcome to play! Declarants must be current on their SCA membership and archery registration, actively play in Tir Ysgithr, and should be eager to perform the duties of the position.

If you are mostly interested in winning, come and shoot! If you love archery and want to test your skills, come and shoot! If you are interested in baked goods and silent auctions, come and bid. If you would like to be the next Archery Champion and are willing to perform the duties expected of you, come and shoot!

Outgoing champion Lord Alaxandar mac Donnaidh will be host and Event Marshall. Following the tournament, the Bow of Tir Ysgithr and the Quiver of Boar will be pried from his han--I mean, Alaxandar will present the Coveted Regalia to the New Champion. Will it be YOU? Come and see! Or come and watch, and enjoy this spectacle and the baked goods.

Loaner gear will be available on a first come first served basis. There is shade and water fountains at the site. If you wish to bring extra shade it must be something that can stand up on its own without stakes like an easy up as it is impossible to get stakes into the ground.

Children: There will be a children's area with some toys, each parent is responsible for watching their child and making sure they stay safe and do not become human targets. Children are welcome and encouraged to shoot however there will not be a really near target set up just for them at this event.

When: Saturday, April 23rd, 2011

Where: PSE Archery Range, 2727 N. Fairview Ave, Tucson

Time: Set up at 9am, Shooting starts at 10am, court at the discretion of Their Excellencies. Site closes at 2pm.

Directions: From I-10 go east on Grant road to Fairview, North to PSE. From the eastside make your best way to Grant Rd, head west to Fairview and North to PSE (from way east Aviation is the fastest)

Site Fees: Adults \$6, Children \$3, Add \$5 for non member surcharge

Event Stewardess: Shoshana Drakere, (520) 203-2284, MsShoshana@aol.com

Gawd Awful Grail

April 24, 2011

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

Join us in the passing of the Gawd Awful Grail to its new keeper! Dare to enter the tourney and win the honor of hosting this cherished relic for the next year. By tradition, this tournament is open only to non-belted fighters. There will be a rapier competition for the Gawd Awful Goblet and a youth competition for the Gawdy Grail as well. For all fighters, a flower tourney is planned and will run concurrently with the other festivities, with the victor winning the right to send a flower to the gentle of his or her choosing via the defeated opponent.

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for the children in honor of the Easter holiday. More information will be forthcoming as the date grows nearer.

Event Steward: Lady Iosobail de Lockford (Tara Turek), Iosobail@gmail.com

Site: Himmel Park, Tucson

Directions: Take your best route to East Speedway and Treat Avenue. The park is one block south of Speedway, just past the library. Parking is available along the street, or in the parking lot to the west of the library.

Site Fee: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Site opens at 9am for set up. Opening court will be at 11am, or at their Excellencies discretion, with tournaments to begin directly after. The park is discretely damp, and glass containers are not allowed. Pets must be leashed.

Damsels in Distress II

May 14, 2011

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

Our good Sheriff has begun to receive reports of a most disturbing nature. Several of the Ladies of our Barony have gone missing as of late and she is fairly certain who is to blame. It would seem The Mighty Dragon of Tir Ysgithr has set his wings of revenge in motion and has begun to kidnap the good Damsels of our faire Barony. We beseech and implore ye all to join us in our battle to save our dear Ladies from the Wyrms great clutches. Bring your armor and your weapons, your honor and sense of fun and chivalry (and don't forget your damsel!) and come to help us save our Damsels in Distress.

The day will be divided into two "teams" (blue and gold) and the teams will compete for the "vast chalice of stuff" containing.....welllll..... stuff.

Combat scenarios will support 7 1/2 foot and lower size weapons and will be offered for hard suit, rapier, and youth. There will be SEVERAL competitive games for the non combatants to contribute to the overall score..... There will be a "dragon" that will be there to make sure the sides are "even" (think "the dreaded Bye-dragon-fighter")

There will be more to come in next month's Tusker.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Baronial A&S competition and ALL are welcome to participate in both events.

Please see the Baronial Arts and Sciences article for the location and the site fee for Damsels.

Baronial Arts and Science Competition

May 14, 2011

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

Greetings Unto the Populace of Tir Ysgithr and All Those Who Read These Words,

The Land of the Boar Invites you to Our Baronial A&S Competition Event! This is a Local Event, not on the Kingdom Calendar, but we do hope to see visitors from all over the Kingdom come to visit and enjoy a day of Arts, Sciences and Fun in Tir Ysgithr.

Please join Their Excellencies Zhigmun' and Aleyd at our annual Baronial Arts and Sciences Tournament, Saturday, May 14, 2011. Mistress Dairine most heartily seeks to pass on her Champion Medallion. We have our Competition and Much, much more to look forward to! We truly hope you will attend.

This year, we share our day of arts with the Damsels in Distress Fighting Tournaments and Games! Master Yonatan has many challenging and amusing pursuits for hardsuit, rapier and youth fighters to participate in as well as games of skill and mirth for the populace. (See the following article for more details)

Site: Greenfields Country Day School, 6000 N. Camino De La Tierra, Tucson AZ 85741. (Map and directions to be posted soon)

Site Fee: May Event Article.

Site Opens at 9:00 am - Closes at 7:00 pm.

SITE IS DRY - The Brewing Category will be held off-site nearby.

GARB is Highly Encouraged. (If you are a newcomer or visitor and in need Pre-17th Century clothing - please contact Baroness Magdalen and she will assist you in obtaining loaner garb.)

COMPETITION:

Please come on out and either declare for Baronial A&S Champion, Baronial Household Champion, Baronial Youth A&S Champion, OR just enter a category (or two) OR Judge the competition. (Detailed rules and information to be posted on the bysca.org website.)

JUDGES:

WE NEED YOU! Certification is NOT required. Those new to judging are welcome! Please contact Baroness Magdalen or Lady Mishia if you are able to judge.

PRIZES:

We are seeking Largesse from our populace members to award our category winners for their artistic prowess. Please contact Baroness Magdalen with your donations.

JUST FOR FUN:

Artisan's Showcase -- Bring your arts to display -- no documentation required, but nice to sit with your works and share your knowledge and interests with the populace.

Unfinished Arts Competition - Did you begin a canvas pavilion 10 years ago that you have never completed? One of those elaborate embroidery projects? Do you have half a ballista in your backyard? Bring it out and enter! The populace chooses the most worthy project they would like to see completed!

LUNCH:

50 box lunches will be available for \$5.00 per person. Lunch will include one beef, chicken or mushroom pastie (sandwich size), fresh fruit, a bite of cheese, assorted raw vegetables and a dessert. Lemonade, Water and Iced Tea will be the available beverages. Those with Food Allegeries or Dietary concerns, please contact Baroness Magdalen. (See contact information below)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Children are encouraged to enter the A&S Competition youth categories and/or participate in the Damsels in Distress Games! Depending on the availability of volunteers, we may have additional activities planned. Please see a future Tusker for updated information.

COURT: Will occur at Their Excellencies Discretion.

Stay tuned for Updates and Additions! Questions in need of Answers? Contact us!

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Master Yonatan von Schwartzflek, Event Steward - Damsels in Distress, advisors2@yahoo.com

2011 ARTS AND SCIENCE COMPETITION RULES

All Artisans must be registered for the tournament prior to Opening Court. Registration will close when court opens. Registration materials will be available in advance from the Arts Office beginning immediately. Though it is not required, we encourage all entrants to PLEASE preregister. Contact the Baronial A&S Minister for pre-registration materials.

Individual Artisans competing for Baronial Champion must have resided within the Barony of Tir Ysgithr for at least six (6) consecutive months immediately prior to the tournament.

Households competing for Household Champion must be recognized houses of the Barony of Tir Ysgithr, though members of the Household may reside anywhere.

Individual Artisans competing for Baronial Champion or are part of a team competing for Household Champion, must declare such on their registration form.

Best Novice is reserved for those for whom this will be their first-ever A&S

tournament. Those declaring for Champion may not place any entries in the Novice Division.

Visitors to the Barony of Tir Ysgithr are welcome and encouraged to compete in individual categories for prizes. However, Artisans not residing in Tir Ysgithr may not compete for Baronial Championship, and Households not based within Tir Ysgithr may not compete for Household Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Baronial Championship

Individual Artisans competing for Baronial Champion must declare so on their registration form. A minimum of three (3) separate items in three (3) different categories (i.e., Arms & Armor, Culinary Arts, etc.) must be entered to declare for Baronial Champion. A maximum of four (4) separate items in four (4) different categories [or three (3) separate items in three (3) different categories, with one (1) item allowed to be entered in two (2) separate categories] may be entered and considered for Baronial Champion points.

Those entering for Baronial Champion may NOT use minimal ("BARE BONES") documentation (see DOCUMENTATION, below).

The Baronial Champion will be determined by the greatest number of First Place achievements OR the highest overall point score, whichever gives the least ambiguous result. In case of a tie for Baronial Champion, we will use a combination of highest overall scores and/or average scores in addition to the number of First Placements.

The Baronial Champion's duties and privileges include co-autocrafting (and not entering) next year's competition and teaching at least one (1) class in a category in which the Champion achieved First Place. The Champion earns the right to wear the Baronial Champion's Medallion, which passes from Champion to Champion.

Note: You must be present at closing court to win the title of Tir Ysgithr Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion! Those unable to be present can still enter individual categories and win those categories.

Their Excellencies of Tir Ysgithr, the current Baronial A&S Champion, and the Baronial A&S Minister may not enter the competition at all.

Household Championship

Households competing for Household Champion must be recognized households within the Barony of Tir Ysgithr, though house members may reside anywhere. Artisans competing as part of a team for Household Champion must so declare on their registration form (along with the name of the Household for which they are competing). Artisans may compete for no more than one (1) Household.

A competing Household must have a minimum of three (3) members entering items. Each Artisan must enter a minimum of two (2) items. Although a Household may

enter more if they wish, only twenty (20) items per Household will be considered towards Household Champion points. These items must be determined at the time of registration. The Household Champion will be determined by the totaling the ten (10) highest scoring items of each competing Household.

GENERAL JUDGING AND SCORING INFORMATION

1. Only completed items will be judged.
2. All items entered must be "pre-17th century."
3. Documentation is required for each item entered to prove its place in the Society as defined above in #2. Please see also the paragraph on DOCUMENTATION, below.
4. Items entered without documentation will not be judged and no score will result.
5. Items entered in this year's baronial competition must NOT have been entered in a previous Tir Ysgithr Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition or at a previous Atenveldt Kingdom Arts & Science Competition.
6. Misrepresentation of an item, including documentation, will disqualify the Artisan and remove them and their items completely from the competition.
7. Artisans may enter a maximum of two (2) separate items in a subcategory (i.e., Main Dish or Breads) and a maximum of four (4) separate items in a category (i.e., Culinary Arts). Artisans are limited to ten (10) items total in the competition. These limits are different from those applied to the Baronial Championship Competition (see above).
8. Items may be entered in more than one (1) category (i.e., "CROSS-CATEGORIZED") if different aspects of the entry are to be judged. No single item may be cross-categorized more than twice (i.e., an item can be entered in no more than a total of three (3) categories). For example, a dress with embroidery and lace embellishments may be entered in Clothing and/or Needlework and/or Lace. Please bring enough copies of your documentation to accompany all of your entries in all applicable categories. Please also note your documentation will be different for each category represented.
9. Items may be entered only by the makers. This does not prevent an Artisan from having someone else drop off a work of art for judging, so long as it has proper registration, attributing it to the maker. Note: You can win individual categories without being present, but you MUST be in Closing Court to be considered for Champion.
10. Dual Artisan Entries are allowed if the work of each Artisan can be distinguished and can be entered in different categories. Each Artisan's work will be judged and scored separately. Dual Artisan Entries must be clearly marked and entered as such. Documentation (whether standard or minimal) must clearly state and describe the division of labor (i.e., what was done by which Artisan).
11. Group Entries in which the individual efforts are not readily distinguishable are allowed, with the following stipulations:
 - a. Group Entries must be clearly marked and entered as such.
 - b. Group Entries will be scored as a single entry with the group members designating (upon registration) which Artisan is to receive the points. The points gained by this entry shall be applicable in all championship-level competitions. No individual may receive points for more than two (2) Group Entries. If the group is unable to designate a single recipient of the points, the piece may not be applied toward either the Baronial or Household Championship competitions.
12. Each article will be judged on its own merit, not against the other entries, by a panel of three (3) judges.
13. Each article will be assigned a point score by each of the three (3) judges. The total point score will determine the ranking of each entry within its respective category.

14. Ties for placement within a category will be allowed. Should two (2) or more entrants tie for cumulative First Placements and the Baronial Championship, the Championship will be determined as described under BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP (above).

15. All questions and clarifications must be referred to the Baronial A&S Minister and the decision of the Arts Office is final. Any exceptions to these rules must be approved in writing by the Baron & Baroness, the Baronial A&S Minister, and the current Baronial A&S Champion prior to opening Court the day of competition.

DOCUMENTATION

Documentation is required for each item entered. There are two forms of documentation: Minimum ("Bare Bones") and Standard.

Minimum ("Bare Bones") Documentation

Minimum, or "bare bones," documentation is specifically aimed at Artisans who may be skilled at producing an item but not so skilled at writing formal documentation in support of that item. The thought here is to encourage those who wish to compete or to receive feedback on their artistic endeavor(s) but who may be intimidated by writing extensive documentation.

Minimum documentation consists of a short description of how the item, or some aspect of it, fits within the time period of the Society. Artisan assertions must be supported by at least one (1) reference, given at the end of the documentation, which must include the title of a supporting publication and its author. Specific supporting page numbers and use of quotations within the text are even better. Further documentation is encouraged—judges appreciate detailed research.

Items with minimum documentation must be so indicated on the Registration Form and on each Judging Form. Minimum documentation will automatically receive a score of one (1) on the Documentation section of the judging form. Items supported by minimum documentation may not be entered for Baronial Championship, though they are eligible as Household Championship entries, and for Populace Choice, Laurels' Choice, Best Novice and individual Category acclaim.

Standard Documentation

Standard documentation should contain a description of several aspects of the item, including what the item is, when (and where) the model for the item existed, why (for what purpose) the model existed, and how the model as well as the item were produced. There must be at least two (2) references, and Artisan assertions should be supported. Use of notes and illustrations, where necessary, is strongly encouraged.

Items entered for Baronial Championship **MUST** be supported by standard documentation. Standard documentation will be judged and scored accordingly, and is eligible for [automated] entry into the Documentation category. Entries supported by standard documentation are eligible for all aspects of the Tir Ysgithr Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition.

Presentation of Documentation

All documentation must be either written on paper or presented orally by the Artisan. Written documentation must be legible—avoid handwriting or calligraphy unless you can successfully imitate typescript. Please provide at least FOUR (4) BOUND, IDENTICAL COPIES of documentation for each article entered. If you are cross-categorizing an entry, please provide at least FOUR (4) BOUND, IDENTICAL copies of your documentation as it pertains to the cross-category and place them with the item. Please label the front page of your documentation clearly with the name of your item (as it is on your item and judging sheets).

DIVISIONS

Novice—Those entering the Tir Ysgithr Baronial A&S Competition for the first time.

Open—All other entries.

WINNERS

Winners will be determined in the following:

- Baronial Champion
- Household Champion
- Youth Champion
- Best Novice
- Populace Choice
- Laurel's Choice

CATEGORIES & SUBCATEGORIES

- Alchemy
- Arms & Armor
- Camping & Homesteading
- Ceramics/Pottery
- Clothing
 - Prior to 1100
 - 1101-1430
 - 1431-1600
 - Footwear/Accessories
- Culinary Arts
 - Main Dish
 - Breads
 - Side Dish
 - Sweet Dish
- Decorative/Fine Arts
- Demonstration Projects
- Glass
- Heraldic Display
- Instruments, Models and Tools
- Jewelry/Decorative Pieces
- Lace
- Leatherwork
- Manuscript Arts

Metalwork
Music Composition
Needlework
Performing Arts
Spirits/Brewing
- Beers & Ales
- Liqueurs & Cordials
- Wines & Meads
Textile Arts
Toys & Games
Woodworking
Writing
- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry/Sonnets/Metric Form
- Documentation



Barmaids XXV



April 8-10, 2011

Barony March of Mons Tonitrus

The Barony March of Mons Tonitrus would like to invite everyone to Barmaids XXV, where we will be celebrating 25 Years of Fun and Frivolity!

Please mark your calendars for April 8, 9, and 10 of 2011, and come have a great time with us. This is a camping event in beautiful Lower Garden Canyon on Fort Huachuca. There will be a Boar Hunt, Barroom Brawls, a Weird Weapon Contest, Archery, and of course, the ever popular Best Barmaid Contest. As usual, there will be lots of drumming and dancing. A light lunch will be served after court on Saturday.

Site opens at 2:00 Friday, April 8, and closes at 2:00 Sunday, April 10.

Fees are \$12.00 for SCA adult members (you must show your blue card), \$17.00 for adult non members. Children ages 5-17 are \$6.00, under 5 are free.

Site is wet, pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times. Fires will be allowed depending on post fire conditions. There is no water on site, so please be sure to bring plenty of your own.

This site is on Fort Huachuca. To get on post, you must show proof of current vehicle registration, vehicle insurance, and photo id for every person in the vehicle over age 10.

From I-10, take the Ft. Huachuca/Sierra Vista (#302). Travel South on Hwy. 90 for

about 28 miles to the main gate of Ft. Huachuca. Follow the signs to Lower Garden Canyon. Please be aware that when the signs mention dips in the road, they mean it! Speed limits are strictly enforced on post.

Autocrat: Lady Fiona inghean Mheg Uidhir (MKA Laura Smeal). E-mail at blsmeal@hotmail.com, or call (520) 456-0226 if you have questions. No calls after 8:00 please. If you have special needs please let me know. I will try to arrange crash space for those who wish to attend but not camp.

Wasteland Games

April 15-17 2011

Shire of Windale

As the warm dry winds gently blow across the high desert wasteland.....ok so maybe they are gusting but that will not stop the Shire of Windale from preparing for Wasteland Games. This year will be a camping event at Neal Butler Park, so we will have two days of games and merriment. As always we will bring back some of your favorite games, hobby horse joust, a scavenger hunt, cattle raid and the tossing of some kind of farm animal. We will also have games for the children and youth, this will not be an official children's corner. There may be a few new games to try your hand at also. Once again the hard suitors will be out there "tending" the fields or so they say as they swing the farming tools at each other. We will have a silent auction with items donated by our wonderful local artisans. There are some trees but bring shade, discretely wet, pets on leashes, above ground fire pits only, stone privies, smoking is allowed, please be responsible. Merchants are welcome.

Site: Neal Butler Park, 3027 Jagerson Ave. Take your best route to I-40 into Kingman, Exit 51, Stockton Hill Rd. Turn north, continue 3.6 miles. Turn right onto Jagerson and continue approximately 1.7 miles to Neal Butler Park on the left side of the road. Signs will be posted from the freeway to the event site.

Site will open: 3pm on Friday and close Sunday at 12pm.

Site fee: members \$10.00 for the weekend, nonmembers \$15.00. Youth (5-17) \$5.00, under 5 years free. Day trip fee members \$5.00, nonmembers \$10.00.

There is plenty of room to park dry RV's at no addition site fee cost.

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Atenveldt Coronation and Champion's

May 7-8, 2011

Shire of Granholme

Join us in a wonderful solar display in the merry month of May, as we bid farewell to our beloved monarch's Phelan and Amirah and watch their heirs Arthur and Gabrielle ascend the throne of all Atenveldt. On May 7th and 8th a weekend of pageantry and spectacle will take place at the Francisco Grande Resort, 26000 W. Gila Bend Highway Casa Grande, Arizona 85293.

We will have the ballroom on Saturday and the grassed area on Sunday for tournaments. There will be no feast, but concessions and restaurants are available on site. The restaurant will be offering a dinner special for our event.

Be aware that Sunday is Mother's Day and the resort is doing a buffet instead of normal restaurant service. Please reserve your space for buffet! Food must be purchased from the resort unless eating in your room. The site is wet but alcohol must be purchased from the resort. Pets are not allowed. Smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas. To get the SCA room rate call the resort at 800-237-4238 or 520-836-6444 and ask for the SCA Coronation rate of \$63 per night for the Courtyard rooms and \$92 for the Tower. The Warlord tourney is scheduled for Sunday.

Site Fees: \$10 for adult members (add \$5 for non-members) \$5 for youth age 10-17 and under 10 are free.

The site opens at 9am on Saturday and closes at 6pm on Sunday. The site is reached from I-10 (there will be signs to guide you).

From Sky Harbor International Airport: Head East on East Sky Harbor Boulevard and merge onto AZ - 153 South towards I-10/AZ-143. Merge onto I-10 East via exit number 1A towards Tucson. Stay on I-10 East for 32 miles and exit AZ-387 South (make right at top of ramp) for 9 miles (this is Pinal Avenue). Turn Right (West) onto AZ-84 (Gila Bend Highway). Head West for 5 miles until Resort on right. Total driving distance is 46 miles and 50 minutes.

From Downtown Phoenix: Merge onto I-10 East via exit number 1A towards Tucson. Stay on I-10 East for 32 miles and exit AZ-387 South (make right at top of ramp) for 9 miles. Turn Right (West) onto AZ-84 (Gila Bend Highway). Head West for 5 miles until Resort on right. Total driving distance is 47 miles and 52 minutes.

From Tucson International Airport: Take I-10 West to Casa Grande exit 194 Florence Blvd. Make a left onto Florence Blvd. Take Florence approx. 10 miles and we are on the right hand side. Total driving distance is 78 miles and 1 hour 16 minutes.

Event Steward: Lady Nefratiri Ani Eponis, 520-423-0647 or rondoval@msn.com

From the Kingdom Chronicler

It has become a time of change. I would like to share with you, the populace of this Grand Kingdom, some news, that we may move forward as informed individuals in these interesting times. First, I would like to confirm the rumors that all the Kingdom newsletters will be transitioning to an electronic format on or before January of 2012. With this transition you will be given an opportunity to decide whether to continue to receive your newsletters in a print format or to begin receiving them in an electronic format. As you make this decision, please keep in mind that the reason for the change is so we, as an organization, can continue to function, and to continue to operate and insure our events/activities in the coming years.

As your Chronicler, I am looking forward to this change. An electronic newsletter may mean the addition of content to our publication, i.e. historical articles. By cutting the cost of printing, this could allow more varied or extended material. There are many things still being discussed throughout this process and I am welcoming any comments and feedback that you would like to share with me as I continue discussions with the Known World Chroniclers and our own Officer Corp. At the end of this missive I have included the FAQ that has been released by the BOD at this time.

In Service,
Lady Kirsten Matz
Atenveldt Chronicler
chronicler@atenveldt.org

FAQ on E-Newsletters:

Q: I am presently a Sustaining Member and I want to continue receiving a paper newsletter. Can I?

A: Yes. If you are presently receiving a paper newsletter you will have the option to continue receiving it in that format.

Q: I like paper newsletters. Once the e-newsletters go into effect, will I be able to get a paper copy mailed to me?

A: Yes. You will have a choice between the electronic version or a paper newsletter.

Q: The Board has suggested an implementation period of almost a full year. Why can't we go to electronic newsletters right now?

A: There is much to do before the transition can happen including updating kingdom and corporate documents, revising the Chronicler's Policies, modifying our current software, and adding new software and hardware. As quickly as everyone is working, all of these aspects take a considerable amount of time and we want to do this properly the first time.

Q: I thought I paid membership fees in order to receive the newsletter.

A: As a Sustaining Member, you will still receive your Kingdom newsletter. We are not doing away with the newsletter; we are offering a new option for delivery. Your membership fees go to support the operations of the non-profit organization that oversees the national and international activities and rules of the game. This includes

everything from the insurance coverage we use for events to office supplies and the phone line that lets you call our member office. Sustaining Members receive newsletters in addition to the other benefits of membership.

Your membership gives you access to:

Quick Event Check-in – By signing the waiver on the membership application, you can speed up your check-in at events by presenting your membership card instead of signing waivers.

SCA Publications – Sustaining Members may also purchase subscriptions to other kingdoms' newsletters, Tournaments Illuminated (the quarterly magazine of the Society), The Compleat Anachronist (the SCA's quarterly monograph series), and the Board of Directors' Proceedings.

Discounts – Members receive discounts on some event admissions.

Additionally, for many SCA-related activities, membership is a necessity, including:

Holding Office – Membership is a requirement to hold an office.

Voting Privileges – When polling occurs in your local area, the membership rolls are used to determine who receives the poll.

Combat and Combat-Related Activities – In some kingdoms, membership is a requirement to participate in combat and combat-related activities.

Awards – In certain kingdoms, membership is a requirement for eligibility to receive awards.

Q: Why is this necessary all of a sudden? Why hasn't it happened before?

A: The option of e-newsletters has been a topic of interest for several years, but as with any decision, there were number of factors that made it high priority now. These include increased paper newsletter production costs including postage, the recent economic downturn and its effects on the SCA and its members, technological advances in quality and availability, and the majority of members (as shown by the recent census) would prefer to subscribe to this format. We believe that both the members and the SCA will benefit economically by the e-newsletter option, especially using the Kingdom of Lochac as a case model. The Kingdom of Lochac (SCAA – Australia and New Zealand) added the option of e-newsletters in 2009, and their information on adding e-newsletters for one kingdom demonstrated how it might be effective for the SCA and the other 18 kingdoms.

Q: I appreciate/don't like these decisions. How can I have more input into this process?

A: As always, we encourage your comments and questions at comments@sca.org and will try to answer any question you may have. Your kingdom or officer ombudsman is always available to you to answer these questions directly and those assignments are listed in your newsletter and on the www.sca.org website. Additionally, if you want to have more effect at the corporate level, you should volunteer for or recommend people to the Board and to Society Officer positions as they become available.

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Hard Copy: Articles should be legible (if handwritten please include a contact telephone #), or if typewritten, please submit in 10pt or larger font. Artwork is best if the paper is 8.5" x 11" or smaller, to fit in the Chronicler's scanner. Good quality photocopies okay.

Email: Please create articles submitted electronically in ASCII text (body of email message is fine) or MS Word. Hard Copy submissions should be given directly to the Chronicler or Deputy Chronicler at events, or mailed/mailed to the Chronicler at chronicler@btysca.org. Scanned artwork should be scanned at 600 dpi if they are printable size. They may be scanned at lower resolutions if they will be reduced.

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**Tir Ysgithr's
 Event Calendar**

Baronial Procession for Events:
 (Items in bold held in Tir Ysgithr)

Baron Zhigmun' Baroness Aleyd

April		May	
1	Southwind Deadline	1	Southwind Deadline
2	Aurora's Feast (CSV)	10	Officer and Populace meeting
8-10	Barnmaids XXV (BMMT)	12	A&S Night
14	A&S Night	14	Dansels in Distress II/
15	Tusker Deadline	15	Baronial A&S Competition
23	Baronial Archery	15	Tusker Deadline
30	Championship	7-9	Coronation (SG)
	Baronial Calendar Meeting		
30	Florfla/ Bacchanal (CB)		