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Words from Their Highnesses - Ruantallan War Camp

Greetings Unto the People Tir Mara,

It seems like only yesterday that we were crowned prince and princess, and yet we have just returned home from a wonderful weekend at Rapier Champions. We would like to thank our outgoing champion, Signore Cosmano, and congratulate his successors. Vivant for Lady Mary Elizabeth and all the volunteers who made our stay in Ruantallan so enjoyable!

Having enjoyed ourselves so much in Ruantallan, we are looking forward to visiting other events in the Principality soon. Look for us at GNEW, and check our website for details of our schedule as we announce our upcoming progress through Tir Mara.

We value the service that each and every one of you reading this has provided to the Society. As we look forward to Tir Mara's future, we also think about all the new people who will join us in the days to come. Who will they be, and what would they like to do, what interest brought them to us, what can we offer them, who could we put them in touch with to nurture their medieval passion? Please join us in welcoming all those new to the Society.

Edward and Thyra,
Crown Prince and Princess of Tir Mara

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Words from Their Highnesses – Great North Eastern War

Greetings to our loyal and stalwart supporters!

We have just returned from a wonderful weekend at Great Northeastern War. While the forces of Their Majesties were formidable in support of their daughter Aethelthryth, still we have proven our mettle and made headway in our claims to succession. We are very proud of the contributions everyone made to the war effort, from spreading the story and making favors to winning the heavy list war point. It was marvelous to meet so many of you at the event. We hope you had a good time, despite the hot weather.

In the summer, many thoughts turn to Pennsic, but we are aware that there are many other fun events happening throughout the principality, as well as the usual practices and meetings. Local events can be just as entertaining, and involve less laundry at the end! We wanted to take a moment to thank all the folks who organize those events, and the many volunteers who give up some of their time to make the event better. If each of you would please thank a volunteer in person for us at the next event you attend, we would be very grateful! (Volunteers should thank each other, too.)

The best parts of the Society come from the fellowship we share. At its core, courtesy is the offer of what you have to those who are in need of it. The Principality is not just land, but the people who reside there and who share their Dream with each other. We look forward to meeting more of you at Pennsic and beyond.

In Service to the Dream,
Edward and Thyra
Prince and Princess of Tir Mara

Contribute to the CP *Aurora Borealis*:

The next edition of the Crown Principality of Tir Mara Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by Oct 15, 2012.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than September 20, 2012. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the July issue.

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Editor's Notes – Translation

Baroness Tadea Isabetta di Bruno

I would like to take a moment and apologize for the delay in getting out the Summer Edition of Aurora Borealis. Preparations for Great North Eastern War were foremost in my mind and as a result this edition was slightly delayed. I hope that the fun experienced this past weekend makes up for any delay.

I would like to take a moment and thank my translation team, not only for their hard work on the last 2 issues, but also for their hard work in the coming years. Mistress Alisay, Master Godfroy, Baron Angus, Lady Eliane, Lady Mayuki, Mi'Lady Kirsas, thank you so much for your hard work! I will call upon you often as it is my greatest wish to always have a French and English version available.

If you are willing to join the cherished translation team please feel free to contact me and I will add you to my list of "the bestest people ever"!!

In Service,

Tadea

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Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

All Things Scribal

August 25th 2012

Barony of L'Île du Dragon Dormant – Montreal, QC

<http://www.dragondormant.eastkingdom.org/events/AllThingsScribal.php>

Summer's End

August 31st – Sept 3rd 2012

Canton of Ynys Y Gwaed – Breadalbane, PE

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2331>

The First Battle of the Fortresse de Mondragon

September 7th – 9th 2012

Shire of Le Dragonet St-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC

<http://tirmara.eastkingdom.org/events/index.php>

Tir-Mara Crown Principality East Kingdom University

October 5th – 7th 2012

Shire of Bois Ardnet, - Nicolet, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2296>

La Boustifaille on the Spice Road

October 13th 2012

Barony of Havres des Galces - Quebec QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2332>

Other Events to make note of:

Pennsic War 41

July 27th – Aug 12th 2012

Kingdom of East/Aethelmearc/Middle - Slippery Rock, PA

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2258>

20th Anniversary of Sir Stephens Knighting

Oct 19th – 21st 2012

Sire of Coldwood – Peru, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2328>

Fall Crown Tournament

October 27th 2012

Shire of Endewearde – Ellsworth, ME

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2339>

Tir Mara Championships

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

Tir Mara Rattan Championship

(for Fall 2012)

Tir Mara Arts & Sciences Championship

(for Fall 2012)

Tir Mara Archery Championships

(for Summer 2013)

Tir Mara Rapier Championship

(for Spring 2013)

*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. We have a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

Aurora Borealis - Konungs skuggsjá

Chapter Two

Baroness Tadea Isabetta di Bruno

By its definition a Chatelaine is someone in charge of a large household or manor. Within the SCA a group Chatelaine has the very important job of looking after newcomers. They provide a familiar face in a sea of strangers, are the voice of explanations in unfamiliar situations. They encourage those unsure of their new abilities, and above all shepherd a flock excited by what they see but still unsure of their place in a group.

Gratitude and help should be given to a group's Chatelaine. Their job is to gather our new generation and assist them with finding their spot within this beautiful game. It is not always an easy job but it is possibly the most important position of any group. I encourage everyone reading this article to seek out their local Chatelaine and give them the greatest gift of this game, your time and assistance. Many hands make light work and newcomers will always remember kindness shown to them.

Chapter Two of the Aurora Borealis – Konungs skuggsjá is designed to help you learn more about the Tir Mara Chatelaine's and the job they do. I received 3 responses from the Chatelaine's in Tir Mara. Lady Brunegarde from the Barony of Havres des Glaces had only recently taken the position of Chatelaine. As a result she did not have answers for many of the questions however I do thank her for her wonderful response and hope that this article helps her and all other Chatelaine's.

The two who provided answers for all of the questions were:

Martin – Shire of Bois Ardent

Cat Lennox – Shire of Lyndhaven

Thank you to all who do this job.

Who was the first person you remember meeting at an event?

Martin: Ursion de Gui, Maitresse Alisay and Baron Godfroy de Falaise

Brunegarde: The first people I met at an event (The demo of Domaine Maizerets) were Éllégon de Millambre, Pellandre de le frère and Leannan MacGowan.

Cat Lennox: Lady Falcona was my introduction to the SCA. We were at BBB II.

What is the most important quality in a good chatelaine?

Martin: That is more complicated because it takes SEVERAL in my opinion ... they must have tact, humor, love people and be curious nature

Cat Lennox: I believe the most important quality in a good Chatelaine should be to have a deep joy for the SCA and a want to share this with others.

Chapter Two – Cont'd

If you could have one thing that would make your job as Chatelaine easier, what would it be?

Martin: Nothing. It is a wonderful office to hold but at the same time heavy to carry.

Cat Lennox: The one thing that would make my job as Chatelaine easier would be more opportunities in our province to put on Demos that would actually have positive recruitment possibilities. (Like Halcon in NS)

What is your favorite memory as Chatelaine?

Martin: Every moment as a Chatelaine has been fun, but meeting new friends and seeing them find their passion as part of the group is great. It is watching them find their style and watching as new friendships are created that I enjoy the most.

Cat Lennox: My only favorite memory as a Chatelaine so far, is having the mother of a young boy telling us at the Demo we put on at the Gathering of the Scots that she would definitely be contacting us about when and where we held events or she'd never hear the end of it from him because he was so excited and interested in what we do.

List 3 tips you would give to any new Chatelaine?

Martin: First, help people learn about the world around them. Find out their personal interests. Secondly, develop a love of travel so you can help other discover their new world and all that surrounds them. Finally, and most importantly, is enjoy to fully enjoy and the world that surrounds.

Cat Lennox: I don't have any tips yet as I am a new Chatelaine, but I'll take all the advice I can get! :)

Recources for Chatelaine's:

SCA Resources for Chatelains/Hospitaliers:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/chatresources.html>

East Kingdom Chatelaine Webpage:

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