



The Eskalya Chronicle

May/June 2009
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Greetings and summer wishes unto the Barony of Eskalya,

As the summer days begin to grow longer and the temperatures rise We look forwards to the summer event season. We encourage members to attend events in as many groups as they can and welcome those from outside our own to the hospitality and warmth of Eskalya.

This summer we wish to try something new with our fighter practices, to that end it is Our sincerest hope that we can combine the heavy and rapier fighter practice and hold it on a Sunday, while encouraging the members who are not fighters to come out and support the practice by bringing portable projects to work on as well as occasionally teaching and Arts and Science class during that time as well. On the third weekend We would like it to become essentially a mini-event by having the fighter practice, populous meeting and a barbeque or picnic together on that day. It would be a time for everyone to get together and discuss matter that affect the entire Barony and get to know the officers and others. It is Our hope that this will be able to take place at the Cuddy Family Park which is a very nice centrally located park in mid-town near the Library, which is also a good thing to visit as well.

To those who have volunteered to autocrat events We thank you very much for your time commitment and contributions to the group, as well as thanks to a very good group of officers that have been remarkable in the past few months in helping with ideas and thoughts to make Eskalya a grander Barony. Please feel free to call or email us with any concerns or questions that you might have, WE will endeavor to answer them and help you out.

*Hersker Breock of Whitby & Mistress Margaret Anne of Somerset
8th Baron and Baroness of Esklaya*

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Ongoing Barony Activities!

A&S Night

A&S night will be the second Friday of the month at the Baronial Manor at 7 pm. Contact Baroness Margaret Anne for driving instructions at 332-5551.

Bardic

Sing along on with friends to your favorite SCA songs at Eskalya's Bardic on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Mistress Anne's house. Please call 338-4692 (before 10 pm) for directions if you are visiting for the first time.

Fighter Practice

Fighter Practice occurs at 1 pm each Sunday at Mistress Anne's house. Both Heavy and rapier fighters are welcome. Contact Knight Marshal Lilandra of Sheep Rock 441-1917 for more information.

Heraldry Workshop

Have you ever wondered what a Herald is? Did you know that they do more than just announce things in a loud voice? They also study and help others with device, name and badge submissions to the College of Heralds. There is a place for the researcher, the performer, the Master of Ceremonies, the protocol officer, the artist and the behind the scenes worker. Explore Heraldry on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7-9pm at Sorcha's home. Please call 562-1989 for more information

Philosophy night

A discussion group for fighters which covers fighting philosophy, humor and the sharing of cool ideas. This group started as a way to cover those types of discussion that we just don't have time for at a fighter practice or during a lesson. Fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for directions if you are visiting for the 1st time.

Bear Steel School Practice

Practices are Tuesday nights at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for additional information.

Archery Practice

Will resume soon...be patient while the ground dries up.

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets at the Baronial Manor on the third Friday of the month at 7 pm. Potluck begins at 6 pm. Contact Elizabeth for more information at 222-6751.

St. Guinefort Meeting

Fourth Friday of the month at 6 pm in the Leadership Lab at the Student Union on the UAA Campus. Contact Alaryn Aecenstaeff at 222-6751

Brewmeister Night

Explore your love of beer and brewing with Alaryn. Schedule varies please call 222-6751 for more information.

Upcoming Events!

Beltane Collegium/Day of Blood

Hrafnafjorðr

May 2, 2009

Winter is gone, and Summer is peeking around the corner so we send an invitation to join the Shire of Hrafnafjorðr. We will combine these events, where for added fun we will be dancing around the Maypole, and having a Birthday Party SCA style to celebrate our Dream together.

The Champion for the Shire will be determined in a tourney. Look forward to other fighting fun as well. A battle of brain and brawn is on the agenda.

We will also have a few classes.

Roses: Make roses for Purgatorio -- we will teach you how & all Roses made this day will be donated for the Roses Tourney for Purgatorio.

Scribing - Some Illumination & Calligraphy supplies will be on hand for you to see if it works for you. You don't know until you try.

Chainmaille - These are a few of the different kinds of maille the teacher will be showing: European 4 in 1 and 6 in 1, Asian 4 to 1 and 6 to 1, King's Maille, Dragon Scale and Emperor's Maille sheets. Byzantine, Trizantine, Half Persian, Full Persian, Helix, Box and Round Maille braids. Did you know there were that many? even more! Please bring needle nose pliers for you and maybe a pair for another to borrow.

There is plenty of room outside for all. Bring yourself, a friend, family, a guest, anyone! Lets have fun SCA style! Please bring a finger food or salad to share with everyone. (Kitchen facilities are available)

Site Information : Moose Lodge, Kenai 99611. Site opens at 11am and closes at 9 pm. Event fee: \$5 for members 16 and older, \$8 for nonmembers, 15 and under free. Please make checks payable to Society For Creative Anachronism , Inc. - Shire of Hrafnafjorðr, Directions: From Soldotna "Y" make your best way to Kenai. Follow the Kenai Spur Highway through the last stop light. On the right hand side of the road just past the church. Watch for signs!

For more information Amber of Hrafnafjorðr (Amber Gardner) 412 Birch Street, Kenai AK 99611, 283-6178 hm, 394-5335 cell gardner_honey@hotmail.com

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Ice Saints

Earngyld

May 9, 2009

The snow is melting, the grass is coming back, and Earngyld is growing. Come join us for a day of dancing, games and celebration as the Shire moves to full status. There will be a display table for everyone to show off any arts and sciences project they are working on. There will be snacks and meats, but feel free to bring period foods to share. For those interested in fighting there will be practice on Sunday. Out-of-town guests needing crash space should contact us as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Site Information: Douglas Community United Methodist Church, 1106 Third St., Douglas, AK. Site opens at 10 am and closes at 6 pm Event fees: \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members, \$2 for children Directions: Take your best route to Juneau. From the main road downtown, cross the bridge into Douglas. Take a left at the traffic circle and head to downtown Douglas. The church will be on the left.

Autocrat: Alberic Haak (Paul Caldwell), 8515 Nugget Pl., Juneau 99801, 789-7801, albie@gci.net

Upcoming Baronial A&S Night Topics:

*May: Six Board Box Building
with Baron Breock!!*

June: SCA Camping Basics

July: Gardening Overview

Note: Winter's Gate is hosting Spring Captaincy May 23-24; however event copy is not yet available. Keep and eye on the E-List.

Bride of May Revel

Eskalya

May 16, 2009

The Vikings think they can attack again...Silly Vikings.

They have sailed across the North Sea from Norway with plunder in their hearts. It is not the plunder of our holy places this time, but rather the greatest prize of all, the throne of England, that they have set themselves to. A prize they shall be denied! Do they not recall their humiliating defeat at the hands of Alfred the Great, or at Tettenhall or Brunanburh? Even the woefully disorganized Irish managed to defeat them at Clontarf! Who then are these pirates to think they can overthrow Holy Edward's rightful heir, Harold? Obviously they have been led to folly and it is the duty of all good Anglo-Saxons to show them the way home. Be it by map or by spear point.

And so, this notice goes now to the worthy Saxons: the fyrd is mustered to Stamford Bridge and the Thingliath is called to ride north with Noble Harold. War is coming and it is the duty of all good English* to respond! (*not a misspelling)

The Day's activities: Bridge tournament for both rapier and armored combatants, Tug-o-War, a contest to determine the most outlandish ta of victory. Feast is potluck with the meat provided. Please bring items according to the following fiendishly confusing rubric: bring what you can.

The event will be held at the picnic shelter at Kinkaid Park. Site is open from 11 am to 7 pm. There is play equipment directly adjacent to the shelter. Be aware, however, that you alone are responsible for the location of your children.

Directions: Travel west on Northern Lights Blvd until you reach Spenard, thereupon you should turn left. Travel with all due caution upon that treacherous road as it turns into Jewel Lake (when it crosses International Airport Rd.). Do not chase false hopes of treasure hidden in that staid body of water, but rather turn right at the intersection of Jewel Lake and Raspberry and press on, nigh until the ending of the road. The Picnic Shelter is located behind the Kincaid Chalet. There will be signs!

Event fees, \$8 for members, \$11 for adult non members, \$4 for those under 12. Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc.- Barony of Eskalya."

For more information, contact the autocrat Clare de Norwude, (Claire Knudsen-Latta), 3401 W. 31st Ave., Anchorage 99517, 952-6261, clairemargery@gmail.com.

Spring Offensive- The Search for the Holy Grail

Selviargard

May 29-31, 2009

Are you strong as the black knight or do you flee from the knights of Nee? Can you survive the attack of the cross bunny? Come celebrate spring in Oertha.

Friday schedule: site opens (5 pm), IKAC shoot (7 pm), Swinging Rooster Tavern opens (9 pm). Site is wet. Saturday: breakfast served 10-11 am; opening court at 11:30; Baroness' Rapier Champion Tournament 12-1; Lunch served 1-2 pm; 2-5 pm -- Rapier Offensive Cup Tournament & Heavy Offensive Cup, and Llama Stealing; Evening Court 5 pm; 6 pm Spam Dish judging and Feast (potluck by birth month -- Jan-April starches, May-Aug veggies or salad, Sept-Dec desserts -- with turkey, smoked and regular ham provided); 6 pm Swinging Rooster Tavern opens and Offensive Garb Contest; Bardic by the fire at 8:30. Sunday schedule: Breakfast 10-11 am (O'Bryan potatoes, scrambled eggs, hard boiled eggs, sliced fruits, muffins, turkey bacon, sausage links, coffee, tea, OJ); followed by Beer Maids of Camelot and Cross Bunny Toss; Closing Court at 1:30 pm.

Contest: Cooking (spam in any mode, must be edible, judging at feast); A&S (period belts, any material, documentation is also nice); Children (best decorated llama or push me-pull you).

Silly events:

Llama Stealing (team event). (llama can be made from any materials (pipe cleaners and cotton balls work).

Offensive Garb competition: Walk the runway and win a nice prize.

Beer Maids of Camelot: display your skills serving the fallen.

Crossing Bunny Toss (hot potatoes with a twist). We all know about the cross bunny, don't be caught when time runs out.

Site: residence of the autocrats Baron Stephan and Lady Valentina de la Bere (wet site). Directions: George Parks Highway to mile 72. Turn at the sign for Willow Creek Parkway, left turn if you're coming from Wasilla, right turn from Fairbanks at Sunnybrook road turn right (signs will be posted). For more information contact the autocrats, Box 195, Willow 99688, 495-1969 (home before 10 pm), 355-8695 cell, stewel@mtaonline.net.

Event fee: \$10 adults, children 7-13 \$7, family Cap \$25, non-member surcharge \$3.



Dear Abbess

Dear Abbess,

I have found that after the long hard winter that the rushes in the castle are just too smelly for words what can I do to get rid of the smell and make the castle more livable?

Holding my nose from Scotland.

Dear Nose,

Long hard cold winters are no one friend and then when spring rolls on around the smell could stop a horse in its tracks. First things first, shake up your servants and tell them to sweep out every single ounce of rushes from the castle and burn them in a large bonfire, that way the little pests in them don't come back to the castle. Secondly, wash the floors, this is a new concepts but take some water that is heated and throw it on the floor and then scrub with brooms, this will get all the stuff that is stuck to the stones off; you know like old moldy food stains, any accidents the hounds may have had etc... Next, make sure that your staff gets clean dry, and I mean dry rushes to place on the floor. If the rushes are fresh or wet they will mold and then you will have another unhealthy smelly mess. Add to those rushes some dried herbs such as lavender, calendula, wormwood and others that are sweet smelling and help to drive away the little pests, and you know that those are things like fleas and other creepy crawlies right. If you routinely do this every three to four months even during the winter you will find that you will keep a cleaner and healthier castle. Also just keep in mind that burning all that peat that you have up north doesn't help with the smell either. Have you ever tried just burning wood?

Abbess

Cookbooks

The Principality has less than 40 cookbooks left. With over 300 recipes these cookbooks are a charming gift for anyone who loves food (whether they play SCA or not).

Cookbooks are 12.00\$. Contact Catrionia or Alienor for more information at Oerthacooks@yahoo.com

Upcoming A&S Competitions!

- *Everyday Art- An Embroidered Accessory (glove, pouch, etc.)*
Purgatorio/Oerthan Coronet, Aug 14, 2009 [Kingdom]
- *Research Paper - Blow thou, wind! - Wind power and its uses in pre-1600 Europe.*
- Purgatorio/Oerthan Coronet, Aug 14, 2009 [Kingdom]
- *Period Toys or Games.*
Purgatorio/Oerthan Coronet, Aug 14, 2009 [Highness' Whim]
- *Anything siege*
Purgatorio/Oerthan Coronet, Aug 14, 2009 [Highness' Whim]
- *Spam in any mode (must be edible)- Spring Offensive, May 29, 2009*
- *Period Belts (documentation is nice)- Spring Offensive, May 29, 2009*
- *Children's Contest- best decorated Llama or push me-pull you - Spring Offensive, May 29, 2009*

D€ **Hear ye! Hear ye!**

Oerthan Chronicler Seeks Deputy! Very little responsibility, but required to have access to a computer with spell check. Contact Ragn at ragnsolvi2003@alaska.net

Eskalya Wants You!
The Barony of Eskalya is seeking officers for the following vacant offices: Chiurgeon, Gold key and Children's Minster. Contact the seneschal for additional information

From the Stellanordica Herald: Seeking a deputy to train and take over the office at Purgatorio/Coronet. Please contact Lady Isabel at chiversii@yahoo.com

From the Principality Rapier Marshal: Could all rapier fighters and rapier marshals please send to me the following information as soon as possible: mundane name, Society name, authorization expiration date; what level of marshal you are (combat, advanced or senior); and your level of rapier authorization. Margaret Anne of Somerset, Oerthan Rapier Marshal, spencer10@gci.net

Roses Help Needed: One of the Tourneys at Purgatorio/Coronet will be a Roses Tourney. Are there any individuals who would like to help me make roses? Please contact Lady Isabel at chiversii@yahoo.com

Newcomers Corner!

What should I bring with me for a summer event?

Summer events are a lot of fun, but you have to plan ahead a little. At a bare minimum here is what I bring:

1. Chair- The first item that goes into the car is typically bring a folding camp chair for each family member (about 6\$ at Wal-mart).
2. Cooler- Next is my small cooler with lunch and drinks. Some events have a potluck or serve a meal as part of the activities- you'll have to check the event copy to make sure you have what you need. Remember to bring enough water if you are going to be sitting in the sun. I usually grab a small tablecloth too, to cover my obviously plastic blue cooler.
3. Basket- Lastly I have a small SCA basket that holds my feast gear, whatever craft project I am working on as well as my garb (this could just as easily be a small bag instead of a basket) Fighters should also bring their armor as most events have tournaments.

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