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Photo of Their Excellencies used with permission of James Wyndover **Baronial Motto: Be Curious!**

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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 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 <u>Olivet Congregational Church</u>. 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 <u>link</u> 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.

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 at Olivet Congregational Church

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.

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Link to official Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/3932716000293980

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

Event steward: Lady Talaitha Nyfferyn (Annika Virginia): talaithaofnorthshield at 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

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

Ask A Laurel

Youth Activities

Bardic Circle

Gaming Salon

Jumble Sale

Master Armouring Competition

Merchant Space

Photography

Populace Space / Presence

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

Link to official Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1023189702510881?active_tab=about

Hosted by: Barony of Nordskogen

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

Event Stewards:

Trevor Gersch/Aelfwine, trevor at gersch.com

Alex Olfson/Aleksander Valahul, alexolfson at 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!



A BARONIAL MISSIVE

Happy New Year Nordskogen and Nordleigh!

As we fill these quiet days with celebration and reflection, we would like to thank you for an incredible first year. Your support, guidance, and enthusiasm has buoyed us through events, structured gatherings, practices, moots, meetings, demos, heat, rainstorms, winter storms, and perfect weather days. Applying this year's phrase, "Be Curious," we've learned new skills in armored fighting, fiber arts, archery and thrown weapons. We've been astonished by our populace's crafting skills, prowess, knowledge, education, generosity, and embrace. We're grateful for this opportunity to enjoy everyone's excitement and look forward to the years to come.

Looking a little closer in time, to our Barony's delightful event, <u>Twelfth Night: A Frosty Fete</u>. The date is quickly approaching; support the event by pre-registering, bringing a friend, or volunteering for a shift at gate or clean-up. Volunteering at gate is an amazing way to meet new folks, chat with friends, and receive the volunteers only Baronial Gift!

Pre-registration closes January 4: https://forms.gle/a9HcJX7KkNynxn6RA

Come help with Twelfth Night prep on January 8 at 7:00 PM. Contact the Baronesses to find out if there is something the group can support to achieve a successful event. Later in the month, community sewing will be at 6:30 on Thursday, January 16. A great opportunity to wrap up those last few things or ask sewing questions! Lastly on Wednesday, January 22, the Social Gathering will be a relaxing evening, where you are encouraged to bring your own projects, and review this upcoming year's events, and opportunities.

Starting in February, we will be gathering weekly on Wednesdays, <u>except for third Wednesday</u>, which will continue to host the virtual Business Meetings. While there is a possibility of a hybrid of in-person/online Business Meeting in the future, the technical logistics will require further consideration.

The Barony wants to welcome Fergus and Gospatrick as our new Armored and Youth Boffer Marshals. We look forward to your tenure, we are sure you will continue to create an inspiring environment in the martial arts community. A heartfelt, big thank you to Kagi and Tribaldi for their long-standing contributions to the Barony. We appreciate your service, and everything you have contributed over the years. Acts of service, formal or informal, are the lifeblood of our Barony, and both of these individuals have given graciously during their tenure.

We want to take this new year to appreciate all of the service and volunteers who make this community a supportive, engaging group. Through this past year, the joy, enthusiasm, and connections you all have shown has been incredibly inspirational. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms and hearts. As always, it is good to be Nordskogen.

Yours in Service, Baronesses Heliseus and Cynthia













Seneschal's Letter

Greetings unto the Barony of Nordskogen!

As we dwell in the heart of winter, I send warm tidings and heartfelt wishes for a prosperous New Year to all. May this season bring thee comfort, inspiration, and the camaraderie of our noble populace.

Preparations for Twelfth Night are in full swing. On the 18th day of January, let us gather to revel in the splendor of the season. With joyous merriment and the fellowship of friends, we shall mark this cherished occasion as a true celebration of our Barony.

Looking forward to spring, the planning of Spring Coronation has begun. We are honored to welcome Their Highnesses, Prince Skio and Princess Aelina, as they ascend to the thrones of Northshield. Join us in making this coronation a momentous and joyous occasion! Further details and opportunities to assist shall be shared anon.

Lastly, let us raise a cheer for our newly appointed officers! Their service and dedication to the Dream inspire us all and ensure the continued flourishing of Nordskogen. We are most grateful for their endeavors.

May the warmth of hearth and heart sustain thee through these cold days, and may thy endeavors be fruitful and bright.

Until we meet again, I remain in faithful service to our Barony.

Yours in Service,

THL Judith of Northwode











NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2024

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia (Cyndi Rauenhorst) and Baroness Heliseus (Stefanie Rauenhorst), presiding Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry), recording 25 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia and Baroness Heliseus: Baroness Heliseus: Upcoming events: Twelfth Night, Coronation. Possible bid for Good Enough Gulf Wars again. WW is on the horizon! Considering reviving Crispin's Archery Thing, Sharp Pointy Things, Harvest Home. Note: Crispin's Archery Thing alternated with Schützenfest. Interest seems to be in less intense events. In 2025: All Wednesdays social but not structured and every week except for bus. meeting. Considering having all officers go to a business meeting at least once a quarter. Should we condense the three month process of officer transition? Feedback is being requested for both ideas.

Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode: Not present.

November 2024 Exchequer Report from THL Lachlann del Glen:

Starting Balance:	\$2	24,352.02
Event Income	\$	221.00
Charity Withdrawal:	-\$	221.00
Deposits:	\$	0.00
Donations:	\$	0.00
Withdrawals:	-\$	2,090.86
Bank Interest:	\$	2.23
Ending Balance:	\$2	22,263.39

Withdrawals included:

-\$175.00	Carefree Self Storage-Baronial Storage
-\$202.03	Cards & Brochures for Barony
-\$73.83	Largesse/Luggage Tags
-\$140.00	Baronial Archery Practice (Bwana Archery)
-\$1,500.00	12th Night Final Site Fee (Lord of Life)

Still looking for a deputy exchequer as THL Lachlann has been asked to become the Kingdom Exchequer. He needs someone to step up!

He also needs volunteers for Twelfth Night gate. It's fun! See your friends! 5-6 persons are required from 9am-10:30am; after that 2 or 3 persons until 1pm.

Lachlann is also serving as gate for WW. Needs a deputy for that too. Gate building has air conditioning! Lachlann will bring treats! See your friends! Meet new people!

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. The Quill will be published Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Soft deadline is Thursday, December 26. Hard deadline is Tuesday, December 31.

Herald, THL Wolfstanus Lightfote: Things have been quiet. Nothing to report.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg: Wonderful nalbinding gathering at last week's Wednesday meeting. There were nine participants! Can we have an additional sewing support meeting on the second Thursday in January as well as the regular third Thursday in order to help people with their Twelfth Night sewing?

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Officers' Reports (con.)

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti/Boffer MiT Lord Gospatric de Reynes: Had a work night for building lamellar armor on Monday, Dec. 16. Gospatric is working on transitioning into the Boffer Captain position. Two children attended practice tonight. Have had up to four. People are coming! The new space is working though it's a bit tight. Keep this place and time stable for now. Planning on meeting with heavy armor practice on Tuesdays in the summer in order to get access to that expertise. Rapier is growing so much the space is getting tight. Indoor space at the Tuesday heavy fighting space is even more limited though. Will see if there is another space at the church.

Rapier Captain, Lord Yagüe Antolínez: Update from Facebook: Practice is canceled for next week (Dec. 25) but will happen on January 1, 2025.

Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfdísardóttir: Nothing to report. Their Excellencies report that there are plans to have a sewing night to do Gold Key repairs.

Knight's Marshal, THL O'no Kagemori: Nothing new to report. Practices are continuing. On hiatus the next two weeks due to holidays. Will inventory the loaner gear for Fergus. Has accomplished his goal of working with new fighters and teaching them how to armor.

Archery Captain, Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir: Have been getting new people, two new folks came last week. Getting scores in for the various shoots. Northshield has 20% of the scores in the last national seasonal shoots. Master Crispin Fletcher was #2! Matching target is ready for newest shoot, says Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir in the chat.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen: Shut down for the winter. Clean your weapons and get ready for spring! Lord Tribaldi: will look into axe throwing places.

Clerk of Precedence, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: Nothing to report. Looking forward to Twelfth Night and tracking the new awards that will be given out.

Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul: Not present. Their Excellencies talked to him at Boar's Head and things are going well.

Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig: Mats were fetched for the Regional Practice which was cancelled. Trying to figure out how to get them back. Rivenwood Towers paid double which has been banked for their next two uses. Waiting to hear from Lady Talaitha and THL Judith about what is needed for Twelfth Night. She will pull these items into a separate bin for them. Can donate to the jumble sale at the event itself!

Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim: Not present.

Social Media Officer, Sitt Samia al-Lulu bint Isa: Not present.

Old Business

Twelfth Night—Lady Talaitha Nyfferyn

Everything is going great. Merchant deadline is this Friday, Dec. 20. The cooks for luncheon are sponsoring cookie decorating. Hatun Jacquette (Jac Cordray) has stepped up to help with site tokens and they should be available by at least the week before the event. We will be asking SR Harris to open early at 10 on Sunday. Picking up stuff from storage on Monday, Dec. 23. Archery authorizations will be at the event on Saturday in the hallway outside the Royalty Room. The bardic coordinator, Lady Eyvor Sigurdsdottir, is thinking of doing a bardic lunch. Lady Talaitha will send Jacquette's receipts to Lachlann. Lachlann already has invoice from Bwana Archery and is in the process of paying it Bwana is willingly on board for opening early for us.

Boffer Budget Update: Have spent \$100. Will be submitting the receipts to Lachlann.

Vote of Confidence—Knight's Marshal—Lord Fergus O'Dae: Voted in as new Knight's Marshal!

Vote of Confidence—Youth Boffer Captain—Lord Gospatric de Reynes: Voted in as new captain!

New Business

Doña Alianor Rowan has a proposal for running Good Enough Gulf Wars moot again. 11:30-5:30 at Olivet; \$500 for site rental and site tokens and having the booklets again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Their Excellencies made the motion. THL Lachlann seconded it.

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 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.

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.) SCHEDULE

ActivityTimeLocationSee Site Map here.Gate9am-1pmInside Main Entrance

Courts

Morning Court 10-11am Sanctuary
Evening Court 5-7pm Sanctuary

Arts and Sciences Activities

Arts and Sciences Competition

Drop Off9-10amNorth HallwayViewing10:30am-4:30pmNorth HallwayPrize Calling4:30pmNorth HallwayAsk a Laurel with Mistress Aesa1:30-3:30pmSouth GymBardic Circle11am-4:30pmSanctuary

Gaming Salon

Salon Is Open11am-3:30pmAtriumPrize Calling3:30pmAtriumMaster Armoring Competition9am-4:30pmNorth Hallway

Jumble Sale 9am-3pm Next to Youth Center

<u>Luncheon</u> Noon-1pm Atrium

Martial Activities

Archery

Inspections 11am-Noon Outside the Royalty Room

Shoots Sunday, Jan. 19: 8-10am Bwana Archery

Armored Combat

Inspections and Authorizations9-10amNorth and Middle GymsGeoffrey De Charney Bear Pit Tourney11am-2:00pmNorth and Middle GymsSingle Elimination Tourney2-2:30pmNorth and Middle Gyms

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Rapier Combat

Inspections and Authorizations9-10amNorth and Middle GymsPrincess' Sleeve Tourney11am-Noon; 12:45-2pmNorth and Middle GymsLunch BreakNoon-12:45pmNorth and Middle GymsTourney After Sleeve TBDNorth and Middle GymsList Closes4:00pmNorth and Middle Gyms

Youth Boffer

Inspections and Authorizations11-11:30amNorth and Middle GymsKittens & Lava!11:30am-2pmNorth and Middle GymsBear Pit2-4pmNorth and Middle GymsList Closes4:00pmNorth and Middle Gyms

Merchants 9am-5pm Merchants Row (North Hallway)

HARD OUT: 8:30pm

Photography

Backdrop Available9am-7pmSouth GymPhotography with James Wyndover1:30-2:30pmSouth Gym

Youth Activities

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)

Tear Down and Clean Up

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!

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.) DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIVITIES

Arts and Sciences Activities

Arts and Sciences Coordinator: THL Neave inghean Domhnaill: robynturtle at gmail.com

Arts and Sciences Competition Location: North Hallway. See Site Map here.

Schedule: Drop Off: 9-10am Viewing: 10:30am-4:30pm Prize Calling: 4:30pm

Unto the Populace of Northshield:

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 <u>bone dry</u>, 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 robynturtle (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 Sigurdsdottir: kanz.sarah at 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

Location: Atrium. See Site Map here.

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

Master Armouring Competition

Location: North Hallway. See Site Map here. 9am-4:30pm

<u>Their Royal Majesties of Northshield</u> are holding an armouring 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 Armourer'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." His Majesty has made the prize for the Competition: a custom ground angle faced tinner's hammer.

Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale Coordinator: THL Wolfstanus Lightfote: wolfstanuslightfote at 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) or bring your items to the jumble sale the day of the event.

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.) DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIVITIES (con.)

Martial Activities

<u>Armored Combat</u> <u>Location: North and Middle Gyms. See Site Map here.</u> <u>Marshal-in-Charge:</u> Duke Tom Tinntinnabulum; holliday.thomas.71 at gmail.com

Inspections and Authorizations: 9-10am

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



Geoffrey De Charney

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 bastard sword or single sword/no shield & fight 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).

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.) DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIVITIES (con.)

Martial Activities (con.)

Archery

Marshals-in-Charge:

Master Crispin Fletcher: crispin at aquilafletchery.com Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir: sjmishler711 at 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.

*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

Rapier Combat Location: North and Middle Gyms. See Site Map here. Marshal-in-Charge: Duke Vladimir Radescu; onemadscot at 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

TWELFTH NIGHT 2025 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.) DESCRIPTIONS OF ACTIVITIES (con.)

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

Merchants Location: Merchants Row in the North Hallway. See Site Map <u>here</u>.

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

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

Photography Location: South Gym. See Site Map <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

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



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=IQkJpj_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 t**o 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 join 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/7456272577774535

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

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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 Heralds

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/

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Northshield (con.)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events

*Their Royal Majesties' Website

*Their Royal Highnesses' Website

Future Taped Northshield Courts and Tourneys Send in award recommendations!

All taped courts and tourneys will be broadcast on the Kingdom Official Facebook page:

<u>https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/</u> and on the Kingdom YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunclqxxMMDw

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 uí 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

General Lists of Events and Classes

Countess Jehanette's Unofficial Calendar of SCA Classes, Videos, and Streams

#SCAatHome Highlights 11, June 19, 2020

SCA Classes On YouTube (List maintained by Countess Jehanette)

Kingdom Specific Lists of Events and Classes

Virtual Atlantia

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

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Greater SCA (con.) Events and Classes--Ongoing (con.)

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

SCA Concert Index

SCA Iberia Webpage and YouTube Channel

*SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night

*SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display

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

Sunday Night With The Scribes (more details below under 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 and 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 <u>westkingdom.org</u> 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 <u>West Kingdom YouTube Channel</u> to see the taped versions when they are posted after the fact. Winter Viking Experiment Presentation In English A video of this presentation is available at the link.

Events and Classes—One Time

Introduction to Japanese Clothing and Sewing—Sat., Jan. 14, 2025, 7pm Central Time, taught by Nishikawa Kiyo

This is a free Zoom class. The Zoom codes will be posted in comments on Facebook at this link on Jan .14 around 3pm Central.

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 costewarding 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 <u>via this form</u>. 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 #SCAAIB when posting or searching about this event on social media.

Registration is now LIVE! Please click the link below to register. Your email address is important – it is where Zoom will send you your confirmation and meeting link. Also, please note that your confirmation email could drop into a spam or other folder. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdOutrDMrGd01IcRQUTEx9HpMpLzaSPZK

Note that you will receive your confirmation within 24 hours, as we are manually reviewing all registrations in a valiant attempt to prevent any disruptions on meeting day.

We're looking forward to seeing you online during the Collegium! If you have any questions, please email **SCAbelonging@gmail.com**, or message Barunin Gera (Jeri Sisco) or me. Magnifica Gianna Alberti, OL, OP, Co-Steward

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Greater SCA (con.)

Events and Classes—One Time (con.)

<u>Virtual Known World Heralds and Scribes, Jan 24-26, 2025--Last Call for Classes, Call for Moderators, and Pre-Registration</u>

This is the last call for class submissions for the virtual Known World Heralds and Scribes symposium to be held via Zoom January 24-26, 2025. Please submit your classes by December 31. To all those who have already submitted, we're currently working on the schedule and will be making it public once the class submission window closes.

Sneak peek: We have over 50 classes submitted, as well as a really interesting keynote speaker lined up, along with the usual Principal Heralds and Submissions Heralds meetings and two Laurel Roadshows.

https://bit.ly/vKWHSS_Instructors_2025

We are also looking for moderators! If you'd like to join the mod team, please respond here: https://bit.ly/vKWHSS2025 ModeratorVolunteers

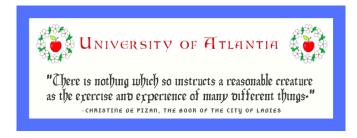
Finally: we are now opening up pre-registration for vKWHSS! While registration is not required, those who register will get a link via email a couple of days ahead of the event. We will not be posting the link to social media and the website until the day of to cut down on spam. Please sign up via the following link:

https://bit.ly/vKWHSS2025_Registration

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 above is 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@unversity.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

Virtual AECademy 2025, Sunday, February 16, 2025, 10am-4pm

<u>Virtual AECademy 2025</u> will be hosted by the Aethelmearc Clothiers Guild on Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 10am to 4pm. Teachers of all topics are encouraged to register at https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdx5dxtkvk.../viewform...

This year will feature a special "cloth and clothing" track in addition to regularly scheduled programming. Access information for the virtual sessions, as well as schedule and class descriptions, will be published prior to the event on Facebook and email. For more information, contact the Virtual AEcademy Autocrat at Magnifica Fede di Fiore at clothiers_guild@aethelmearc.org

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Greater SCA (con.)

Events and Classes—One Time (con.)

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!

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/8954095886 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, 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 Eiriksdottir

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 Tues., 1/7/25.

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

When his last bardic playmates leave him.

For info. on future bardic circles, go here.

Website of Dúgū Jìnán (Kasia Gromek)

Duke 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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