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# The Eskalya Chronicle

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Sept/Oct 2008

*Unto the gentle and good populous of Eskalya, do We Breock and Margaret Anne send unto you words of greetings and tidings of future events.*

*The cool summer is begin to slip into the brisk morning air of autumn and the leaves begin to change their hue from green to the glorious shades of gold and reds to bring to mind the warmth of home and hearth, it is then that we turn towards less martial activities and the activities of the hearth and home.*

*We look forwards to the Arts and Science classes that have been scheduled and will be hosted at Our manor, which is open to receive any who wish to learn these crafts. In order to while away the month of October Breock and I have talked to the manors servants and find that they are ready to hold an open house on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October between the hours of 3pm and 10pm. There will be games and viewings of movies that are of the appropriate flavor and the Estrella DVD, and there will be munchies.*

*In September, while the air is still warm but crisp We invite all to come and join us at the royal menagerie (The Alaska Zoo) to visit the animals. There have been recent arrivals including two new tigers from faraway lands. We look forwards to the fun and announce that there shall be a best hat contest that day, for the best period hat that is worn.*

*Too long has Our Barony stood without an Arts and Science champion, to that end at Our Yule event there shall be a contest to determine who shall stand as the champion of the Arts and Sciences of the Barony and serve to keep the flame of creativity burning and inspire others to create and learn. The contests are, Personal Banners and period fruited breads with documentation requested on the bread. We encourage all the populous to enter and to imagine how beautiful a hall would look with all the new and different banners decorating the walls. Thanks to all the autocrats who have done such wonderful work so far this season and to those whose events are still approaching we look forwards to seeing the rewards of your hard work and diligence. Remember too that We are always looking for new people to autocrat events and if you are interested please see Our seneschal.*

*In regards to the Barony of Eskalya and in your service always*

*Breock and Margaret Anne, Baron and Baroness*

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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. September's activity will be Banner Making and October's activity will be Bookbinding. 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.

### **Brewmeister Night**

Explore your love of beer and brewing with Alaryn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. 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**

Fourth Friday of the month at 6 pm 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 the first and third Sunday of the month 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. Fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for directions if you are visiting for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 the second and fourth Sunday's of the month at Kincaid Park Archery Range from 11am to 1pm. Contact Elizabeth for more information at 222-6751.

### **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.

## *Upcoming Events!*

### **Après Fair Newcomers**

*Selveirgard*                      *September 20, 2008*

The Barony of Selveirgard invites the Known Worlde to join us in the continuing celebration of our Fifth year as a Barony. Come as the Medieval Hero or Heroine that inspires you. Whether this be Beowulf, Charlemagne or King Arthur, Eleanor of Aquitaine, perhaps Joan of Arc or Guinevere herself. Even King Henry IV and Queen Victoria I would be pleased to be your inspiration.

We will have tournaments both heavy and rapier as well as A&S that will all inspire us in this the Fifth Baronial year.

Meats and bread for the potluck feast will be provided. Bring a side dish as follows by mundane first name – A-H Veggies or salads, I-R Starches, S-Z Desserts.

Site Information: BSA Camp Carlquist / 22700 Camp Gorsuch Rd / Chugiak, AK. Site is dry. Site opens at 10 am, closes at 9 pm. Site fee \$10 for members \$13 for nonmembers, \$7 children 5-12, under 5 free. Make checks to "SCA, Inc. -Selviergard."

Autocrat: Elenore Corie Bengrek / Nore the Knitter (Hannah Martin) 16510 Centerfield Dr E-1 / Eagle River AK 99577 / 907-696-1601 / myladyjhannah@yahoo.com

Directions: 23 miles N of Anchorage, 18 miles South of Palmer, take Mirror Lake exit, left on Old Glenn ½ mile to Camp Gorsuch Rd, take the left turn follow road ½ mile back to Lodge.

### **Michaelmas**

*Winter's Gate*                      *September 27, 2008*

The Days are getting shorter; the temperature is falling and the fruits of the summer are being harvested. Come join us on Saturday September 27th as we celebrate the harvest and swing open the gates of winter.

Our focus this year shall be the Byzantine era, so put on your thinking caps as we challenge you to join our Head Cook Mistress Magda as she helps us create a glorious feast. Dinner will be held about 6:30 pm and is a potluck with several dishes being provided by the Barony. Please bring a dish to share that will feed at least 8 people. If there are multiple people in your party, please bring a larger share, or multiple dishes, Thank you! It is suggested that people try their hands at period dishes to bring to the event. If you would be interested in Byzantine style cooking and want a recipe or two to try, please contact Mistress Magda (syrena@acsalaska.net) for suggestions. As always, there is plenty of room in the kitchen for volunteers to help with the Baronial dish contributions. Come discover just how much fun the kitchen can be!

There will be a Drop Spindle Spinning class taught by Lady Althea and Ellisif, and an Oerthan History Discussion with Mistress Morgana. There is also a children's illuminated bookmarks session and an opportunity to make illuminated thank you cards for the gift chest. Both will be held by Viscountess Gwyneth and are open to all.

## **Michaelmas (continued)**

The A&S competition will be Byzantine period recipes. Documentation is strongly encouraged.

There is a kitchen, but it will be primarily used for the Baronial feast contributions. However, some space in the kitchen can be used for last minute prep and heating of potluck contributions. If you do need longer cooking time, please contact Mistress Magda (syrena@acsalaska.net) so that she may schedule space. There are also plenty of plug-ins for crock pots, etc.

Site is the Lion's McCarthy Camp main hall in North Pole and will open at 10 am and will close at 10pm with an optional Bardic available to follow after site clean-up. Site is discreetly wet. Event fee is \$8 for members (\$11 for non-members), ages 12 and under are free. Checks should be made to SCA Inc - Winter's Gate.

Directions from Fairbanks: go to North Pole and get off just before the overpass. Turn left (away from the town core) onto Badger Road. Turn right onto Peede Road; take an immediate left onto Persinger Road. Follow Persinger along the river until you reach Keeling Road (there is only one way to turn), watch for the Lion's camp signs on the right hand side of the road. From Eielson, merge right off the highway before the overpass, which should place you on Badger Road going the correct direction.

Autocrat is Margery Garret (Michele Griffin) and can be reached at motherchaos@gci.net, 590-0868 (cell), or 456-2492 (home). Please contact her with any questions, concerns, or to RSVP.

## **Upcoming A&S Competitions!**

- *Nine worthies in any mode- Toys for Tots Tournament, Sept 13*
- *Byzantine Recipes- Michaelmas, Sept 27*
- *Personal Banners- Eskalyan Yule, Dec 08*
- *Sweet Breads- Eskalyan Yule, Dec 08*
- *Ornament in any mode- Winter's Gate Yule- Dec 08*
- *Nautical Knots- Time for Tudor, Nov 8*
- *Best "Authentic" Seafarers Costume- Time for Tudor, Nov 8*
- *Carved objects smaller than 6 inches- Winter Coronet, Jan 09*
- *Bookmarks, any mode- Winter Coronet- Jan 09*
- *Best Use of Lavender flowers, Winter Coronet, Jan 09*
- *Dress a Fighter- Winter Coronet, Jan 09*

## **Toys for Tots Tournament**

*St. Guinefort*      *Sept 13, 2008*

Come, help the incipient College of St. Guinefort raise toys for the Toys for Tots program at a grand tournament in honor of the *neuf preux* or nine worthies. Celebrate the lives of the Medieval world's answer to the Hall of Fame, with Fighting, an A&S contest (the nine in any mode) and display, and various populace activities! For more information about the nine worthies, please visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine\\_Worthies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine_Worthies). \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, \$3 surcharge for non-members. Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc.- Incipient College of St. Guinefort."

Autocrat: Clare de Norwude (Claire Knudsen-Latta) 3401 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517/ 952-6261/ [clairemargery@gmail.com](mailto:clairemargery@gmail.com)

Directions: Take Northern Lights to UAA Drive (this is a T-stop, you can only turn one direction), turn right on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, turn right again on Seawolf Drive, turn right at the stop sign, park, go into the building at the entrance next to the bookstore, go down the stairs, turn right again, go to the end of the hall and there you are, the den is on the right!



## *Call for Teachers...*

*Anyone interested in teaching  
an A&S Class or activity,  
please contact the A&S Officer  
at*

*[eskalya.chatelaine@gmail.com](mailto:eskalya.chatelaine@gmail.com)*

## **Newcomers Corner!**

If your search for the “Gold Key”(for loaner garb) takes you to the “Eric” (a big open field that may have tents all around it), please realize that the Eric is important to us and refrain from smoking while on the Eric.

Occasionally, on or near the Eric, we hold “Court.” Court is the time when the King/Queen or Prince/Princess gather all people, (the “populace”) and basically hold a meeting. They give out awards, give us information, share jokes, elevate people to the Peerages (like a Knighting ceremony) and sometimes are very silly, or serious. All people are invited to Court, and you may take pictures or videotape, however, do as much as you can to disguise your camera as it would not have existed in the middle ages. If you do not understand something that happens, you can quietly ask the person next to you, or the Chatelaine after Court.

Some other good things to know:



This is the sign for the Constable (security), they collect gate (admission) fees and deal with parking problems, etc. (blue with yellow mace)



This is the sign for the Chirurgeon (First Aid Station) (red with white drop, with red fleam - also seen with colors reversed)



This is the sign for the Herald - they use their voices to let us know what is happening and where...when the Herald shouts, you should be quiet and listen until they are done. (green with gold trumpets)

We hope you enjoy your visit and we welcome you.

## ***Upcoming Baronial A&S Night Topics:***

September: Making Personal Banners (Viscountess Sorcha)

October: Japanese Bookbinding (Viscountess Bianca)

November: Ribbon Roses (Lady Elizabeth)

December: Cloven Fruit (Baroness Margaret Anne)

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