



# Aurora Borealis

*Lighting up the Northern Shores Region*

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## From the Crown Principality Seneschal

Greetings Unto the populace of the Northern Shores from Master Ætheric Lindeberende!

The last few months have certainly been eventful here. Ruantallan will soon have a new Baron and Baroness. Congratulations to Alessandra and Donnal. I look forward to seeing you on the Baronial Throne, and I am sure Your Barony will prosper under Your reign. To Estela and William, thank you for once more offering to serve. Your commitment to your group is certainly appreciated.

At Birka, Their Majesties announced the creation of the Crown Principality of the Northern Shores. This has been a long time coming, and I hope it will mean great things for our future. We now have some work ahead of us as we look to the future. The first step will be in developing an identity for the new Crown Principality. Initially, we will need to choose a name and heraldry. I will be working with Mistress Lyanna, Badger Herald for the Crown Principality, to develop a mechanism for the solicitation of suggestions for a permanent name and heraldry. In the meantime, I urge everyone to give some thought to a name, device, and/or badge, and to contact Mistress Lyanna with your suggestions. Examples of suggestions that have already been put forth can be seen on the Crown Principality website at [www.northernshores.ca](http://www.northernshores.ca). These are only initial suggestions, and more suggestions are certainly welcome. Beyond that, we will be looking to further develop what this status can do for us. In that vein, I am asking for your comments, thoughts, and suggestions. What would you like to see? What goals and focus should we be looking to? What would you like to see the Crown Principality do for you and your group? I am open to your suggestions as we move forward with this. Send me your thoughts and comments at [seneschal.nshores@eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal.nshores@eastkingdom.org), and I will try to take these into account as we move forward to develop the Crown Principality to its full potential.

In the next month or so, I will be looking to set up some mechanism to discuss and develop the future of our group. I am soliciting your thoughts on what form that should take... another steering committee? A regional curia? Some other mechanism or working group. Your guidance is most welcome on the subject

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Keep in mind that this new status changes little in how the SCA is organized or administered here. We are still just a region of the East Kingdom, but the status opens up so many more possibilities for where we can go with this. The structure of a Crown Principality is deliberately left vague, to offer us maximum flexibility in how we wish to structure our region. No suggestion is too small or too large in scale. Where can we go, and what can we do for you and your group?

I also wish to thank Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys for taking on the task of assisting in the work ahead, in her new role as deputy Crown Principality seneschal. I look forward to her insight and experience in all matters.

This edition of the newsletter is the first serving the Crown Principality. I hope to see it become a well-used resource and central point for sharing information as we go forth. I would encourage everyone who has information to share to keep it in mind. I would urge all Crown Principality officers to send copies of any announcements or news of your office. Autocrats should keep this venue in mind when sending out event announcements. Anyone else with thoughts, news, or information to share should make use of the opportunity it presents.

That is all for now. Most importantly, have fun!

Ætheric

## Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

April 18, 2009

### **Russian Household Challenges**

Barony of Havre des Glaces  
Quebec, QC

April 25, 2009

### **La Festa di San Marco**

Barony of Ruantallan  
Truro, NS

May 16-18, 2009

### **Crown Principality War Camp**

Shire of Lyndhaven  
Woodstock, NB

June 12-14

### **Festival des Baltannes**

Barony of Havre des Glaces  
l'le d'Orleans, QC

June 19-21, 2009

### **New moon carnival**

Shire of Lyndhaven  
Havelock, NB

July 3-5, 2009

### **Haggis & Scottish Games VII**

Shire of La Selve d'Aure  
North Quebec

July 3-5

### **Ruantallan War Camp**

Barony of Ruantallan  
(site to be determined)

## Event dates to make note of:

April 11, 2009

### **Coronation**

Shire of Nordenhalle  
Kingston, NY

May 22-25, 2009

### **Pantheria XIV**

Shire of Panthervale  
Hardwick, VT

July 10-12

### **Great Northeastern War**

Province Of Malagentia  
Hebron, ME

July 24 – August 9

### **Pennsic War**

<http://www.pennsicwar.org>  
Slippery Rock, PA

## Officers of the Crown Principality:

### **Seneschal**

*Master Ætheric Lindberende*

### **Deputy Seneschal**

*Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys*

### **Exchequer**

*Mistress Freya Manslayer Karlsdottir*

### **Earl Marshal**

*H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn*

### **Badger Herald**

*Mestress Lyanna Kernough*

### **A&S Minister**

*H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys*

### **Minister of Lists**

*Lady Wulfwyn*

### **Chatelaine**

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*Lord Aethelwulf Stealcere*

### **Deputy Commander of Thrown Weapons**

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## Prepare for War!

The drums do beat, and the wars do alarm!

Good gentles, the war season is at our doorstep, and we must prepare for battle! Polish your armor, sharpen your blades and arrowheads, unfurl your banners and hoist them up high!

A series of engagements over the course of the season will be undertaken in order to hone our skills and improve our battle readiness. The crossing of swords will take place on the grounds of Harper's Glen in Lyndhaven (Schola/Warcamp - Jackson, NB) and in the Panther Vale Highlands (Panteria - Hardwick, VT) the following weekend in the month of May; on the shores of Bacchus Island in Havre des Glaces (Les Baltannes - Ile d'Orleans, QC) in the month of June; on the wooded coastline of Distant Shores in Ruantallan (Baronial Warcamp - Pictou, NS) with the final engagement in the Malagentian Meadowlands (22nd edition of the Great Northeastern War - Hebron, ME) both happening in the month of July. All these events are fine preparation for the grandest event of them all: Pennsic War! For those who cannot make Pennsic, GNE War is a great event to end the campaign on. ;o)

Being aware that the economy is not at its best at the moment, a good way to avoid personal financial strain is to pool our resources, share rides, and get a little more organized so that we can continue playing this game we all enjoy. Plan ahead, save up for those trips, secure your lift, and get out there! Pick your engagements! The more we are, the more fun we'll have! Let us awaken the Northern Tyger from hibernation and make the commitment to join in battle at one of these fine events! Although our Boreal Army Commander will not be able to meet his commitments for Pennsic War, I'm more than certain he will be happy to lead those interested in some of the other fine events happening throughout the region and kingdom.

In preparation, I would ask that all fighters remember to ensure their authorization cards are up to date. If it expires anytime this summer, well, my advice is: "Beat the rush" and get it renewed NOW!

Looking forward to seeing many of you out there this season!

*H. E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn, OP  
Crown Principality Deputy Earl Marshal*

### Crown Principality 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 Crown Principality, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. The Crown Principality 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 Crown Principality Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by July 1, 2009.

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

#### Contributions should be sent to:

H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys  
([gwen@moonsandstars.com](mailto: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.

## A Thank You

Greetings citizens of the Northern Shores Crown Principality!

Since the last newsletter, it was announced in Their Majesties' court that we are now officially a Crown Principality with the objective of moving towards a full Principality! For those who are not aware, this put an end to the Legate group, by order of the new Crown Principality Seneschal, as our goal has been attained. A new steering committee will be appointed at a later date, but that will be up to Master Ætheric to get that ball rolling. I take this opportunity, as Legate Chair, to thank all those who participated and supported the Legate group, and look forward to getting involved on this new endeavor we now have before us. Special thanks go to Mistress Gwen for having started the Legate discussion group. The list is now closed, but it served us well.

- H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn

## NSRTF Activity

The Crown Principality has once again been actively raising funds to see the royals within their areas. At the Anniversary of the Baronial Investiture in L'ile Dragon Dormant, the di Bruno sisters raised \$280.00 from their silent auction. Senet Wars, a potluck event held in the canton of Distant Shore, raised \$155.00 from their auction of boxed lunches. All those proceeds go towards their groups total funds for paying for royal travel. To see a complete list of funds raised, by group, please visit <http://nsrtf.sccspirit.com/>

If you, or your group, would like to participate in the NSRTF, or need help coming up with ideas to raise funds, please contact one of the board members of the NSRTF. They will help you, or point you in the right direction!

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

## Upcoming Heraldry Discussion

Greetings All!

With the new status of Crown Principality, we are actively pursuing a name for ourselves, and heraldry. With that in mind, the Badgers Den will be open at the Lyndhaven War Camp, May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> (permitting that Mistress Lyanna is on site). This is a great opportunity to bring your ideas or designs to the attention of the Crown Principality Herald. Perhaps your design will be the design of our future!!

As always, the Badger Herald will be available for personal heraldry as well. We hope to see you there.

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys  
Written on behalf of Mistress Lyanna of Kernough

## Spinach Pies (Fatayar Bi-Sabanakh)

These spinach pies were made for the Northern Shores A&S Competition. The dough I used is the same dough used in Samosa's, but you can use regular dough to make them as well. The sumac can be purchased at any middle eastern store that sells spices.

2 lbs dough  
1 bag spinach, washed and chopped fine  
3 medium onions, finely chopped  
4 tbsp sumac  
¼ cup pine nuts  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
5 tbsp olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

Make the filling by mixing all but dough  
Flatten the dough into 5 inch circles and place a heaping tbsp of the filling on each circle. Close by pinching the edges together. Place on a well greased baking tray and brush heavily with remaining olive oil. Bake at 400 for about 20 minutes or until light brown. Serve warm.

## BIA in L'ile Dragon Dormant

At the Anniversary of the Investiture of L'ile Dragon Dormant, Her Majesty, Queen Alethea announced the elevation of two shires. Le Dragonnet and La Selve d'Aure become Fief's. (both groups belonged to Le Baronnie de L'ile Dragon Dormant). It was also announced to Boise Ardent that pending the final counting of their vote to become a Fief, they will also be elevated. Expect the announcement at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Other court news included the delivery of the war banner for the Le Baronnie de L'ile Dragon Dormant. The war banner was made of silk and carried the arms of the Barony and the Boreal Army stars and was promised to the group who made the most favors for the Malagentia/NSR war, at GNEW two years ago.

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys