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Wanna have some fun AND do good while in these times of Covid-19? Come and play **Gold Key Bingo!** See below for more information.

RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON SCA ACTIVITY UNTIL JANUARY 31ST, 2021

During the July 23, 2020, Ad Hoc meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism, the following Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote and made effective immediately:

[Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31st, 2021](#) (PDF)

- I. Whereas, the COVID-19 Global Pandemic has created an unparalleled challenge for the administration of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Board of Directors acknowledges the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA are of utmost importance;
- II. Whereas, the Crowns of the vast majority of North American Kingdoms have petitioned the board to suspend in-person SCA events in North America until January 31st, 2021;
- III. Whereas, following consultation with the Kingdom Seneschals of the North American Kingdoms, it appears that this petition is generally supported;
- IV. Therefore Now Be It Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors suspends all SCA in-person events in North America until Jan. 31st, 2021;
- V. Resolved, Small local gatherings including, but not limited to, archery practice, guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with CDC, State, Provincial, and local health guidelines and recommendations. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;
- VI. Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors directs the Society Seneschal to grant a blanket variance to Corpora waiving any required events such as Crown List and Coronation until January 31st, 2021, as well as extending all current reigns until a royal list can be held to determine suitable Heirs;
- VII. Resolved, If a Crown or Coronet steps down without Heirs for a Kingdom or Principality, a Regent shall be installed until such time as a royal list may be held to find suitable Heirs and a Coronation or Investiture held. This regent should be installed according to the Kingdom or Principality laws that govern the appointment of Regents, after consultation with the Society Seneschal. If the Kingdom or Principality has no such law, the Kingdom Seneschal (and Principality Seneschal when appropriate) must consult with the Society Seneschal and Society President to determine an appropriate selection method for a Regent;
- VIII. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors invites Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before January 31st, 2021, to request a variance from the Society Seneschal to be able to do so. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;
- IX. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors commends the officers, royalty, hard-working membership, and participants who have made it possible for the SCA to continue activities during these trying times.

Any commentary regarding this matter should be addressed to sca-comments@lists.sca.org. Please use "Resolution" in the subject line. **NOTE: Please use the body of the email for commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will bounce.**

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Resolution
P.O. Box 360789
Milpitas, CA 95036-0789

<https://www.sca.org/news/resolution-to-suspend-in-person-sca-activity-until-january-31st-2021/>

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: SCA Inc., Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036
You may also email sca-comments@lists.sca.org.

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KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD'S REOPENING STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 2020

Dear Northshield,

Below is our plan for August. If you have questions about meetings or other gatherings, please email Alinore at seneschal@northshield.org and I will do my best to answer you. If you have questions about martial activities, please email Duke Vlad at kem@northshield.org.

Northshield Guidelines for August

1. All groups will follow federal (including CDC), province, state and local mandates, recommendations, and guidelines regarding meeting sizes and emergency measures.
2. Please follow your local government guidelines for group gatherings. Masks for all attendees are highly recommended. They should be worn properly and cover the nose and mouth. It is the attendee's responsibility to provide their own mask. Anyone who has an underlying condition that may increase risk should not attend an event until the CDC has deemed it appropriate, please use your best judgement in these matters. Please practice social distancing and remain the suggested distance (6 ft) from one another when gathering.
3. Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Equestrian activities can resume as long as they meet the requirements of items 1 & 2. Armored, Rapier and Boffer combat as they do not allow maintaining a 6' distance shall continue to be prohibited at official activities. This will be revisited as CDC guidelines and as other similar activities change their recommendations.

Please continue to remain safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you all again at the first safe opportunity.

Thank you,
Baroness Alinore Wyndover, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal
Duke Vladimir Radescu, Northshield Kingdom Earl Marshal

KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD'S STATEMENT ON SCHEDULING THE NEXT CROWN TOURNEY

From the Ancient and Honorable Stallari Council to the prudent and stalwart populace of Northshield, greetings.

We know the uncertainty regarding the change-over of royalty is deeply unsettling for everyone. To this end, Stallari would like to share our discussion regarding the scheduling of the Crown Tournament of Ciaran and Elis to select the heirs to the kingdom. At this time, the modern border between the United States and Canada is closed. The US State Department has declared a Global Level 4 Health Advisory advising against all international travel. The Government of Canada has similarly confirmed a Global Travel Advisory to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada. This means that no royal pair can satisfy the requirement to be able to travel to all parts of the Kingdom (Northshield Law - III-900-6).

Given these constraints, Stallari has decided to wait to schedule the Crown Tournament of Ciaran and Elis until such a time as III-900-6 can be met and guidelines from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States reflect a safer opportunity to gather together. We share this information with you in the interest of transparency, and will ensure that we share our plans as they become available.

Please direct any questions to seneschal@northshield.org.

In Service to You and the Kingdom,
Ciaran and Elis, King and Queen
Alinore Wyndover, Seneschal
Bayard the Turner, Exchequer
Berenice Calvina, Minister of Arts and Sciences
Vladimir Radescu, Earl Marshal
Xanthippe Botaneiatissa, Chronicler
Katerinka Lvovicha, Polaris Herald

LETTER ON REOPENING IN AUGUST 2020 FROM THE BARONIAL SENESCHAL

Hey all,
With everything that is going on in the world. I look to the medical groups for advice on when we can see each other again. It is still recommended to not gather in groups any larger than 10 people. I feel that we are not ready or suited space wise to meet yet in person for social gathering, dance, or bardic at this time. I know it is hard but we need to be vigilant to keep us all safe. I want to see every one of your faces when we can meet again. Any questions, please contact me at seneschal@nordskgen.org or Sarah Oldenburg Garcia at Facebook Messenger.
YIS, Sorcha



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Dear friends,

Like many of you, we are saddened by the news that in-person events will remain off the table until the end of January 2021. The delay of Twelfth Night marks a full year of Nordskogen's traditional events put off and an unknown number of potential events and moots missed, and Blachemere is nimbly moving plans for Crown out a second time. We know this is the best choice to protect our friends and loved ones, but we can mourn the loss of these activities at the same time.

Archery and thrown weapons, which can be practiced outdoors with safe distancing, are meeting on Sundays with a few changes. They have swapped times to put archery at a less busy range time: archery begins at 10, and thrown weapons begins at 1. Thanks to the throwers for agreeing to the change! Each activity has new safety protocols in place: check Facebook or the email list for more information, or contact the activity captain. And if you're not up for gatherings, don't worry: we'll be here later, too.

Online activities continue in a variety of spaces, and we know that many of you have been enjoying video classes and gatherings held in the place of Pennsic and other wars. Nordskogen Wednesday Night Online will continue through August.

- *At the end of July we had our first trivia night, hosted by Solveig and won with style by Lewke. Skol!*
- *On August 12 we will cohost a combined Zoom gathering with the baronies of Castel Rouge and Jararvellir, who also meet online on Wednesdays--all are welcome!*
- *On August 26, Baron Gabriel will host a Whatcha Doin'? show-and-tell night: watch for the Facebook event and post pictures of your current SCA endeavors, or email them to Gabriel with a description of what you've been doing. Made garb? Learned about pickling? Crushed a monthlong pell challenge? Tell us about it! You don't have to attend on Wednesday to participate, but if you do, we hope you'll talk a bit about your efforts!*

Without events, our view of what everyone is doing is limited to what social media happens to show us. If you see someone leveling up skills or going above and beyond to make eSCA happen, please consider sending us an award recommendation. It may not look like our usual SCA labors, but we know that you are out there putting time and energy into this strange phase of our shared dream. Thank you, one and all.

We miss you, and if we do not see you online, please know that we cannot wait to see you again in person.

*Yours in service,
Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen*



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

CANCELLED THROUGH AUGUST 31

Folks begin gathering between 6:30 & 7:00 p.m. Announcements are generally at 7:30 p.m. Meetings end around 9:00 p.m.

Our weekly Wednesday meetings are held in: The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon

In the Waterbury Building, the big red building at Jackson St. NE & Broadway St. NE,

(1121 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55413.)

Link to a map: <http://tinyurl.com/geekpartnersoc>

Enter the building on the **TRAIN TRACK (EASTERN) SIDE**.

Door 1121C is the one closest to the rooms we are in.

To get to the big parking lot near our entrance door:

From Broadway St., go north on Jackson, drive past the little parking lot on the right (we don't park there), go to the end of the building, take the first right onto the street there which is Twelfth Ave. NE.,

and take the next right into the parking lot.

If you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far! **Note: Metal Parking slots are always off limit.**

See List of Online SCA Gatherings below for information on Nordskogen Wednesday Night Online.

08/05: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing CANCELLED	Room 107: Rapier practice
08/12: Room 106A: Business meeting & socializing CANCELLED	Room 107: Rapier practice
08/19: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing CANCELLED	Room 107: Rapier practice
08/26: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing CANCELLED	Room 107: Rapier practice

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

For more information on these meetings, see the current version of our weekly newsletter, the Nib, at this [link](#).

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 15, 2020

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) presiding
Dame Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording
Approx. 20 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: We had a kind of WW. Big thank you to Bazyli and everyone who did stuff for the unofficial classes. Amary kept us from forgetting WW in the middle of our move. Thanks to scribes who made those marvelous scrolls. July 29—Trivia. More in New Business below. Pen pals for SCA at Home. Put name in and send some sort of paper response. Needs a local coordinator. GPS needs help!

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Still have positions open. Right now, everything is pretty easy so a good time to learn a new job.

Exchequer and Financial Report from Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky: Not present. Sent the info. below.

Starting balance:	\$ 20,867.32
Income:	\$ 100.18
Expenditures:	\$ 124.00
Ending balance:	\$ 20,843.50
Balance Change:	\$ (23.82)

Donations for the year 2020: \$ 445.11 (\$200 pending donations for July so far, 150 unrestricted)

Storage rental being raised \$10 a month so we'll need to adjust our budget.

Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn: Soft deadline for the August Quill is Sun., July 26; hard deadline is Fri., July 31.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: Not present. Did a great job heralding an online court this last Saturday.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Nothing to report. Share ideas for online stuff to do.

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 15, 2020 (con.)

Knight's Marshal, Sir Helgi Moosebane: Not present. Nothing to report.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. Nothing to report.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldaron: Not present. Nothing to report.

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Paganía: Not present. One new person online this month, though.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: 5 people came on Sunday (3 from the north). At the Brooklyn Park Range. Nice small range, not too busy. Bloomington this week. Central. North, than two weeks South. No loaner gear for now. Social distancing worked out fine.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Had thrown weapons practice on Sunday. Three came (two were actually throwing).

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present. Emailed a report. Thank you to all whose work made our WW virtual court possible: Cecily of York, Farolfus filius Richardi, Thea Wittacres, Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig, Masina Vitus, Arianna da Lucca, and Petranella Fitzallen of Weston. Don't forget, if you want someone to get an award, get those recommendations in! Our scribes need time to create the work we all enjoy seeing. This is also a good time to remind our local artists, if you need any support, the signet's office is always interested in enabling! We have a plethora of digital resources and many sources of local knowledge available, and we can always use good art. Contact signet@nordskogen.org should you need anything. Scrolls from this weekend were gorgeous! Great if you can give personalization ideas in your award recommendations.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present. As far as the Sen. knows, we still have stuff...

Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Not present. Still have a website.

Old Business

Twelfth Night: have a possible bid. Could really use more! Good idea

WW: Unofficial event this past weekend. (Sat.) 23 classes (knowledge sharing), Bardic circle/Knightly stories after court. Discord: fine if you were experienced. Video chat on Discord is a bit laggy. Sharing this experience with SUN folks. Good experiment. Fun. Brandy Hine (Laurette): Intro. to Coffee: 50 attendees, interkingdom, as well.

Trivia: Happening in two weeks.

New Business

WW 27 Redux next year! Same location! Dates are on the Kingdom calendar already!. Next weekend: will check out the damage at the Grandstand. Lucky moved and Baroness seconded B. continuing as event steward next year. Motion passes.

Wednesday night Baronial mixer with Jara and Castel Rouge?

Funds for equestrian equipment? Needs to be voted on by Financial Committee: would need to be added to budget. Needs a proposal. \$100 a year per each martial activity with option to ask for more by making a proposal in advance. Next committee mtg. in August.

Announcements

Doing a fund raiser for the WW that wasn't: presale for t-shirts will be announced in a week or so. Will benefit the Kingdom general fund.

Seneschal's twins are turning 15 next week. Seneschal and family vacationing next week for that and wedding anniversary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

A LIST OF ONLINE SCA GATHERINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

***--Facebook Group All times are CDT unless otherwise noted.**

An updated version of this list can be found at the link above.

Nordskogen

*[Nordskogen Wednesday Night Online, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm](#)

Join us for an online gathering while our usual Wednesday SCA social time is on hold. We will be gathered in a Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/474273020> The Zoom meeting invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the discussion at the link above each week. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

[Nordskogen Channel on Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

Northshield Activities, Classes and Events

*[Fencer's Tavern](#)

Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30pm, starting Wed., June 10

Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.

<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126>

Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

[Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events

[Ethereal Q&A With Their Majesties, May 8, 2020](#)

*[Their Royal Majesties of Northshield's Facebook Page](#)

Future Ethereal Northshield Courts

The next ethereal Northshield court will be held Saturday, August 22, 2020. **Send in award recommendations!**

All courts will be broadcast on:

Kingdom Official FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/>

Kingdom YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunclqxxMMDw>

Past Ethereal Northshield Courts

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court, April 4, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Coronation, April 18, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court, May 9, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(Schützenfest and Mermaids Retreat\), May 29, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(Border Skirmish, Castle Fever, Castel Rouge 50th\), June 13, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(Mimisbrunnr\), June 27, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(WW\), July 11, 2020](#)

Greater SCA

[#SCAatHome Highlights 11, June 19, 2020](#)

[An Tir Online Events](#)

[ARTemisia Virtual University](#)

[Countess Jehanette's Unofficial Calendar of SCA Classes, Videos, and Streams](#)

[Dahrien's List of Online Bardic Circles](#)

[Drachenwald Try-athlon Challenge](#)

[East Kingdom Master List of Online A&S Webinars](#)

[Ethereal Bardic Symposium Online, Friday, August 28-Sunday, August 30, 2020](#)

[First Virtual Courtesans' College, Friday, July 31-Friday, August 7, 2020](#)

*[The Honorable Clover](#)

Need some SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

*[Identifying and Addressing Cultural Appropriation](#), a Zoom class, Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 7-9 p.m.

Taught by Baroness Zahra Tesfaye <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768618849>

In this class, we'll identify some of the different ways that cultures interact, including cultural appreciation, exchange, assimilation, and the problematic appropriation. We'll talk about why cultural appropriation is so harmful, in both a modern and SCA context, and explore some ways of self-evaluating and addressing our own behavior to avoid it. There will also be a discussion portion, so please bring your questions and we can explore them as a group.

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Greater SCA (con.)

[Known World Entertainment Guide—Google Spreadsheet](#)

*[Known World Entertainment Guide—Visual Guides on Facebook](#)

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

[Pennsic University YouTube Channel](#)

*[Royal University of the Midrealm \(RUM\) Goes Online](#)

[SCA Classes On YouTube](#) (List maintained by Countess Jehanette)

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

This site is several years old. They meet via Skype once a month on the second Saturday during fall/winter/spring and on Thursdays during the summer.

[SCA State of the World Chat April 2020](#)

[SCA Topical Town Hall Sessions](#)

*[SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display](#)

*[Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\): Definitions and Concepts](#), a Zoom class,

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 7-9 p.m., taught by Jessica Van Hattem, Society DEI Officer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82777821208>

We'll talk about what diversity, equity, and inclusion actually look like in an SCA context and go over the basic concepts of privilege, unconscious bias, and microaggressions. If you're curious or have questions, please consider attending!

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

SCA Individuals

[Dahrien's Online Bardic Circles via Zoom](#)

***Meeting ID: * 850-6206-6750**

Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

Join by Skype for Business: <https://us02web.zoom.us/skype/85062066750>

[Hypatissa Anna Dokeianina Syrakousina/Angela Costello-Perrone Moves Into The Digital World](#)

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Corporate Headquarters of the SCA

There has been an extremely generous response from our members, wanting to gift memberships to people in need.

If you would like to gift a membership for a specific individual, [please download and follow these instructions](#).

Annual Baronial Inventory File Update and Officer Budget Requests

Chancellor of the Exchequer, here: Welcome to the third quarter! As usual, I am asking elected officers to examine and begin updating their inventories and budget requests for my end-of-year accounting extravaganza!

I have created a [read-only master inventory file](#) so you can verify the items you are responsible for are on the list. It would be *super* helpful if you could email me (exchequer@nordskogen.org) any changes between now and the November business meeting.

Nordskogen Seneschal Seeks A Successor

The term of our Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, expires at the end of December 2020 and she is seeking a successor. She is beginning her search early so that she has plenty of time to train the next Seneschal. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Baroness Sorcha](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc her and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

Nordskogen Archery Captain Seeks A Successor

The term of our Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir, expires at the end of December 2020 and she is seeking a successor. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Meistari Sefa](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc [Meistari Sefa](#) and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Help Wanted!

Our Seneschal is looking for a good volunteer to be the **Baronial Social Media Officer**.

Now - you don't have to live in that area to be a part of this plan but you should know the groups and dynamics involved.

* Estimated work: Answering emails, working with local groups to get them up to speed, being on FB and other platforms to moderate/admin, creating local events on Pages, and other duties as assigned.

* Requirements: Join and interact on a NS Social Media FB Group, be a paid member that gets the Northwatch (required for warranting), and have fairly swift access to the internet and discussions over the course of a day.

If you are interested in applying - please send an email to seneschal@nordskogen.org and include some info about yourself (and a link to your NS website profile). If you have any questions or want more information - just contact the Seneschal through the same email.

Thank you! Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, Seneschal

Greetings Nordskogen from your Archery Marshals!

We are pleased that we will be able to start holding archery practices once again. Due to the Kingdom, MDH, and CDC guidelines and recommendations, there will be a few extra things for you to think about.

First, if you are sick, please stay home, even if you don't know if it is COVID-19. Staying home will help you recover faster, so that you can come back to archery sooner, when you are healthy again. And it protects the others who go to archery practice.

Second, everyone should consider the risks of coming to practice, and determine whether it makes sense for them or not. We know that people want to see each other again, and people don't want to miss out, but we will still be here and holding practices later, so if you aren't comfortable coming to practice yet, don't worry. We'll miss you, and look forward to seeing you when it is safer.

Third, some changes to how practices will be run. Please read these carefully.

- We will NOT have loaner gear available. We cannot sanitize most of the equipment without damaging it, so we will not be able to provide loaner gear. If you are looking to buy your own gear, we would be happy to give you advice on what to get.
- We strongly recommend that you wear a mask. We understand that a mask can interfere with shooting (or even be damaged by shooting), so masks can come off when you are on the line, but we'd really appreciate it if everyone wore a mask when off the line.
- Please keep social distancing in mind, and stay 6 feet apart from those not in your household while at the range (including on the line). We know this will be difficult, but it's part of keeping everyone safe.
- You will need to bring your own hydration, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. We also recommend that you bring your own seating, as there is not enough at the range to allow for social distancing.
- We have fluctuating numbers for archery, but we do sometimes have as many as 15 archers, plus others who come to watch and hang out. Given the size of the ranges, and the fact that these are public ranges and are often in use by multiple other groups and families, we want to be very careful about the 25 person limit for outdoor gatherings. While not everyone at the range will be part of our group, the size of the ranges mean that when officials are counting, they may not separate groups, but just count that there are more than 25 people in a small area, and decide to close the ranges, which would be sad for everyone. To avoid that, we have the following two items.
 - First, we've negotiated with Thrown Weapons to have our practices at 10am on Sunday mornings, which is a time when both ranges are often less busy, especially compared to our usual time.
 - Second, for at least the first few weeks, we'd like to minimize the number of onlookers. If it turns out our practices aren't too big, we'll remove this request. The one exception is that children are still required to have a responsible adult in attendance.
- Depending on the number of archers at the practice, the marshal may set up a rotation for which rounds people shoot, and at which bales. We need to keep social distancing in mind when we retrieve arrows, so there will likely be a limit to 2 archers per bale per round (which will also minimize having to touch another person's arrows while pulling your own).

Lastly, locations for practices are changing a bit. The Marsh Lake range in Bloomington will still be in use for the southern range, but the Marsden Lake range in Arden Hills does not have many bales in even moderately good condition, so we are switching our northern range to the Brooklyn Park Archery Range, which is a lovely range with lots of shade at all times of the day. We will not be holding practices inside, so if it rains (or looks like it will rain), practice will be canceled, and we will do our best to make that announcement Saturday evenings.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Fencer's Tavern

Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30pm, starting Wed., June 10

Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.

<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126>

Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

Greetings!

This is an invitation, to all fencers and their supporters, to stop by this *humble* waystation, built by weary travelers just like yourself. Swashbucklers, soldiers, Queen's men (& non-men), duelists, rogues, and even the occasional German, can find a moment of conversation and good company, in our Fencer's Tavern.

How does it work?

Starting Wed., June 10, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Tavern opens its doors at 7:30pm.

At this time, the common room is open to all, fencers, and supporters alike. You may not always see the elusive barkeep/host, but the doors will be open to any who might wander in.

Workout Wednesdays

Since travel has been much reduced in our kingdom, followers of the blade may find they need some help in oiling their rusty parts. Every Wednesday, at 7:00pm, the barkeep/host will hold a 30-minute session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills, for any interested parties. No, you do not need your video on to participate.

Mondays and Fridays

Normally the Tavern is closed. However, if any enterprising folk have reached out to the barkeep/host for the keys, a learning or discussion session may be hosted. These sessions can be either public or by invitation only, at the discretion of the holder of the keys, Lady Heliseus Morte d'Arbor ([Stefanie A. Steele](#)).

DID YOU KNOW?

A STUDY IN PEER LIKE QUALITIES: LARGESS

By Lady Ceolwen ingen Adaim

Hello, friends and Happy August!!! This month I wanted to continue the conversation about those PLQs (Peer Like Qualities). This month's focus is going to be Largess.

Largess was something I had a hard time understanding when I first came into the SCA. I would see things like Largess Derbies or people making Largess, and to be honest, I literally thought it was a fancy name for crafting.

As I have been growing in my SCA experience, I have discovered that Largess is something far bigger than that. In what I have seen, I believe that Largess is tied in with a generosity of spirit. Not just in the making of things; but really giving of yourself to help those around you.

Yes, we make things and present them to Royals to show support for our Crown. Doing this shares the generosity of our populace and in turn, our Crown can also be seen as generous by giving the Largess to others. This is definitely a good thing to be consistent with.

However, Largess is also seen in those who teach, volunteer, and share their knowledge and work to make their Barony, Shire, Kingdom, and the overall SCA a better place for everyone. Sharing your gifts with others is going to help the SCA continue to thrive and grow.

I remember the first time I had the epiphany of how wide the blanket of Largess is thrown. I was at an event and there was a new fighter doing some pick-ups. One of our Knights took time out of his day to stop, watch, and pull the new fighter aside to give them tips and feedback on how they can improve and be more efficient. There was no ego in this act. Just a genuine desire to help a newcomer to our game. It was wonderful to see the interaction. And since then, I can see Largess everywhere I look.

We have a wonderful Barony and are part of a great Kingdom. I am so proud to be a part of Nordskogen!

Until we are all able to be together again----Long Live Nordskogen!!

A SPECIAL SURPRISE FROM OUR CHATELAINE: **GOLD KEY BINGO!**

Are you bored in your isolation?

Are your closets too full?

Is your fabric stash ready to explode?

Our Nordskogen Chatelaine, Lady Jelena di Pagania, has a quick fix for you! You can solve your problems, help out our collection of loaner garb, play a fun game, and win Fabulous Prizes all at the same time! Just play Gold Key Bingo! On the following pages, you will find several score cards for this game.

The Rules

Items may be dropped off with the Chatelaine at any time before October 1st in a socially distant compliant manner, along with your score sheets. Email Lady Jelena at: jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com for directions to her house.

Items may be purchased or handmade.

Used items must be repaired and in good condition to qualify.

Also, if you are hand-making or re-purposing anything and totally want to geek out and document what you're making for the archives, Lady Jelena is so down with that.

All squares must be from one card to qualify for a bingo.

You must put your name (modern and/or SCA) and contact information on the card to qualify.

Each completed card qualifies for a prize opportunity.

Participants may reuse an item for another card or they can make one for each card. If you use one item for multiple cards, an "x" must be placed in the upper right hand corner of the square, so Lady Jelena doesn't go looking for items that aren't there.

If you are really good at making one thing, making five of those things qualifies as a Bingo.

Deadline and Prizes

The soft deadline is October 1st so that prizes can be distributed at Twelfth Night.

Prizes will be awarded for 5-Across, 5-Down, Diagonal, Four Corners, and Black Out.

There will be participation tokens for all who enter.






If there are a lot of entries, there will be a drawing in each category.

Special recognition will be given for those who don't complete a "Bingo" but who complete any combination of items or a lot of one item.




Questions? Contact Lady Jelena at: jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com

Many thanks to Lady Rúna Úlfríðardóttir for her helpful ideas.






Nordskogen Gold Key






				
Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Feast gear bag (preferably snowflake fabric, approx. 14"x14" with sturdy drawstring closure)	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
Grow-with-me toddler trou in washable, durable fabrics	Grow-with me Child size chemise	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Nordskogen- inspired Populace- Appropriate Accessories (no circlets)	Populace- appropriate belting	Adult drawstring trou
XL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Youth T-tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Anything wool	Youth drawstring trou	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage
Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Underpinnings and layers	Anything Viking. Because, Nordskogen SKOL!	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Gold Key Ambassador ribbons (1 yard x ½-1" blue & white ribbons with a gold key on either end – extra points for snowflakes!)

Nordskogen Gold Key

				
Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Portable clothing rack (preferably with wheels)	Adult Hood (Not to be confused with adulthood)	Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)
Grow-with-me toddler trou in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	1 full Set of Feast Gear (1 plate, 1 bowl, 1 drinking vessel, and cutlery)	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Muslin garment bag with tie closures, no zips	XL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Mending kit	Camping-appropriate gear (open to interpretation)	Anything Viking. Because, Nordskogen SKOL!
Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage	Youth T-tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Youth drawstring trou	Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)
XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	adult coif	Nordskogen-inspired Populace-Appropriate Accessories (no circlets)	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)

				
Muslin garment bag with tie closures, no zips	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	1 full Set of Feast Gear (1 plate, 1 bowl, 1 drinking vessel, and cutlery)	Mending kit	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
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Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)	Populace-appropriate garters	XXXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
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Cloth or leather pouch	Populace-appropriate garters	Gold Key Ambassador ribbons (1 yard x ½-1" blue & white ribbons with a gold key on either end – extra points for snowflakes!)	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Anything wool	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Wrap or cloak	Populace-appropriate belting	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)
Adult drawstring trou	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Youth drawstring trou	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage
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