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Aurora Borealis Newsletter

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to the Aurora Borealis over the past few years. Each of your contributions to the newsletter has been appreciated by the staff of the A.B.

I feel the need to clarify some comments about the newsletter at this time. The intent of the newsletter is to keep the region informed on the goings on here in the Northern shores. It is not intended to be a principality newsletter, but if the region does develop into a principality, then its obvious that the newsletter would then become the official newsletter of the Principality. But until that time, this newsletter stays as a regional tool, to be used as the members see fit.

Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

January 10
Twelfth Night in Ruantallan
Barony of Ruantallan
Middle Sackville, NS

March 7
Baronial Anniversary Investiture
Barony of L'Isle du Dragon Dormant
L'Ile Perrot, QC

Event dates to make note of:

January 30-31
A Marketplace at Birka
<http://www.birka.org/>
Manchester, NH

July 10-12
Great Northeastern War
Province Of Malagentia
Hebron, ME

February 7
Feste des Folles
Canton of Boise Ardent (incp.)
Trois Rivieres, QC

June 19-21
New Moon Carnival
Shire of Lyndhaven
Havelock, NB

February 9-16
Estrella War
<http://www.estrellawar.org>
Florence, AZ

July 24 – August 9
Pennsic War
<http://www.pennsicwar.org>
Slippery Rock, PA

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From the incoming East Kingdom Seneschal

Master Phillip Reed the Facetious

December 18th, 2008

Unto my fellow members of the East Kingdom, please allow me the honor of introducing myself; in these Current Middle Ages, I am known as Master Phillip Reed the Facetious. Their Majesties Darius IV and Alethea have bestowed upon me the honor of serving as you Kingdom Seneschal.

I have been enjoying membership in the Society for over 20 years; either serving as a Chirurgeon or spending time on the archery or heavy-list fields, I never tire of the opportunities our Society offers us. Please feel free to engage me at any event; I am here for all the populace & I look forward to meeting the citizens of our great Kingdom.

Once again, thank for your time and trust.

In Service to the East,

Phillip the Facetious

Position Available: Northern Shores Regional Seneschal

Master Phillip Reed the Facetious

December 18th, 2008

Unto the populace of the East Kingdom,

Each Region of our Kingdom has a Regional Deputy Seneschal who assists the Kingdom Seneschal administer his duties. As my tenure as East Kingdom Seneschal begins, I seek to find those gentles skilled to assist me in that capacity. Therefore, I am accepting application for Regional Deputy Seneschals of all 4 regions ? Southern, Central, Northern, and Northern Shores. An applicant must reside within the borders of his / her respective Region and have reached the age of majority for all states or provinces encompassed with that Region (ie you cannot be a minor.)

Please forward me a cover letter stating your intent to seek that office, including a resume of your SCA-related activities, responsibilities, and positions. In addition, please include proof of SCA membership. (Electronic correspondence will suffice.) This invitation is not only extended to new applicants, but also to those gentles presently in those positions. All applications will be given equal scrutiny. Applications are due no later than Feb 14th,2008. All successful candidates will be informed of their appointments no later than Feb 28th, 2008.

Thank for your interest and your dedication to your Kingdom.

In Service to the East,

Master Phillip the Facetious

Officers of the NSR:

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Master Aetheric Lindberende

Exchequer

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H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn

Badger Herald

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NSR A&S Championships

H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

The Northern Shores Championship was held in the Barony of Ruantallan on November 29th, 2008. There were six brave gentles from the Northern Shores Region who entered into the competition, and approximately fifteen others who brought items for display purposes. A tough decision was made by the judges, and at the end of the day, the competition was one by Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson of Ruantallan. (Who was also honoured with a maunche, later in the evening.)

Golden Tygers were given to lord Giovanni of Ruantallan and Lady Camilla of L'ile du Dragon Dormant for their entries, and honorable mention went to both Lady Camilla, and Lady Anneke, also of Ruantallan.

I would like to thank all those artisans who brought items for either the competition, or the display! We have truly amazing and talented people in the Northern Shores region!

Barony of Ruantallan A&S Championships AND Maunche Challenge

Lady Anneke Flekkeroy, Ruantallan A&S Champion 2008

At the upcoming Twelfth Night being held in the Canton of Seashire, the Barony of Ruantallan will be seeking a new Arts & Sciences Champion to represent the Barony of Ruantallan. This year I am also including a Maunche Challenge, a special prize to the most deserving Maunche who enters the A&S Competition. I know there are talented Maunches out there somewhere and I am hoping this challenge will bring you out of the wood work so you will share your talents with the populace.

Rules for the Baronial A&S Championship can be found at http://www.ruantallan.org/pdf_files/2009_baronialas.pdf

The MAUNCHE Challenge!

A special prize will be awarded to a member of the Order of the Maunche who enters the A&S Competition. Our Laurels will select one entry which they feel deserves special recognition for a Maunche who goes beyond their usual scope of work and stretches their abilities, tries new techniques, or creates exemplary work in a field beyond their comfort zone (eg. a costumer carving a wooden box).

Questions? Ask Anneke at glasswithclass@eastlink.ca

NSR Regional Championships

The following events are in need of an autocrat/event bid:

Northern Shores Rapier Championships
(for Spring 2009)

Northern Shores Archery Championships
(for Summer 2009)

Northern Shores Rattan Championship
(for Fall 2009)

Northern Shores Arts & Sciences Championship
(for Fall 2009)

*If you are interested in running an event to house any of these championships, please contact the current champion to see if they are interested in helping with the endeavor.

If there are any groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please advise the populace of the region, so that we, as the Northern Shores Region, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. The region has a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

Contribute to the NSR *Aurora Borealis*:

The next edition of the Northern Shores Regional Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by April 1, 2009.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than March 1, 2009. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the April issue.

Contributions should be sent to:
H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys
(gwen@moonsandstars.com)

Please note:

Newsletter editors reserve the right to edit content as required for space and content. We will do our best to present your contributions in full, however, some edits may be required to accommodate for limited space.

Membership in the NSR

Currently our membership for the Northern Shores region is as follows;

	2009	2008	2007	2006
<i>Ar n-eilean ne</i>	6	10	8	4
<i>Ruantallan</i>	118	140	149	103
<i>Lyndhaven</i>	29	34	42	27
<i>Havres des Glace</i>	46	52	62	N/A
<i>L'isle du Dragon Dormant</i>	46	76	61	N/A
<i>Castle Nor</i>	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Dragonet</i>	24	12	17	N/A
Total	284	334	356	

For the Principality Pollings that have been sent out, this means a total of 188 ballots must be returned in order for the polling to be considered successful. Please make sure to send back your ballots and let your voice be heard, even if it is to abstain from the polling!

Baronial Coronet Pollings

H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

It is with heavy heart that the Barony of Ruantallan is saying good bye to their Baron and Baroness, H.E. Lachlan Mac Toisich and H.E. Janet Kempe, as their mundane lives take them far from our shores to that of the Kingdom of An Tir.

Our lands are being held in trust by Dame Sarra Graeham of Birnham, who has been installed as the Vicar of Ruantallan until a new Coronet is chosen.

There are two couples who have come forward as candidates for the new Baron and Baroness. Those two couples are Lord Donnal O'Neil and Lady Allessandra Francesca di Milano. and H.L. Estela du Frayse and Lord William Longtin, Each candidate has a website which can be found at the following sites:

http://www.wolfstar.ca/~allessandra_donal/index.html
http://www.goldenoakinn.com/baronial_candidates_page.htm

Ballots for the polling will be sent out January 15th and must be returned no later than February 15th.

Youth Combat

Syr Yesungge Altan

There has been a new level added to the youth combat program, division 4. This is for youth ages 16 and 17 who wish to fight rattan. They are able to do facing ONLY other 16 and 17 year olds under the supervision of a senior marshal. The senior marshals can also fight with them for training purposes (no, not in tournies). Now here comes the fun part, I have been given senior youth marshal status so I am able to hold practices with persons ages 16 and 17 as well as armor up and fight to train them.

If there is any one of this age group interested (or getting close enough to make your armor and be ready for that birthday), please feel free to contact me at yesungge@eastlink.ca and we can work out the details of practices and discuss armor requirements.

Message from the Boreal Commander

Sir Gareth Grey de Wilton

Greetings my friends.

Due to mundane scheduling (sea time on a high readiness ship) I was only able to make Panteria last summer. Looking at the Op Sched for the coming year, it looks like next summer will be no different than the one just past. So due to my inability to travel and my level of involvement in the SCA as a result, I will be vacating the position as Commander of the Boreal Army. I've been kicking this decision around for some time, but as of the meeting we had with the Fleet Commodore East, things aren't likely to change.

There is no 'rank' (Knighthood, OTC, etc) requirement, only a readiness to lead, an ability to travel, and a willingness to serve. Anyone interested in the position can contact me at crusader@hfx.eastlink.ca

Yours in Service,

Sir Gareth Grey de Wilton, KSCA, OTC, SC, QHD, QoC, CI.
Boréal Army Commander