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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2025

[Nordskogen Wednesday Nights, 7-9pm](#)--**No historic clothing is required.**

In-person social practices are on each Wednesday of the month except the third Wednesday 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.

02/05: Indoors in-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

Theme: Garb! More info. below.

02/12: Indoors in-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

Come meet the magic of Scribal Art! More info. below.

02/19: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. **Business meeting at 7:30pm**

02/26: 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

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, 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!





A BARONIAL MISSIVE

Greetings Snowflakes and Squirrels!

What a fabulous Frosty Fete we had this month, to celebrate our Twelfth Night event. Special thanks again to our event steward, Talaiitha, and all of our wonderful volunteers. It was a celebration to remember with sheep, t-rex eggs, and snowflakes everywhere! We were so happy to see so many of the populace displaying their snowflake embroidery, belts, charms, favors and past awards.

We look forward to our populace continuing to come together, to share with, and support one another, as we transition into the slew of February events on the Kingdom calendar. We will have the Baronial presence at the Feast of Lupercalia, as well as Fighter's School, to celebrate the Windhaven Baronial Investiture. We hope to see many of you there!

As the New Year begins, we have some pieces of business to announce.

*Wednesday gatherings will now be weekly, **except** for the monthly Business Meeting, which will remain online (every 3rd Wednesday of the month.) Structured gatherings will no longer be a consistent rotation; instead, they will be hosted in concurrent to the social gathering, when hosts / teachers / guides are available, and willing to volunteer.*

For February, we have two hosted, structured Wednesday activities:

February 5: Going to Gulf or Good Enough Gulf Wars, and your garb needs mending? Have questions about what to wear to war? Bring your garb and supplies, to repair and prepare; led by Countess Jacqueline D'Anjou.

February 12: The Honorable Lady Judith of Northwode will be sharing the beauty and charm of medieval manuscripts, with a Valentines Day twist: come try your hand at themed illumination, and calligraphy.

If you have any suggestions or would like to lead a structured Wednesday, please reach out to your Baronesses!

The other piece of business we have is an integral part of our local community.

We are in search of a Deputy Exchequer. Our Exchequer has been called to Kingdom service, and this role is critical to keep Nordskogen going. This role includes basic bookkeeping, quarterly and annual reports, and supporting events. Our current Exchequer has offered to provide training, support, and lots of help, treats, and bribes, to make the transition easy and smooth. He likes to say the best part of his job is getting full access to the only A/C building at Warriors and Warlords.

We are aware other officers are close to fulfilling their term. If you have any interest in volunteering in an official capacity, please reach out to us.

*Thank you for a beautiful winter, and we hope to see many of you soon.
Their Excellencies Heliseus and Cynthia of Nordskogen*



TWELFTH NIGHT THANKS FROM LADY TALAITHA NYFFERYN

How was your Twelfth Night?

I know I had a fabulous time running my first ever event this past weekend! I am so happy to have seen so many of your lovely faces and spending time with people I care about so much. I have so many of you that I want to thank specifically, and now that cleanup is over and we're all settled at home- I have time to shout them out!

We had a delicious luncheon run by Judith (Sara), Rikkar, and Paige. Judith help so much in my learning journey- being available for all my questions and checking in.

Neave (Robyn) headed the A&S competition! While we did not have any entrants this year, she spent her time aiding myself and His Majesty's team to find a centralized space for the Royal Armoring Competition. Huge thanks go to Svena(Shawnah) for coordinating with us! I was so happy to see Martin (Gabriel) win the competition with his brigandine set! His hard work, research, and dedication showed within his beautiful piece.

Aesa (Lisa) heeded my request to have an Ask a Laurel table on site, which people visited to get answers to the many questions we have about the Order of the Laurel!

Lachlann (Lloyd) ran gate. He was so kind by guiding me through the process of running an event- he is so knowledgeable about our rules and making sure we did what needed to get done on site. It was absolutely lovely to work with all the gate staff! We had 348 attendees!

Oh, and when we all trolled in, those beautiful site tokens? Jacquette made those! (With a team of helpers of course) Thank you so much to her and her team for completing 350 tokens! Jacquette also guided me for the last 2 months to make that gorgeous dress I was wearing to show off our baronial colors. I truly could not have pulled it off without her. The dress was inspired by the absolutely stunning Raven, who shared her research and documentation of the gown she wore to Coronation. She has been so kind and generous in her knowledge and support of a young seamstress!

Youth activities are so important to me- Tabby and Mahir (Matt) definitely agree! They spent the event setting up youth activities, collecting sheep, and were there until the last moment cleaning up the site!

My thanks to Kristina who offered so much of her day to youth activities and offered a story time in the youth center!

Cehero (Cameron) did a fantastic job with coordinating merchants, even through some personal life happenings! Thanks to all the merchants for coming and having amazing wares for the populace!

We had a photography setup ran by James, who brought amazing energy and took pictures even past the time that he was scheduled!

Gospatric (Patrick) and Jois (Deena) ran youth boffer, running such fun tournaments and getting new youth authorized! They even had one youth come from over 15 hours away through a snowstorm to get authorized at the event! Thanks go out to them for making sure this was possible.

Barbat (Brandon) ran the gaming salon, bringing community and fun to the event. I was so happy to have a chance to play some game of the goose with a wonderful group of people!

Archery inspections happened on Saturday while the amazing tourneys ran on Sunday! My thanks go out to both Dagrún (Sami) and Crispin for making the magic happen!

Vlad (Scott) did a beautiful job handling some last minute changes to rapier tournaments, first coordinating the Princess Sleeve, then switching over to different tournaments to keep our rapier force on their toes!

Many thanks to Tom (Thomas) for taking on heavy list and being my first point of contact about how to run an event!

twelfth night thanks (con.)

It was wonderful to have Royalty at the event, TRM Thorbrandr (Chris) and Thora (Carter), and HRH Skio (Steve)! We missed HRH Aelina (Hannah) and wished her well while she was home. Ceolwen (Carrie) did a phenomenal job as the Royalty liaison, setting them up and checking in all day long!

Their Excellencies (Stefanie and Cyndi) were a huge support in the process of making this happen- checking in and being so amazing with helping me be confident I knew what I needed to do.

Thanks to Wolfstanus who not only ran the rummage sale, but also stepped in to aid me when we needed a herald most!

Rosanore (Susan) took on not just keeping up with website specifics, but aided me in knowing what was needed and keeping me on track throughout the process of running the event.

The site looked beautiful due to both Aleksander (Alexander) and Bazyli (Markus) They set up so many snowflakes for decorations, banners, and more to make it magical!

Fergus (Theodore) coordinated both set up and tear down, being my right hand man throughout all the planning and running around day of! Tear down was so smooth we were done by 9pm and the site staff said it's one of the fastest tear downs they've seen. Great job to everyone who stayed long to make it happen!

Eyvor (Sarah) took on bardic coordination and although she could not make it to the event, still sent a beautiful scroll that ended up being my very own Award of Arms. Check out my personal page soon to see it! I could not be more thankful for her help and support from afar!

It was an amazing event. I am so thankful for this wonderful community and all of these super people for coming together to make this past weekend such a success.



BARONIAL COURT REPORT FROM NORDSKOGEN TWELFTH NIGHT, JAN. 18, AS 59 (2025)

Here follows the Court Report of Baroness Cynthia (Cyndi Rauenhurst) and Baroness Heliseus Morte d'Arbor (Stefanie Rauenhurst) from Nordskogen Twelfth Night held on January 18, AS 59 (2025) at Barony of Nordskogen

Court Herald of Record: THL Wolfstanus Lightfote (Ayron Edwards)

Day Signet: Lord Aleksander Valahul (Alex Olfson)

Seneschal of Record: THL Judith of Northwode (Sara Simon)

AWARD 1

Mestare Gabriel Kjotvason (Patrick Anderson) / Order of the Rouge Bend / Scroll / Snowball

Calligraphy: Dame Katerinka Lvovicha (Kat-er-INK-ah La-VOV-itch-ah)

Illumination: Aleksander Valahul

Scroll text:

Gabriel, your belief in the shared dream of this Barony has been long reflected in your service and dedication to the local populace, kingdom, and this society as a whole. Your constant, eager service brings the spirit of fun to those around you, while maintaining the mantle of responsibility and dedication. The breadth of your many roles is inspirational, and the impact of your long-term service is immeasurable. Their Excellencies of Nordskogen, Baroness Heliseus and Baroness Cynthia, are pleased to invite you to join the Order of the Rouge Bend.

AWARD 2

The Honorable Lady Judith of Northwode (Sara Simon), Lord Rikkar Fundinn (Cully Simon), and Family / Baronial Cypher / Scroll & Wooden Utensils

Calligraphy: Dame Katerinka Lvovicha (Kat-er-INK-ah La-VOV-itch-ah)

Illumination: Cristos the Betrayer

Gift: Master Peter Joynar

Scroll Text:

The scent of fine food knows no limits, nor does The Honorable Lady Judith of Northwood and Lord Rikkar Fundinn, when working with their family in the kitchens of Nordskogen. Their generous contributions keep the Barony fed, cared for, and beloved, at multiple gatherings and events. We wish to recognize this pair's contributions, as well as the children behind these hard working exemplars, with our Baronial Cypher. We look forward to tasting future delicious meals and nurturing enthusiasm for the Barony of Nordskogen.

AWARD 3

Gisela (Lisa Claycomb)/ Baton Gules / Scroll & Necklace

Calligraphy and Illumination: Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig (Murren 'inyen 'Airk-ley)

Scroll Text:

Lady Gisela has worked hard, for almost a decade, to keep the canton of Nordleigh operating smoothly, consistently, and with enough enthusiasm to remind us of the squirrels that exemplify her Canton's emblem. Supporting a group takes effort, love, and a certain type of determined spirit, which Gisela puts forth with strength and resilience. We recognize her for her long, consistent, and heartfelt commitment to the Canton of Nordleigh, the Barony of Nordskogen, and all of the inspired squirrels who live in between. For this, we wish to honor her with the award of the Baton Gules.

AWARD 4

Lady Goda von Ulm (Rebecca Gustafson)

Given a Baronial Favor

AWARD 5

Doña Alianor Rowan (Emily Rasely) / Azure Gauntlet / Scroll & Glove

Calligraphy: Petranella Fitzallen of Weston

Illumination: Aleksander Valahul

Gift: Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa

Scroll Text:

A golden wind swept into the Barony of the Snowflake, and we wish to recognize the individual who has dedicated her service, talent, and growth to preserve the rapier community of Nordskogen. Through the most isolating years of our past, the gift of her time, extensive efforts, martial skill, and enthusiasm ensured the art of Rapier continued. In addition, she shows exemplary skills on the field, with sword, dagger, and all the ancillary tools of defense to which her training has lent itself. We are proud to have the skill of her sword within Nordskogen, and are grateful for the service of that sword to our group. Her service has been selfless, continuous, and above all else, honorable. Doña Alianor Rowan is most deserving of the award of the Azure Gauntlet.

AWARD 6

Magister Farolfus filius Richardi (Sebastian Renfield) / Heliotrope / Snail

Calligraphy and Illumination: Baroness Finna kottr Goðormsdóttir

Scroll Text:

Magister Farolfus filius Richardi has shown a dedication to his art within the barony that brought his name before our notice. He has taught with joy, generously shared his resources, and partnered with others to support their exploration, intensive research, and curious discovery within the clay arts. He was recommended to us even before he contributed his time and efforts to Nordskogen as an instructor, and the reputation of his work long precedes him; when you hold one of his works, many will ask, "Is that a Farolfus?" He is renowned throughout the kingdom for his expertise, and Their Excellencies of Nordskogen want to ensure how much Farolfus is appreciated at home. For embodying his art, dedication to research, and generous teaching, we give the award of the Heliotrope.

AWARD 7

Dagrún Björnsdóttir (Sam Mishler) / Azure Gauntlet / Arrows

Scroll Text:

Their Excellencies give Lady Dagrún two arrows. One to slay perfidious beasts, the other to award her with the Azure Gauntlet for bringing joy, enthusiasm, and herself, as a worthy adversary to the archery field.

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 15, 2025

Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode (Sara Simon), presiding
Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry), recording
21 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia and Baroness Heliseus: Baroness Cynthia: One year of being Baronesses! Looking forward to a fabulous Twelfth Night. Sewing tomorrow. Weekly Wednesday gatherings are starting in February (except for the business meeting on the third Wednesday) until spring when we return to the outdoors.

Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode: No comments made.

December 2024 Exchequer Report from THL Lachlann del Glen:

Starting Balance:	\$22,263.39
Deposits:	\$100.00
Donations:	\$0.00
Withdrawals:	-\$725.00
Bank Interest:	\$2.00
Ending Balance:	\$21,640.39

Withdrawals included:

-\$175.00	Carefree Self Storage-Baronial Storage
-\$250.00	November Rapier Rental (Olivet Church)
-\$150.00	November Meetings (Olivet Church)
-\$150.00	Bwana Archery

Still looking for a deputy exchequer for the Barony so that he can accept the invitation to be Kingdom Exchequer. Job description? Make sure the bills get paid, some forms to fill out, quarterly and Domesday reports required. Exel report to fill out for Domesday. Being an advocate for responsible spending that stays within the rules. Also he is gate for WW and needs a deputy for that as well. Hassle free job with air conditioning!

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. The Quill will be published Saturday, February 1, 2025. Soft deadline is Sunday, January 26. Hard deadline is Friday, January 31.

Herald, THL Wolfstanus Lightfote: Quiet but will be busy this weekend!

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg: Snowflakes worked on last week. Doing some arts during social practice if folks are so inclined.

Boffer Captain, Lord Gospatric de Reynes: Continue to have some kids coming to each practice. No injuries to report. Great to have more kids. Last time had one division 1 and one division 2 but often do have two in a division.

Rapier Captain, Lord Yagüe Antolínez: Their Excellencies: Practice well attended last week.

Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir: Preparing for Twelfth Night.

Knight's Marshal, Lord Fergus O'Dae: Kagi and he have talked to Bracket Recreation Center. There is a possibility of renting out the extra hour from 8-9pm. This might cost something like \$25. Goal: To meet from 6-9pm since Fergus can't get there by 5.

Archery Captain, Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir: Not present. Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: Practices are happening; Getting about 6-12 at practice. Their Excellencies: One practice had 18! As long as we arrive right at 10, Bwana lets us have tunnel without charging us extra. Will make sure that there is enough money on account to pay them.

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Officers' Reports (con.)

Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen: Shut down for the winter.

Clerk of Precedence, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: Looking forward to court at Twelfth Night and the resulting court reports.

Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul: Working on the last scrolls for Twelfth Night. Send in award recommendations for the future!

Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig: Has handed out stuff for Twelfth Night. Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston will have to make an extra trip to pick up the forgotten list poles. Can't get the Quartermaster email addy switched over. Have been the Quartermaster for 2 ½ years!

Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim: Forwarders are supposedly all updated, so not sure why the Quartermaster is having problems. Will reach out to Abelard for help. Working on some changes. Also working on making website match what the Kingdom wants.

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

Old Business

Twelfth Night Updates—Lady Talaitha Nyfferyn

Bardic Coordinator will not be able to make it but bardic circle will still be happening. 55 are pre-registered. Everything from the storage unit has been retrieved except the list poles. Court meeting happening right now. Times might change. 10 or 10:15 for am court? To let scroll ink dry. Event steward will be called up in Baronial court. 10:15-11:15 for am court, though hopefully will end at 11. Busiest times for gate are filled, though there are still some open slots. Need to buy a water cooler for the Royalty Room if someone can't loan one. Will also be buying some miscellaneous supplies like Gatorade. We aren't allowed to buy things for specific people. They must be available to all. We have three weeks to get receipts to THL Lachlann after the event. The NMR form is filled out as part of closing the event gate. Jac said that the site tokens are done, bagged, and counted. Volunteer ducks will be at Gate. THL Judith: Cleaned out a Walmart and a half of potatoes. Cheesecakes are being baked. Lady Talaitha will print out a map and schedule and menu for Gate. THL Lachlann: Will be some open spaces for lunch

Good Enough Gulf Wars

Rowan has secured dates for Olivet Church. Reaching out to the folks who did fun stuff last year. Will have the potluck again.

Kingdom Spring Coronation

No updates at this point. Need to reach out to TH to see if there is anything that they'd like. Will

New Business

Kingdom A&S Proposal

Farolfus would like us to host A&S in June. Hopefully first weekend. Neave is taking over Kingdom A&S in Feb. so they thought it would be really nice to have it in Nordskogen. Thinking of Bethel where we had Toys for Tots. Very open to diversity of all kinds. Price is very reasonable. Cost of renting church and cost of maintenance people.

No budget yet. Need Baronial approval to move forward with the bid and they got it. (One abstention, of course.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm. THL Judith made the motion. Baroness Heliseus seconded it.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Wednesday, February 5 Theme: Garb!

Going to Gulf Wars OR Good Enough Gulf Wars, but worried because all of your tunics have ripped their seams? Does your favorite pair of pants need mending, before you can take the field for battle? Bring your garb to this Wednesday's Nordskogen meeting, where the knowledge, artisan support, and sewing machines will be present, to help get you in tip top shape.

A good gentle has also donated additional garb and fabric, to supplement pre-war needs. We are opening this up to the populace, with a suggestion to consider a free-will donation to the Barony.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Come Meet the Magic of Scribal Art!

Greetings, friends! Our February 12th Social Gathering is all about the scribal arts—come and dive into the beauty and charm of medieval manuscripts with us!

What to Expect:

- **Artistic Creations:** Try your hand at painting pre-designed art pieces inspired by medieval illumination.
- **Calligraphy Fun:** Experiment with period-style calligraphy and craft Valentine sayings.
- **Scribal Inspiration:** Explore a variety of scribal examples showcasing the beauty and intricacy of this historic craft.
- **Extant Works:** Browse through period books and view examples of manuscripts to fuel your creativity.

Whether you're a practiced scribe or just curious to give it a try, this is a chance to play with ink and paint while exploring the magic of medieval art. We can't wait to see you there—let's create, learn, and have some fun together.

When: February 12th at 7 PM

Where: Our regular Wednesday meeting site at Olivet Congregational Church

Questions? PM our Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode, at <https://www.facebook.com/sara.tardy> or email her at: seneschal@nordskogen.org

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](#) 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.

A LIST OF SOME ONLINE GATHERINGS OF INTEREST TO SCA FOLK

*--Facebook Group All times are Central Time unless otherwise noted. An updated version of this list can be found at the link above.

Nordskogen

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

Next online social practice: February 19th (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/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

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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/>

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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:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

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 Brunn, 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

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](#)

[Known 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](#)

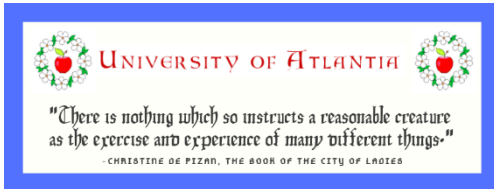
[Virtual Pennsic University](#) courses are available on their [YouTube channel](#).

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

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

Events and Classes—One Time

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



* Student Registration Is Now Closed. *

Link to the current catalog: <https://university.atlantia.sca.org/catalog.php>

Link to registration instructions: <https://university.atlantia.sca.org/register.php>

Tabletweavers Tea, A Zoom Event on Sunday, February 2, 2025, 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.

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

[Virtual AECademy 2025](#) 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.)

Northshield Officers Week—Classes Online Via Zoom—Monday, Feb. 17-Friday, Feb. 21, 2025

It has been nine years since the last Officers' Day. To make up for lost time, we are not going to have an Officer Day, we're going to have an Officers' Week! Five days of meetings, two meetings per evening. All from the comfort of home online. And for free.

This is an opportunity for kingdom and local officers to meet one another, discussions matters related to the offices and receive training. This is also an excellent opportunity for gentles who are interested in learning about an office, either at the local or kingdom levels, to learn what is involved.

Monday, February 17

7 pm- The Royal Family

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87188230765?pwd=7r5Ub4HwmXOh2YgAzn3kKuYoAWtmE.1>

Meeting ID: 871 8823 0765 Passcode: 829550

8:15 pm- Webministers

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88099945365?pwd=OnaNHazYru70r5Og57DwUGylnFuJit.1>

Meeting ID: 880 9994 5365 Passcode: 735539

Tuesday, February 18

7 pm- Exchequers

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84347827915?pwd=2ie6M78KVva7A3Wzp8oem3reZXyTZq9.1>

Meeting ID: 843 4782 7915 Passcode: 846410

Wednesday, February 19

7 pm- Marshallate

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87314018663?pwd=AULzONzmgzoqYPMYep4UafPvyXKJ3k.1>

Meeting ID: 873 1401 8663 Passcode: 077193

8:15 pm- Chatelaines

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87090157639?pwd=5vT19CrHZzg7asiLwccsaaXifInwLN.1>

Meeting ID: 870 9015 7639 Passcode: 527239

Thursday, February 20

7 pm- Heralds

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84978741628?pwd=QoKWLsYizVBvntpgyH1KvAziPEOYya.1>

Meeting ID: 849 7874 1628 Passcode: 650001

8:15 pm- Chroniclers & Social Media Officers

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83854308581?pwd=p3m43oIAnrzJGHHxrWIRcBtI1MawA3.1>

Meeting ID: 838 5430 8581 Passcode: 382591

Friday, February 21

7 pm- Seneschals

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88222317309?pwd=8GcvWuuJzDFfnLhqlrR70m2mH77oWG.1>

Meeting ID: 882 2231 7309 Passcode: 763954

8:15 pm- Ministers of Arts & Sciences

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89644710724?pwd=E9dbd0pScjh4aSDsIICGFwSBrd39iC.1>

Meeting ID: 896 4471 0724 Passcode: 568030

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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!](https://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/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.

Sun., Feb. 2--A Day in the Studio of Cornelis Vermeulen: An Artisan's Life in a Flemish Studio with Soo Yuan

Be inspired by Flemish art and design as Soo Yuan takes us on a tour of the studio of the famous artist Cornelis Vermeulen.

Sunday, Feb. 9--Rotational Symmetry in Islamic Illumination - A Calligraphy Study Class with Li Xia

Learn to design your own Islamic-inspired patterns in this hands-on workshop. No drawing skill required... seriously! While this class will be focused on designs for scribes, this class is for anyone who may be interested in how to make symmetrical designs for any project. Please have the following materials on hand: geometry set (compass / protractor / ruler); pencil; eraser; blank drawing paper; tracing paper or onion skin. Please note: This class is all about hands-on creation of original designs. There will be no lecture or documentation provided. Learning outcomes: Be able to use geometry / drafting tools; Be able to create original designs; Be able to use the designs in projects.

Sunday, Feb. 16--Stencil Class with Ellen de Lacey

Join Ellen for an introduction to stenciling and best practices.

Sunday, Feb. 23--Wordsmithing 101 with Aislinn Chiabach

"On the composing of Kingdom Award documents, colloquially known as scrolls." Wordsmithing of a scroll is a practical application of poetry and prose of the pre-17th century culture we emulate in the SCA. This will be an in depth look into Wordsmithing which is an integral part of the collaborative art of the scroll which includes Calligraphy, Illumination, Wordsmithing and the Presentation. We'll discuss the required information: The Royals; the Kingdom; the Recipient's name; the Award name; Event Information; and Specific Information About the Recipient (if there is space). This class will look at the different kinds of awards and finally a more in depth discussion on the most commonly used form.

Sunday, March 2--Wordsmithing 102 with Aislinn Chiabach

As discussed in Wordsmithing 101: Composing award documents, colloquially known as scrolls, generally emulate legal texts and documents from pre-17th culture we emulate in the SCA.

Wordsmithing 102 will explore how, as seen in the variety of different kinds of calligraphy and illumination there are as many different ways to express that through the words.

The goal with this class is not to write in the languages of the past, but to take their shape and sound and put it into English.

We'll discuss Alliteration, Kennings and Rhyme with several examples as well as some other forms like Acrostic, Filk and Punny poetic forms.

Sunday, March 9--Newbie Know How - Making your nibs work for you! Honing and refining with Hellen of Haldane

Bring some dip nibs and a 4-sided nail file and buffer to the class along with a magnifier of some kind.

Sunday, March 16--Hatching - the essential skill for art with Margarete la Gantière

Hatching--the ability to add definition and depth to your art using lines and small strokes--will be presented. An essential skill for all scribes.

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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 Sat., 02/08/25.

Official Start: Noon, 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 Jinán \(Kasia Gromek\)](#)

[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