



The Eskalya Chronicle

July/Aug 2008

Greetings unto the Barony of Eskalya,

We, Breock and Margaret Anne, do send Our kind thanks for your vote of confidence and will continue to work hard to make this Barony a fine and shining example of grace, skills, and honor. In the future We see ourselves and the barony working to grow the membership, enhance our skills in the Arts and Sciences, and to rebuild the fighter base within the barony. To this end We encourage all to have paid memberships within the SCA even if it is at an associate level as this is what helps to keep the Barony a barony.

We encourage everyone to seek out and learn a new skill and to then teach this skill to others, to share our knowledge rather than keep it hidden away. We would ask that all members of the Barony act as ambassadors to the outside world of mundanity and encourage people to join Our fair Barony and to help support them through the process of becoming an active member. We hope that all fighters no matter their skill or arena of combat will encourage new people to take up the skill of arms and help them to learn the art of fighting, that no new fighter should be untaught and left unheralded.

We area looking forwards to a period of renewal in the Barony and this will be most apparent in the refurbishment of the regalia of the Barony. We will be seeking out skilled artisans to help make new pieces, the new Baronial Coronets are underway and being attended to by the skilled hands of Mistress Caitriona, hopefully they will be ready for unveiling at Yule.

To you, the people of Eskalya We say thank you and that your support and continued good works will make Eskalya a Barony to be proud of and have renown spoken of us all, through out the West.

Breock and Margaret Anne, Baron and Baroness

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Ongoing Barony Activities!

A&S Night

A&S night will be **Thursday, August 7th** at the Baronial Manor at 7 pm. Please note that this is not our normal time and date! This month's activity will be smoked Cheese & Pickled Cheese. 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 **August 2nd** at 7pm at Mistress Anne's house. Please call 338-4692 (before 10 pm) for directions if you are visiting for the first time.

Brewmeister Night

Explore your love of beer and brewing with Alaryn at 7 pm on **August 6th**. Please call 222-6751 for driving directions.

Fighter Practice

Fighter Practice occurs at 7pm each **Thursday** at the Rose Garden in the Park strip downtown. Both Heavy and rapier fighters are welcome. Contact Knight Marshal Sir Dietrich at 338-8266 for more information.

There is also an additional Fighter Practice on **Wednesdays** at 7pm in the Chugach Foothills part. RSVP to Viresse de Lighthaven at 338-6355.

St. Guinefort Meeting

August 8th & 22nd in the Leadership Lab at the Student Union on the UAA Campus. Contact Shannon Moersch at 770-6717.

Music Practice

Join other musicians in learning and playing period music with a variety of instruments. Everyone is welcome! Practice is **Sunday, August 3rd and Aug 17th**g from noon until 2pm at Mistress Anne's house. Please call 338-4692 (before 10 pm) for directions in you are visiting for the first time.

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. **August 18th** 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

Meets at Kincaid Park Archery Range from 11am to 1pm on **Sunday, Aug 10th and 24th**. Contact Elizabeth for more information at 222-6751.

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets at the Baronial Manor on **Friday, August 15th** at 7 pm. Potluck begins at 6 pm. Contact Elizabeth for more information at 222-6751.

Upcoming Events!

Baroness Champion & Houston Founders Day

Selveirgard August 15-17, 2008

Hail all Oerthans and visitors. It is time once again to choose thru mighty battle the new Heavy weapons champion for Selveirgard's lovely Baroness Katarzina.

Please bring your skills and weapons, camp gear and song books to the Houston camp ground pavilion area on the weekend of August 15-17, 2008 from 4 PM Friday until 7 PM Sunday and be ready to do battle, dance and sing. We may have a demo close to the Houston firehouse on Saturday the 16th of August after we participate in the parade to entice the populace to wander into the Pavilion area to witness the Real battle for supremacy and the Title. We will also have a Fencing bout for a prize from my own crafty hands.

An afternoon of dancing and music will follow the tournaments. A hunt and possibly a woods battle will be offered for your enjoyment on Sunday with prizes for the best Hunting Hounds mask, but beware! the prey this year will be for the Wiley Tortoise so watch your ankles. There will be a wood sprite hunt Saturday for our treasures (of all ages) to have fun with. Oh, and don't be surprised if there is a Viking raid or two. Booty supplied.

We will clear the Pavilion of all camp ground tables to allow for plenty of room for Courts followed by our smaller

personal tables and chairs thus getting more of us under the protected area for feasting in case of unpopular weather. Then tables can be moved to the sides to make room for a fire pit Bardic before and after the fireworks display.

A&S contest will be for Period style lighting implements to brighten our hall when the sun goes down.

Feast will consist of Barony provided grilled meats and breads and potluck dishes (that serve 8 or more) that you bring. For those between ages 15-30 bring starch foods, 31 to 40 bring vegetables, 40-50 fruits and cheeses; over 50 get the desserts (because we earned them). All other meals will be whatever you bring for your families. A Sunday breakfast will be offered for donations.

Watch for any unforeseen or whimsical changes on our local Oerthan and Baronial list sites.
SITE FEES: 17 and over--\$10, 7-16--\$5, under 7 free, \$3.00 non-member fee applies. Make checks payable to SCA Inc.-Selveirgard.

Directions. Houston Camp Grounds
Mile 54 Parks Highway, Houston,
Alaska

Autocrat: Rolinda T. Standridge,
(Rolynda of the Azure Stone), 907-892-2252, HC 34 Box 2328, Wasilla, Alaska, 99654, thealaskanphoenix@yahoo.com
home at 2252 S. Lodge Dr., Big Lake, Alaska.

Volcanalia

Hrafnafjordr August 9-10, 2008

The Romans sacrificed annually to Vulcan, god of fire, so that he would avert harmful fires to their crops. Vulcan is considered to be the manufacturer of armor for the gods and heroes; he also made the thrones for the other gods on Mount Olympus.

Come join the Shire of Hrafnafjordr as we fight, feast, and build fire. The tourneys will be gladiator style, with Roman weapons. Rapier is more than welcome. Arts and Science competition will be most creative fire (materials will be provided on site). Feast meat will be provided, please bring your favorite Roman dish to share. There is plenty room for camping.

Site Information:

Address - 36745 Short Lane, Site opens at 6:00 pm Friday 8th Closes at 2:00 pm on Sunday 10th Site fees \$6.00 for members \$+3 for non members NO fee for children 12 years and younger Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc.- Shire of Hrafnafjordr." Autocrat: Grisulas Hilarious Gladius (MKN Gene Gardner) 412 Birch Street/Keani, AK 99611/ [907-398-8921](tel:907-398-8921)

Directions: Make your best way to Soldotna; take a left turn on K-Beach road. Pass straight through the Poppy Lane & Bridge Access stop lights. Turn left on East Way (Follow signs), Turn right Patrick Drive. Turn left onto Short Lane. Second drive on the right.

Upcoming A&S Competitions!

- *Most Creative Fire! Materials to be provided. Volcanalia, Aug 9-10, 2008*
- *Period style lighting implements to brighten our hall. Baroness' Champion, Aug. 15-17,2008*
- *Leaves in any mode, Berry dishes in any mode and learn something new. Harvest Captaincy, Aug 30-31*

Call for Teachers...

Anyone interested in teaching an A&S Class or activity, please contact the A&S Officer at eskalya.chatelaine@gmail.com

*Friends, Romans
Countrymen...
Lend me your
Peer!*

To Autocrat Summer Coronet

Bids due Jan. 11, 2009

*For information contact
Helyene at
aboundingjoy@mtaonline.net*

Harvest Captaincy

Winter's Gate *August 30-31, 2008*

Come one, come all to join Winter's Gate as we celebrate a fruitful harvest and as we choose a captain to lead us through the long, cold winter ahead. The barony will provide meat from the storehouses. Please bring the fruits of your harvest to share in a dish that serves at least eight. Autocrat's whim is berry dishes of any kind. Documentation is, of course, welcome but not required. Baron's whim is anything new; this is a challenge to the inhabitants of Winter's Gate to try something they haven't tried before and show His Excellency. Baroness's whim is leaves in any mode. There will be an artisan's auction with proceeds to profit the barony. Sunday will be a fighter's practice combined with a Baroness's Tea; all are welcome.

Site information: Pioneer Park, Moose Creek pavilion. Site opens at ten, Court will begin at eleven with tournament to follow shortly afterward. Site closes at ten pm. Site fees: \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

Autocrat: Cera bec-fáel inigena Corbbi (Tiana Hanson), 260 Skyridge Rd./Fairbanks, AK / 99712 / 907-699-1035 / vanallosswen@hotmail.com

Fundraising Junkies Unite!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Principality fundraisers this year!

The Cookbooks are over half-way to sold out, so if you haven't gotten a copy yet, contact Alienor or Caitriona to get yours! Just \$12 will get you a wonderful collection of yummy recipes from around the Known World, in a sturdy hard-bound binder! They make great gifts for the cooks in your life. The fundraiser cooler has also been successful - thank you to everyone who has donated ice, sodas, and time to making this project possible. The cooler should continue to make appearances throughout the summer event season.

If you have any fundraiser ideas, please let Etain or myself know. Also, suggestions for expenditures are welcome: instructors you'd like to see brought up, regalia you think the Principality should get, etc. These suggestions should go to the Financial Committee (the Seneschal, Exchequer, and Coronets).

In Service,
Caitriona inghean ui Chionaodha
Deputy Exchequer and Fundraising Junkie

Newcomers Corner!

You may have seen a Renaissance Faire. Although our activities may look similar, there are some major differences. We are not actors. We are people just like you! We have found an interest in the middle ages and this is our hobby. We are a non-profit educational organization, which researches, explores and teaches people about the middle ages.

We invite you to watch, but ask that you do 3 things in return.

1. Obey all our rules. Our rules are simple. All of the state and federal rules are still in effect and must be obeyed. Additionally, we ask that you treat every person you meet with respect and courtesy. (This includes respecting our possessions...although something may look interesting, please don't touch without permission.) Additionally, we always leave a site cleaner than we found it, so please dispose of your trash appropriately.
2. Make an attempt to dress like we do. We know not everyone has a costume, so we provide them for your use while you visit us. What you need to look for is the "Gold Key." Just courteously ask someone if they can direct you to the "Gold Key." The "Gold Key" can loan you a costume "garb" and can put you in touch with the Chatelaine who can explain things to you. You may also look for a banner with a key on it...or a black banner with a white key inside a white heart or a gold key on a green banner.
3. Have fun....ask questions. We are after all an educational organization and are very proud of our events. We understand that it all looks very strange to you; it was once just as strange to each of us! If you see something you do not understand, please ask.

I hope you enjoy your visit with the Society! You can find more information at www.sca.org or West Kingdom Specific information at www.westkingdom.org

By the way: You are in the Kingdom of the West, The Principality of Oertha.....and we welcome you.

Upcoming Baronial A&S Night Topics:

August: Smoked Cheese & Pickled Cheese. (Mistress Alienor and Baroness Margaret-Anne)

September: Period Games (Baroness Margaret Anne)

October: Japanese Bookbinding (Viscountess Bianca)

November: Ribbon Roses (Lady Elizabeth)

December: Cloven Fruit (Baroness Margaret Anne)

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