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☞ Upcoming Nearby Events: ☞

Nearby Events:

January 18 Kingdom of Atlantia:
Kingdom 12th Night in Roanoke, VA
([Map](#))

Their Majesties Cuan and Signy invite one and all to join them for a weekend of festivity, festivity and camaraderie at the beautiful Gasthaus Roanoke nestled in the historic mountains of Virginia. Come and enjoy music, dancing, arts and craftsmanship as well as games and other diverse amusements. The youngsters will find much to entertain and amuse them as well. (A&S, merchants, no feast)

Event website:
<http://www.12thnight.atlantia.sca.org/>

January 25 Barony of Lochmere:
Midwinter's 2020 in Severna Park, MD
([Map](#))

For Midwinter's Feast 2020, we will be exploring new worlds through our art, story-telling, singing, and cooking! (A&S, merchants, feast)

Event website:
http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=ce38171c

February 1 Barony of Dun Carraig:
Winter University in St Mary's City, MD
([Map](#))

The University of Atlantia is dedicated to the advancement of teaching in the Kingdom of Atlantia, SCA, Inc. Please visit <http://university.atlantia.sca.org> for information on classes, etc.

Event website:
<http://university.atlantia.sca.org>

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Barony currently has openings for several deputy positions. We are also seeking submissions for heraldic designs for our Silver Horns Award and a new baronial award of excellence.

Volunteer opportunities are available for both Spring Crown and our next Baronial Birthday, please contact the autocrats for more information. (Lord Adelic at d_j_newman@yahoo.com and Lord Grim Kirk at grimkirk@gmail.com, respectively).

A land agent is needed for the baronial encampment at Pennsic.

☞ Baronial Business Meeting Notes: December 10th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike.

Officers present:

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache
Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike
Deputy Seneschal, Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin
Web minister, Master Richard Wymarc
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael
Deputy Exchequer, Mistress Briana Maclukas
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth
Baronial Birthday Autocrat, Lord Grim Kirk of Greymoor
Holiday Faire autocrat, Baroness Arnbjörg Karlsdottir
Knight Marshal, Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr
Steward, Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst,
Herald, Lord James of Carinthia
Incoming Chatelaine, Rivkah bat Yaakov

Total populace count: 15

Words from their Excellencies:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
Updates to archery marshal are on website. We are looking for a land agent for Pennsic, pre-registration starts January 1st. The Lochmere Arrow event is scheduled for June 27th and Arnbjörg will be the autocrat. Unevent was very productive.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer: (Mistress Ceridwyn)
Holiday Faire financials are finished. Unevent had no major changes and the doomsday report is due Jan 31st.

Webminister: (Master Richard) There is an ongoing issue with our domain ownership and a migration to Wordpress was suggested at Unevent, where we would be able to set up separate blogs.

Chronicler and Social Media: (Lady Isobel) Unevent raised issue of warrants for all deputies and publication of officer names in the monthly newsletter. Discussion followed without full resolution.

Herald: (Lord James) Herald's handbook now out, and Unevent had a reminder that all court reports need to be filed within two weeks. Transplants need to approach heralds for transfer. Pop-up courts need to be reported. Warranting forms are being revised and a new system is incoming. Documentation now needs to be printed for submissions.

Knight Marshal: (Sir Ragnarr) Unevent brought requests for more detailed reports. There's a new weapons experiment with non-padded thrusting weapons. Potential new practice site located at Hwy 29 and 66.

New Business:

Baronial Birthday 2020- The event has been registered with Duchess Esa as a placeholder autocrat. Lord Grim Kirk will be stepping in. A discussion of the basics for a bid followed with an aim for a break even on financials.

Spring Crown 2020- Lord Adelic will follow up with their highnesses. Water bearing, silent auction, site tokens, and youth activities are still open positions.

Old Business:

Holiday Faire 2019- Final profit was \$3163.49 with 465 attendees. The silent auction raised \$728.50 for Kingdom Regalia. A motion was passed to round up the donation amount to \$750 (Approved by Saphir, Esa, Isobel, Rivkah, and Richard). The use of the pole barns was a popular solution for the weather and saved on set up time.

Holiday Faire 2020- The grounds have been sold but the new owners want to keep it as an event space. The event would be November 21, 2020 and we can have the same rate as this year (\$2875.50 rental and \$490 deposit). The deposit had unanimous approval and Mistress Aine will be the autocrat.

Spring Crown May 2020 – The schedule was discussed and will be

roughly mirrored from Fall Crown 2019 with no feast planned. Autocrat Lord

New Officers- Rivkah bat Yaakov is the new chatelaine, effective immediately and Runa Skogadottir will be the new Minister of Arts & Sciences after January 1st and baronial classes will resume.

Canton Updates:

Sudentorre: No update available.

Upcoming Events:

Twelfth Night (no feast)

Next Business meeting: Tuesday January 14th, 2020, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned by Seneschal Esa at 8:02 pm.

☞ Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! ☞

An introduction to our two newest officers

From our new Chatelaine:

I'm Rivkah bat Yaakov, Rebecca Baldwin in the mundane world, and I'm thrilled to be the new Chatelaine for the barony! In 2020 I'll work to build more outreach opportunities, increase ways to inspire each other's creativity, and always foster a fun and educational environment for anyone interested in joining the SCA family. I look forward to getting to know everyone better in the coming months and would love to hear any

recruitment, retention, or recognition ideas you've enjoyed in the past.

Keep an eye out for newcomers welcome events in the near future!

A skill I've developed- the SCA has been wonderful for encouraging me to get back into many hobbies! This is a pretty wide range from hand sewing clothes, to research into theology. I'm not a particularly good seamstress, or cook, and I'm most assuredly no fighter, but the SCA

allows me to grow those skills as I choose. But you don't need to be any of those to find your niche. I think the one skill that really has been honed is organization and planning. I know that might sound silly but at events, and especially at Pennsic, being organized and creative about resources is a life saver. I love the prepping and planning that goes into everything. Early on I was worried I didn't have an 'SCA skill' and wasn't sure how I'd fit. But planning, organizing, and helping have grown with the SCA and helped me find my place.

First experience- I was living in Okinawa, Japan about 10 years ago, sitting on a military base Dunkin' Donuts looking out the window, when about a half dozen folks in what I would call medieval times clothes got out of their cars and walked to a field. I was totally confused and even more so when I saw them start fighting. My natural curiosity kicked in and I ventured out to ask what was going on. The group was kind and friendly and thus began my understanding of the SCA. I didn't join for another 9 years, but I did make great friends with a few members. One of the people I met then still gives me great garb and A&S advice to this day.

Person who influenced- after living overseas for 12 years, I was knowledgeable about the SCA but never a part of it. When I moved back



stateside, I'd love to say I found my barony right away and joined. That would be a lie. Instead I joined a dating site. Those things are scary and as a bit of a dork finding common interests can be hard. I did start talking to one guy, James, who really seemed to get all my geeky goodness. With in a few dates I found out he just got back from his first Pennsic! Shortly after that he invited me to meet the household he did fighter practice with, and the rest is history. Not only did I make great friends with everyone, but last Pennsic we officially joined the household, and shortly after we got engaged! While we don't do the same stuff in the SCA we support each others interests and look forward to being our own little SCAdian family.

From our new Minister of Arts & Sciences:

Name: Runa Skogadottir

Device: Per fess wavy vert and or, a rabbit argent and fox guiles market argent countercourant courant

How long have you played in the SCA?

I started in 2017 so I'm a relative SCA newbie!

How did you discover the SCA?

I've known about the SCA for about 15 years but never took the plunge until recently. The planetary bodies of my life finally aligned to a point that would allow me to play regularly.

What do you wish you had known as a newcomer?

Quite frankly I still see myself as a newcomer! But I would say that one event or one meeting does not alone define the SCA. It may take a while to find your circle, your group, the people that "get" you. Don't give up! And don't ever stop asking questions.

Can you give an example of a skill you have developed in the SCA?

While I've always had a passion for textile arts I feel that when I started doing garb research I really leveled up my knowledge about textures, weaves, materials, natural dye, etc. I still have a ton to learn but I'm excited about that journey!

How about a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?

In my muggle life I am an illustrator, toy designer, and textile artist.

Professionally I have experience teaching fine art classes to people of all ages both in studio settings and one on one, and have a huge passion for therapeutic recreation. Basically the arts are a fundamental component to ensure a significant quality of life at any age and I think our artists and scientists would agree wholeheartedly with this!



Describe a time when "the dream" came alive for you.

When I found my Chosen family, 100%. I have met some of the most genuine, kind, caring, selfless, and supportive people through my involvement in the SCA.

What has kept you active in the SCA?

The people I surround myself with, for sure. They are all passionate players. My partner is active as well so we push each other to do better.

What was your first Event / experience?

My first event was Holiday Faire! I knew no one who played in this area and everyone I met was kind, gracious, and fun. This goes a long way for new people!

Do you have a favorite event? And why?

Again I'd say Holiday Faire, probably for nostalgic reasons. But I always find lots to do, lots of people to talk to and spend time with, and who can resist shiny new gift baubles!?

Are there people who have become influences in your SCA? And why/how?

Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin. While I have met so many amazing people through the SCA, Aine has remained such a valuable member of my circle. I can always count on her to be honest, point me towards helpful resources, and help me through any snags or issues. She is tremendously supportive and understands the value of constructive criticism and is never afraid to tell someone to put in the work. Her passion for the SCA and helping others however she can is palpable and contagious.

What's in a name? Your name?

My SCA name is Runa Skogadottir. Sorceress, daughter of the forest. I enjoy

leaning about local plant communities, historical and modern herbalism, and plant identification. I also enjoy hiking and being outside!



My plans are simple; to support our artists and scientists, both budding and seasoned. I'd love to start doing monthly or bi monthly classes again and want to amp up our social media presence. My passion for art and science knows no bounds, I am your cheerleader! We have such a pool of talented artisans in our Barony, I look forward to getting to know you all and learning how I can better support you! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

☞ Scheduled Practices, Classes, and Meetings ☞

*Please see the Moo email listserv and our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/stierbach/> for up to date changes*

☞ Arts and Sciences ☞

Dance

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, 7-9 pm.
Address: 1213 Dandridge St.
Fredericksburg, VA

Leatherworking

Manassas — Learn the art of leather-crafting, 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Contact: email Baron Colum if you plan to attend pjdarby@verizon.net

Scriptoria (Calligraphy and Illumination)

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre)
Wednesdays 6:30 -9 pm at Esperanza and Mors'
Address: 26 Richland Rd, Fredericksburg, VA, follow the signage to the garage / shop area

Stafford — Thursdays 7 - 10 pm. at Logan and Esa's --- *On hiatus*
Address: 35 Greenridge Dr, Stafford, VA (please use the side of the road to park and use the back door.)

Warrenton —A & S, Scriptorium, and open fighter practice Mondays, 7 - 10 pm at Sigurd and Aine's.
Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr.
Warrenton VA 20187

Classes and General A&S

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) 1st & 5th Tuesdays of every month, 7-9 pm.
Address: CCC at 1213 Dandridge St.
Fredericksburg, VA

Haymarket — on hold until winter season, more info at www.grimmsfield.org

Warrenton — Monthly Baronial A&S classes *on an as-needed basis*
Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr.
Warrenton VA 20187

☞ Practices ☞

Heavy & Rapier: Contact knight-marshall@stierbach.org or join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StierbachOfficialPractice/> for more information on current heavy weapons and rapier practices. See archery and scriptoria for additional mixed practices.

Dahlgren — (Sudentorre) Thursdays 6-9 pm at University of Mary Washington Dahlgren campus.

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Tuesdays 6-9 pm at either Loriella Park (warm weather) or Dorothy Hart Community Center (cold weather), as available.

Archery: Contact archery-marshall@stierbach.org

Haymarket (Grimmsfield) – On hiatus for the winter. More Info at www.grimmsfield.org
Address: 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169.

Centerville (Bull Run Shooting Center) — Fridays 5 to 7 pm for the winter season (except during the Festival of Lights) at 7700 Bull Run Dr. Centerville, VA 20121

Flint Hill — Western Stierbach Archery Practices at Saphir's on Thursdays @ 3pm - too dark to shoot. So come out and join us. Activities continue to include Royal Rounds, practice, instruction, equipment fine tuning, mechanics, MiT and Warrant class (*please make prior arrangements*), share target design & builds, rules review, and a cookout and a fire pit!! RSVP Saphir at baron@stierbach.org if planning on coming and/or for directions. All bows are welcome (limited loaner gear, but we'll share!!). *Yes, crossbows too!* Rapier and heavy fighting based on marshal availability.
Address: 75 Aileen Rd, Flint Hill, VA 22627

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Sunday afternoons starting around 3 pm at Wolfhou also includes rapier and A&S activities.

Address: The Millers, 106 The Vance Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, (540) 361-7473

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm until dark, hosted by Baron Mors
Address: 26 Richland Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

Equestrian:

Front Royal — Royal Horseshoe Farm
Contact: Jenine Webb AKA Gunnora Grimm jeninewebb@gmail.com

Front Royal — Spotted Horse Keep on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered months. Contact Arielle de Pontoise aka Natalie Henderson Baird via facebook for the address or with questions. For future practices, we can work on skills at the participants' request.

☞ Scheduled Meetings ☞

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, January 14th, 2020
Address: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110
Contact the Stierbach seneschal@stierbach.org for more information.

Canton of Sudentorre Business Meeting

Meets: Third Tuesday of the month at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, from 7-9pm.
Address: 408 Canal St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Contact the Sudentorre Seneschal for more information (585) 309-3282

Newcomers:

New to the Barony? We have some meetings and activities to help introduce you to the SCA. Contact chatelaine@stierbach.org for more information.

☞ Contacts ☞

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