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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025

Nordskogen Wednesday Nights, 7-9pm--No historic clothing is required.

In-person social practices are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and are held indoors alongside rapier practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN. Use the side entrance of Olivet Congregational Church on Dewey St, through the garden. Parking is on the street. Masks and distancing are not required by the site but are welcome and recommended. **We must be out of the space by 9:00 p.m. sharp.** Our business meetings on the third Wednesday will continue to happen online via Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion at this [link](#) and will also be sent to the Baronial email group. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

12/25: Indoors in-person social practice—**CANCELLED**

01/08: Indoors in-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

01/15: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. **Business meeting at 7:30pm**

01/22: Indoors in-person social practice

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025—A FROSTY FETE--SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2025, 7AM-9PM

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303, 9am-8pm

Event steward: Lady Talaitha Nyfferyn (Annika Virginia): [talaithaofnorthshield at gmail.com](mailto:talaithaofnorthshield@gmail.com); 207-557-5893

Site Opens: Friday 6-8:30pm for set up, Saturday 7am for setup, Gate: 9am-1pm; Activities until 8:30pm

Site Close: 9:00pm - cleanup hard stop: 10pm

Fees: Adult: \$30 (Members: \$20); Under 18: Free Checks Payable to: SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen.

Pre-Registration Is Now Available! Here is the [link](#) to the pre-registration form.

Pre-registration closes Saturday, January 4, 2025.

Gate Coordinator: THL Lachlann del Glen: [antim8ter at gmail.com](mailto:antim8ter@gmail.com)

Merchant space is available!

Contact THL Cehero Oakensword at [greygoosebows at gmail.com](mailto:greygoosebows@gmail.com) for more information.

Luncheon will be in the atrium from noon until 1pm. Cost: \$5. Limit: 125. Go to this [link](#) for more info. or see below.

Site is BONE DRY. Site is ADA accessible

The following activities will be allowed/available:

Arts and Sciences Competition; Youth Activities; Ask a Laurel; Bardic Circle; Gaming Salon; Jumble Sale; Merchant Space; Populace Space / Presence; Master Armoring Competition; Photography; Armored/Rapier/Boffer/Archery

Other activities will be announced as they are confirmed to be available, and the schedule may change as space and safety allow, so please follow announcements in all the usual places.

NORTHSHIELD SPRING CORONATION, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

Hosted by: Barony of Nordskogen

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303, 9am-8:30pm

Event Stewards: Trevor Gersch/Aelfwine, [trevor at gersch.com](mailto:trevor@gersch.com);

Alex Olfson/Aleksander Valahul, [alexolfson at gmail.com](mailto:alexolfson@gmail.com)

Site Fees:

Adult Member: \$15/person; Adult Non-Member: \$25/person;

Children 10 & under: Free (Might change to 17 and under. Please check back)

THIS SITE IS BONE-DRY! No alcoholic beverages allowed, even for cooking! Thank you.

No feast/food planned at this time. If you would like to offer your services, please contact one of the event stewards.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Arts & Sciences Display, Classes, Rapier Combat

More information to come. Thank you for your patience!

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Nordskogen Equestrian Lessons Every Other Saturday—SUSPENDED

Outdoor Thrown Weapons Practice—CANCELLED UNTIL SPRING

If you have any questions about thrown weapons in Nordskogen, message our Thrown Weapons Captain, THL Lachlann del Glen.

Indoor Archery Practice, Sunday, December 22, 2024, 10am-Noon, Bwana Archery, Little Canada, MN

Hello archers! It's that time again! We have archery at Bwana this weekend, 10am to 12pm. If you are driving in, please be careful! Let Lady Dagrún know if you need loaner gear by Saturday evening! We will also be going for the new SSAC so long as the target is made and there! If you have any questions about archery in Nordskogen, please contact our Archery Marshal, Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir, at archery@nordskogen.org.

Directions to [Bwana Archery](#), 3015 Country Drive, Little Canada, MN, 55117 (I-35E and 694), 651-482-9866:

*Take your best route to I-35E and Little Canada Road (Exit 112).

*From I-35E Northbound: At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Little Canada Road.

Then turn right on the frontage road (Country Drive) on the west side of I-35E.

*From I-35E Southbound: At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Little Canada Road.

Then turn right on the frontage road (Country Drive) on the west side of I-35E.

*The range is about 1 mile up Country Drive. Look for the large yellow archery sign on your left.

Here's a link to a map: https://www.facebook.com/pg/BwanaArchery/about/?ref=page_internal

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con.)

Rumplestiltskein: 2nd & 4th Sundays: 11am-2pm: At the [HarMar Barnes & Noble](#)

Meetings occur on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. The next meeting will be this Sunday, December 22, 2024. The gathering is at the Barnes & Noble Starbucks Coffee Shop at 2100 N. Snelling Ave, Roseville, MN, just south of Hwy 36 in the HarMar Mall. Any portable fiber activity is welcome, such as knitting, spinning, nalbinding, crochet, embroidery, tatting, etc. Masking is now optional. Parking is free and plentiful, and the snacks and drinks available at the Starbucks cafe are nice. Come socialize and show off what you have been working on, or just hang out.

Monday Night Armoring & Sewing at Duke Vlad's & Duchess Petranella's

Their Graces, Vlad and Petranella, are hosting armoring and sewing for vaccinated folks on Mondays starting at 7 p.m. in Roseville. **Please be sure to contact them for further details and to double-check the schedule.** Please note that there are two large fuzzy dogs in residence. Their Graces can be reached at 651-644-4685 or at: vlad.petranella at gmail.com or message Her Grace on Facebook at [Salli Weston](#).

Indoor Armored Combat Practice: Tuesdays at Brackett Park, 6:30-9pm—CANCELLED 12-24-24

Armored combat practice is held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at [Brackett Park](#), 2728 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406. If you have any questions, you can contact the Nordskogen Knight's Marshal, Lord Fergus O'Dae, on Facebook at: [Theodore Ivan](#).

Youth Boffer Practice: Indoors, Wed. at Olivet Congregational Church, 6:30-7:30pm

Our next youth boffer practice will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 pm at [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN, 55104. If you have any questions about youth boffer in Nordskogen, please contact our Youth Boffer Captain, Lord Gospatric de Reynes, on Facebook at [Patrick Raines](#).

Rapier Practice: Wed., Olivet Congregational Church, 7-9pm, Doors open at 6:45pm—CANCELLED 12-25-24

Rapier practice is now indoors at [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN, 55104. Practices are from 7-9pm. Doors open at 6:45pm so we can get started at 7. **We must be out of the space by 9:00 p.m. sharp.** If you have any questions, you can contact the Nordskogen Rapier Marshal, Lord Yagüe Antolínez, at: rapier@nordskogen.org

Dance Practice Taught by Master Dafydd Arth—SUSPENDED

Bardic Get-Together—SUSPENDED

Shop Night on Thurs. at Master Danr's, 7-9 pm—SUSPENDED

Monthly Baronial Sewing Support & Project Night, 3rd Thurs.:

Thur., Jan. 16, 2025, 6:30-8:30pm, Olivet Congregational Church

The Baronial Sewing Support & Project Night will be happening Thursday, Dec. 19, from 6:30-8:30pm, at [Olivet Congregational Church](#). For questions, please contact the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences, [Lady Hedwyg \(Kris Johnston\)](#).

Armor Shop, Thursdays, 6pm, at THL O'no Kagemori's House

Kagemori can help you get a kit into the mid-14th century of Western Europe, a bit later for Eastern Europe, and/or up to the end of period in Japan. To get the address, PM Kagemori on Facebook at [Josiah Stone](#). A couple of things: Closed toe shoes are a good idea if you're going to be working with metal. Work gloves and safety glasses are also a good idea. 1 dog and 2 cats are in residence. He would prefer you be vaccinated, but he will not be asking about it. The nearest ER is 5 miles away.ca

Weekly Thursday Night Sewing Gathering

Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green hosts weekly sewing nights on Thursday nights at her home. Gatherings begin at 7pm & last until Cassandra ends them. Contact her at: cassandy at usfamily.net or at: 612-361-6309 for directions & to let her know that you are coming.

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theme and Title for Our January 18, 2025 Event

Greetings members of Northshield. Our Nordskogen Business Meeting covered two important topics this past Wednesday. One, to review and revise the theme of Twelfth Night (previously, a Nordic Noel) and two, to discuss the standing title of the event; Twelfth Night. Due to the length and consideration both these topics deserve, we will be separating the discussion into two parts.

Pt. 1

The theme Nordic Noel was brought to our attention as a concern, with the focus of the term Noel being overly focused on one religion, to the exclusion of others. Upon review, the word Noel has significant and current meaning to the Christian faith; specifically focusing on the birth of Jesus. This religious aspect does not accurately represent this year's theme and has been adjusted to Frosty Fete, to celebrate the Baroness' desire to see the symbol of the snowflake worn, adorned, and celebrated throughout the event.

We recognize the impact of the initial theme had on members of the Kingdom and want to apologize for the pain we have caused. The Baronesses of Nordskogen are appreciative of the opportunity to improve and solidify our overarching goal as a Barony; to have gatherings with historical premises that expand our horizons, celebrate milestones, or reflect particular historical objects / activities.

This also encouraged us to re-evaluate our efforts to keep and maintain an open dialogue. We plan on continuing our efforts to be accessible, seek to understand perspectives, and actively listen. Feedback is always welcome, and if concerned about privacy or algorithms, please send here: baroness at Nordskogen dot org.

Pt. 2

A second question arose during the discussion of this year's event theme, regarding the title Twelfth Night, and whether it should continue in use for future events. As many Scadians do, we conducted our research on the origin of the event title.

We found that the first Twelfth Night was held in the West Kingdom in 1967 and was specifically touted as being named for the Shakespearean play. The tradition spread as other Kingdoms emerged, and several local seasonal events throughout the Middle Kingdom adopted the name, including Nordskogen.

We did find a number of historical associations with the tradition of Twelfth Night. The Christmas closing feast, often irreverent, where it was tradition to remove holiday paraphernalia from the home the night prior to the Christian celebration of Epiphany. We found the celebration of Twelve days and nights at this specific time of year also has roots in Celtic and Norse traditions, such as the twelve days and nights of Pagan yule, and some Roman traditions of Saturnalia, where each of the twelve months of the year was represented by a day of festival. A few political bodies outlawed the celebration of Twelfth Night as overly secular by the late Middle Ages. The active celebration of Twelfth Night appears to have continued regionally into the early 1800s, but by the 1900s, had been largely discontinued.

With this history in mind, we asked our populace to join the conversation and share their thoughts.

Everyone expressed a strong commitment and desire to continue to improve inclusion, understanding that history and religion have intricate ties. The populace spoke eloquently, drawing from a variety of cultural and social experiences. Many of those who shared were concerned that excluding certain aspects of history, so long as they are not actively used as terms or symbols of modern religious practices, could devalue the opportunity to learn and fully appreciate the past we seek to re-create. It was also agreed that there are more active steps we can take to support the diverse members of the populace, and to keep an on-going and respectful conversation flowing to ensure an inclusive atmosphere. Based on the populace feedback, and with the inclusion of additional public acknowledgement that the title represents a specific approach to our study of the multi-faceted lens of history, we will keep the event title as Twelfth Night.

We feel that the title Twelfth Night, unlike Noel, is not currently exclusively tied to the modern observances of any specific religion and is instead largely associated with the anachronistic study of history, or Shakespeare's work.

In addition, we will add the history and background of this title to the event website, as well as listing the other steps we will take to ensure our events are inclusive gatherings. This is an opportunity for everyone in our Kingdom to take a good look at past traditions, clarify how they include and celebrate everyone, and ensure they best serve the community we are today. For future assessments, we will recommend approaching with curiosity, seeking counsel, active listening, leading with kindness and maintaining paths of communication with the goal of inclusivity for the ultimate benefit of our community.

YIS, TE Heliseus and Cynthia

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Schedule

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Gate</u>	9am-1pm	See Site Map here . Inside Main Entrance
<u>Courts</u>		
Morning Court	10-11am	Sanctuary
Evening Court	5-7pm	Sanctuary
<u>Arts and Sciences Activities</u>		
<i>Arts and Sciences Competition</i>		
Drop Off	9-10am	North Hallway
Viewing	10:30am-4:30pm	North Hallway
Prize Calling	4:30pm	North Hallway
<i>Ask a Laurel with Mistress Aesa</i>	1:30-3:30pm	South Gym
<i>Bardic Circle</i>	11am-4:30pm	Sanctuary
<i>Gaming Salon</i>		
Salon Is Open	11am-3:30pm	Atrium
Prize Calling	3:30pm	Atrium
<i>Master Armoring Competition</i>	9am-4:30pm	North Hallway
<u>Jumble Sale</u>	9am-3pm	Next to Youth Center
<u>Luncheon</u>	Noon-1pm	Atrium
<u>Martial Activities</u>		
<i>Archery</i>		
Inspections	11am-Noon	Outside the Royalty Room
Shoots	Sunday, Jan. 19: 8-10am	Bwana Archery
<i>Armored Combat</i>		
Inspections and Authorizations	9-10am	North and Middle Gyms
Geoffrey De Charney Bear Pit Tourney	11am-2:00pm	North and Middle Gyms
Single Elimination Tourney (end of De Charney Tourney)	2-2:30pm	North and Middle Gyms
Ettin Tourney	2:30-4pm	North and Middle Gyms
List Closes	4:00pm	North and Middle Gyms
<i>Rapier Combat</i>		
Inspections and Authorizations	9-10am	North and Middle Gyms
Princess' Sleeve Tourney	11am-Noon; 12:45-2pm	North and Middle Gyms
Lunch Break	Noon-12:45pm	North and Middle Gyms
Tourney After Sleeve TBD		North and Middle Gyms
List Closes	4:00pm	North and Middle Gyms
<i>Youth Boffer</i>		
Inspections and Authorizations	11-11:30am	North and Middle Gyms
Kittens & Lava!	11:30am-2pm	North and Middle Gyms
Bear Pit	2-4pm	North and Middle Gyms
List Closes	4:00pm	North and Middle Gyms
<u>Merchants</u>	9am-5pm HARD OUT: 8:30pm	Merchants Row (North Hallway)
<u>Photography</u>		
Backdrop Available	9am-7pm	South Gym
Photography with James Wyndover	1:30-2:30pm	South Gym
<u>Youth Activities</u>		
Find the Sheep!	9am-5pm	Youth Center (Southeast corner)
Cookie Decorating	1pm until supplies run out	Atrium
Storytime!	2-2:30pm	Youth Center (Southeast corner)
<u>Tear Down and Clean Up</u>		
Start: After Evening Court	End: HARD CLOSE —10pm	

A Sunday Treat: A Trip to SR Harris

Fabric and Craft Shopping at the legendary [SR Harris](#), 8865 Zealand Ave. N., Brooklyn Park MN 55445; Phone: 763-424-3500

Shopping starts at 10am on Sunday, January 19, 2025—two hours early just for us!

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DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIVITIES

Arts and Sciences Activities

Arts and Sciences Coordinator: THL Neave inghean Domhnaill: [robbynturtle at gmail.com](mailto:robbynturtle@gmail.com)

Arts and Sciences Competition

Schedule: Drop Off: 9-10am

Unto the Populace of Northshield:

Location: North Hallway. See Site Map [here](#).

Viewing: 10:30am-4:30pm

Prize Calling: 4:30pm

Soon winter winds will be blowing upon our lands, and the Barony of Nordskogen will again be hosting Twelfth Night on January 18, 2025. To that end, we invite all Artisans, Cooks, Makers, Bards & Performers, those inclined toward the Sciences, and anyone interested in the Arts and Sciences of our Kingdom to participate in an Arts & Sciences Competition!

Please note the following update: The competition is open to your interpretation of the former title, "A Nordic Noel," the new title, "Frosty Fete," which celebrates anything snowflake-related, or you can choose to do anything winter-related. Extra points will be awarded for entries with snowflakes! ANY arts and science is eligible, including bardic, cooking, armoring, scribal, clothing, etc. - EXCEPT note that the site is bone dry, including the parking lot, so no alcohol concoctions will be allowed. Entrants, you are encouraged to sit with your creations and share information about your item(s) if you choose to!

Our team of cool-thing aficionados will award prizes to the niftiest entries in the categories:
Children under 16 Youth ages 16-21 Adult 21+ Entries created by a household/family group

Please contact THL Neave inghean Domhnaill at [robbynturtle \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:robbynturtle(at)gmail.com) with any questions, or if your entry is larger than 24" in any dimension. If your entry is a performance, skit, a cooked or food item, or requires a demonstration, please also contact Neave with a description. We will set up a mutually agreeable time for these entries.

Ask a Laurel with Mistress Aesa

Location: South Gym. See Site Map [here](#).

Schedule: 1:30-3:30pm

Bardic

Bardic Coordinator: Lady Eyvor Sigurdottir: [kanz.sarah at yahoo.com](mailto:kanz.sarah@yahoo.com)

There will be a Bardic Circle in the Sanctuary from 11am-4:30pm.

Gaming Salon

Gaming Coordinator: Lord Barbat Silviu: [bwilly0928 at gmail.com](mailto:bwilly0928@gmail.com)

Location: Atrium. See Site Map [here](#).

Schedule: Salon Is Open: 11am-3:30pm

Prize Calling: 3:30pm

Master Armoring Competition

Location: North Hallway. See Site Map [here](#).

9am-4:30pm

[Their Royal Majesties of Northshield](#) are holding an armoring competition at Twelfth Night, as originally published in the Northwatch. Please see their words below:

"One of our goals here in Northshield is to reinvigorate the armoring in the Kingdom. Early in His Majesty's SCA career, the works of what are now Northshield armorers were an inspiration to start armoring. To this end, We will be sponsoring a Royal Armorer's competition at Nordskogen Twelfth Night. We are looking for works of armour from all time periods, in period materials such as steel, leather, bronze, etc., with documentation including the use in period."

Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale Coordinator: THL Wolfstanus Lightfote: [wolfstanuslightfote at gmail.com](mailto:wolfstanuslightfote@gmail.com)

Location: Next to the Youth Center. See Site Map [here](#). **Schedule:** 9am-3pm

We are having a jumble sale at Twelfth Night, and we are looking for donations of any items you may have.

Our coordinator, THL Wolfstanus, will be at Olivet Congregational Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN, 55104 (the same place rapier practice and social practice is held) on Wednesday evenings from 7PM to 8:30 PM on 1-8-2025, and 1-15-2025. If drop off on Wednesday night does not work for you, contact him to see if something can be worked out ([wolfstanuslightfote at gmail.com](mailto:wolfstanuslightfote@gmail.com)) or bring your items to the jumble sale the day of the event.

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Martial Activities

Armored Combat Location: North and Middle Gyms. See Site Map [here](#).

Marshal-in-Charge: Duke Tom Tinninnabulum; holliday.thomas.71 at gmail.com

Inspections and Authorizations: 9-10am

Geoffrey De Charney Bear Pit Tourney: 11am until 2pm

In the spirit of Geoffrey De Charney and his book of chivalry: "*qui plus fait, mieux vault*," i.e., "he who does more is worth more." As such, our bear pit tourney will reflect this. The tourney will run from after morning court until 2pm. Take breaks as you wish but as long as the list is open in this time you can fight.

So you might be asking how will this tourney differ from a normal bear pit. Well let me tell you...

Anyone who fights deserves recognition for that and win or lose, they will get 1 point. The following points you also get win or lose depending on what you take out.

If you fight with great weapons you will get 1 additional point.

(This does not count bastard sword. If you fight bastard sword which is 4 feet in length or less, you get 2 points).

If you fight with sword and shield, no additional points as this is the norm.

If you fight 2 stick, you get 1 additional point.

If you fight buckler and sword with buckler no bigger than 18 inches diameter, you get 1 additional point.

If you win 3 fights in a row after the third step off, report your wins and weapon(s) you fought with and also that you won 3 in a row (which will be worth 1 additional point for that feat).

At the end of the tourney, whoever had the most fights gets 10 extra points as they have done more and therefore are worth more.

As an additional item, whoever traveled the furthest will get 10 points. If multiple people have that in common, then they split the points but each will get at least 1 point. (If say, more than 12 people show up from the furthest spot, they all get 1 point but if 2 people did, they would each get 5).

Single Elimination Tourney Ending to the De Charney Tourney: 2-2:30pm

At 2pm, we will add up points and the top eight people points wise will do a single elimination tourney to determine the ultimate winner. Any ties of points to determine the top eight will be resolved by serenade (this will be true in any and all ties). What does that mean? Well, it means that those tied will need to sing for their place. The list persons will determine who they believe was the best singer for each conflict. Songs do not need to be period but if you know a period song, singing that would get you more renown since one would imagine that, given we are in fact a medieval recreation group, those judging said song likely would take that into account.

Ideally, this tourney will give you many possible chances to show your stuff and shake up things enough that the normal suspects will struggle some unless they do more to be worthy of more.

Ettin Tourney: 2:30pm until List close at 4pm

Two Chiv will be tied together in one large tunic and they will be a two headed Ettin. Each outside arm will have a weapon of the Ettin's choice. You must kill both Chiv to win. If you kill one, they are grounded to that spot and the dead half must stand still and is no longer a valid target but can spin in place. Legging the Ettin does not drop it to the ground but makes it limp on the first leg and if you get both legs, it is standing but immobile.

To keep with the theme of those who do more are worth more, there will be a choice in how you attempt to get points.

A win versus the Ettin is worth 6 points max. To get those points, you must use a bastard sword or single sword no shield and fight it alone.

However, you may choose to make a 2 person or 3 person team to fight said Ettin. If those teams win, then they split the points. A 2 person team win is 3 points each and if a 3 person team wins, each person gets 2 points. Each fighter will get at most 3 fights versus the Ettin (by yourself or in a team total of 3 fights). The highest point total wins and all ties in this tourney will be resolved via who had a better ratio of points to fights. If that also leads to a tie, we will do single rock, clock, Glaive (aka rock, paper, scissors).

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Martial Activities (con.)

Archery

Marshals-in-Charge:

Master Crispin Fletcher: [crispin at aquilafletchery.com](mailto:crispin@aquilafletchery.com)

Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir: [sjmishler711 at gmail.com](mailto:sjmishler711@gmail.com)

Schedule:

Inspections: 11am-Noon outside the royalty room

Archery Shoots: 8-10am on Sunday, January 19, 2024, at [Bwana Archery](#), 3015 Country Drive, Little Canada, MN, 55117 (I-35E and 694), 651-482-9866.

Directions to Bwana Archery:

*Take your best route to I-35E and Little Canada Road (Exit 112).

*From I-35E Northbound: At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Little Canada Road.

Then turn right on the frontage road (Country Drive) on the west side of I-35E.

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Here's a link to a map: https://www.facebook.com/pg/BwanaArchery/about/?ref=page_internal

Rapier Combat Location: North and Middle Gyms. See Site Map [here](#).

Marshal-in-Charge: Duke Vladimir Radescu; [onemadscot at hotmail.com](mailto:onemadscot@hotmail.com)

Schedule

Inspections and Authorizations 9-10am

Princess' Sleeve Tourney 11am-2pm

Tourney After Sleeve TBD

List Closes 4:00pm

Princess's Sleeve At Twelfth Night 2025

Unto the fencers of Northshield, greetings from Her Highness Aelina!

Her Highness is pleased to announce that Nordskogen's Twelfth Night has agreed to host the Princess's Sleeve Tourney on January 18, 2025.

Bring your best weapons styles for this double-elimination tournament. Her Highness expects to see the clean and elegant fighting, clear communication, and honorable comportment that burnish Northshield's reputation across the Known World. The victor of the tournament will bear the Sleeve as Her Highness's champion.

The tournament will begin with a short processional. Upon presentation to Her Highness, entrants are invited to share their names and pronouns, where they are from, how long they have been authorized, and one aspect of the SCA that has kept them engaged. Consorts are encouraged to process alongside their fighters.

Her Highness asks that the winner use their time as Her champion to help newer fencers (unauthorized or authorized 2024 or later) become further engaged with the SCA--whether in developing prowess at fencing or in other areas that bring them joy.

All authorized fencers are welcome to enter. Her Highness looks forward to a thrilling tournament!

The format of the tournament will be a double elimination tree, exact format to be determined and announced at Twelfth Night based on the number of entrants.

Any tournament related questions should be directed to Duke Valdimir Radescu at [onemadscot at hotmail.com](mailto:onemadscot@hotmail.com)

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Martial Activities (con.)

Youth Boffer Location: North and Middle Gyms. See Site Map [here](#).

Coordinator: Lord Gospatric de Reynes: PatTRaines at gmail.com

Marshal-in-Charge: Mistress Jois Corbet: corvusjoyous at gmail.com

Schedule

Inspections and Authorizations	11-11:30am
Kittens & Lava!	11:30am-2pm
Bear Pit	2-4pm
List Closes	4:00pm

Merchants

Location: Merchants Row in the North Hallway. See Site Map [here](#).

Merchant Coordinator: THL Cehero Oakensword: greygoosebows at gmail.com

Schedule: 9am-5pm; **HARD OUT:** 8:30pm

Photography

Location: South Gym. See Site Map [here](#).

Schedule

Backdrop Available	9am-7pm
Photography with James Wyndover	1:30-2:30pm

Youth Activities

Location: Youth Center (Southeast corner) unless otherwise indicated. See Site Map [here](#).

Find the Sheep!	9am-5pm
Cookie Decorating in the Atrium	1pm until supplies run out
Storytime!	2-2:30pm

Luncheon

Location: Atrium. See Site Map [here](#).

Schedule: Noon-1pm

Cost: \$5

Limit: 125

Coordinators: Lord Rikkar Fundinn, THL Judith of Northwode; judithofnorthwode at gmail.com

12th Night Luncheon

Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Potato
Salisbury Style Meatballs with Gravy
Artisan Bread & Butter
Cheese Selection
Preserved Fruits, Nuts & Crackers
Vegetarian Option: Minestrone Soup

\$5 per person, beverages included. Pre-registration required, quantities are limited.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of Our New Knight's Marshal

Lord Fergus O'Dae has received the Barony's vote of confidence for this office. Many thanks to THL O'no Kagemori for his service.

Announcement of Our New Youth Boffer Captain

Lord Gospatric de Reynes has received the Barony's vote of confidence for this office. Many thanks to Lord Tribaldi de Gritti for his long and faithful service.

Announcement of The Reinstated Baronial Calendar on the Nordskogen Webpage

At Their Excellencies' request, Baroness Coelwen and I have reinstated and updated the Baronial calendar originally created by Baron Oswald Frank. You can find a link to it in the menu at the top of the [Baronial webpage](#) or click on this [link](#) to go directly to the calendar.

Notice From the Knight Marshall To All Armored Combatants

All Armored Combatants and Those Who Enjoy Armored Combat: Please remember to sign-up through the MPRB website. Doing this, along with our weekly sign-in at the park, ensures we continue to get use of the rec building at no cost. Please go to the link below and register for the #5726 Armored Combat class. If you have a login already, this is quick, if not you can create a login relatively quickly. YIS, Fergus <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../activity/searc>

Donations to the Barony

Thank you, donors! If you would like to donate and help us to stay financially strong, send a check by mail to: W. Lloyd Hudson, 18281 84th Ave N., Maple Grove, MN, 55311. Checks should be made out to: SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen.

Nordskogen Makes The TV News

Maury Glover has done a story segment on us. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQkJpi_j0V8



Nordskogen Baronial Trim Is Available at Calontir Trim!

If you would like to get some of the lovely trim depicted above, here is the [link](#) to the website.

Weekly Silent Herald / ASL Practice Every Thursday via Zoom

Want to brush up on your signing skills? All sign levels are welcome. The Silent Herald / ASL Practice Session is a repeating weekly Zoom meeting. We practice every Thursday evening starting at 9pm Eastern (8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific). Contact Maestra Suzanne de la Ferté, Society Silent Herald Deputy, at [Suzanne Booth](#) via Facebook Messenger if you need the link to the practice session.

The Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund From the sca.org website

In response to suggestions from our community, the Society has set up a donation fund to support those participants who may find it difficult to continue their memberships. Members of our community can request assistance from our Corporate Office to purchase or renew memberships using this fund, named in honor of Renee Signorotti who recently retired after heading up the SCA's Membership Office for over 40 years.

To submit a request for membership assistance, follow the instructions [here](#). SCA Membership will be treated confidentially.

To make a donation: Donations are tax-deductible. Online payments are accepted, or you can mail your donation to the address below. All contributions to the Signorotti Fund will be dedicated for Membership Assistance.

Donate online to the Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund. PayPal and credit/debit cards accepted.

DONATE ONLINE

If sending a check, please make it payable to SCA, Inc., and mail it to: SCA Inc., Attn: The Signorotti Fund, P.O. Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161. For more information, please email membership@sca.org.

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Nordskogen

***Nordskogen Social Practice Online via Zoom, Third Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm (may run longer)**

Next online social practice: January 15th (business meeting at 7:30pm).

Join us for an online gathering via Zoom. The meeting invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion group at the link above and also will be posted to our Baronial email discussion group. Please remember that you are muted when you sign in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

Nordskogen on Discord

First, follow this link and join the Unofficial Northshield Discord Server. You only have to do this once.

After that, you can follow this link and see messages on the Nordskogen Channel.

Nordskogen Special Interest Facebook Groups

Barony of Nordskogen Discussion Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nordskogen>

Canton of Nordleigh

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nordleigh>

Nordskogen Archery Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/304828682244883>

Nordskogen Armoured Combat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nordskogen.armored>

Nordskogen Dancers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1587325938146072>

Nordskogen Group Camping

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/745627257774535>

Nordskogen Rapier Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nordskogen.fencing>

Nordskogen Thrown Weapons

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1697917837116667>

Northshield

Northshield Activities, Classes, and Events

Northshield on Discord

First, follow this link and join the Unofficial Northshield Discord Server. You only have to do this once.

After that, you can follow this link and see messages on the Northshield Unofficial Discord Server.

Northshield Special Interest Facebook Groups

Anglo-Saxons of Northshield and Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/706755262740309>

The Army of Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656097414404272/>

Artillery Arts Martial in Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144334776010909>

Clan Blue Feather

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/683301623830034>

Companions of the Stellar Hart (Northshield Courtesans)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthshieldCourtesans>

Kingdom of Northshield Glass Workers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1529244790687790>

Northshield Arts and Sciences

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/532690726749947>

Northshield Bards

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1552940374967878>

Northshield Barter and Trade

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469057956444539>

Northshield Brewer's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1702958423277864/>

Northshield College of Heraldry

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/308940499761457>

Northshield College of Scribes

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/107714786015764>

Northshield Combat Archery/Siege

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/569152006574803>

Northshield Cooks

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279315155938918>

Northshield Early Music

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1219008355459586>

Northshield Equestrians

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111719882243075>

Northshield Farming Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/855993841238202/>

Northshield Hand of Tyr

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NShandoftyr>

Northshield History

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthshieldHistory>

Northshield "I Am No Bro" Interdisciplinary Fighter Squadron

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/iamnobro/>

The Northshield Inn

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/462797700463779/>

Northshield Moneyer's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/477072765762866/>

Northshield Rebated Steel Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/220595020772855>

Northshield Youth Boffer Combat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/479972685536766>

Unofficial Northshield Forester's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247898808582127/>

Virtual A&S Display—Entries from the June 1, 2024, Northshield Arts and Sciences Competition

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Northshield (con.)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events **Send in award recommendations!**

***Their Royal Majesties' Website**

***Their Royal Highnesses' Website**

Past Ethereal and Live Northshield Events Available Online. Recordings of live events are double starred.

[Royal Court, 4-4-2020](#)

[Coronation, 4-18-2020](#)

[Royal Court, 5-9-2020](#)

[Schützenfest and Mermaids Retreat, May 29, 2020](#)

[Border Skirmish, Castle Fever, Castel Rouge 50th, 6-13-20](#)

[Mimisbrunnr, June 27, 2020](#)

[Warriors and Warlords, July 11, 2020](#)

[All Garbed Up and Nowhere To Go, 8-22, 2020](#)

[Venturing Forth, September 26, 2020](#)

[It's the GREAT Nordfest, Charlie Brúnn, Oct. 24, 2020](#)

[SUN Court, Saturday, November 14, 2020](#)

******[Courts at Northshield Spring Crown Tourney & Crown Tourney Itself, 6-19-21](#)

[Royal Court at Wishes and Waiting, Sunday, July 11, 2021.](#)

[Last Baronial Court of Baroness Clara & Baron David & Investiture of Gabriel De Lion & Nadrah al-Zahara as Shaikh and Shaikha Castel Rouge, Saturday, September 4, 2021](#)

******[The Elevation of Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh úí Mhórdha to the Order of the Laurel, Sat., 9-11-21](#)

******[The Final Court of Elis and Ciaran and Fall Coronation of Hans and Genevieve, Saturday, September 11, 2021](#)

******[Fall Crown Tournament: Morning Court and Tournament,](#)

[Saturday, October 9, 2021](#) ******[Fall Crown Tournament: Evening Court,](#)

[Saturday, October 9, 2021](#) [Royal Court at the Feast of Isabelle,](#)

[Saturday, February 26, 2022](#)

******[Spring Crown Tournament, Saturday, May 14, 2022](#)

******[Spring Crown Tournament: Afternoon Court, Saturday, May 14, 2022](#)

******[Crown Tournament: Saturday, September 10, 2022](#)

******[Fall Coronation: Saturday, September 10, 2022](#)

******[Fall Crown: Saturday, October 8, 2022](#)

Greater SCA

Lists of Events and Classes--General

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

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

Events and Classes—Ongoing

[ARTemisia Virtual U.](#)

[Virtual Bardic Circles](#)

[Bardic Circles and Classes Online](#)

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

[Interkingdom Bardic Showcase, a \[post\] Pennsic tradition, 2020 Edition, Now on](#)

[YouTube](#) [Known World Colour](#)

[Known World Chatelaine Symposium 2023—YouTube Playlist of 27 videos](#)

[Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium](#)

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

*****[The Honorable Clover](#) Miss the SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

[Meridies Open Social Zoom, Tuesdays, 5pm-Midnight, Central Time—Link to Schedule](#)

[Pennsic 49 House Sans Nomen Concert](#)

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

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meetings on YouTube](#)

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Events and Classes--Ongoing (con.)

[SCA Concert Index](#)

SCA Iberia [Webpage](#) and [YouTube Channel](#)

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

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

[SCA Concert Index](#)

SCA Iberia [Webpage](#) and [YouTube Channel](#)

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Silent Herald / ASL Practice 8pm (Central) Every Thurs. via Zoom. Facebook message [Suzanne Booth](#) for link.

[Sunday Night With The Scribes](#) (more details under below Individual Events—One Time)

Sunday Night with the Scribes is an evening spent in the company of other Scribal Arts folks from around the Known World. Whether you're here to learn a skill, share your success or simply hang out with your Art friends, there is room at the table for you. Come for the Community, Stay for the Art! Extended calendar, class times for multiple time zones, event descriptions, & zoom links are at the link above. Zoom opens at 6p Central & classes start at 7p Central.

[Virtual Known World Arts & Sciences Display—A Pennsic Activity](#)

Virtual Pennsic University courses are available on their [YouTube channel](#)

[West Kingdom's Past and Future Newcomer 101 Classes](#)

Go to westkingdom.org Click on Calendars. Then click on Activities. Scroll through for the various Newcomer 101 classes. Click on them to get information and meeting links and the programs web link. You can even add them to your own electronic calendar. Visit/Subscribe to the [West Kingdom YouTube Channel](#) to see the taped versions when they are posted after the fact. The Newcomer 101 classes have been gathered together in a [playlist](#) on that channel.

[Winter Viking Experiment Presentation In English](#) A video of this presentation is available at the link.

Events and Classes—One Time

[Tabletweavers Tea, A Zoom Event on Sunday, December 22, 2024, 7-9pm Central](#)

All tablet weavers and narrow-ware people both in and out of the SCA are more than welcome to join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224827885...> If you are running late still pop in and see if we are still around. We often run over time.

[Known World Accessibility, Inclusion, & Belonging Symposium \(KWAIBS\), Online 1/18/25, 11am-7pm Central](#)

The Known World Accessibility, Inclusion, and Belonging Symposium (KWAIBS) is a virtual educational event with classes, demos, and social activities for those interested in learning about the SCA Core Values of acting with fairness and practicing inclusiveness. Magnifica Gianna Alberti (Gigi Belladonna) and Barunin Gera Gangolffin (Jeri Sisco) are co-stewarding this first, virtual SCA KWAIBS. It is a multi-track educational event with classes, panels, and social activities to share knowledge. This event is sponsored by Costumers of Color, Inc and Voice of Color. This symposium is a follow up to the 2024 An Tir virtual SCA DEIB Collegium which had over 500 attendees with every kingdom in the known world represented.

The KWAIBS will be held virtually via Zoom & YouTube on January 18, 2025 from 11am-7pm Central Time. Classes and panels will be in 3 formats: 10–20-minute chats, 45–60-minute presentations, and 90-120-minute keystone talks. Classes/panels will be attended either live in real time via zoom or viewed on YouTube at your leisure the day of the event.

To **become an instructor** or lead a panel for this event: Submit your class/panel idea for consideration [via this form](#). If selected, your class description and instructor bio will be featured on this website.

Existing videos can also be submitted as classes. Potential instructors who do not have a YouTube channel may be hosted as guests by another instructor. Please subtitle your videos for accessibility.

Sign-up to teach or moderate classes is open until December 30, 2024.

Remember, classes and panels can be pre-recorded or held live.

To **sign up as support staff** for this event [fill out this form](#).

Use the hashtags #KWAIBS and #SCAIB when posting or searching about this event on social media.

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Events and Classes—One Time (con.)

Virtual Known World Heralds and Scribes, Jan 24-26, 2025—Class Request/Class Proposal Link

We are now taking submissions for classes to be held at the virtual KWHSS next January. The Symposium will run Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. Our home time zone is UTC -5 (Eastern Standard Time in North America), but we hope to offer opportunities to schedule at times that will work across the Known World. Our platform is Zoom. If you're interested in teaching a class, please fill out the form found at the link below. Deadline for class submissions is December 31, 2025. We encourage you to sign up early to get your preferred timeslot.

Questions? Email the team: classes.vkwhss.2025@gmail.com

Class request/proposal form: https://bit.ly/vKWHSS_Instructors_2025

Drachenwald Online Kingdom University, Jan. 24-26, 2025, Starting at 11am Central Time on the 24th

It's time once again for Drachenwald's online university, so here's the link to the event website. Please note that you will need to join the Drachenwald kingdom discussion group on Facebook if you wish to see the event info. there.

University of Atlantia—Online, Saturday & Sunday, February 2 & 3, 2025



Calling for classes from ALL KINGDOMS!

The class submission period for the Winter University of Atlantia (February 1-2, 2025) is now closed. Class submissions have been moved to approved status. If you submitted a class proposal, please check and make sure you have received email notification of the approval. If you don't see it, please check your spam folder. If it isn't there, please contact either the Registrar (registrar@university.atlantia.sca.org) or Chancellor

(chancellor@university.atlantia.sca.org) as soon as possible. We are now reviewing the classes to prepare the catalog. YIS, Dame Deirdre O'Siodhachain, Chancellor

* Student Registration begins: January 3

* Student Registration closes: January 29

Through the Looking Glass: A Virtual Costuming Competition—Entries Due by February 22, 2025

The Aethelmearc Clothiers Guild is hosting a virtual costuming competition, "Through the Looking Glass". Entries will be judged online, and participants are invited to join us for an in-person display at a TBD future Aethelmearc event. We encourage participants of all skill levels! Out of Kingdom entries are welcome.

The Challenge: Choose any piece of artwork featuring an outfit, then recreate that ensemble (clothing, jewelry, accessories) as faithfully as possible using that piece of art as your primary source of inspiration.

For more information about competition rules and instructions please visit tinyurl.com/LookingGlass24!

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Events and Classes—One Time (con.)

Sunday Night with the Scribes

- Zoom opens at 6pm Central; Classes run from 7-9pm Central; Zoom Closes at 10pm Central.
- The Zoom address for the sessions is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89540958886> Please note: a Hastings Lock is used for the password for the Zoom Room. Message them at the Facebook link below if you need the Lock.
- FB Page (Zoom links can be found here): <https://www.facebook.com/ScribalSunday>
- Webpage: <https://scribal.art/> Google Calendars for many time zones. Zoom links are in each calendar entry.

Sunday, Dec. 22 and 29—No meeting

Sunday, Jan. 5--Working on Black with Nykera Drago D'Argento

Join us for an evening of demo and technical insights into work on black papers. The tools and methods will be discussed.

Sunday, Jan. 12--Giving and Receiving Feedback for Works of Art and Science in the SCA with Baroness Cecilia Nail, West Kingdom

A delightful, informative and most important presentation on feedback. This presentation is jampacked with practical and wonderful insights, ideas and tips.

Sunday, Jan. 19--Oops! The Mistakes Class with Sigridr galdrakona Gala Eiriksdoottir

We all make mistakes - but fixing them takes some talent and experience. So join Sigridr for her class on fixing mistakes beautifully!!

Sunday, Jan. 26--Bring It and Fix it Evening With Hellen of Haldane

Bring it and Fix it evening. Tools, work, designs - bring them to show and share and get help with Hellen of Haldane and the SNWTS.

SCA Individuals

[\(The Wrong\) and Honorable Master Dahrien Cordell's Online Bardic Circle via Zoom](#)

*Meeting ID: * **850-6206-6750** Passcode: **1** (yes, just that single digit)

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>

The next bardic circle will be Sun., 12/22/24.

Official Start: 6pm, Central Time [Sometimes he opens things early, though.]

End: When his last bardic playmates leave him.

[Website of Dúgū Jinán \(Kasia Gromek\)](#)

[HRM Tom's Fighting Videos](#) Including fighting in the snow in January 2023.

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

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact the Chronicler at: 651-605-1085 (before 10 pm) or at chronicler@nordskogen.org

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