



# Aurora Borealis

*Lighting up the Northern Shores Region*

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## Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

July 31 – Aug 2

### **Carnival**

Shire of Lyndhaven  
Havelock, NB

Aug 6-8

### **Haggis & Scottish Games VIII**

Shire La Salve d'Aure  
Rouyn-Noranda, QC

Sept 3-6

### **Summer's End/ Small Brawl VIII**

Canton Ynys Y Gwaed  
Breadalbane, PEI

Sept 10-12

### **Anniversaire du Dragonnet**

Shire of Le Dragonnet  
Farnham, QC

Sept 18

### **Baronial Investiture**

Barony Havres Des Glaces  
Quebec City, QC

Sept 25

### **Fete des Bois**

Shire of Bois Ardent  
Nicolet, QC

Sept 25

### **Baronial Investiture Anniversary**

Barony of Ruantallan  
Halifax, NS

October 9

### **Tir Mara A&S/Rattan Championship**

Shire of Lyndhaven  
Oromocto, NB

### **Event dates to make note of:**

July 9-11

### **GNEW**

Province of Malagentia  
Hebron, ME

July 31 – Aug 15

### **Pennsic**

Coopers Campground  
Slippery rock, PA

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## Change in the Seneschalate

*Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys*

Greetings,

As those of you who read the pikestaff may be aware, there has been a change in the seneschalate for the Crown Principality of Tir Mara.

Master Aetheric is stepping down and I am stepping into the role. I wish to thank Master Aetheric for his long standing service to the Northern Shores Region/ Crown Principality of Tir Mara. We would not be where we are today without his long term service, his extensive knowledge base, and his guiding hand.

The position of Deputy Senechale will be filled by Lady Svana Solgadottir, of the Shire of Bois Ardent. Lady Svana is currently the EK Law Clerk, and has extensive knowledge of the EK Law and Policies, which will be a great asset to us as we move forward with the Principality. Lady Svana is also completely bilingual, which is important, as we are a bilingual region!

Both Svana and I hope that you all feel you have the ability to come to us with any questions or issues that may arise. If we cannot deal with your question or issue, we will take it to East Kingdom for you.

Looking forward,  
Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys  
C.P Tir Mara Seneschal

## Letter from the Accessibility Porter

*Lady Mariota of Kildare*

Greetings are sent unto the populace of the Crown Principality of Tir Mara from your Accessibility Porter, Lady Mariota of Kildare!

I would like to help the autocrats of our events by establishing and keeping a list of resources to help them make their events more accessible.

Some examples of resources include the names and contact information of those who know sign language, places to have documents printed in braille, or the names of those who would like to help individuals with ambulatory disabilities. My hope is to act as a go-between to help ease the strain of asking for help.

I certainly cannot imagine all of the needs of the populace, nor the ways in which these needs could be met. If anyone has any ideas they think would be helpful, I would invite them to please send me a missive at [accessibility@...](mailto:accessibility@...) You may also call me, before 9 pm Atlantic Time, at 506-357-5935. If you would like to volunteer your services as a special resource for autocrats in your area, that would be greatly appreciated!

Yours in Service,  
Lady Mariota of Kildare  
Mka Darlene Gillet

### Officers of the NSR:

#### **Seneschal**

*H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys*

#### **Deputy Seneschal**

*Lady Svana Sölgadóttir*

#### **Exchequer**

*Mistress Freya Manslayer Karlsdottir*

#### **Earl Marshal**

*H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn*

#### **Badger Herald**

*H.E. Mestress Lyanna Kernough*

#### **A&S Minister**

*Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley*

#### **Minister of Lists**

*Signore Cosmano Piero Michelotto de Roma*

#### **Chatelaine**

**pending**

#### **Accessibility Porter**

*Lady Skya na Ruady*

#### **Youth Marshall**

*Master Gilbert the Short*

#### **Waiver Secretary**

*Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley*

#### **Web Minister**

*H.E. Mistress Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri*

#### **Deputy Commander of Siege Forces**

*Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson*

#### **Deputy Commander of Archery**

*Mistress Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen*

#### **Deputy Commander of Combat Archery**

*Lord Aethelwulf Stealcere*

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

*Master Ludwig von Eisburg*

#### **Deputy Commander of Fence**

*Lord T. Tarius Britannicus and*

*Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson*

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*Lady Zelina Silverfox*

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## Membership in the NSR

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

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

	06/10	01/10	2009	2008	2007
<i>Ar n-eilean ne</i>	7	5	6	10	8
<i>Ruantallan</i>	111	133	118	140	149
<i>Lyndhaven</i>	25	29	29	34	42
<i>Havres des Glace</i>	50	48	46	52	62
<i>L'isle du Dragon Dormant</i>	50	69	46	76	61
<i>La Selve D'aure</i>	14	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Dragonet</i>	21	21	24	12	17
<i>Boise Ardent</i>	14	12			
<b>Total</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>356</b>

I am sad to report that the incipient group of Castle Nor has disbanded.

## Royal Guild of Fools

Lord Ursion de Gui

My friends, I have the pleasure of informing you that the creation of the Royal Guild of Jesters is now done and official!!!!

Their Royal Majesties signed the document right at Court in Vinland Raids VIII, in Smoking Rocks, on Grelot's very back! It's official and already 2 more aspiring members, among them the Queen's Lady in Waiting.

I can't hide Grelot's tremendous joy and I am sure, that of the co-founder Alan Faux.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Guild's official website...

"Two jesters, one brain"  
VIVAT! for the new guild!

Lord Ursion de Gui



## NSR Regional Championships

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

**Northern Shores Rapier Championships**  
(for 2010)

**Northern Shores Archery Championships**  
(for 2010)

\*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 October 1, 2010.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than September 15, 2010. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the January 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.

# Armor Covering Project

By Lord Conogan mab Rioc, the Breton  
Mka Peter Gillet  
2009-06-18

Preface:

This document is to serve as a guide for all of those who have functional, but ugly, plastic armour. My armour in particular was made of the blue barrel plastic. It was light-weight, low-maintenance, and absolutely awful to look at.

After seeing the covering job done by Lord Mateo with his plastic armour, it inspired me to cover mine, instead of just using a tabard.

Materials and Tools Needed:

Tools:

electric drill & drill bit set  
permanent marker  
Rivet setting tool  
Anvil  
Ball-peen hammer  
Tin snips  
Exacto knife  
Utility knife (or other sharp, heavy knife)

Materials:

leather lacing  
1.5 m x 1.5 m faux suede (or other tough material to your liking)  
Short rivets, silver  
Longer rivets, silver  
Plastic armour, of course  
Spray-on glue

Process:

(1) Deconstruction:

The first step is to deconstruct your plastic armour. Every plate has to be separated from every other plate. My plastic armour was laced together with synthetic Para cord, but I decided to switch to leather lacing if I was going to make the armour prettier. On the back side of every plate, use the permanent marker to write what the plate is, which side is up, and whether the plate goes over or under the other plates to which it is attached. For example:

UNDER CHEST  
UNDER TASSETS  
OVER SIDE



(2) Drill Holes:

The next step is determine where you will need your rivets. Try to place them about 1 to 2 inches apart, but not more than 2 inches. At the corners of the plates, where the fabric will fold over, try to place three rivets: one for each side, and one about half-way between them. Remember the half-way rivet will need to be a longer rivet because it will be going through several layers of folded fabric on the back side. Use the permanent marker, and mark X's where you will be drilling for the rivet holes. Remember the holes where the lacing is going through! Don't get confused... that's why I suggest marking the rivet holes with an X.

Choose the right size drill bit to fit your rivets, and drill all of the holes with the electric drill.



Finally, take the utility knife and de-burr the drill holes. Any plastic burrs will get in the way of the rivets.

STOMACH PLATE ↑



(3) Trace the plates on the back of your material, leaving about 2" of overlap around all sides. Write on the fabric the exact same words you have on the backs of the plates (for matching them up later), including the "↑" to show which way is up.



(4) Cut out the material pieces.

(5) Spray the front of each plate with the spray-on glue, and then stick it to the back of the matching material piece, being careful to line it up. If you have leather straps already rivetted to your plates, cover them with masking tape before spraying on the glue.



(6) Use the Exacto knife to cut star patterns where the holes are (both rivet holes and lace holes). Fold the fabric over and cut holes where they are needed on the back of the plate as well.

(7) Fold the fabric over, and push your rivet through. Place it on the anvil, get the rivet setter in place on the back, and hammer the rivet into place. A second pair of hands to stabilize the plate so it doesn't shift is a good thing. Remember to peen down any metal bits which might be rough to the touch. This step is going to be time consuming. Prepare for about 4 to 8 hours, depending upon the number of plates you have to rivet.



On the corners, where the fabric has extra layers, you may need to use a longer rivet. If it is too long, though, you can use scraps of leather as washers.

(8) Put the armour back together by tying leather lace through the holes reserved for it. Remember the plate placements (over, under) written on the back side of each plate. When tying the knots in the leather lace, if you want a stronger knot, put a dot of leather glue in the middle before tightening the knot.

(9) Enjoy!



## Websites

The following groups have active websites with more detailed information on upcoming events

Baronnie de Havres Des Glaces -

<http://www.havredesglaces.eastkingdom.org/index.php>

Baronnie de l'Île du Dragon Dormant

<http://www.dragon-dormant.org/>

Shire of Lyndhaven

<http://lyndhaven.org/>

Barony of Ruantallan

<http://ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/>

Crown Principlality of Tir Mara

<http://tirmara.eastkingdom.org/>

## Reports

*H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys*

This is a reminder that reports are due for the following quarter;

Seneschal – July 15<sup>th</sup>. More info can be found at

<http://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/report.html>

Herald – September. Reports can be downloaded at

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/heraldry/>

Marshals – September 1<sup>st</sup>. more info at

<http://marshal.eastkingdom.org/PoliciesoftheEarlMarshaloftheEastKingdom.pdf>

Exchequers – July 31<sup>st</sup> – documents are at

<http://exchequer.eastkingdom.org/forms.php>

MOAS – September 1<sup>st</sup> – this website will help you

<http://exchequer.eastkingdom.org/forms.php>

Chatelaines – July 10<sup>th</sup> rules and regulations are listed here. <http://chatelaine.eastkingdom.org/policies.html>

Chroniclers, MOL and Webministers only report once a year, and this isn't your quarter!

All reports can be found at Eastkingdom.org. they are updated on a regular basis and are a great source if current information.

## Tir Mara Needs YOU!

*H.E. Mistress Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri, Webmaster*

As we continue to develop as a Crown Principality, and perhaps one day a full Principality of the Glorious East Kingdom, we will need to expand our website and newsletter to cover all of our growing needs.

To that end, I would like to put out a formal request for web programmers (particularly with PHP experience) and translators. Ideally, we would like to find someone fully fluent in both French and English to serve as a translation co-ordinator. If you are an organized individual with the ability to communicate in both official languages, please consider this opportunity.

In addition, it is my hope to have a team of web developers so that all the duties and responsibilities do not fall to one individual, and so that we do not become dependent on a single individual.

If you are interested in assisting in either of these endeavours, please contact me directly at [Gavlinne@moonsandstars.com](mailto:Gavlinne@moonsandstars.com).

## Warlord Message

*H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn*

Greetings from Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn, Boreal Army Commander.

The summer is in full swing, and so are the swords and pole weapons I'm sure! Whatever your activity is, I hope you remember to play safe, train, and apply your skills well.

There are now a few fighting households in the Crown Principality of Tir Mara, and they are all working on unit tactics and personal improvement. This year will be a good one for those who will be travelling abroad, returning with many tales of glory to recount around the campfires. Many will travel to GNE War and Pennsic, and distinguish themselves on the field of battle. Alas, I will not be one of them this year, as family commitments will keep me at my castle. Although it pains me that I will not be side-by-side with you in battle, I certainly hope you all have a great season, but be forewarned! I will be returning with a vengeance in 2011!

I'm still looking for lieutenants to act as my deputies for the Boreal Army. I currently have two positions available to fill. Please contact me if you are interested.

- Conrad, Boreal Army Commander



# Heraldic Legend

## East Kingdom

### Crown Principality of Tir Mora

- Tir a Eborac, shire of*
- Bale Ffynon, shire of*
- Is Drogenet, shire of*
- Harro de Eborac, barony of*
- I Se de Drogen Dromann, barony of*
- Lynathron, shire of*
- Ryontallan, barony of*
- Is Seba d'Alar, shire of*

### Northern Region

- Calldon, shire of*
- Eborac, shire of*
- Eborac Liban, shire of*
- Malgornia, province of*
- Mounain Fawbold, shire of*
- Northen Outpost, shire of*
- Penrith Veb, shire of*
- Switthold, shire of*
- Swarroch, barony of*
- Wynallan, shire of*

### Central Region

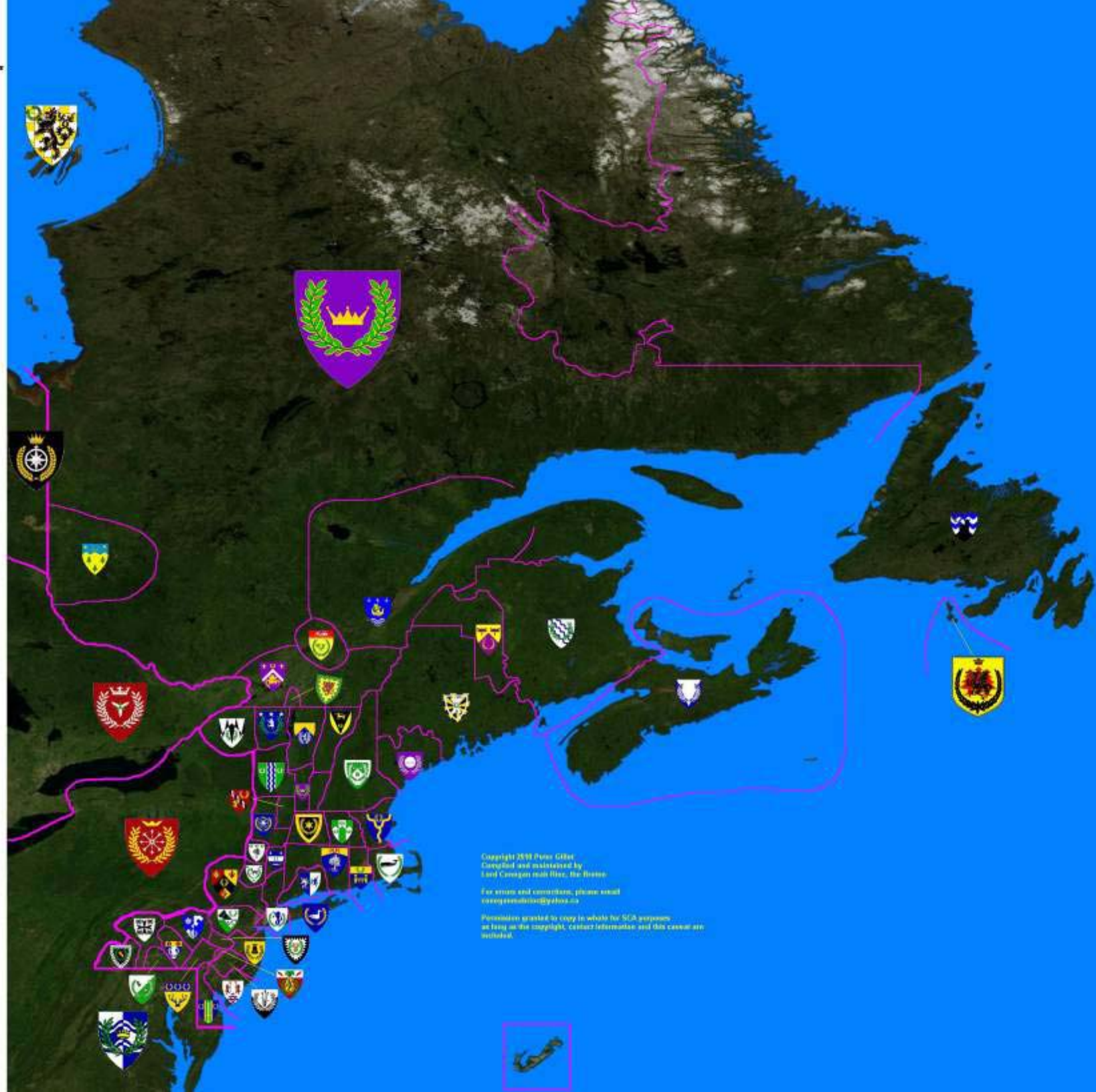
- Angkypur, shire of*
- Bryonaid, barony of*
- Beyond the Mountains, barony of*
- The Bridge, barony of*
- Carolingia, barony of*
- Coill Tair, shire of*
- Conventia of the Trees, barony of*
- Drogenbyr Ffynon, barony of*
- Fawnd Hills, shire of*
- Northenath, shire of*
- Cygnawia, shire of*
- Trading Bayle, barony of*

### Southern Region

- Barra Tair, shire of*
- Bermuth, shire of (vacant)*
- An Dubhaghaidhann, barony of*
- Etchall, barony of*
- Etal Byn, shire of*
- Brochard Cress, shire of*
- Two Adonans, shire of*
- Canithen, barony of*
- Eborac, shire of*
- Harroch, shire of*
- Iron Bay, barony of*
- Menarok, shire of*
- Organd, Crown Province of*
- Outkross, shire of*
- Barad Wodlands, shire of*
- Ironwar Swamp, barony of*
- Water Lyth, shire of*

## Other Kingdoms

- Fethelwarc*
- Fethania*
- Drachenwald*
- Ealdormen*
- Northshield*
- Tir Tir*



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