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Baronial Calendar

April

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7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

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Coronation - Virginia

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1 PM: Archery Practice – Weather permitting

1 PM: Textile Arts Guild

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7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

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Day in the Uttermost West – Dun Carraig

Baronial Investiture Precook – Briana & Gustav's house

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1 PM: Archery Practice – Weather permitting

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7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

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Baronial Investiture – Bright Hills

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1 PM: Archery Practice – Weather permitting

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7:30 PM: Fighter Practice

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From the Baron and Baroness



Chirhart Blackstar and Jeanne Tenneur de Bec, Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills send Greetings to the Barony.

The seasons have finally begun to turn and spring is slowly emerging from the depths of the snow and ice that have plagued us this winter. We are looking forward to warmer temperatures and sunshine and the beginning of the tourney season.

The barony hosted a Scribal Schola in March. There was a host of different classes, mostly devoted to the scribal arts and those who attended seemed very pleased with the offerings. Our thanks go to Lady Katarzyna and Lady Aemelia for their efforts in organizing this event and to those who shared their knowledge and experience. We also thank those who stepped forward to teach classes for the instructors who could not attend.

We will be traveling to Defending the Gate this weekend, so there will be a baronial presence. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The first weekend in April is Coronation, where we will see Their Highnesses William and Kara crowned. The event is reasonably close and we plan to have a baronial presence there as well. We hope that many of you are able to attend.

On April 19, the barony will host the Investiture of Our Heirs, Lord Kollack von Zweckel and Lady Rebecca von Zweckel. We congratulate them and wish them well, and hope that they have as much fun as we have had. We know that they will serve the barony well and we will support them in their efforts.

An event of this magnitude takes a lot of effort and many hands to produce. Please consider contacting the autocrat, Chagan Baghsi, if you can assist in any way.

We want to acknowledge the service of all the baronial officers. Bright Hills has been blessed with officers of remarkable good sense, who have guided the barony, and been good stewards of the barony's assets. We have appreciated their efforts in keeping the barony on track.

This will be our last letter to the barony as the Coronets. It has been a wonderful experience and we thank you for your generosity and your support. We have been proud to represent you, and humbled by your kindnesses. Words are not sufficient to express the gratitude we have for all those who have fetched and carried and packed and unpacked and fed us and retained for us and honored us. There is not enough gold in the kingdom to repay you. All we can offer is our love and our thanks.

In Your Service, we are

Chirhart and Jeanne,
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills.





From the Chronicler

Ah Spring is finally here...I hope. April is my favorite month. My birthday is in April and I joined the SCA in April.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my former deputy, Lady Katarzyna. She was extremely helpful and I owe her a great debt of gratitude.

Please join me in welcoming my new deputy, Cassandre. She is very new to the SCA and the barony. I am excited to work such an enthusiastic individual.

Remember, if you send a submission to the Yeoman, I need a release before it is published. Many of you have taken care of this. Thank you.

I need to say thank you to Lady Aemelia Rosa for her lovely cover, Lady Deirdre for her beautiful poem, Mistress Chagan for her camping article, Lady Reyne for her Tzatziki recipe, Lady Wanda for her great pictures she takes and Baroness Wynne for taking the officers meeting minutes. This newsletter truly shows that "only the beast" comes from Bright Hills, the 13th and best barony in Atlantia.

THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield
Chronicler of the Barony Bright Hills



.... Greetings

Greetings and Salutations to the populace of Bright Hills !

With winter passing and the stresses of the last few months behind us all, we look now to the spring and the thoughts of new beginnings. Both Rebecca and I want to thank our predecessors, Baron Chirhart Blackstar and Baroness Jeanne Tenneur de Bec for all of their time and hard work. You have both added a rich layer of pageantry and panache that embodies the origins of the society.

We have been welcomed into the barony from the beginning and have always called this wonderful place home. You are all aware that we are both easily entertained and love food in all its glorious variety. Even though we have no limitations on what food we can eat, we have run into several situations upon trying to eat more than what we can technically hold because the selections are just too hard to resist.

We are always inspired and oft times awed by the art and craftsmanship that we see produced by those around us, and look forward to working with each and every one of you in the near future. We will strive to continue the path laid down by our esteemed predecessors, all the way to our founding Baron and Baroness His Excellency Hienrich von Kreiner and Maestra Barbara Giomaria di Roberto, in promoting the wonderful people of Bright Hills.

In Service to the Barony,

Kollack and Rebecca
Incoming Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

Officers of the Barony of Bright Hills

MINUTES

March 21, 2014, 7:20 P.M.



- I. Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of the February meeting as published in the Yeoman were reviewed and approved.
- II. Attendees**. Present were Graham Wright, Becky Ritterhouse, Kenneth Kepple, Jill Peters, Annelise Bauer, Karen Setze, Karen Summerfelt Hume, Hunter Fowler, Barbara Kriner, Lorraine Rovig, Debbie Eccles, Angela Yau, Gordon Kinnie, Jay Nardone, and Clara.
- III. Report of the Baronage** – Baroness Jeanne reminded all that this was her last meeting. She thanked everyone for their service and support that has kept our Barony moving forward. She believes that the Barony has sensitive, smart officers who not only manage their offices well for the Barony but willingly provide help to other groups as well. She also reminded us to get award recommendations into them ASAP.

VI. Officer Reports (by e-mail)

A. Chronicler: THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield I need submissions. Some have been promised so hopefully I will receive by the March 25th deadline. I need release forms. Release forms are necessary for me to publish the newsletter content. I have posted release forms in the files area of the Yahoo list. Their excellencies elect have already supplied me with theirs. Several newsletters were cited this month for not getting releases to the new chronicler deputy. We were one of the newsletters cited.

Addendum: Cassandre Lee has volunteered to be my new deputy.

B. Herald: Lady Beatrice Sherwood - Compared to last month, this month has been fairly quiet for us heralds. The Northern Atlantia Commentary Group continues to flourish; we had seven heralds in attendance at our last commentary meeting, six of whom were from our own barony. Among other topics, we discussed the possibility of holding a Heraldic Symposium at some point in future. Lady Patricia of Trakai, my counterpart in Storvik, has said that they might be interested in co-sponsoring such an event, as they have had some difficulty in the past finding suitable locations to hold events within their territory. I'm sure those working on the planning aspects will inform our barony's officers when they have more to share.

I have consulted with a few gentles within our barony, though not as many as some months, and hope to reinstate monthly Heraldic Consult Night at fighter practice sometime after Investiture. I'm also working with Lady Alexandria to make sure the Baronial OP is as up-to-date as possible before Investiture, so that Their soon-to-be-Excellencies have a full accounting to work from.

C. Webminster: Lord Janyn – Website is up to date. I will be planning on rolling the website to Wordpress in the next few months. Please if you are submitting pictures for the website, make sure they actual pictures and not scanned pages from photo albums. I do not have time to try to crop and adjust whole pages from albums and will not be able to use them.

D. MOAS: Lady Reyne Telerius - There has been no reported A&S activities this month outside of the few guild reports I was sent. I have been working with Chagan on the A&S competitions for Baronial Investiture. Otherwise, it's been a quiet month.

Guild Reports:

1. Armors: No report
2. Brewers: No report
3. Clothiers: no report

4. Cooks: The Cooks Guild Next meeting is at Mandy and Tom's home on March 23rd at 2 pm. Pre cook is April 12th for the Investiture Feast. The Investiture Feast menu is German with lots of meat! meat and more meat!

We made \$71.25 from the Schola bake sale.

5. Herb Group: On Friday February 28, some half-dozen or so gentles met after the Baronial business meeting to discuss herbs, gardens, and other such interests. Among the things brought into discussion were the garden at Steppingstone, options for possible meeting times and places for future, setting up an e-list for those interested in further planning and discussion, beekeeping, and various topics for possible future classes, including the infusion of oils and vinegars with various goodly herbs, making salves, soaps, and other such useful things, natural dyes, canning and preserving, and weed walks. The original discussion-thread folks have been sent an invite link, but for anyone else interested in joining in, the group address is <https://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BHGarden> . Once the group list is set up and a meeting time and place agreed upon, a reminder will be set up on the baronial list calendar that all who have an interest can find us.

6. Illumination: no report

7. PAGE (Performing Arts Guild Extraordinaire): no report

8. St. Matthias: The Worshipful Company of Saint Matthias met on March 28, 3014, during Friday night's Fighter Practice in the Hall of the Barony of Bright Hills.

Lady Livia started our meeting with a recap of our history. St. Matts was founded by Baroness Roana de Lacey to support the office of the Baronial Chatelaine in work with newcomers and to support her beloved Barony of Bright Hills as needed. We are an associated group of the barony but not a legal part of the SCA.

Lady Yseulte gave her treasurer's report. We are solvent and all in agreement that money that sits in a bank does not help the Barony.

Guildmistress Ingeborg moved that we give a sum to our current baron and baroness to repay some of their travel costs. An objection was raised that we have given two sums in the past and do not want to set a precedence of many travel assists. The vote was half for the proposal and half opposed so the proposal died.

The Guildmistress Ingeborg proposed we give a sum of \$200 to assist the incoming baron and baroness travel costs after they are working on our behalf. After discussion this proposal passed unanimously. (Baroness Barbara reminded us in an email that we need to get receipts for their trip expenses and then can reimburse the costs up to this agreed upon sum.)

Discussion ensued on purchasing useful additions to our baronial "library" which currently consists of two copies of THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK. The company voted to purchase for the library a 3 years' subscription to "The Complete Anachronist" and to "Tournaments Illustrated." Each current issue will be set on the Hospitality Table. When a new issue arrives, the past issue will be given to any member or newcomer who would like it. The company voted aye unanimously.

The company voted to purchase for the baronial library one copy of Katherine Strand Hokeboer's PATTERNS FOR THEATRICAL COSTUMES (ancient Egypt to 1915).

An election was held for the office of Guildmistress. The name of Lady Livia was put forward. She was voted in unanimously. The current holders of the other two offices being content to remain in offices and there being no objection, Baroness Barbara is our secretary and Lady Yseulte is our treasurer.

Lady Ingeborg noted her concern that when she has moved to Northshield, the Hospitality Table may revert to the inglorious sight of a plastic package of store-bought cookies flung on a bare table. The company voted a new office to assist the chatelaine.

The title is Hospitality Officer; the duty is to make the table attractive with at minimum a candle, the donation container (for our rent of the hall), and the "library" books Plus a printed copy of "The Acorn " and "The Yeoman." Newly elected Guildmistress Livia will print one copy of each issue for the table.

Tarquinia agreed to be the Guild's first appointed Hospitality Officer. This passed unanimously.

With much laughter and good feelings all around that we are helping our beloved part of the Middle Ages, the meeting adjourned.

9. Science: no report

10. Scriptorium –Nothing to report.

11. TAG: The TAG meeting was held, however nobody attended due to University and pending inclement weather.

12. Woodworkers: Owen and I have been investigating Lyre making. Continuing work on harps as well.

13. Canton of Green Lion's Bay A&S: no report

E. Minister of Lists: Lord Alexander Fowler - No activity this past month.

Addendum: Word from on high came back about events with no fighting. If an event has no fighting, an email to the Kingdom Marshal stating such is acceptable.

F. Chatelaine: Lady Ingeborg – I thank Baroness Barbara, my assistant chatelaine and our nobles Baron Chirhart and Baroness Bec, for answering newcomers who contacted us by email while I was tied up most of this past month with personal concerns. And thank you to the members who stepped up FPs to welcome any new folks. I am now back on the job and working on a demo at Balticon. It will be over Memorial Day weekend. I will need help and can provide free entrance to Balticon.

I am stepping down from the Chatelaine's office, Baroness Barbara is taking over. Lady Ingeborg stated that she had a few contacts and hopes that they will attend the Friday night gathering soon.

Addendum: (Barbara on March 22) I was able to contact the young man, who took pictures at Birthday and forwarded the info to the Kingdom Seneschal and Chatelaine's Offices. The SCA/Atlantia has policies about media coverage and need notification whenever we are featured in the media.

G. Youth Minister: Lady Wynne ferch Rhodri - Preparations for Investiture are underway. I have received two huge bags of candy from Chagan Bagshee and Baroness Barbara. Volunteers have spoken up to help in stuffing the eggs for the egg hunt and I will be searching for decorative bits for the children to use in decorating their bags soon.

On another note, I have received permission to borrow pipe and drape for use as a backdrop from the Baltimore Science Fiction Club. If this is acceptable I will set up a time to pick up 4 curtains, 3 horizontal poles and 4 vertical poles and plates. I am not sure if there is a rental charge but will find out before Friday.

I. Knight's Marshall: Lord Kollack - The only thing to report is that all the fighters (combat archers, rapier and heavy alike) that made the long trip to Gulf Wars, had a great time and showed well. There is nothing else to report as there were no Bright Hill's marshal activities this month.

Addendum: From Lord Janyn - I have been named as the Bright Hills Knight's Marshal. I am now looking for a deputy Knight's Marshal. Lord Randver has graciously replied to be my Deputy.

J. Chirurgeon: Master Richard – As the Baronial Chirurgeon, I have nothing to report.

V. Old Business

- A. Update on Baronial Investiture plans. In no particular order.....
1. Archery targets done, scoring details being finalized and award arrows are done.
 2. Prizes acquired for archery, heavy and rapier tourneys.
 3. Rapier plans are in the works. Wicked ideas abound!
 4. Children's activities are being finalized. Candy acquired for the egg hunt. Lady Wynne is adding an additional activity. Sounds very much like "whack-a-mole".
 5. There will be an "Egg stuffing" night at practice to help get ready for the egg hunt. Date to be determined.
 6. Randver Askmader confirmed he will be Heavy marshal in charge.
 7. Site tokens are 'in the works'
 8. A correction to the info in the event flyer has been made – checks should be made payable to "SCA, Inc.-MD/Barony of Bright Hills" . I left the '- MD' out initially.
 9. 30 feast seats are sold. So far, only 1 vegetarian.
 10. A schedule and map of the site is in the works.
 11. Bunny ears and giant carrots are in the works.
 12. A Master of the Hall has been added to the staff. Thank you, Baron Barre.
 13. Our MoL needs a table – otherwise he's all set. I believe we can get tables from the site.
 14. Check has not made it to Gustav yet. Doing a test batch of the Sauerbraten for cook's guild meeting and some salads for the palate cleanser. Will be finalizing the menu and getting all the recipes collected. Pre-cook will be the 12th of April. Nothing much else until after the meeting.
 15. The cooks will meet on Sunday, 3/23, so more feast info will be available then.

All in all the plans for the event are moving ahead smoothly. Reservations continue to trickle in. Currently I have 33 confirmed reservations plus Their Majesties, who are comped. If anyone wishes to save a stamp you can hand me your check or cash at Friday practices or where ever you find me. I am going to try and make the Cooks Guild meeting on Sunday, the 23rd.

- B. Lady Ysuelte also reported that she will start posting announcements for Trial by Fire: Fortuna's Games, June 20-22, at the Baltimore Bowman here in Bright Hills.

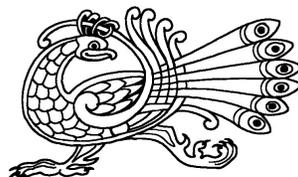
VI. New Business

- A. Steppingstone Demo- This will be a Demo only. The dates are May 10-11. Did Faye send in her report? Lady Faye is recruiting musicians for Investiture and is offering dance practice next Friday so all know a few steps when His Majesty starts the dance. She also reported that there is an historical sewing night at the museum on Thursdays from 3-10 pm. All are invited.

The officers passed a motion to pay \$50.00 for equestrian insurance for the Steppingstone demo. There will also be hound coursing at the demo.

- B. Balticon- We have been invited back to Balticon again. Lady Ingeborg is the key contact and Lady Daniela will take over for her next year as she leaves for Northshield (MN) in the near future. The convention is over Memorial Day weekend in Hunt Valley, MD.
- C. A motion was made and passed to reimburse Lady Ysuelte for her expenditures with polling postage.
- D. Fortuna's Games (Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow/Roman fun event): Autocrat Lady Ysuelte said she had received a bid from the officers of Shire of Spiaggia Levantina, to do a fund-raiser lunch, and indicated she wished to make sure there wasn't a group within Bright Hills proper that wanted the opportunity first. The seneschal requested that she post the notice on the email list before making the decision.

There will be no officers meeting in the month of April. The next officers meeting will be 16 May, 2014. The meeting was adjourned at about 8 p.m.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Coronation of King William & Queen Kara April 04- 06, 2014 Kingdom of Atlantia

A magnificent fleet of longships has been spotted off the coast of Atlantia! Come all warriors of Atlantia and face the invading Viking Hordes!! Whether you are Saxon, Norman, Goth, Islamic or Mongol, it is time to rally to the flags of Atlantia to welcome the our new King William Thomas, a fine Viking leader and his radiant Queen Kara, the beauty of Valhalla.

Website: <http://coronation.atlantia.sca.org>

Martial Activities: Lots!! Atlantian Speed Tourney, last two fighters pick teams with the winner choosing first for melee. Melee will consist of Best 2 out 3 Open Field Battles, Best 2 out 3 10 Minute Bride Battles. We will finish up with a Capture the Flag battle.

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1. Their Highnesses have requested that we honor our friends to the far north (like we haven't had enough snow already) and that you bring out your best "Viking" works of art. Documentation requested (because I like to learn new things) but not required. There will be a prize!
2. There will be open display, from any time or place. Show us your cool stuff, whether finished or in progress.
3. There will be a populace vote. Come vote for your favorite work of art. There will be a prize!
4. Tempore Atlantia: The time frame is 1500 C.E. to 1600 C.E. Here's something for all you late period folks!! For more information-<http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/tempore.htm/>
5. PURPLE, PURPLE, PURPLE - the Vikings touched all cultures and brought home to their meadhalls all sorts of treasures. Purple has long been the color of royalty. What purple treasures did your Viking bring home??

Scrivener Royal...Poeta Atlantia...the Atlantina Artisan's Largesse exchange...so much to do!
A&S questions should be directed to Mistress Jessamyn at gmorrismusic@gmail.com

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$15.00 Day-Trip	\$12.00 Feast	\$13.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$20.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Youth (9-17):	\$5.00 Day-Trip	\$12.00 Feast	\$13.00 Camping
Child (0-8):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Kingdom of Atlantia

Cost Notes: There is no camping, the \$13 is for a cabin bed.

Site: Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center, 3700 Roper's Church Road, Lanexa, VA 23089. Site opens 4pm Friday, closes 11am Sunday.

Site Restrictions: No pets. Alcohol is permitted for those over 21. ALL ORIGINAL CONTAINER MUST BE PACKED OUT. Trash bags will be provided at Gate.

Feast Information: Meat meat and more meat! Viking deliciousness prepared by Mistress Graça Esperança de Sevilla. Food allergy concerns and questions involving ingredients should be directed to her at hutchings1111@gmail.com

Merchanting Information: Merchants are asked to preregister for the event and reserve merchant space by contacting Herrin Emeludt Hänslar at eme.hansler@gmail.com

Other Information: There will be a prize for the branch or household with the most volunteer hours. More information forthcoming from our Volunteer Coordinator, Lady Yenyega de Santurci at vivianvaz@lairhaven.com

Autocrat's Information: Alesia Gillefaly (Bonnie Harvey), 10428 Aberdale Way, Charlotte, NC 28273, Phone: (704) 293-4443, E-mail: alesia@fyfyn@gmail.com

Reservations: Allegranza Marcovaldi (Cathy Edwards), 185 Coleman Ridge Road, Galax, VA 24333, Phone: (919) 830-6201, E-mail: sewunique@gmail.com

Directions:

Makemie Woods is ideally located in Lanexa, VA, just off Interstate 64 between Williamsburg and Richmond, VA. Many guests take advantage of the local attractions as we are less than 30 minutes from Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, the Williamsburg Pottery and hundreds of other shopping outlets. Just a little over an hour from Virginia Beach!

From the West (Richmond, etc):

Take exit 220 off I-64 and follow Rt 33 to the first traffic signal. Turn right at the signal onto Rt 30, and go 3.8 miles, just passing a mini-storage on the right, and the Barhamsville Post Office on the left. You will see the white Makemie Woods sign on your right. Turn right at the sign (Rt 632) and follow the paved road. In less than a mile you will see a small sign on your right, directing you left onto Rt 621, Ropers Church Rd.. Turn left and go over two bridges covering the interstate. You will see the entrance to Makemie Woods on your right.

From the East (Tidewater VA area):

Take exit 227 off I-64 and go North on Rt 30 approximately 2 miles. You will see the Makemie Woods sign on your left (Rt 632). (If you pass the Post Office, you have gone too far.) Follow the paved road. In less than a mile you will see a small sign on your right, directing you left onto Rt 621, Ropers Church Rd. Turn left and go over two bridges covering the interstate. You will see the entrance to Makemie Woods on your right.

From the North (Washington, DC):

Take 95 South to 295 towards Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, etc. Take 295 to 64 East, and follow the above directions from the Richmond area.

From the South (North Carolina):

Take 95 North to 295 towards Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, etc. Take 295 to 64 East, and follow the above directions from the Richmond area.

From West Point and the Middle Peninsula:

Follow 33/30 across the bridges to the second traffic signal. Turn left on to Rt 30 and follow the directions "From the West" above.

****Please make sure to bring these directions with you. Your GPS may or may not route the most efficient way.





Bright Hills Investiture, April 19, 2014
“New Beginnings”

Greetings to All!

Atlantia! Bright Hills begs for aid from our fellow Atlantians. A foul plot is afoot to destroy our crops and lands. Filthy, rotting Zombie Snow Bunnies have popped up all over our northern reaches along the border with the East Kingdom. Unlike normal bunnies these creatures are possessed by an evil curse which causes their very touch to rot and shrivel all manner of vegetation as well as flesh. Our crops are in danger! Our livestock is in danger! The faithful farmers of our County of Harford are begging for help in ridding them of these creatures! Our fearsome fighters and fencers, as well as our wickedly accurate but overwhelmed archers, are hard pressed to keep the invasion from spreading to our neighbors east, west and south of us. We hope you will come to our aid.

In a last ditch effort we have located the last of the McGregorites, followers of the Saint McGregor - he who drove the bunnies out of gardens for ages until his demise at the hands of an evil wizard. The McGregorites have entrusted us with his holy relics, The Carrot of Doom and The Carrot of Despair, in hopes we can stem the tide of these creatures (some disguised as Easter Bunnies) before they overrun us and infest all of Atlantia. But even this may not be enough, thus, we need your help!

All this hangs over our heads as we gather to celebrate our outgoing Coronets, Baron Chirhart Blackstar and Baroness Jeanne Tenneur de Bec and welcome their heirs, Lord Kollack von Zweckel and Lady Rebecca von Zweckel. Even the feast could be endangered if these ravening creatures take control of our lands and destroy the new crops and gardens which are soon to sprout and -hopefully - grow.

A hearty German feast awaits those who would venture north and come to our aid! The Bright Hills Cooks Guild under the leadership of Head Cook Baron Gustav Emile der Dunkele Rotvogel will prepare the feast. Kindly contact Baron Gustav if you have any dietary concerns such as allergies or diet regimen. Tbird178@gmail.com. Please note – this is a very meat heavy feast, as requested by His Majesty.

The feast will consist of two courses and a dessert table. Herewith is the proposed menu.

APPETIZER

Rounds of White Bread
Sliced Havarti and Swiss cheese

FIRST COURSE

Assorted Wurst baked in beer bath
Sauerkraut - with caraway and without
Red Cabbage - sweet and sour
Peas
Sodde Eggs

BETWEEN

Assorted Salads

SECOND COURSE

Rye Bread
Sauerbraten
Baked Chicken
Spaetzel

Savory Toasted Cheese
Asparagus
Omelets for Vegetarians

DESSERT

Assorted delights contributed by the cooks and the populace

A number of dishes are 'Vegetarian friendly'. When sending in your reservations, if you are a practicing Vegetarian, kindly note that you are a vegetarian so those dishes will be made available to you first.

The hall seats 75 and half the seats are already sold. I encourage you to reserve early if you wish to partake of the feast.

As the Zombie Snow Bunnies gather we will meet them in melee combat with sword and shield, Schlager and buckler and volleys of swift, sure arrows. These bunnies carry but one weapon, though their touch can bring disease or worse - to become a Zombie yourself!

To keep our younger folk busy there will be an Easter egg hunt, assorted arts and crafts activities and plenty of room to run.

Come and have a lovely day and wish our Coronets well on their retirement or their new journey.

For more information see; <http://brighthills.net/events/Investiture2014.html>

We'd love to see lots of merchants join us as well. To that end, kindly contact our Merchant coordinator, Lady Livia di Samuelle at abramsonsm@yahoo.com or the Autocrat, Chagan Khulan at chagankhulan@comcast.net. We have lots of room for merchants. All spaces are outdoors due to very limited hall space.

A & S offers an open display, as well as a competition for the best "New Beginning" of an art or craft you have tried in the last year. Documentation is encouraged.

For those light of foot there will, by Royal decree, be much dancing after feast.

A lunch fundraiser will be offered by the Shire of Spiaggia Levantina.

The site is Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Rd., Havre de Grace, MD 21078

The event opens at 10:00 AM and closes at 10:00 PM. For the convenience of our long distance guests and merchants the site will be open on Friday, 4/18 from 5 PM to 9 PM for set up and campers. Merchants may set up early.

Event fees;

Site Fee – Adult - \$8.00 Member / \$13.00 Non-member / \$5.00 Youth 6-17

Feast Fee - \$10.00 for 6 to Adult. Please specify if you are vegetarian.

Children under 6 are guests of the Barony

Checks should be made out to "SCA, Inc./Barony of Bright Hills". Reservations should be sent to the Autocrat.

Autocrat is Chagan Khulan (Karen Summerfelt-Hume), 3607 Young road, Millers, MD 21102. Contact at chagankhulan@comcast.net or 443-789-9050 (No calls after 9 PM)

Directions: Take your best route to I-95 North of Baltimore / South of MD/DE state line. From I-95 take Exit 89 to MD rte 155 towards Bel Air. Travel ¼ mile and turn Right onto Earlton Rd. (Earlton Rd merges with Webster Lapidum Rd for a bit. You are not lost – keep going) Go ½ mile and turn Left onto Quaker Bottom Rd. Follow this for 1 mile to the Museum entrance. The Museum is located within the Susquehanna State Park.

Map; <http://www.mapquest.com/#e719f8765a2dd333f44eb66c>



Garb Wars
May 30-June 01, 2014
Shire of Spiaggia Levantina

A long time ago, in a barony far, far away . . .

It was a period of war—garb wars. Teams competed, striking with hidden talents to win a victory with both needle and sword. During the battles, blows were struck, stitches were sewn, and renown was won.

Today, the battle continues in Garb Wars II: The Sequel. The Shire of Spiaggia Levantina, custodian of the rules of this competition, encourages all to race to the Eastern Shore to prove their might with needle and sword and defend the honor of their homelands.

Website: Facebook page coming soon!

Martial Activities: Heavy Weapons— there will be a team competition....details coming soon! **ARCHERY**—Archers will compete in teams of two. An opportunity to warm up for the Lochmere Arrow perhaps? The fighters and archers will compete to “complete an outfit”—points will earn ‘articles of clothing’. The more points, the “better dressed” you will be! And may the ‘best dressed’

Arts & Sciences Activities: **GARB CONSTRUCTION:** Teams of up to 6 will have from 5:00 pm Friday until 5:00 pm Saturday to construct a complete outfit. (A seventh person can serve as a model only) Judges shall monitor activity throughout the competition and will use these observations plus their critiques of the final outfits in determining a winner. The competition will be limited by the space in the hall to the first 8 teams to register. More detailed rules and registration information should be obtained from Doughall-Eoghann (Douglas Grant) at epiphianos@yahoo.com? Winners will be announced and prizes distributed during Saturday’s Feast. **A&S DISPLAY WITH POPULACE VOTE:** Bring your best garb-related A&S item to display. Each person attending Garb Wars will receive a token and can use these to vote for their favorite A&S item. Winner will be announced during Saturday’s feast. Documentation is encouraged, but not required. **BREWS THAT KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF:** Brewing competition for Meads and their honey-based kin to be held during the day on Saturday. For more details please contact Hrothgar at philngabi@msn.com

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$12.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$17.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Youth (6-14):	\$8.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Child (0-5):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Shire of Spiaggia Levantina

Cost Notes: No family group will pay more than \$40 plus any non-member surcharge

Site: Caroline County 4-H Park, 8314 Detour Road, Denton MD 21629. Site opens 5pm Friday, closes noon Sunday.

Site Restrictions: No fire pits – fire bowls only. Ashes must be cold and disposed of safely. No original containers please
Service animals only

Feast Information: There will be a feast to follow court on Saturday night (6:30). The theme of the feast is “Spring on the Shore” and will feature ingredients inspired by the season and the traditions of the Eastern Shore. There are 80 seats available for the feast, which must be preregistered by May 25th. Please contact Meleri (Mel Walker) at teacherwalker@live.com / 757-824-0284 (home phone) with any food allergies/concerns.(You may sign up for stand-by seats at Troll if any are available)

Merchanting Information: Merchants are welcome! Please contact the autocrat for merchanting information.

Other Information: BARDIC BEAR PIT: A Bardic Bear Pit competition will be held — clothing themed, of course. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES There will be children's activities available during the day on Saturday. They will have their own mini Garb Wars project and a scavenger hunt.

Autocrat's Information: Eleri Vwyn (Laurie Strang), 13380 Pruitt Lane, Mt. Vernon, MD 21853, Phone: (410) 651-3123, E-mail: newhunter@earthlink.net

Reservations: Send reservations to autocrat

Directions:

The site is in Denton, Maryland. The best route from the west is to come over the Bay Bridge and continue on US 50 East (about 7 miles) to MD 404 and turn left at the traffic light. MD 404 is also called Shore Highway. Follow 404 about 17 miles till you reach Harmony Rd. **Harmony Road is also Rte 16. The highway sign for Harmony rd has a different road name on it. Turn right on Harmony Road / Rte 16. Go to Detour Rd. about 1.5 miles and turn left. The 4-H park is well marked and on the right.

From North or South, take US 13 to Rt 404 (intersection is near Bridgeville DE) and turn West. Follow the directions above.



Trial by Fire: Fortuna's Games
June 20- 22, 2014
Barony of Bright Hills

Friends, Romans, Atlantians, lend me your eyes! Come seek the favor of the Goddess Fortuna by attending the games in her honor on the summer solstice in Rome's most exclusive suburb, the village of Absentia. However stoic and upstanding your reputation, no infamy will attach to you from attendance at these games, for the village's motto is What happens in Absentia, stays in Absentia.

And to facilitate the excessive wagering likely to win the goddess' favor, your hosts will provide each guest with a pouch of coins of the realm, and suitably shady bookmakers to set the odds and record your wagers.

The weekend's events scheduled to provide opportunities for betting include:

1. The Lochmere Arrow shoot and other archery contests;
2. Chariot races featuring sturdy Atlantian ponies [children],
3. Trial by Fire: – an opportunity for acclaimed chefs to pit their skills against the members of the renowned Bright Hills Cooks Guild,
4. Costume contests, with prizes for best Roman garb for adults and for children, and
5. Contests for singers, storytellers, dancers, poets, musicians and performers of all kinds, with special prizes for performances honoring Fortana (aka Lady Luck), and Apollo, the harper of the gods.

For those seeking to slake their thirst and/or more opportunities for wagering, there will be potable liquids and table games at Fortuna's Wheel, the tavern in Absentia that boasts the unique Sekunjabin Bar, run by that famed brewer and vintner, Lady Livia di Samuele. Your purses will be safe in the tavern and all of Absentia, since Fortuna's Wheel also hosts the local office of the Praetorian Guard. And of course, there will be tavern space for minstrels, musicians, poets and philosophers to make music, swap stories, exchange gossip, and brew mischief.

Both Friday and Saturday evenings will conclude with revelry around the fire, with performers particularly welcome.

News Flash! Flabbius Corpus, the nobleman acclaimed throughout Rome for his poetry, and also renowned for his enthusiastic appetite, has announced that he will be in residence at his villa in Absentia, hosting a party before the start of the games, where his closest friends will be treated to the premier performance of his newest masterpiece of epic verse.

Date: June 20-22, 2014 Opens 5 p.m. June 20, closes 2 p.m. June 22, 2014

Site: Baltimore Bowmen, 10301 Harford Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057

Restrictions: set is wet, but no alcohol allowed on the archery ranges; pets allowed but must be leashed and owners must clean up after them; no smoking in the building or toilets.

Fees:

Adult members: \$10,

non-members: \$15.

Children 6-17 \$5, ages

0-5 free (guests of the barony.)

No family (of parents and children) will pay more in site fees than the cost of two adults and two children, \$30, (not counting non-member surcharges.) Camping space is free.

Make checks payable to SCA-MD, Inc., Barony of Bright Hills. Refunds will be given if requested by May 31, 2014.

Reservations: Lord Cairell Mc Cormaick (Carl Jacobs), 7927 Mandan Road, Apt. 104, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (443)416-8356; cairellmaccormaick@yahoo.com.

Autocrat: Lady Yseulte Trevelyn (Karen Setze), 1629 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD 21114, (410) 721-4752, brunosharpy@yahoo.com

Upcoming Demos,



**Steppingstone Medieval Days Demo
Friday through Sunday, May 9th-11th, 2014**

Steppingstone Farm Museum in Susquehanna State Park
461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078
www.steppingstonemuseum.org

Steppingstone Museum is a nonprofit educational facility in Harford County and they are hosting their Medieval Days event on May 10th and 11th.

We are running a demo for this event to add to the educational history component and share our talents and information about the Middle Ages with the public.

We also have a melee practice for those of you who enjoyed the war muster we hosted at the church but asked for camping, we can offer more space, camping, and more fighting on Sunday!

We will also be putting on a timeline fashion show for the mother's day tea that is a museum fundraiser Saturday afternoon at 4pm, let the autocrat know if you have some fabulous historic clothing to share...

Fighting and Armoring- Heavy and Rapier
Target and Combat Archery and Siege Weapons
SCA Equestrian activities
Coursing of Hounds
Arts and Sciences Displays and Demonstrations
Bardic Arts- Performer's Revel
Children's Crafts and Games

You can set up Friday night or Saturday morning and camp over both nights at Steppingstone with a period encampment or modern tents (in a separate area). Please join us for a quiet camping evening Friday or come on Saturday morning. This is a beautiful site and they are trying to preserve many of the traditional trades and handicrafts that derived directly from those that we practice in the SCA.

Their Excellencies will be selecting the Bright Hills Baronial Equestrian and Heavy Weapons Champions on Saturday.

Arts and Sciences Demonstrations and Displays are most welcome- the public loves seeing what we do and we all like to share our great work on ongoing projects and learn something new!

The site opens for SCA at 5pm Friday evening for set up and closes 8pm Sunday night. Demo for the public runs 11am-4pm Saturday and Sunday.

Demonstrators (SCA) are free, (\$5 admission will be charged to the public during the demo hours so please arrive early to be set up before 11am either day). This is also a great demo to invite people who want to see what we do. Mundane Food Vendors will be present during the museum's event hours and we will host a bake sale both days, a potluck feast on Saturday evening followed by Bardic around the fire, and a Sunday lunch for a donation.

Steppingstone is in the Susquehanna State Park so all Maryland State Park rules are in effect for camping overnight. Pets are welcome if cleaned up after, wet during non-demo hours, smoking in paved parking area only.

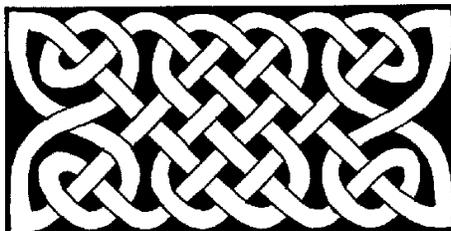
For more information or to guarantee space for your demonstration with tables and chairs, contact the autocrat: Lady Faye de Trees (mka Angela Yau) at feataure@gmail.com or 410-939-2299 or 352-281-8216.

Merchant space is available, vendor fee is \$30 per day to the museum if you are selling only, no fee if you demonstrate your craft and sell some items you make on the side. Contact the museum at director@steppingstonemuseum.org

Directions:

Take your best route to I-95 North of Baltimore or South of Philadelphia to Havre de Grace, exit 89 onto MD-155 West. Make a right onto N. Earlton Rd., merge onto Webster-Lapidium Rd., then stay left on Quaker Bottom Road to the entrance to Steppingstone Museum. There are brown park signs directing you to Susquehanna State Park from I-95 and then to Steppingstone Museum from MD-155.

If you arrive early and the gate is closed, you may enter on the left (outgoing) side to come in for setup. (6 minutes off of I-95)





The Artisans' Cabinet

Plotting and Planning for SCA Events

By Chagan Khulan (Karen Summerfelt-Hume)

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The simple joys of Eventing take on new aspects when you go to an SCA event. This “survival guide” is intended to help you work your way through the joys of SCA events, camping and putting your best “period” foot forward in comfort and style. There are three time-frames for events. Those are our building blocks, so we'll start there and build on that. Please note – nothing in this list is required but much of it is heartily encouraged.

Day Events. These are just that – one day events. They can be indoor only or indoor-outdoor. They are 'not quite' camping events.

Basic necessities or niceties may include:

A chair, folding table, cooler, feast gear, covers for any “mundane” items such as aluminum folding chairs. Possibly a day shade. Snacks, beverages and sometimes a small project to work on. If you bring children – things to keep them occupied and comfy.

'Indoor only' day events require the least amount of 'stuff' for an event. For most folks feast gear, possibly a chair, snacks, beverages and possibly some little hand work project is all they take. Mileage varies if you are bringing small children or babies. However, if the day event is during Tourney season (roughly April to October) you may still find a day shade handy for the outdoor activities or setting up near a list field. During particularly hot events having a day shade may mean you have a relatively comfortable area to retire to and a safer place to keep small children out of the heat.

Camping events:

Modern camping is usually an attempt to “get away from it all”. Normally this means heading someplace with a tent, sleeping bags, cooler, Coleman stove and lantern. The family takes their outdoor activity stuff, a first aid kit and looks forward to such past times as fishing, hiking, swimming, hunting, etc. This varies with the folks camping and how many kids they have with them. However.....

SCA camping attempts to reproduce a style of camping which is not so much camping as having a portable home. The people of the Medieval period did not really camp – they journeyed, went on pilgrimages or went to war. A Medieval camper was actually a person on the march with portable, temporary living quarters. In the case of Nomadic societies their living quarters were portable but very permanent. Consequently, in attempting to copy that aspect we find the ‘average SCA camper’ can very easily become Omar the Overburdened when setting up camp. So, in making your attempt at recreating your portable home at SCA events you may want to consider a three stage plan. What to take to day events, to short camping events and to Pennsic type events. These are minimum suggested lists based on many years of SCA camping. The following lists are only equipment. We'll touch on the personal items and the ‘let's make it more period’ items later on.

Overnight Events:

All of the Day event items plus a tent, sleeping bag/cot/bed, a light source such as a flashlight or lantern, tote or box for additional clothing, personal needs and possibly, bed linens. In most cases these are weekend events where your tent will be set up for 2 to 3 days. Add in snacks and beverages for the additional days plus additional things to do, necessary medications, things to entertain children with, if you are bringing the whole family. Some children adapt easily to SCA camping, others don't. Be very mindful of the additional needs if camping with a baby.

Extended Events; The SCA has several “Major Wars” which last for one to two weeks. When you hear folks refer to such events as Pennsic, Estrella, Gulf Wars or Lilies – these are events that exceed 3 days in length.

All of the above plus additional chairs, coolers, a drying rack for clothing, portable kitchen gear and something to hang your garb on. Consider NOT making these events your first event if you would be camping with small children or a baby.

These are just the bare bones. Let's look at fleshing out these lists.

Making it Period looking;

Most folks start out with a modern tent or day shade (Pop Ups), a folding chair and a cooler. Somewhere along the way they find that they want to be more Medieval looking within their encampment. PLEASE – don't go overboard on this till you are sure this is really, really what you want to do as a hobby. I say this simply because it is very easy to spend thousands of dollars to achieve the right 'look'. You can achieve a less expensive look that will still be quite presentable if you approach it right. Herewith – some examples;

Day shade – get one of the “pop-up” 10 x 10's, add dagging/trim around the edge of the roof and cover the legs with a draped cloth to look like you've pulled back the sides of a tent. Put down a cheap fake oriental carpet. Cover your folding aluminum chairs, coolers and other modern items with cloth covers. Put out the serving feast gear – metal, wood or pottery plates, cups, bowls, pitcher and munchies. Kindly hide the case of beer or soda.

Campsite – Add a Tiki torch or two for night lighting. Cover or put out of sight anything really modern looking. Put your armor stand out front and put your armor on it. A small rug at the entrance of your tent gives folks a place to wipe their feet. Small touches can add a LOT! There are various plans or patterns for 'period' looking cover-ups

The sort of things that add 'color' and are also useful are such things as candle lanterns, baskets with your projects in them, dishes or trays with fruit and snacks on them, a friendly greyhound (if pets are permitted), a banner or flag displaying your arms or the arms of your group.

This is only the beginning of a long list of things seen in day shades and pavilions in the Knowne World. Your imagination is what will limit you – as well as your finances and the carrying capacity of your vehicle.

Getting it There and Back Again;

The most important consideration – besides finances - when acquiring SCA gear is how you'll get it to the events. Do not assume that Joe will haul it for you – he may not always go to the events you go to. Try to plan your purchases as if your vehicle is the only one that will ever carry your things. “A Trailer” you say! Why, yes – but can your vehicle pull a trailer and do you know how to pull a trailer. Many of the smaller, economic to fuel, vehicles are not built to pull a trailer. Check the owner's manual before spending money on a trailer you won't be able to use.

You may, at some point, join a household or be part of a Canton, Shire, Barony or other group that has a large pavilion where everyone is welcome to bring their chair and munchies and gather at an event. That eliminates the need for a day shade on many occasions but sometimes having your own 'space' is still a good idea.

Going “Whole Hog”;

Assuming you have decided that the SCA is your natural environment and wanting to put your best foot forward here are some things to consider owning for your encampment plus some approximate costs:

A pavilion - \$300.00 to \$3000.00
A camp bed - \$ 25.00 to \$500.00
A period chair - \$ 25.00 to \$500.00
A chandelier for your pavilion - \$10.00 to \$75.00
A rug – “Free to good home” to \$100.00
Accent items - \$\$\$\$?????? Prices vary
A sheepskin - \$40.00 to \$400.00
A table - \$10.00 to \$250.00
Banners or hangings – highly variable prices....

.....and the list goes on....and on....and on.....

Can't I make it myself?

Of course you can! Once again – do consider what you'll need to actually create a piece of wooden furniture or a pavilion or whatever it is that you want.. Do you have the right tools for the job? Do you have the space to do the work in? Will it actually be cheaper or easier to make it rather than purchasing it? Do you have the TIME to make the item? Do you have the skills to make the item? And most important of all - WILL you actually make it?

Camping with other SCAdians:

There are certain courtesies inherent to SCA camping and a number of advantages. The majority of the time folks camp with their group, household or some sort of unit. This is especially true at Pennsic. You may be able to lessen the volume of things you normally travel with or you may find you will bring more for this level of camping. When you are with a group you may have a 'food plan', camp fees, basic camp rules and duties. Do ask what these things might be or if they apply in your group's camp before you decide if you want to camp with this group or not. Some groups prefer to be kid-free or have specific interests. Some camps want everyone to have specific types of gear – such as a Viking camp or a Mongol camp. Realize that in most cases the 'period pavilions' will get the choicer ground. They're larger, thus needing more flat ground, and more attractive for the 'period' look the camp wants to achieve.

When at an event such as Pennsic do not just wander into a camp unannounced or uninvited. This is akin to walking into someone's home uninvited. There is usually a gate guard or someone sitting in camp that you can speak to first.

Know which camps to avoid. The SCA, like any large organization, has its less appealing groups. One man's joy is another man's horror. Ask around, talk to the old-timers, and don't believe everything you hear but do check out any stories that concern you. The SCA is as bad about gossip as any group. Our grapevine is old, venerable and fast moving.

Some Precautions:

We have always made it a point to insist that the ladies in our camp go out in groups after dark, rather than alone.

We have always recommended that when party hopping our folks should take their own mug or goblet and drink only from it.

Similarly, we suggest that if they don't recognize the beverage or like the looks, smell or anything about it – don't drink it.

If you have any health concerns – specific medications, allergies, etc., make sure one or more others in your camp know what to do if something happens to you and where your medication is.

If you're going out – tell someone. That way they'll know you went walking rather than disappeared into the lake.

Mother Nature is fickle. For extended camping we suggest you take a set of garb, a set of bedding/linens and some clean dry socks and put them in a plastic bag (water-proof container) and leave them in your car. If the worst happens you'll still have one set of clean, dry clothes to wear while you head for the laundromat to clean the others..

Check the weather before you go – you may bless the big, bulky cloak you 'wasted space' packing when the temperatures drop at night. Many people don't realize that the temperature in a major city is usually 5 to 20 degrees warmer than many of the camps and parks where we hold SCA events.

Mom's "Ratty Old Envelope" plan. When traveling to a camping event make a note of all your travel expenses – gas, food, tolls, a candy bar, etc. When you get on site at your event total up the amount spent and put that much cash and a credit card in a 'ratty old envelope'. Leave the R.O.E. tucked away in the car and DO NOT touch it till you are leaving the site. This is MOST important at Pennsic as it is incredibly easy to spend everything in your wallet and max out a credit card or two. With the R.O.E in place you at least have enough money to get home on.

Don't carry a lot of cash. No explanation needed here. Traveler's Checks or credit cards are accepted by most merchants. Some accept personal checks with I.D.

Do "test drive" anything new before you head for the event. Make sure the new tent really does have all the poles and pegs and that you can set it up in the dark. It seems to be a tradition that folks at SCA events frequently set up in the dark. Try on the garb, sit in the chair, put the bed together and sleep in it. You won't necessarily find ALL the flaws but you'll find most of them so you can correct or work around them.

Recommended things to have on site when camping:

A clean camp is a happy camp. Pennsic has one ugly aspect that raises its bilious head every few years. The "Pennisic Plague" is best described as a combination of the flu and Montezuma's revenge with an occasional touch of Dysentery. Most generally it starts in dirty camps. Thus the following list includes things which help you avoid the Pennsic Plague. This list is neither required nor necessarily applies to all events. It is a list of things I've found helpful over the years,

Bottled water or a water filtration system - Most often found in larger camp groups.

Bleach – for the dish washing. Don't put it in the rinse water.

Trash bags – once filled, taken out of camp daily

Anti-bacterial soap and/or waterless hand cleaner

Shower shoes – you don't know where all those other feet have been.

Sun screen

A broad brimmed hat or sun blocking head cover

Extra clean dry socks – just ask anyone who was at Atlantia's 20th Year event

A 'good' first aid kit

Comfortable, supportive walking shoes

Extra batteries for lanterns and flashlights

Your medic-alert tag if you have one – and WEAR the darned thing!

A fire extinguisher - Required for each tent at most major events

Water-tight / water-proof containers for clothing, linens and perishable meds and such.

Ice- keep your coolers iced down regularly

Stuff to keep the kids busy

Zip-lock bags – to keep things like matches dry or really grungy stuff away from the clean clothes.

Your own camping potty (my favorite piece of camping equipment) Purely optional comfort!!!

Random items to be aware of;

A note of import. Pennsic soil is insidious. It contains a lot of iron and it stains EVERYTHING. When washing anything after Pennsic DO NOT use any stain removers, pre wash treatments or other extra laundry chemicals. Any of these will 'set' the stain. Just wash the clothes in laundry soap and water – after one or two washings the Pennsic mud will most likely go away.

Water-tight or water-proof containers. You'll hear these recommended frequently. When purchasing these look for vent holes in or near the handles – the vent holes allow water to seep in and are not truly water-tight. The same goes for totes with two piece lids that fold together with interlocking edges. They are not water-tight as the lid will allow leakage along the interlocking edge. Look for plastic totes that had one piece lids, no vent holes and are not a stiff or hard plastic. Hard plastic is good at cracking under stress. The softer, more flexible plastics won't crack when you accidentally bounce them off the back of the truck or someone dumps their armor on top of them.

Hide or disguise valuables. Do not leave expensive jewelry, medications that contain narcotics or cash in any quantity out in plain sight. It is not always convenient to carry these items on your person, so when leaving them unattended put them out of sight and preferably someplace that does not appear to be a container for valuables. The larger the event the easier it is for someone to sneak in to an event and steal things from unattended camps.

In Conclusion:

The lists included here are in no way complete or comprehensive but they are a starting point for planning. All of the above can be summed up in one sentence – Use Common Sense and Assume Nothing. Camping SCA style is more work than modern camping but it is also much more comfortable. The tall, canvas pavilions are warmer and cooler than nylon tents and they breathe nicely. Rolling out of bed in the morning, wiggling your toes in a sheepskin and sitting down to watch the activities of the day or strapping on your armor and going off to fight is easier than wiggling around in a cramped, low roofed tent looking for your garb that got stuffed under a sleeping bag somewhere. However, it's also more work, takes more carrying capacity in your vehicle and makes some folks wonder why we don't just camp in a room at the Hilton. Well, we could but it's a lot more fun to camp our own unique, over-burdened way. Come join us!



Ode to Spring
By Lady Deirdre O'Bardon

Oh the springs when I was young
The world was new and green
The furrows plowed with rich dark dung
The joy I felt was keen.

The flowers full of beauty bright
The air so soft and sweet
Enchantment was there day and night
And all the world a treat

In the spring, my greatest joy
Was my lovely laughing maid
Who sometimes would play me coy
As we our smiles did trade.

The flowers bound all in her hair
She in the stream would wade
To wash the clothes of nobles fair
For her I would not trade

The queen of England and of France
For they would not be as sweet
As my lovely laughing maid
Who gave my eyes a treat.

Oh the springs when I was strong
And daily drew the plough.
The work was hard. The day was long
But life was sweet somehow

My laughing maid a mother now
She gave flowers to our son
The sweat did bead her furrowed brow
But when the day was done

She was still my laughing maid
For she was my sweet wife
I would not trade the life we made
Together we were blithe.

Now I find as I grow old
Spring still has beauty bright
But in the flowers beauty bold
I now find no delight.

For I have not my laughing maid
She now lies in the earth
And all the joys that we two made
To sorrow now gives birth.

Now in the spring around my chair
Our children's children play
Though their laughter fills the air
I do not want to stay.

I will join my laughing maid
In heaven where she fares
She will still be my laughing maid
For it must be springtime there.



From the Bright Hills Kitchen:

Tzatziki Sauce (Greek Yogurt Sauce/Dip)

By Lady Reyne Telarius

Ingredients:

1 pint Greek yogurt, plain
1 English cucumber
2-3 Garlic cloves
1-2 TBS Dill weed
Salt
Pepper

1. Peel and dice cucumber and garlic, the puree in blender.
2. Add yogurt, blend thoroughly.
3. Add dill weed, salt and pepper, blend thoroughly.
4. Chill in refrigerator for at least 4 hours before serving.





March Event Pictures



Lady Reyne show off new garb. Students attend Countess Rowen's Silk Knotting Class. Lord Godai shows his silk painting



Mistress Martelle teaches a class at Schola.

Students listen attentively as Baroness Jean teaches.



Lady Wynne is made a court baroness.

Lady Nem is awarded an Undine.



Baroness Wynne heralds in court.



Godai becomes the principal of the Yew Bow.

Current Baronial Champions



Archery: Baron Barre FitzRobert
 Arts and Sciences: Lady Ailis inghean uí Bhriain
 Bardic: Milady Brigid Cunningham
 Baronial Warlord: Lord Kollack von Zweckel
 Brewer: Barun Gustav Emile der Dunkele Rotvogel
 Equestrian: Lady Nem inghean Dochartaigh
 Heavy Weapons: Lord Randvar askmadr
 Rapier: Milord Conrad Muni
 Children's Archery- M'Lord Pietre Witkowski



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To see the most current list of local events, please follow the following link:
<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/events/local.htm>

To see the most current list of away events, please follow the following link:
<http://www.atlantia.sca.org/>



Barony of the Bright Hills Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Heavy and Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held most Friday nights from 7:30 PM-10 PM
 Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the last Friday of the month (Please See Calendar)

Location: Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

Directions: Exit the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road. Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road.

The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left.
Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning.



Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lady Nichola Blackwell, 301-404-6133

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar)

Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gate is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts.
NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.



Guild Gatherings:



Bardic Circle/PAGE (Sundays 4-8pm; Call Lady Nina for exact dates or check calendar)

Woodworkers' Guild (Check Calendar)

Lady Nina and Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828.

Directions: Take Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Loch Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave. If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach

Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if there is no room in driveway.



Brewer's Guild

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Contact with questions or to request special brewing days.



Clothier's Guild

Lady Faye de Trees, 1402 Hillside Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015; (410) 838-9694

The clothiers currently do one class per month on a specific project at Friday night fighter practice followed by a sewing session on Sunday afternoon to finish the projects. The location of the Sunday sessions varies. (Check calendar)



Textile Arts Guild

Mistress Brienna Llewellyn Lindsey, 3009 Ebbtide Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040, [410.598.3422](tel:410.598.3422), ladybrienna@gmail.com.

TAG meets the first Sunday of every month. Check calendar for location and times



Armorer's Guild

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Cook's Guild

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Gold Key

To Access Gold Key garb, Contact Mistress Martelle 443-326-0876



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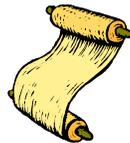
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