

ARDANRUNES

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December 8	Christmas Revel – Axemoor
January 12	Red Death XV – Blackwood
January 12	Ansteorra's Coronation
January 19	Survivor Valhalla – Iron Ox
January 19	Newbie Collegium – Lagerdamm
February 2	Candlemas Collegium – Grey Niche
February 9	Winter Wonders XXII – Ardanroe
February 12-18	<i>Estrella XXIV - Atenveldt</i>
February 23	Gleann Abhann Fighter Collegium- TBA
March 9-16	<i>Gulf Wars XVII</i>
April 12	Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation – TBA
April 19	Athenaeum – Tor an Riogh
April 26	Beltaine – Grey Niche
May 3	Candlelight Camp – Small Gray Bear

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greiffenburg
Herald: Lord James in le Berres
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James in le Berres
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lord Michael atte Harp
Historian: Lady Ceara Ó Bárdáin
Constable: The Honorable Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES CHANGING IN JANUARY – Herald and Minister of Arts & Sciences – See James to be part of the Change!

HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of December:

December 1 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday) – CANCELED DUE TO WORK
December 14 – Shire Holiday Party & Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Erde & Heylen's Home (Friday)

NOTE: Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahooogroup for updates and directions to the Shire Holiday Party.

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

What a wondrous autumn we've had! The Kingdom has been alive with excellent events these past few months, and we did our part in contributing a most excellent Crown List to the calendar. Thanks again to Medb, Dana, and the rest of the shire members who worked so hard to create a glorious time for our guests.

Speaking of events, don't forget that our annual event, Winter Wonders, is right around the corner. I hope that Rory and his staff will have everyone's support as we present the Faire they are working so hard to create.

Christmas is now upon us, and with it, the Christmas Party! Erde and Heylen have been kind enough to offer to host us- don't forget a gift for the White Elephant gift exchange and a potluck dish to share! A good time is sure to be had by all, so mark your calendars for December 14th. Also, don't forget that the regularly scheduled business and A&S meetings will be cancelled for December due to the holidays!

Finally- we still have open offices and offices accepting bids! If you have interest in any of the vacancies, please ask about them- we offer on the job training here in Ardanroe!

Here's hoping that your holiday season is warm and merry!

In Service,

Sarah
Seneschal



TOWN FAIRE

Seven adults (James, Sarah, Dana, Medb, Rory, Lorccán, and Timotheus) and Lorccan's two children attended the Shire of Ardanroe's Crown List Workshop on Wednesday November 7th at Holy Cross Villas, held from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Painting was continued on the wall hangings and site tokens were strung and bagged for the 100 plus Crown who would have feast. Dana provided bread, cheese, and olives.

No fighter practices were held during the month of November; however, a project day was held on November 3rd to repair and paint the field pylons for the list field. This was done by Johannes and Lorccán at Johannes'.

The regularly scheduled A&S Workshop nights for November and December (November 28th and December 26th) were canceled due to holidays. The next regular A&S Workshop will be in January.

The Fiber Arts Workshop nights for November and December (November 21st and December 19th) were canceled due to holidays.

Heraldic Submission Status

2007 has been an active year by the Shire members in the submitting of names and armory for registration by the SCA College of Arms.

Below is a table showing the submissions made by Shire members in 2007, the date of the LoI composed by the Ruby Herald that the submissions are in or the month of the return by Ruby, and the month at which the Sovereigns of Arms would make a decision on the submissions. I cannot tell you how quickly you will learn what the decisions, but at least everyone will know when a decision should have occurred.

Heraldry Submission	Date of LoI (Ruby)	Month of Laurel Decision (LoAR)
Branwen Ballard - Name	February 20, 2007	June 2007 – Registered
Johannes von Greiffenburg - Name	February 20, 2007	June 2007 – Registered
Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid - Device	February 20, 2007	June 2007 - Returned
Petr Gregorii von Turheim – Name Change to Hugh Dulac	February 20, 2007	June 2007 – Registered; old name retained as an Alternate Name
Ceara Ó Bárdáin – Name Resubmission	July 5, 2007	November 2007
Ceara Ó Bárdáin – Device	July 5, 2007	November 2007
James in le Breres – Device	July 5, 2007	November 2007
Dana the Quarrier – Badge	Returned August 2007	
Amata Quentin Motzhart – Badge Resubmission	Returned August 2007	
Katharine le Spinniere – Name	December 3, 2007	April 2008
Katharine le Spinniere – Device	December 3, 2007	April 2008
Amata Quentin Motzhart – Badge Resubmission		
Lorccán na Túaithe - Device		
Johannes von Greiffenburg – Device		
Branwen Ballard - Device		
Sarah MacGregor – Device Resubmission		

Barun Rory
(Internal Commenter [one of many] for the Ruby Herald)



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

Bardic Champion

Calliope sings of the mighty heroes of adventure and war. Clio records the lines of history over the ages. Erato whispers to lovers and inspires their hearts. Euterpe spins strands of silver music. Those who hear the call of the muses meet with favor in Our eyes and none more so than _____. We hereby name Our talented servant the Bard of Gleann Abhann in this the reign of _____ and _____. Furthermore, as a companion of this order, We charge our Bard never to be silent and always sing, record, whisper and spin tales of Our glorious kingdom so that all may know of the greatness of Our land. Done by Our hand this __ day of ____ in the year Anno Societatis _____.

_Sovereign _Consort

A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. We have now reached the offices for which not all data is known. For these offices there are missing dates, sometimes months, sometimes years. Anyone having old newsletters, officer reports, or other handouts to fill in the gaps are encouraged to contact the Chronicler and the Historian. This month we look at the office of the Chatelaine.

Chatelaine

1/1993 – 11/1993	Mona
12/1993 – 12/1995 (?)	Christine O'Neill of Cork
?	?
2/1999 – 5/2001	Rainillt Dering (originally Generys le Dering)
5/2001 – 3/2004	Blaec le Dering
3/2004 – 11/2004	Medb inghean ui Maolainbhthe
Vacant	
2/2006 – 12/2006	Michael atte Harp
1/2007 – 6/2007	Branwen Ballard
Vacant	
8/2007 – Present	Michael atte Harp

In the August 2007 issue of Ardanrunes the office of the Hospitaler was looked at. This office changed its name locally and at the kingdom level in Meridies to Chatelain at the end of 1992 and during the first months of 1993 respectively. As previously mentioned in August, Chatelaine is a female castellan; the mistress of a castle or country house. Also, the mistress of a household. It comes from the French *châtelaine*, fem. of *châtelain*.

Alternatively the word refers to an ornamental appendage worn by ladies at their waist, supposed to represent the bunch of keys, etc. of a mediaeval *châtelaine*: it consists of a number of short chains attached to the girdle or belt, etc., bearing articles of household use and ornament, as keys, corkscrew, scissors, penknife, pin-cushion, thimble-case, watch, etc., according to taste.¹ The Society Chatelain is in charge of Newcomers' Relations. Each SCA kingdom has a officer in this position, known as the Chatelain(e), Hospitaler, or Gold Key.¹

In Ardanroe the office of Hospitaler changed its name to Chatelaine during the end of 1992. When Charmaine left for Korea for a six month visit in the fall of 1992, the files went to the Seneschal. When it was determined that it would be a much longer stay in Korea, a volunteer was sought for the office.

We know of seven people who have served as Chatelain(e) of Ardanroe. Mona, wife of Dietrich and a new member in the SCA, was the first Chatelaine of Ardanroe, filling the vacant office in January 1993. At the end of 1993 Christine O'Neill of Cork became the Chatelaine. She definitely held the office for two years, thru 1995, but then there are no local records (*help the Historian and Chronicler if you have them*) to determine if she held the office for three, four, or five years. It is definite that Rainillt le Dering, known as Generys le Dering at the time, reactivated the office in February 1999, after at least one month in which it was vacant. Blaec leDering, Rainillt's husband, took over as Chatelain when Rainillt became the Tanista and then Princess of Gleann Abhann, all in one day in May 2001. Blaec continued to hold the local office when Rainillt ended her reign as Princess and became the Principality Chatelaine for Gleann Abhann in November 2001. Rainillt is the only member of Ardanroe to have served as Chatelaine at a principality or kingdom level. The office of Chatelaine did not exist at the Regional level when Gleann Abhann became a Region within Meridies. It was not until July 1999; six months after Gleann Abhann became a Principality that the office was created. Rainillt was the fourth person to serve as Gleann Abhann's Chatelaine and held the position for two years. Her successor, Muirgen (aka Morgana) of the Mists was the last Principality Chatelaine and first Kingdom Chatelaine of Gleann Abhann.

By 2004 Blaec's job on the Air Force Base became too busy to be active as a local officer and in March of that year Medb, again a relatively new member, took up the position. Following a change in local Seneschal the office was vacant for over a year before Michael atte Harp, a recent transplant from the Shire of Loch Bais (newly graduated student and ready for a job in the real world), re-activated the Chatelain office. When his new job became too time consuming for local offices, Branwen Ballard filled the position, having served as his deputy. She in turn became very busy with a new job and in August 2007 Michael, now comfortable in his job, was able to step back into the office as local Chatelain.

¹The Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1989; v. III, p. 58.

FORTNIGHT

Fourteen adults (Sarah, James, Ceara, Johannes, Amata, Hesper, Lorccán, Medb, Dana, Rory, Timotheus, Erde, Heylen, Branwen) and two children (Hesper's 3 year old son and Ian) attended the November 14 Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, presided over the meeting. The calendar of events was covered for the months of December, January, and February. Sarah had nothing new to report as Seneschal. The Quartermaster supplies of the Shire are now located at Medb's house and the trailer and items stored in the trailer is located at Sarah's house. Hesper was welcomed as a new member. She had made postings to the Shire's yahoo group about belly dancing and attending the populace meeting earlier this month.

James as Herald announced that January 1st he is stepping down. He will do the Domesday Report for the office. Someone needs to volunteer to take over the office as Sarah (Seneschal) is not allowed due to being the Kingdom's Obsidian Herald. Lorccan's device was sent to the Ruby Herald in November. Johannes' device is ready and just needs money. [Editor's Note – Money was later collected during the meeting and Johannes' device has been mailed to Ruby.] Medb is in contact with the person that her device submission conflicts with attempting to get a Letter of Permission to Conflict.

James as A&S Minister announced that in January 1st he is stepping down. Someone needs to volunteer to take over the office. After so many workshops on the wall hangings, to take a break and also due to the many holidays coming up, there will not be an A&S Workshop in November and December. Sarah also announced that there would not be Fiber Arts Nights in November and December either due to the holidays.

Amata as Provost is going to do a Call for Classes for Winter Wonders XXII on the RUGA yahoo group.

Rory as Chronicler reported the November issue of Ardanrunes is now on the Shire's website. He also notified Aline of Texarkana about how to access the Shire's newsletter.

Johannes as Knight Marshal reported that for this Quarter's report the Shire held no fighter practices. The list field workshop on the 3rd was successful and the field pylons for the list field were repaired and painted with Lorccán's help. Johannes and Michael were each in Three-Man Teams at Havoc on the 10th. Johannes' Three-Man Melee Team won the tourney. The next Shire Fighter Practice will be Saturday, December 1st.

Medb as Reeve reported that the ACCEPS check for Crown List has arrived. She has reimbursement forms.

Ceara as Historian encouraged everyone to complete the Persona Survey.

The Chatelain was not present. Ceara reported that a new flyer to welcome new and prospective members is ready but needs to be printed.

Dana as Constable had nothing new to report. She will make copies of the Kingdom Law regarding Children at Events and have available at the Troll table at Crown List.

The Shire then discussed holding a Holiday Party. The decision from the members present was that the Shire Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 14th starting at 7:00 p.m. at Erde and Heylen's house in north Bossier City. Dress is casual mundane clothes. Food will be pot luck. The Shire will pay \$50 for meat for the party. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange. Items can be bought or made but spending no more than \$10. Gifts can be SCA related or not, and should not be restricted to a boy or girl. A gift exchange for children age 12 and under will also be held. Heylen plans to do Santa gifts for the children and requests any goodies from the \$1 Store that are festive and fun for the kids to be brought. Erde and Heylen will post their address with directions.

The Shire events were then discussed.

Crown List is this weekend. Sarah has to work late so James will mark the locations of pavilions for the list field. Johannes should be there by 5:00 p.m. to help with set up. Staff can get onsite at 1:00 p.m. to set up the hall, cabins, and field. Medb went over the schedule. Vehicles will not be allowed at the field between 10:00 p.m. and sunrise per Their Majesty's request so that the Walk of the Field and Vigil for Saad has the proper atmosphere. Sir Rey will do armor inspection as Earl Marshal, but Johannes will be present if needed. The site opens at 5:00 p.m. Friday for regular attendees. Ceara needs help at troll. The cabin assignments will be in the hall. Beds will be assigned and marked in the cabins. Trash bags will also be in the cabins. TIKI, TIKI, TIKI TORCHES!!! Thanks were acknowledged to Olaf for the making and donating of the six new SCA directional road signs picked up by Dana today. The site tokens for non-feasters (157) were strung during the meeting by those attending with black thread and bagged. The site tokens for feasters (100) were strung at the Crown List A&S Workshop last Wednesday. Kitchen and meals were covered by Dana.

Winter Wonders XXII is in February. The flyer has been sent in for the December issue of the Ambassador and the paperwork and check for ACCEPS registration to be set up for the event. Templates for the event's website made by Lorccán were passed around by Rory. The activities (contests) at the event were gone over by Rory. Dana

still needs the names of those wanting to cook a course for feast at Winter Wonders. Timotheus will cook breakfast. Sarah and James to do a lentil soup (either for Travelers Fare or as a course at feast).

Rory reminded everyone that he is stepping down as Kingdom Exchequer at Crown List. Fundraiser profits from the lunch at GAHSS for the College of Scribes Fund and lunch at Havoc by Clan Marshin Fayne for the Youth Combat Fund were quickly handed to him.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



RUGA College of Domestic Arts Domestic Sciences Degree Track

The Domestic Sciences are those areas of practical arts that include brewing, cooking, herbal arts, soap making, ceramics, etc. Also included are practical applications of leatherworking, metalworking and woodworking. Students in this degree program may choose to specialize in one specific area of the Domestic Sciences, or to take classes from many areas.

I. Lector of Domestic Arts in Domestic Sciences

The focus of the Lector degree level is to gain an understanding of the domestic arts, as well as an in-depth understanding of one domestic arts subject area. This understanding will be gained mainly through class attendance. An independent study project is recommended for the Lector degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by an additional 10 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences.

Graduation requirements:

- A. RUGA Auditor status
- B. Completion of 30 RUGA class hours
 - a. Lector of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (10 class hours)
 - b. Completion of 10 class hours in Domestic Sciences
 - c. 10 elective class hours (these class hours can be any RUGA accredited class)
- C. Completion of independent study project OR 10 additional RUGA class hours
 - For project: Research, prepare and complete a project of the student's choosing in the area of Domestic Sciences. In order for a project to satisfy this requirement, it must be entered into a local or regional A&S competition, and obtain an overall minimum score of 75%. Documentation must be submitted with this project. A copy of the score sheet and a copy of the documentation must be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
 - For class hours: 10 additional RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences. Any combination of classes in these subject areas will be accepted, although it is recommended that the student concentrate on classes in Textiles.

II. Prior of Domestic Arts in Domestic Sciences

The focus of the Prior degree level is understanding and interpretation of historical sources in researching domestic arts subjects. An independent study project is required for graduation, and must be entered into a Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition to gain credit. 5 teaching hours are recommended for the Prior degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by an additional 5 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences.

Graduation requirements:

- A. RUGA Lector of Domestic Arts/Domestic Sciences status

- B. Completion of 20 RUGA class hours
 - a. Prior of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (5 class hours)
 - b. 10 class hours in Domestic Sciences
 - c. 5 elective class hours (these class hours can be any RUGA accredited class)
- C. Independent Study Project:

Research, prepare and complete a project of the student's choosing in the area of Domestic Sciences. In order for a project to satisfy this requirement, it must be entered into a Kingdom A&S competition, and obtain an overall minimum score of 75%. The documentation score for the project must be no less than a 3, using the current Gleann Abhann Kingdom A&S judging standards. A copy of the score sheet and a copy of the documentation must be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
- D. 5 RUGA teaching hours OR 5 RUGA class hours.

For teaching hours: Although there are no subject requirements for teaching hours at this level, it is anticipated that most of these teaching hours will be in the student's subject area of concentration.

For class hours: 5 RUGA class hours in Costuming, Textiles and/or Domestic Sciences may be substituted for the teaching requirement. Any combination of classes in these subject areas will be accepted, although it is recommended that the student concentrate on classes in Domestic Sciences.

III. Philosopher of Domestic Arts in Domestic Sciences

The focus of the Philosopher degree level is communication of knowledge to others through written expression, teaching, and leadership in the area of A&S. Two independent study projects are required for graduation. 10 teaching hours are recommended for the Philosopher degree, although this requirement can be satisfied by any combination of teaching experience, judging experience, and/or service as an A&S officer.

Graduation requirements:

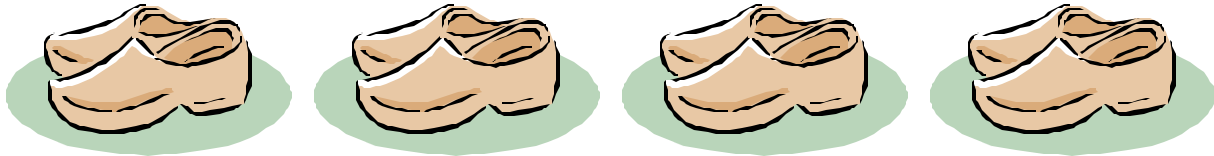
- A. RUGA Prior of Domestic Arts/Domestic Sciences status
- B. Completion of 10 RUGA class hours
 - a. Philosopher of Domestic Arts Core Curriculum (5 hours)
 - b. 5 class hours in Domestic Sciences (Intermediate or higher level classes)
- C. 10 total service hours in any combination of the following:
 - a. Teaching hours (one class hour equals one service hour)
 - b. Service as an A&S officer (one month in office equals one service hour)
 - c. 10 Judging hours (Judging one A&S competition equals one service hour)
- D. Independent Study.

The student must complete a total of two independent study projects, in any combination of the following:

 1. Teaching. Research, prepare and teach a class on a Domestic Sciences subject of the student's choice. The class must be submitted for RUGA accreditation. Class preparation should include preparation of a class handout and other class materials (i.e., photographs, items to be shared with the class, etc.). A copy of all handouts and materials, together with a class enrollment sheet and/or copies of the teacher evaluation forms for the class, will be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
 2. Written Expression I. Complete an independent study project of the student's choosing in the area of Domestic Sciences, and write an article on the project subject. The article must be submitted to any SCA publication. (i.e. Tournaments Illuminated, Compleat Anachronist, Kingdom or local newsletter, etc.). The publication does not have to be in general circulation in the student's home kingdom, but must be a general circulation publication. The article may be of any length, but must be on the same subject as the student's independent study project. Proof of submission will be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.
 3. Written Expression II. Research and complete a research paper on a Domestic Sciences subject of the student's choice. Research papers must be no less than 5 pages in length,

and students must use a minimum of five sources. Only one of the five sources may be an internet source. In order to receive graduation credit, students must enter their paper into the Research Paper category of a regional or kingdom level A&S competition. A copy of the paper, along with a copy of the score sheet, must be submitted to the student's independent study advisor before graduation credit is awarded.

Created for RUGA by Gwyneth Cearr, May 2007.



LET'S DANCE!

We conclude the 2007 calendar year with an English Country Dance, the third in a row for the fourth quarter.

This month's dance is: If All the World were Paper

This English Country Dance begins with four couples forming a square, though some will say circle. The dance begins with everyone facing inside the square/circle. Everyone has joined hands to form the square/circle. This is called 'hands round'. The lady on the lord's right is the lord's dance partner.

Everything in this dance is to eight counts. The three verses are In a Double and Back, Siding, and Arming. Each also includes Set and Turn Single. The three choruses or figures are Changing Places with a Half-Hey to back to original place, In a Double and Cast Back to place, and Hey. Forming an Arch for others to go through occurs in one of the choruses. All of these have been covered earlier this year so I will not go over the steps for each.

The choreography for If All the World were Paper is:

All go in a double and back
Set and turn single
All go in a double and back
Set and turn single

Lord 1 and Lord 3 change places
Lady 1 and Lady 3 change places
Right hand to your partner and half-hey back
Lord 2 and Lord 4 change places
Lady 2 and Lady 4 change places
Right hand to your partner and half-hey back

All side right with partner
Set and turn single
All side left with partner
Set and turn single

Couples 2 and 4 make Arches while Couples 1 and 3 go in a double
Lords lead their contrary (Lord 1 and Lady 3; Lord 3 and Lady 1) through the closest Arch and cast back to place
Couples 1 and 3 make Arches while Couples 2 and 4 go in a double
Lords lead their contrary (Lord 2 and Lady 4; Lord 4 and Lady 2) through the closest Arch and cast back to place

All arm right with partner
Set and turn single
All arm left with partner
Set and turn single

Couples 1 and 3 do a hey for four people
Couples 2 and 4 do a hey for four people

While the two hey for four people are done, everyone is to sing the following lyrics:

If all the World were paper,
And all the Seas were ink,
And all the Trees were bread and cheese,
What would we have to drink?

If all the bottles leaked,
And none had but a crack,
And Spanish Apes ate all the grapes,
What would we do for sack?¹

Enjoy! -Rory

Notes:

¹If all the World were Paper. In: Arsmith, Meaghan, comp. *Meridies Saltare Dance Collegium II*. [Ellisville, MS: Teresa Moss, 1994]; p. 5.



CARRIAGE CHATTER

The Battle of Three Kings, November 2-4, Shire of Rosenfeld

The Shire of Rosenfeld in the Kingdom of Ansteorra (Rosenfeld being a mere hour and a half away from Ardanroe) held its annual event, Battle of Three Kings the first weekend of November. The theme this year was “Normans & Saxons & Vikings, Oh My!?” It is the year 1066 and the battles that would determine the kingship of England were replayed freestyle (not recreated as occurs in England). Master Godwin Alfricson as King Harold II (Harold Godwinson), Baron Ainar Magnusson as Harald III Sigurdsson of Norway (Harald Hardrada), and Duke Inman MacMoore as Duke William of Normandy lead armies in at least four battle scenarios dedicated to Stamford Bridge (where King Harold II defeated Harald Hardrada) and Hastings (where Duke William of Normandy defeated King Harold II). The event was held at Hawkins State Park (Hawkins County RV Park just west of Hawkins, Texas, northwest of Tyler). While the event was publicized in the Shire, it is not known if anyone from Ardanroe actually attended, though Mistress Sarah had planned to.

Swamp Romp, November 2-4, Shire of Troll Fen

The Shire of Troll Fen dumped Troll Fen Defender and brought back Swamp Romp (originally a one day event held long ago one summer) to celebrate the history of Troll Fen with artifacts, relics, stories, and revelry. An Assassin Tourney was held along with Troll Fen's Defender tournament, Protector Tournament, and youth champion. James represented Ardanroe and taught "Techniques on making Silk banners" in the morning. Many classes were held during the day. Dolly and Splinter, the jousting steeds of wood, returned after many years for Horse Games before the court of Their Royal Majesties Uther and Kenna was held. A bardic circle to tell the tales of Troll Fen followed feast.

Havoc, November 9-11, Shire of Loch Bais

(Written by Ceara Ó Bárdáin)

Sarah MacGregor, Ceara Ó Bárdáin, Johannes von Greiffenburg and Michael atte Harp attended Havoc hosted by Loch Bais, which was held November 9-11 at the Caney Methodist Camp in Minden, LA. Much fun was had at this Viking themed event. Ceara taught a class on Musical Instruments of the Viking Age and Michael taught a class on Viking Mythology. Johannes and his team won the three-man great weapon tournament and were awarded one of Baroness Bethany's famous armor bags. Even though he was not in attendance, James in le Breres' silk banner was picked as the winner of the A&S competition. Unlike previous years, the mischievous Loki did not affect the weather for this event. There were many interesting classes held and much fun was had by all who attended. A wonderful feast was prepared by Baroness Bethany.

Quest for the Holy Pail III, November 9-11, Shire of Rooks Haven

While no one from Ardanroe ventured to the eastern edge of the Kingdom in Quest for the Holy Pail, the Shire of Rooks Haven's annual event was heard to have been a lot of fun.

Gleann Abhann Fall Crown List, November 16-18, Shire of Ardanroe

The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann's sixth Crown List was held the third weekend of November at Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp One by the Shire of Ardanroe. Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid was the autocrat. THLady Dana the Quarrier was the head cook with Lord Michael atte Harp in charge of Traveler's Fare, Erde Seche in charge of Breakfast, and Lord Finian O'Naill of the Shire of Loch Bais in charge of Lunch. House Sable Serpent, Viscount Sir Michael of the Mace's household, oversaw the serving of feast. Staff for the event included Lady Ceara O'Bardain (troll), Lady Avice of York (royal liaison), Mistress Sarah MacGregor (field coordinator), Lady Rebekah MacGillivray (children's activities), and Lord James in le Breres (worker bee – set up, gate guard, etc.). Tournament staff included Sir Rey Ribeauumont (Earl Marshal), Mistress Brigit Olesdottir (Kingdom Chirurgeon), THLady Ambrielle Llewellyn (Emerald Herald – List), and Lady Abigail Gryndley (Captain of the Auxiliary Army – water bearing). Over 172 people had signed in by six o'clock Saturday morning with many day-trippers yet to arrive.

Site tokens were pewter cast crowns with red thread for feast and black thread for non-feast. Collectors' cards were the Shire of Iron Ox and Sir Kane Redfeather.

Nineteen entrants successfully petitioned to compete in the sixth Crown List; however, only sixteen were physically able to attend and compete the day of the tournament. The sixteen entrants and their prospective consorts were:

Viscount William FitzHugh de Cambria for Viscountess Onora inghean mhic Chathain
Viscount Elazar of Northumbria for Mistress Marion Leoncina da Susa
Syr Loric Silvestris for Mistress Diana of the Isles
Amir Rashid ibn Hilal for Baroness Genevotte Villeneuve de la Fleche
Master Robert von Flußwasser for THLady Magdalena de Segovia
THL John of Widcombe for Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra
THL Andrew of Lochmaben for THLady Katerina Dmitrieva
THL Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi for Lady Fatima al-Naqidah

Lord William of Glen Lyon for Lady Marisa Symmes of Berewick
 Lord Ashikaga Hiromoto for Lady Ashikaga Kimiko
 Fr. Gilbert des Moulins for Lady Marcilla le Despenseur
 Lord Quintus Lucius Bellator for Lady Meadhbh of the Galloglach
 Lord Khalil ibn Abd al-Rahman for Lady Ygraine ux Draco
 Lord Ricarde Lemarignier for Lady Aurelia de Medici
 Lord Paul the Small for Christiana Breakspear

With a perfect sixteen there were no bye fights. Lord Hiromoto came in fourth. Amir Rashid came in third being defeated by Viscount Elazar, who advanced to the final round to face the undefeated Viscount William. William defeated Elazar in the finals to become the next Heir of Gleann Abhann with Onora as his consort.

Prior to the tournament a morning court was held by Their Royal Majesties to elevate Saad ibn Yusef al Hilal to the Order of the Chivalry. He became the first Bestowed Peer residing in the Shire of Blackmoor Keep. A vigil had been held starting around eleven o'clock Friday night to dawn Saturday morning.

On Friday night Their Majesties had also held a walk of the field prior to the start of the vigil for those entrants in the tournament.

During the afternoon following the tournament the Knights held a meeting and the proto-Fiber Arts Guild held a meeting. The Königin, Kenna, held competitions for the Kingdom Bard and Poet Laureate while the Staff of the Kingdom Exchequer met.

Saturday evening Their Majesties held court inside. Amir Rashid ibn Hilal was named the Queen's Champion and received the Wreath of Chivalry from Königin Kenna. Lord Ashikaga Hiromoto received the Banner of Valor from König Uther. Juan Carlos Santiago de Benevidez was named the Kingdom Bard. Finian O'Niall became Poet Laureate for the third time in five reigns. Former Shire member Christiana Breakspear received an Award of Arms. Baroness Barbara revealed that 58 was the number of coffee beans representing Turkish beans as the Guessing Game in honor of Saad's knighting. Ceara O'Bardain became Maistir Rory's second associate, joining Nonnie Wlfraven, whom had become the new Captain of the Auxiliary Army at the conclusion of the tournament that day. Rory turned over the office of Kingdom Exchequer to Caitriona Campbell of Loch Ness after announcing the winners of the Extra Credit Points for 2007 (1st – Blackmoor Keep; 2nd – Smythkepe; 3rd – Northover; Honorable Mention – Troll Fen) and bestowing parting gifts of leather tooled boxes to all of the local exchequers present. Mistress Brigit Olesdottir took Alesia Wallace as an apprentice. Neal Gray and Thomas Wilkinson received an Award of Arms, Father Gilbert was inducted into the Order of the Combattant Ram, Ambrielle Llewellyn was hugged by the Diamond Chalice companions, while William FitzHugh de Cambria enjoyed hugs from the Silver Lamp companions. His Majesty encouraged all to attend Gulf Wars and then concluded court by making Nigel de Rothwelle a Baron of His Court.

Drogo of Axbridge was the hall steward during feast, which was filled with entertainment from performances by the new Kingdom Bard and Poet Laureate, and the Middle Eastern dancing by Heylen to drums beat by Michael and Ceara. The feast of crab cakes, lamb, and steaks concluded with the presentation of the castle cake made by Ceara and decorated by her and her family.

The Shire held a very successful and fun Kingdom event.



Viscount William & Viscountess Onora process



James and other standard bearers of Ashikaga



Blaec, Rainillt, Beatrice, &? - W&O's entourage



Our 5th Knight, Amir Sa'ad ibn Yusef al Hilal



Lord Paul and milady Christiana process



Ceara and Her Dad work on the Castle Cake



The Castle Cake and Other Desserts

Over the Fence



His Majesty Uther, König von Gleann Abhann was born in 1152 in Brunstadt, Germany. He currently resides in Jerusalem with his wife Her Royal Majesty Kenna, Königin of Gleann Abhann, and their children Allison and Jonathan. They live in the Royal Palace with their faithful servants, retainers, falcons and dogs.

His father Edwin was a minor noble that was awarded arms and lands on the battlefield. His mother Adelaide was a spinner. His Majesty was educated at a monastery. There he learned to speak Latin, German, and Arabic.

He says that while he learned to fight from many people, two of them allowed him to study at the knee of greatness. He feels blessed to have been able to study under his Grace, Duke John the Bearkiller and Sir Lee Friebrand. He prefers to fight sword and center-grip heater shield. He is proficient at every weapon style, but usually leaves the larger weapons to larger folks. He has some skill with a spear as well as the bastard sword and knowledge of both target and combat archery. When His Majesty is not busy with his Royal duties and diplomacy, he enjoys leather working, glass etching, calligraphy and illumination. He also knows how to sew clothing when he has to.

When asked what his personal goals in life are, His Majesty smiles and says “Being King much tops the cake. But seriously it is my goal to be remembered as a True Knight and Just King. To be spoken of with love and respect by the people of my kingdom.”



Murder at the Faire - Winter Wonders XXII
Brought to you by the Shire of Ardanroe
February 8-10, 2008, A.S. XLII

In 12th Century England the Civil War continues between those who support Stephen, Duke of Normandy and King of England, and those who support Matilda the Empress, wife of Geoffrey V, Count of Anjou. In the end Matilda's son will become King Henry II and start the Plantagenet line. The little town of Ardanroe, of no strategic location in the great battles, has opened its gates for the Winter Faire as the Lenten season begins. All are welcome to compete for prizes and favors from this secluded town on the Welsh border. Someone might be named the Winter Faire King or Queen. But wait! Not all is as it would appear. The Miller's wife has been found in the river wheel that powers the mill. This was no accidental drowning. Who does this town truly support? Will there be more deaths before the Faire ends? Reveal who you think is the Murderer of the Miller's Wife at Feast! If you are right, you will win the admiration of 'the townspeople' and a fabulous prize! If you are wrong, you may become the accused!

Activities: The Supporters Tourney (Your Crest must show your Support for King Stephen or Empress Matilda); Robert of Gloucester's Tourney [Bridesmaid Tourney]; Dueling Matilda's [Rapier Tourney]; Henry's Tourney [Youth Combat]; The Persona A&S Triathlon; The Miller's Wife Mystery Game; plus classes, children's activities, and more! The Winter Faire King or Queen will be determined from those participating in the Persona A&S Triathlon.

Registration is available online through ACCEPS by visiting <http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php>. You can also send your reservations by mail. Make checks payable to "SCA Inc Shire of Ardanroe" and mail to: Shire of Ardanroe, P.O. Box 44542, Shreveport, LA 71134. No refunds after January 31st.

Bed space is limited to 160 and feast is limited to 100 chairs. Be sure to add the price of beds and feast for each person you are registering for to the adult and child attendance prices below.

Prices:

Postmarked by 12/31/07 After 12/31/07 and at the Door

Adult Weekend Attendance	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
Child Weekend Attendance (age 6-17)	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Adult Daytrip Attendance	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
Child Daytrip Attendance (age 6-17)	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00

Children age 5 and under attend for FREE.

Bed (Any Age) \$ 5.00 Feast (Any Age) \$ 6.00

Non-members add \$3.00 to attendance rates. Per Kingdom Law, no family shall pay more than 3 adult attendance prices, so long as all are paid members.

Come to Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp 1 located in Doyline, Louisiana.
Site opens at 5:00 p.m. Friday and closes at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Directions: Take your best route to I-20 in Louisiana. Heading EAST from Shreveport and WEST from Minden, take Exit 33 (Fillmore/Haughton exit). Follow the Lake Bistineau State Park and SCA signs to the site.

Event Steward: Barun Rory ua Riada (ddugga@lsuhsc.edu; 318.747.4939; no calls after 9 p.m.)

Head Cook: THLady Dana the Quarrier (hellodana@juno.com)

Deputy Steward: Lorccán na Túaithe (ravendarkshaw@yahoo.com)