

# ESKALYAN CHRONICLE

Barony of Eskalya, Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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## Being an Event Steward, part I - the Plan



Being an event steward means you're crazy, right?  
Nope!

Being the steward for an event can be a daunting prospect., all that planning, advertising, and hard work going into a single day's activities seems a little crazy. But it's not, I promise. In this series of

articles, we'll talk about some of the basic skills that go into successful event planning. First up, coming up with a plan and setting it in motion.

Your first step is to come up with a rudimentary idea of what you want to do. Do you want your event to be fighting centric, feast centric, a collegiums, or something else? Do you want camping to be an option? Having answers to these questions will help you determine when to host your event. Fighting and camping centric events are best hosted during times of the year when folks can stand being outside for two minutes, feasting

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## From our own Correspondent Beltane Coronation, AS XLVI

This year's Beltane Coronation saw the assumption of the Crowns of the West by a brand new royal couple, Marc de Arundel and Patricia Blackthorne (coming soon to a Coronet near you!). Additionally, the West gained a new Duchess, Catherine Lorraine, a new Laurel, Sabrina de la Bere, and a new Knight, Miles FitzRauf (and the Latin speakers of the West

rejoiced! [Miles Miles? Anyone?]). The Western populace was in fine form as well, Chateau Rose looked perfectly period, especially Mr. Vyncent atte Wodegate cobbling on the front veranda. In the heat of the day, it was good to see the familiar front of the Monster up (and the shade it promised). Congratulations to Countess Eliška and Baroness Vera on the new

Apprentice/Laurel (delete as appropriate), many scribal-y returns of the day! Finally, a short admonishment to the noisy ruffians in the tent next to Royal. Remember: During court, 15' of canvas and open air do not a sufficient noise break make. Thank you to the kind soul who went and gave them what for.



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### Special points of interest:

- There are Principality offices open, grab yours today!
- Did you know only 1 in 3 people read their Baronial newsletter? Good on you for bucking the trend!
- Puppies are cute, so are kittens.
- There are a strange pair of shoes below this text box... why?



## The plan, continued

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events and collegii can be held in the winter, when the indoors are nice and toasty. It is not necessary at this stage to have the whole event fleshed out, just the very basics

Your second step as a new event steward is tell the seneschal you want to host an event. The seneschal, at Summer Coronet, will have calendared a number of events for the year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Picking an event that has already been calendared is good for two reasons; first, the seneschal and the group as a whole has already decided to expend funds on that event and second, having your event on the Kingdom calendar is a requirement for it to be official and covered by SCA's insurance policy. It's best to pick an event that's at least 6 months out unless you've already got a site lined up, plus more planning time never hurt anyone. When talking to the seneschal, fill him or her in on your rudimentary plan, this will help the seneschal team you up with an experienced event steward who can help you avoid some of the common pitfalls. If there is someone you would prefer to work with as a mentor, let the seneschal know.

Your third step is to flesh out your plan. Is there a theme you want your event to follow? Specific contests or activities that people will need time to prepare for? What kind of budget are you looking at? Also, start sending out announcements encouraging people to attend. It's important to advertise frequently as it will keep the event fresh in everyone's minds.

Stay tuned for the next installment, Finding a Site!



Forth! And fear no planning!

## Upcoming Baronial Events

### Fighter Practice:

Thursday nights at Chugach Foothills Park (Where Muldoon meets Tudor), 7 PM. Both rattan and rapier fighters are welcome for drills, discussion, and free fighting. Contact the marshal, Sir Soren at [marshal@eskalya.org](mailto:marshal@eskalya.org) for more information.

### A&S nights:

June: will take place at Baroness' champion event. - Knitting with Leona

August: Wine making with Alienor

October: Body blocks with Cynechild

November: Cooking with Annora

Times and locations vary, contact Lady Anna Nari at [annaharie@gmail.com](mailto:annaharie@gmail.com) for more information.

### Scribal nights:

Third Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Syr Verica of Lighthaven. Contact her at [wingedcup3@yahoo.com](mailto:wingedcup3@yahoo.com) for directions and more information.

### Bardic nights:

First Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Mistress Anne of Bradford. Contact her at [quidnon@gci.net](mailto:quidnon@gci.net) for directions and more information.

### Fighter Philosophy nights:

Last Monday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Mistress Sorcha Careman. Contact her at [sorcha@bearsteel.org](mailto:sorcha@bearsteel.org) for more information.

### Summer Coronet:

What? You crazy fool! It can't be that time already?!

But yes, it is!

Oh, fie.

July 15-17, 2011, come witness the selection and investiture of the next Prince and Princess of Oertha.

Eagle River Campground.

Be there or be a four-equal-side-and-matching-angle-thing!

Watch the website for more information...

## Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Unto the Populace of the Barony of Eskalya,

Our beautiful summer has arrived. Here are few thoughts and announcements as we head into our busy summer season full of events.

1) We are looking for a new Baronial Herald. Our dear friend Kenneth Haldane is headed to foreign lands. If you have an interest in the office please contact either him or me for more information or to be considered for the office.

2) The Barony has voted and decided not to participate in this year's 3 Baron's Faire so that we can better prepare with a more interactive and (very hopefully) more successful recruiting effort for next year. If you have ideas on how to improve our participation in 3 Baron's Faire for next year, please contact me.

3) In an effort to make the Baronial Storage Shed more usable for both us and the Principality Regalia with which we share the space, we would like the populace to consider thinning out a number of items such as the Baronial Dishes and some children's activities. Please see the Yahoo list or contact me for more information.

4) I am currently looking for people who would like to hold events in the upcoming year. Be you an old experienced veteran or a new autocrat, I would love to hear or your ideas and event proposals so they can be calendared at the Principality Seneschal's meeting at Summer Coronet.

As all of these items ask interested parties to contact me, please do so at [lilandras\\_meow@yahoo.com](mailto:lilandras_meow@yahoo.com), 441-1917, or stop and chat with me at an event.

Thank you and In Service  
Lilandra of Sheep Rock  
Seneschal of the Barony of Eskalya

## Wanted:

### A new Baron and/or Baroness

Their Excellencies Breock and Margaret Ann let all within the demesne know that heirs are sought for the Baronial Coronets of Eskalya. They request that any interested party submit a letter of introduction and a resume or list of experience and activities as relate to the SCA.

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2011. Polling will be conducted in November and the results sent to Their Majesties by early December. The polling results will be announced in January and the heirs will assume their roles in June.

Their Excellencies would like to remind all interested parties that this is a two-year commitment and recommend that they speak with previous Baron and Baronesses about their experiences before submitting their letter of introduction. They also would like to remind Their populace that the Baronial thrones need not be filled by a couple, that a single Baron or Baroness is perfectly acceptable.

If you have additional questions or would like to submit your name, please contact Their Excellencies at [baron.and.baroness@eskalya.org](mailto:baron.and.baroness@eskalya.org) or the Seneschal, Lady Lilandra at [seneschal@eskalya.org](mailto:seneschal@eskalya.org).



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**We are on the Web!**

**<http://www.eskalya.org>**

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**Fear us; we have a camera, the internet, and that garb you thought you'd destroyed...**

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## Regnum

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