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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 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.

**03/05: Indoors in-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)**

**03/12: Indoors in-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)**

**03/19: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. **Business meeting at 7:30pm****

**03/26: 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](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

Friday, April 18: Site opens 6:00-8:30pm for set up

Saturday, April 19: Site opens at 7am. Gate opens at 9am for the populace. Site closes at 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 17 & under: Free*

Checks are payable to SCA Inc – Barony of Nordskogen

PayPal Pre-Registration will start soon, please keep an eye out for that!

Site is ADA accessible.

**THIS SITE IS BONE-DRY!** No alcohol is allowed on site!

**Planned Activities:** Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat,  
Arts & Sciences Display, Classes, Bardic Activities.

Merchant space may be available. Please contact [Matheus.of.nordskogen at gmail.com](mailto:Matheus.of.nordskogen@gmail.com)

Site has many different fast food and restaurant options nearby.





## A BARONIAL MISSIVE

*Hello Nordskogen and Nordleigh,*

*In February, we reflected on what “growing together” could look like. We welcomed back the event of Lupercalia, in the always amazingly hospitable Shire of Rivenwood Tower. It was an enjoyable day full of feasting, learning, and gaming, while we cheered on the Princess’ Sleeve tournament. This month we also traveled across Wisconsin to help celebrate the Kingdom’s investiture of the new baronage of Windhaven, who we are very excited to collaborate with in the future!*

*Growth often appears as change, and quite a bit happened in Nordskogen this past month.*

*The Honorable Lady Judith of Northwode sadly resigned from her position as our Baronial Seneschal, to follow some wonderful opportunities for her and her family on the west side of our kingdom. Though we’ll miss her, we are excited for her to visit during Warriors and Warlords. The Honorable Noble Liadan inghean Cheallaigh was elected as interim seneschal. We are grateful for her service, and she has expressed gratitude for the opportunity to finish her earlier Seneschallate term, interrupted by the pandemic.*

*We also welcome a new Exchequer Deputy: Lord Aelfwine! Thank you for stepping up to support the Barony, in such an integral way.*

*There will be two new officer positions opening up soon: Minister of Arts and Sciences, and Web Minister. If you have any interest, questions, or recommendations, please contact the Baronesses directly (the Seneschal email is currently in transition.)*

*We witnessed baronial togetherness in the Nordskogen A&S Baronial Virtual Exhibition, which was a display of unique, yet quite relatable, submissions. We felt proud of our obviously talented community. Though it was tough to choose from such wonderful works, we are happy to welcome Goda Gustafson as our new Baronial A&S Champion. We will welcome her officially into our court at our next shared event. Please enjoy the review of the exhibition later in the Quill!*

*This spring is shaping up to have many opportunities for growing together. Unfortunately, Good Enough Gulf Wars is postponed until next year, but we are looking forward to Silfen Mere Games, Gulf Wars, and TOC. In upcoming events, please consider volunteering, starting with Coronation in April. We’re also bidding for Kingdom A&S, CAT, equestrian practice, and a rapier event this spring.*

*For weekly gatherings, we’re exploring options such as stamping clay tokens, and teaching how to be a runner of the list. Keep an eye out for more details! Please note that our Chatelaine, Idunn, will be hosting the social gathering on March 12<sup>th</sup>, as the Baronesses will be off south, earning war points for Northshield.*

*This year’s theme comes in many forms, whether celebrating new leadership and officers, participating in activities, or planning new projects and opportunities. Please take a moment to consider those who deserve recognition, send us a message and let us know what inspired you to recommend them.*

*Thank you, Nordskogen, for staying strong in your community during these first cold months of the year. We hope to enjoy spring together soon and will continue to grow together.*

*Baroness Heliseus & Baroness Cynthia*



## **THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESENT THE ONLINE ARTS AND SCIENCES EXHIBITION**

Salutations Nordskogen!

Thank you to THL Neave inghean Domhnaill (Robyn Beth Priestly), who hosted an online A&S Baronial Virtual Exhibition contest, to determine the next A&S Nordskogen champion. This has been one of the toughest decisions we have faced, as Baronesses. The talent in our Barony is obvious.

First, we'd like to acknowledge all who submitted a piece. Please check out this past event at this [link](#) on Facebook for additional details.

### **Lady Dalla Grimmsdottir**

Submission: Scroll border based on portal carvings on the Urnes Stave Church in Norway from the 12th century, painted with gouache paints, and gold leaf paint, on Bristol paper.



Thank you for the side-by-side comparison! We love to see recreations of extant work, and your form and color were on par with this very beautiful, interesting, historical inspiration piece. The movement and depth of the colors was particularly well executed. Scribal work is a deeply appreciated, and integral part of our Baronial culture, especially when executed with such skill.

### **Lady Goda Gustafson**

Submission: 15th to 16th century Muscovite Soroka, sewn with tabby woven wool, antique wool brocade, silk lining, and silk floss and tiny chip formed mother of pearl beads decoration.



This is a beautiful piece that while small, has an incredible impact. Beading done, in a small scale, can be all the more impactful because of its size. We applaud your choice, not to just create a piece, but to use period methods by embellishing this brocade. Seeing the step-by-step process is also always fun!

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**Falco Gravine de Marsico**

Submission: 15th to 16th century girdle bag, crafted with 2-4oz veg-tan goat leather, artificial sinew, and shearling used as stuffing. Fiebings dye thinned with grain alcohol, Fiebings leather conditioner and sheen spray.



The path to our Baronial hearts is always easily won over with representations of the heraldic Snowflake, especially when it can be displayed on a practical accessory. We were impressed with your dedication to learning, by trying new techniques in this submission, and the skill shown by your quick project completion. Thank you for your detailed measurements, and source material.

**Magister Farolfus Filius Richardi**

Submission: 550-400 BCE Pomeranian Culture face pot, built with gray-brown mid-fire clay, earrings crafted with bronze wire and small glass beads.



It has a hat! And jewelry! We love the fun whimsy-ness of this piece, and the questions it inspires about the commonalities of human nature, which seem to connect folks across the centuries. For such an ancient piece, it feels incredibly modern. It was very fun to compare your work with the many photos of similar historical pieces.

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**THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig**

Submission: Coat trim, embroidered with a wool/silk on a ground of silk brocade backed by midweight linen for stability.



Your patience and attention to detail is well known. This is a stunning piece, that celebrates the peak of art, effort, and design evident in similar historical works. Thank you for sharing a piece that is so stunning in its minute attention to detail, and flawless execution. It makes all of us appreciate the amount of time and effort our artisans put into their work.

**Lord Aelfwine**

Submission: Approximately 1000 AD Anglo-Saxon high status tunic and cap, constructed with linen, thin wool, rough silk tablet weave and DMC Diamant Grade Gold Embroidery Floss.



A simple and classic fashion design, well-fitted and thought out. Not only one, but three pieces, made this submission quite impressive. Making your own tablet trim is the chef's kiss to this ensemble, which we are excited to see displayed on its maker at future events. We especially enjoyed your thoughts on the process, and piece. It felt more like a nice conversation than a last minute college paper. 😊

Thank you again for all of your submissions. We are proud to be part of such an intelligent and creative community! We hope to see you all again, at Kingdom A&S!

After much evaluation, we've elected Lady Goda as Nordskogen's A&S Baronial Champion. We will complete the transition at our next court. For Lady Goda Gustafson, SKOL!

Yours in Service,  
TE Heliseus & Cynthia

# **NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode (Sara Simon), 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: I had unexpected surgery over the weekend but all is well! I no longer have a gall bladder! She is under a 20 lb. restriction for two weeks and has no fighting for a month says Baroness Cynthia.

**Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode:** Thanks to all for your support and friendship while I've held this position. I know you all will be in good hands and will see you around. Will get the quarterly report in before I go. Their Excellencies now have all of the keys and stuff.

## **January 2025 Exchequer Report from THL Lachlann del Glen:**

Starting Balance:\$21,640.39

Deposits:	\$ 8,936.71
Donations:	\$ 300.00
Withdrawals:	-\$ 3,455.30
Bank Fees:	-\$ 29.00 (Checks)
Bank Interest:	\$ 2.06
Ending Balance:	\$27,394.86

### Withdrawals included:

-\$175.00	Carefree Self Storage-Baronial Storage
-\$375.00	November Rapier Rental (Olivet Church)
-\$125.00	November Meetings (Olivet Church)
-\$482.03	Bwana Archery
-\$1,340.00	Food (for Twelfth Night & WW [Replaced Check])
-\$261.53	Twelfth Night Site Tokens
-\$76.74	Gatorade for Twelfth Night
-\$620.00	Non-Member Surcharge from Twelfth Night

### Deposits included:

\$7,781.43	Twelfth Night Gate Income
\$949.00	Jumble Sale Proceeds
\$190.00	Stale Checks (Checks not cashed)
\$9.72	Misc Funds from Kingdom (WW Volunteer & Other)
\$6.56	Unused funds from WW Food

Lord Aelfwine has stepped up to be deputy Exchequer and successor. Rapier combatant; corporate compliance for a grain company. If interested, can still apply. Vote at next month's business meeting.

## Twelfth Night 'A Frosty Fete', January 18, 2025

Pre-Registration (Checks):	\$220.00
Pre-Registration (Paypal):	\$1,395.00
Gate Proceeds:	\$6,125.00
Contributions:	\$91.00
Jumble Sale:	\$949.00

**Total Income: \$8,780.00**

Food	-\$1,293.44	
General Supplies	-\$398.27	(Site Tokens & Gatorade)
Site Fees:	-\$2,150.00	(Lord of Life & Bwana Archery)
NMR (Sent to Kingdom):	-\$620.00	
Paypal Fees:	-\$49.57	

**Total Costs: -\$4,511.28**

**Total Gain: \$4,268.72**

Total Attendance Figures: Advanced Sale Adult: 61; Advanced Sale Minor: 10; Gate Adult: 268; Gate Minor: 12; Comps: 8

Total: 359 Participants

## **notes from the nordskogen business meeting, february 19, 2025—p. 2**

### **Officers' Reports (con.)**

**Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. The Quill will be published Saturday, March 1, 2025. Soft deadline is Wednesday, February 26. Hard deadline is Friday, February 28.

**Herald, THL Wolfstanus Lightfote:** Not present. From email: Things are going well as herald, no injuries to report. Please find the award list for Twelfth Night 2025 below.

**Here follows the Court Report of Baroness Cynthia (Cyndi Rauenhorst) and Baroness Heliseus Morte d'Arbor (Stefanie Rauenhorst)**

**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

### **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

### **AWARD 3**

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

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

Illumination: Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig

### **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 Bolesław z Krakowa

### **AWARD 6**

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

Calligraphy: Baroness Finna kottr Goðormsdóttir

Illumination: Baroness Finna kottr Goðormsdóttir

### **AWARD 7**

Dagrún Björnsdóttir (Sam Mishler) / Azure Gauntlet / Arrows

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg:** Weekly meeting with a scribal theme was well attended as was the meeting with no theme. Baroness Heliseus: Has had a couple folks reach out with ideas for themes. Will get back to Lady Hedwyg about that.

**Officers' Reports (con.)**

**Boffer Captain, Lord Gospatric de Reynes:** Not present.

**Rapier Captain, Lord Yagüe Antolínez:** Nothing new to report. Attendance of 15+ the last couple of weeks. Ran out of space on the sign-up sheets!

**Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir:** Not present. From Facebook: Don't have anything new going on.

**Knight's Marshal, Lord Fergus O'Dae:** daren Wu Yun has volunteered to be the emergency deputy. What should he do with donations of stuff? THL Lachlann: Please keep an inventory of the stuff your office holds, add the donations to that, and send it to the Quartermaster who will pass it on to the Exchequer. Receipts are generally given only for monetary donations, not donations of stuff. Starting April 1, the Barony would owe \$50 hours a week for the extra hour of practice (8-9pm). This needs to be approved. THL Judith made motion to approve \$50. The Barony will then be paying \$1000 a month for meetings. Approve for now and talk in depth later. Lord Aleksander: Rapier moves outside in the summer. Does Armored fighting do this as well? Yes, says Fergus. Aleksander: Fine with the extra cost for armored compact. Having a provisional vote was suggested by THL Lachlann. The vote passed. THL Lachlann: Fergus, please act as a liaison between Parks and Lachlann.

**Archery Captain, Lady Dagrún Björnsdóttir:** Archery has been exceptionally popular. We are trying to participate more in the big interkingdom archery shoots. We have begun tracking shoots, who shoots, and who is watching.

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

**Clerk of Precedence, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick:** Liaising with the Kingdom Clerk of Precedence.

**Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul:** Jessica Chadwick has volunteered to be the deputy. They will be arranging to train them. All is well.

**Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig:** Duke Tom still has the fighting mats, Lady Talaitha still has some stuff from Twelfth Night. Waiting for it to not be so cold before returning items to storage.

**Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim:** Not present. From Facebook: New website is almost complete! Huzzah! I have a couple small links that are being stubborn. I will be reaching out to Abelard this weekend to change everything to the new domain name now that it's built and hope all the working links don't go sideways. **\*fingers crossed\*** If they do, I'll just have to rework them. All good. I will put it out there, that once the website is good I do want to step down as Webminister. Nothing super pressing but I have been doing it since 2019. It's time for someone else to get a chance at it 😊

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

**Old Business**

**Good Enough Gulf Wars**

I'm sorry to send this update, I have to cancel GEGW. With the election and all its fallout and some things in my personal life, I haven't done the necessary work (mostly promotional) and we're too close to the deadline.

I have a better sense of what needs to be done and the time line it takes and I'll be able to do it next year.

I sincerely apologize. No money has been sent, though I did get the time/date reserved with Olivet. I'll cancel that tonight after the officer meeting.

Doña Alianor Rowan

Their Excellencies: Expressed their appreciation and thanks for selfcare and willingness to do this event next year.

**Old Business (con.)**

**Kingdom Spring Coronation, April 19, 2025**

Lord Aleksandr: We are looking for classes. Lady Hedwyg will be the A&S and class coordinator. Only eight spots are available for classes. Almost have a full staff. Really comfortable with how things are going.

**Crispin's Archery Thing (CAT), Proposed for May 31, 2025**

May 31 at the Rosemount Archery Range. Baroness Amalia St. Edmund and Meistari Gwenllian verch Rhys de Goer will be running it. Reminder: Kingdom A&S will be on the first weekend in June. Motion made to approve preliminary numbers based on 2023 event and send it to financial committee. Motion carried.

**Kingdom A&S Proposal**

No update just yet. Will be working on the bid this weekend. Will let us know if an emergency financial committee meeting is needed.

**New Business**

**Setting Up Equestrian Practices--Tamura (Gretchen Lucken)**

\$200 will cover the insurance for a whole year. More information on SCA equestrian insurance can be found at this [link](#). Tamura has a bunch of dates arranged for practices. We would need to give the site two weeks' notice if we decide to add a date. The site is Midsummer Farms; contact is Sara Brooks. There is a \$20 trailer fee and an additional \$20 if someone stays overnight. Tamura also has two horses that folks will be able to use. Insurance needs to be sent out six weeks before the first practice. Barony could cover these insurance, trailering, and camping charges like it covers Bwana for the archers. Tamura needs to put together a bid sheet and then discuss the details at a financial committee meeting. Planning Sat., Apr. 21, 2025 as the first practice., from Noon until 3 or 4. THL Lachlann: Exchequer on Kingdom website has a pre-event budget form that can be used as a bid sheet.

**Interim Seneschal Candidate Presentation and Vote**

Emergency vote approved by a quorum of officers. Candidates were Baron Gabriel Kjotvason and Honorable Noble Liadan inghean Cheallaigh. HN Liadan was approved. The goal is to find a permanent seneschal in six months. THL Judith: The Seneschal has been paying for Zoom themselves. The Barony might want to cover this. THL Lachlann says it's covered in the budget. Just send him receipts!

**New A&S Officer Sought**

Lady Hedwyg would like to step down. Email Lady Hedwyg, Their Excellencies, and the Seneschal if you're interested. Time for someone else to step up and have the fun! Their Excellencies: Thanks for your service and making the fun happen!

**Event Proposal from Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa**

The Once and Never King: A Practice Rapier Crown for the Northshield Rapier community. The goals of this event are twofold. One: Provide a full day event for rapier to have a practice crown tournament complete with processional, brag heralds, banners, beautiful garb, and glorious honor filled fighting. Two: It's a perfect fit for a Princess Sleeve event as well if the princess at that time so wishes. Proposed day: June 21st, 2025. Event steward: Baron Bazyli. Gate: TBD Rapier MIC: TBD Royalty Liaison: TBD Site: The Red Wing National Guard Armory, 885 E 7th St, Red Wing, MN 55066 Cost: Site: \$500 ;Fighter's food: \$100; Total \$675. Expected attendance: 50 to 75. Site fee \$15 for members Break-even is 45 paying humans. Baron Geoffrey: Is this site outside our Baronial territory? Baron Bazyli checked and it is not! They also asked Silfren Mere about Castle Fever and they are looking at May 31 for that event which does conflict with CAT but this should not be a problem as the two events have very different activities. Baron Bazyli's date doesn't clash with Kingdom A&S. Vote on preliminary numbers proposed. Baroness Heliseus made the motion; Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva seconded it. Motion carried.

Thanks to Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir for loaning her Zoom connection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. THL Judith made the motion. Baron Bazyli seconded it. Motion carried.

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Results of the Online Arts and Sciences (A&S) Competition: We Have A New A&S Champion!**

Our online A&S competition has ended. However, you can still view it at this [link](#) on Facebook. After viewing all of the excellent entries, Their Excellencies have determined that our new Baronial A&S Champion is Lady Goda Gustafson.

See [p. 5-7 above](#) for comments by Their Excellencies on each entry.

### **An Announcement from Their Excellencies**

Greetings unto our great populace! Our interim Seneschal has been chosen. Please welcome back to the role, the Honorable Noble Liadan inghean Cheallaigh (Tif Puderbaugh). Liaden is pleased to support the Barony during this specially voted, 6 month session, as we search for the next good gentle to fill this role in its more traditional, 2 year capacity. You can normally find Liaden in Equestrian, Armor, or with a nalbinding needle in hand. Thank you for volunteering!

### **New Minister of Arts and Sciences Sought**

After two years of service, Lady Hedwyg would like to step down. If you're interested, please drop an email to [Lady Hedwyg](#), [Their Excellencies](#) and to our [Interim Seneschal](#). It's time for someone else to step up and have the fun!

### **Looking for a New Webminister**

Our Webminister, Baroness Ceolwen ingen Adaim, is looking for a successor. If you're interested in this job, please drop an email to [Baroness Ceolwen](#), [Their Excellencies](#) and to our [Interim Seneschal](#).

### **Seeking Volunteers for Northshield Spring Coronation**

Greetings from your Coronation Event Stewards, Aelfwine ([Trevor Gersch](#)) and Aleksander ([Alexander Olfson](#))! We are looking for people to volunteer for roles at Coronation. Please reach out to either of us to let us know if you are interested. We can be contacted either on Facebook or by email using the addresses on the Event Page: <https://northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=4559>

## **ROLES REQUESTED**

**-Class Instructor** - as befitting their Majesties wish to slay a dragon, this being the year of the snake in the Chinese calendar, and their highnesses desire to spread SCA skills and knowledge to new members; introductory classes and classes on mythical beasts are encouraged. Hedwyg is the class coordinator.

**-Decorations Lead** - some people are good at deciding where to set up decorations, others at reaching high up to hang the decorations.

**-Ask A&S Volunteers:** Back by popular demand! We are particularly interested in people with metalworking or A&S backgrounds beyond textiles and clothing volunteer to help show how much falls under A&S!

**-Potluck Coordinator:** Although lunch is not planned, we have so many great cooks in Northshield it would be a shame for them to not have an opportunity to show off their cooking skills.

**-Gate Volunteers:** Do you like talking to people? Do you like money?\* If yes, volunteer for Gate! (\*Alas, you only get to touch the money, not keep it.)

**-Vigil Leads:** Please reach out to us as soon as possible so we can coordinate space needs.

**-Royalty/Titled Coordinators:** If you are handling affairs for a member of the royalty, baronies, or other titled persons, please reach out to us so we can make sure we have your contact information and are able to address your requests as soon as possible.

**-Teardown/Setup Volunteers:** Since everyone loves SCA events, why spend even more time at the event?  
-Is there something else you would like to see or do at Coronation? Please let us know!

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)**

### **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](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 66347, Scotts Valley, CA 95067  
For more information, please email [membership@sca.org](mailto: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: March 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>

### **Online Arts and Sciences Competition—February 2025**

### **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**

[#### \*\*Northshield Moneyer's Guild\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/462797700463779/<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/462797700463779/</u></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

[#### \*\*Northshield Rebated Steel Group\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/477072765762866/<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/477072765762866/</u></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

[#### \*\*Northshield Youth Boffer Combat\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/220595020772855/<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/220595020772855</u></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

[#### \*\*Unofficial Northshield Forester's Guild\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/479972685536766/<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/479972685536766</u></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

[### \*\*Virtual A&S Display—Entries from the June 1, 2024 Northshield Arts and Sciences Competition\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247898808582127/<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247898808582127/</u></a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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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 ú 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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### **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**

**[Tabletweavers Tea, A Zoom Event on Sunday, March 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.

**[Intro to Brocade Weaving, Tues., Mar. 4, 2025, 7-9pm Central--Alessandra Sartor](#)**

The Zoom link will be in the comments of this original post in The Artisans of Meridies Facebook Group. They are usually posted around 3pm Central the evening of the class.

**[Plant Two On--Saturday, March 8, 2025, 1-6pm Central European Time \(6-11am Central Standard Time\) via Zoom](#)**

This event is sponsored by the Drachenwald Herbalists Guild and has no entry fee. Please sign up [here](#) to receive the Zoom link. Below is the list of classes.

1-2pm CET (6-7am CST) "Making St Bridget's crosses from *luachra* (Irish rushes)", *like my granny taught me*.

Taught by: Lady Gytha Ui Bhanain

2-3pm CET (7-8am CST) "Peas and carrots: a 13th century Norman Garden in Ireland": *Golden Egg project*.

Taught by: Viscountess Susanna of York

3-4pm CET (8-9am CST) "Beekeeping in the Middle Ages". Taught by: Lord Drago of Vilnyj Step

4-5pm CET (9-10am CST) "Brewing with Grain": *Iron age brewing*. Taught by: Lady Anauved de Mona

5-6pm CET (10-11am CST) "One Cup to Rule them all": *Tea culture in medieval China*. Taught by: Lady Wol Bi

**[Renaissance Perfumes, a Practical Approach with Teacher, Dúgū Jinán, Sun., Mar. 8, 2025, Noon](#)**

Learn how to recreate historical fragrances by making your kitchen into a stillroom.

This class will cover an introduction to perfumery in Renaissance Europe with best ways to start own journey into the art of compounding historical fragrances. Reputable sources will be discussed of aromatics, cheapest way to start your own still room and safety precautions.

Link to class notes: <https://kasiagromek.com/.../starting-your-own-journey.../>

The Zoom link will be provided closer to the class.

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##### **Bronze Age Tunics, Tues., Mar. 11, 2025 6pm Central—Sunna Regnbue**

The Zoom link will be in the comments of this original post in The Artisans of Meridies Facebook Group. They are usually posted around 3pm Central the evening of the class.

##### **Pennsic 101 Online Class, First Session, Sat., 3-22-25, 7-9pm Eastern (6-8pm Central), Lady Jenna Childslayer**

\*\*\*Class will not be recorded.\*\*\*

Join the VIDEO CHAT with this link: (to be added prior to class start) - This link will be similar to Zoom. If you are joining more than 5 minutes late and are in the waiting room, please be patient, we'll get to you ASAP.

To download the class handout: (link forthcoming)

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You want to go to Pennsic! Everyone you talk to makes it sound like so much fun... but you've never done anything like this, so... now what do you do?

Come to Pennsic 101 on Saturday 3/22/25 at 7pm (Eastern) to find out! (Those with Pennsic experience are very welcome - I don't know everything, plus I've had 40+ year veterans learn something new in this class!)

The class will be held ONLINE via Google Meet. Class link will be posted the day before. You do not need a Google account to attend, just click the link like you would for Zoom.

Pennsic is a wonderful SCA event and attending this class will help you to both prepare and have the best time possible... We will discuss how to prepare for Pennsic, what you will need to do and bring. We will answer questions you may have on how to manage to get your things to Pennsic and what you can expect when you finally get there and get set up. If you have garb you've already made and are not sure it's Pennsic-ready, bring it. We can help you decide. I look forward to seeing you there! YIS, Lady Jenna Childslayer, Class Hostess

##### **Sunday Night with the Scribes**

- **Zoom opens at 6pm Central; Classes run from 7-9pm Central; Zoom Closes at 10pm Central.**

- The Zoom address for the sessions is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89540958886> Please note: a Hastings Lock is used for the password for the Zoom Room. Message them at the Facebook link below if you need the Lock.

- FB Page (Zoom links can be found here): <https://www.facebook.com/ScribalSunday>

- Webpage: <https://scribal.art/> Google Calendars for many time zones. Zoom links are in each calendar entry.

##### **Sunday, 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.

##### **Sunday, March 23--Scribal 101 with Mistress Alikina filia Elpin**

There is no end to the goals and aspirations of people wanting to learn about the wonderful scribal arts but where to start? Mistress Alikina filia Elpin will share her insights and suggestions for starting on the exciting journey!

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#### Events and Classes—One Time (con.)

#### Sunday Night with the Scribes (con.)

#### Sunday, March 30--Open Scribal

It is the last Sunday of the month so come and work along other scribes, ask questions, bring ideas, show off your work and art!

#### Sun., Apr. 6--Cutting a quill from bird to ink with L'Honorable Seigneur Baudouin de Domrémy

We will discuss every aspect of quill feather calligraphy, from finding the right feather, curing the quill techniques (what works, and how to screw it up) cutting the nib, and advantages to using a quill - plus possible problems. If you have any cured feathers, bring them and a sharp knife to work along with the instructor.

#### Sun., Apr. 13--Introduction to Flat Gilding with Hellen of Haldane

Flat gilding is the easiest form of gilding. We will review some basic methods and tools and then try a hands on class..... Supplies: Real gold patent leaf, PVA glue, glue stick, glassine, eyeglass cleaner or silk or cotton ball, hotpress or smooth paper, fine brush.

#### Sun., Apr. 20—No Meeting

#### Sun., Apr. 27--Pigments in Manuscripts of the Global Middle Ages with Magnifica Beatrice Domenici della Campana

Illuminated manuscripts were not the sole province of the European Middle Ages, with examples of decorated "books" spanning much of the globe in the SCA's time period. We will look at a selected few examples from across the world, through the lens of scientific analysis of the pigments and inks used to create such beauty.

### 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., 3/4/25.

**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 Jínán \(Kasia Gromek\)](#)

[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](mailto:chronicler@nordskogen.org)