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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

August 2018

#### TRI-BARONIAL ARCHERY AND THROWN WEAPONS TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 7-9

Greetings archers and thrown weapons enthusiasts. I, Feradach the Beardless, Event Steward for the Tri-Baronial Archery and Thrown Weapons Tournament (Tri-BATT) would like to announce that the Tri-BATT is back on the An Tir Kingdom calendar. We will be hosting the Three Mountains archery

and thrown weapons championships, the Dragons Mist archery and thrown weapons championships and Stromgards Stormhunter tournament.

There will be other activities and food from the Virgin Countess Inn. Please join us at Trojan Park September 7-9 and join the fun. Feel free to share this far and wide, tell your friends!!

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# LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS



Baron Ivon and sundry had a fabulous time at An Tir/West War. The weather was amazing and the war, great. Ivon was also pleased to witness Their Royal Majesties award Arms to Annora and Feredach. Well deserved!

July Coronation and A Game of Thrones and Stormgods are a few short days away and representatives from the Columbian Newspaper will be joining us at the latter. We are looking forward to everything!

Please note; We would like all those who are interested in putting their names in as candidates to become Our successors next year, to make that information public on Friday evening of Stormgods. Please send a private note to Hlutwige Lady Stromgard with the correct spelling of your names and she will nicely pen them onto paper. These will then be attached to the back of the Kingdom Achievement banner for all to see. Those of you who will be putting your names forward may wish to be prepared for questions and encouragement from the attending populace. We will then plan an official "meet and greet" later. This public announcement is by no means a deadline for name

submission. That time will come later and will be prompted by the Crown.

We are both looking forward to many other upcoming events. In particular, the Tri-Baronial Archery and Thrown Weapons Championship event in September. We will be running the Storm-Hunter Tournament this year, with the kind guidance of Master Andrew the Diabolical. Keep your eyes and ears open for updated information about every aspect of this event.

Officers, please review the information on the web site and send updates and changes to the webminister.

In Service to Stromgard and the Crown, Ivon & Hlutwige





# **Officers Reports**

<u>Seneschal</u>: Alexander Present, written report
Nothing to report
Alexander Son of Gray

<u>Family Activities:</u> Annora present, written report

Greetings to All, The demo at the Battle Ground library was a huge success! Many families and children participated in the games, crafts, puppet show, archery and throwing activities I coordinated for the event. I have made contact with three new families that are interested in the SCA and YAFA activities. Families and children seem to enjoy the game of Kuub far more than the game of Hunker Hausen, as I saw at An Tir West War. I've made a mental note and have changed the family and children activity offerings slightly for the upcoming Stormgods event. There will be two YAFA classes: bead making and hand sewing, as well as a Baron's Storytime lunch for kids and a game of Gluckhaus. Despite the lack of children's activities on the schedule for July Coronation, I have been in discussion with many people to find a way to squeeze in something for the kids to occupy them during the long court that is scheduled. I had an in-depth discussion with our Kingdom YAFA Coordinator about ways we can make it easier to become a mentor for the program, as well as ways to drum up interest from local families and children. Yours in Service, Lady Annora of River Haven

**Exchequer:** Everild present, nothing to report

The bank reconciliation is in the files section of the Stream. Nothing else to report. Respectfully Submitted, Everild Bayte Stromgard Baronial Exchequer

<u>Chamberlain:</u> Ronan absent, written report.

Greetings to their Excellency's, Baron and Baroness of Stromgard, Here is June's Chamberlain Report. Sorry I can not be in attendance, traveling for business. Nothing to report Getting ready for Coronation and Stormgods. Yours in Service,

Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

<u>Arts and Science:</u> AElfwynn present Written report

First meeting in July was cancelled as I was packing for AnTir/West War the next day.

Next meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a sewing night to make youth garb for Gold Key as we only have a single piece and it sounds like there will be at least one youth needing garb for the weekend. How fast can we turn out three tunics and/or tabards??? YIS,

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske, JdL, GdS

<u>Herald:</u> Matthias present, written report

Heraldry I been working with a few people on names and device and submitted them for conflict check .

**Scribe:** Edica present, written report Greetings!

I will be out of state for work until end of August. I will continue to send in reports.

In Service, Edica

<u>Chatelaine:</u> Þóra present, written report

To their Excellencies and Populace of Stromgard, I'm pleased to report that our demo located at the Battleground Community Library was a resounding success. We had ten people sign up to be directly emailed more information and several more took flyers and recruitment cards. I've contacted individ-

uals that signed up personally and received two responses of interest. I'll reach out to them again prior to Stormgods and I'll discuss the event, itself, more in the post-event report. I was also contacted by the Kingdom Chatelaine regarding a new person who heard about the SCA on a trip to Seattle and happened to reside locally in our barony. He was interested in thrown weapons and archery, and I'm pleased to report that he went out and attended a practice (thanks Matthias for linking up with him). I am hosting a newcomers table at Stormgods near the gate area where Gold Key will also be set up. It is our goal to make information and garb easily assessable to any who might be attending their first event. The Columbian has also contacted me about covering this event in their paper – they really enjoyed Founding Revel and want to see our big summer event. I'll be in contact with Stormgods staff and baronial officers so everyone knows when they'll be arriving - I'm planning on escorting them around the event. So far, the recruitment cards have been well received and handed out by members. I'll have more at the newcomer table at Stormgods if you'd like to pick some up. Yours in Service, Þóra Jórsalafari

<u>Demo Coordinator</u> absent, written report

To their Excellencies Baron and Baroness, Officers and Populace of Stromgard, I hope everyone who went to recent events had a great time and was able to get there and home safely! I also know there were many reasons to celebrate Stromguardians at these events! Just a few highlights to report this month: 2 Þóra did an amazing job with the Battleground Library Demo! She made fantastic contacts & connections, also went above and beyond with contributing to make it even more special for the people who saw a great example what our Barony and the SCA is about. I am grateful for the kickoff and to be able to host reoccurring demos at that location. EXTRA THANKS AGAIN TO

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# **Officer Reports Continued**

EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND SUP-PORTED/REPRESENTED THE BARONY. It was a wonderful group effort and I think overall a great Family day for us too. 2 I am currently gearing up for Stormgods and the Race for the Hoard. PLEASE contact me about hosting games or just donating to the chest!! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE 2 'Drink Like A Viking' social night at Heathen Brewery has been postponed until a date after Stormgods. Please email/message me if you have any suggestions or questions! Yours In Service, Callithyia (Soon To Be Dagmar)

Gold Key: Donatella present written repGreetings to Their Excellencies and to the noble people of Stromgard. My apologies for the delay of this report. The photo booth feature at the Battle Ground Library was well received with library staff taking the opportunity of getting dressed up and photographed along with numerous children dressing up and enjoying themselves.

I have already received several requests for garb for newcomers coming to Stormgods. Once i receive more info on the newcomers, i'll set aside garb for them to be left at gate for when they arrive unless other arrangements are made. For everyone else, i'll set up a popup close to gate with a little changing room courtesy of Helvi inside it. The remainder of the garb and accessories will be set up there as well.

YIS, Donnina (Donatella) Donatelli <u>Chronicler:</u> Penelope present, written report

Greetings unto Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard.

I'm behind this month. I haven't uploaded The Siren yet this month. It will be completed and uploaded by tomorrow to the Stream and the Stromgard Group. Will the officers please start sending reports to the new Office 365 account - Stromgard.Chronicler@antir.org. It will be easier for me if all reports come to the same location. Thank you Yours in Service Penelope Viollet

Web Minister: Absent, no report.

<u>Knight Marshal</u>: Kjartan present, written report from Duncan

Fighter Practice Report 7-9-18 Attendance has been between 7 and 15 fighters, and there are no injuries to report. The practice on July 5th was canceled due to the war. We have scheduled an extra fighter practice and holmgang tournament for the afternoon of Sunday July 15th. Practice will start at 1pm, and the tournament will start at 2pm.

<u>Archery Marshal:</u> Refskegg absent, written report,

Greetings,

June was a great month for archery!
Chris, Feradach, Annora, Kata and myself have achieved new high scores this month and completed royal rounds.
I cant stress how proud this makes me.
When we started Stromgard was not even on the list for scorers and now we

are well placed and a few people (Kata) are in top 10 lists.

It has been a great pleasure serving as baronial officer (I'm not sure if this will be my last report on the subject or not). In case it is, thank you all for letting me be a part of this. I'm so happy to see the barony take to archery and I know it'll continue to grow well under Feradach's tutelage (and Annora's too since I know its never just a one person job. And speaking of, a special thank you to my lovely wife Kata for all her help, inspiration and advice. It could not have been done without her.

Yours in Service, Yeoman Refskegg of House Bread

#### **Thrown Weapons Marshall:**

Matthias present, written report Throwing weapon we have great turnouts neww people and returning had people from three mountain come over and up from rivers bend and dragons mist. Going to have to expand.

Lists: Rusudan absent - written

#### **Open/Expired Offices:**

- Rapier Marshal— there may be someone interested in the position
- Youth Marshal—After Tri-bat Feradach plans to look into.
- Equestrian Marshal
- Chamberlain
- Archery Marshall— Vern will submit
- Arts and Sciences Minister



Alexander Son of Gray, Everild, Annora of River Haven, Feradach, Chingis, Qara, Þora Jorsalafari, Marjorie Bruce of H.R., Duncan MacDuff, Matthhius Van Schwarzenberg, AElfwynn Fiske, Donatella Donatelli, Contance La Clerk, Penelope Viollet, Helvi ar Gotland, Kjarten



#### LETTER OF INTENT FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER



Greetings to the Populace, Officers, Peers & Excellencies of attention until after August, it is my fervent wish to begin in Stromgard. I, Helvi av Gotland, do hereby declare in this letter, September to give it my utmost efforts to successfully uphold my intent to serve in the Office of Arts and Sciences.

The current Arts and Sciences Officer, having faithfully fulfilled Stromgard's Arts and Sciences Officer is granted. her duties with honor, is stepping down. In my intended service, I hope to continue the tradition of every other Tuesday Yours in Grateful Service, meetings in my home. I have ample supplies on hand, as I am Helvi av Gotland always making things or trying to make things. I also love research which is good, since that is part of my mundane job.

I know a number of persons in our Barony who may be amenable to teach classes, pass on a wide range of historical knowledge, or further inspire the artisans and craftspersons of our fair Barony at our Arts and Sciences meetings. I am inspired, impressed and enthusiastically look forward to seeing what our artisans, craftspersons, bards and others create. I look forward to taking a part in upholding the traditions of our StormMaker tournament.

"Creativity" is central to the life of the Society as a whole. The Arts and Sciences Officer is responsible for fostering the study of period culture and technology. Duties include providing offering opportunities for artist, craftspersons and researchers to share their knowledge and skills, and to supporting friendly competition in the Arts and Sciences. Along with the administrative tasks, promoting, encouraging and supporting will form the focus of my term in office, if my petition is granted.

I am a member in Good Standing, as attested to the honors I have been granted: Bell and Chain, Award of Arms and Ordo Famuli. Having served as Chatelaine, I have over the years participated in promoting the Arts and Sciences within our fair Barony. I have assisted at events, hosted demos, taught classes, and am able to coordinate with youth, scribal, heraldic, and military officers as well as guilds and groups within the populace to ensure a wide range of Arts and Sciences topics

are brought forth.

I already subscribe to a number of groups, pages and mailing lists to allow me to find and keep loose tabs on resources available to the many facets of Arts and Sciences. However, my net is by no means exhaustive. I am always finding and learning more, which is the whole point of Arts and Sciences, I think. To discover, to learn, and then add that new knowledge to one's SCA tool kit so it can be shared with others.

I intend to schedule and publish six months in advance, what is happening for each meeting so our citizens, neighbors and newcomers are aware of dates and topics of interest (as well as any cancellations) so they can schedule accordingly. I further intend to attend Kingdom and neighboring Baronial Arts and Sciences events and learn from neighboring and Kingdom Arts and Sciences officers, as well continuing to consult with our illustrious past Arts and Sciences officers, Viscountess Ilaria and Lady Aelfwyn.

I do not take the duties of the office lightly. To that end, I regret I will be unable to give the office the proper time and the honor and duties of the Office, if my request to serve as



# **Event Reports**

#### **Battle Ground Library Demo**

Your Excellencies and Populace,

The demo on June 23, 2018 was a resounding success - thank you again to all the wonderful volunteers that made the event possible. We had a few brief space issues that we were quickly able to resolved prior to the demo starting. We also had so many volunteers that we had to be creative about fitting everyone - thank you so much for your enthusiasm, it really made all the difference! A special thanks to Lady Annora for her long hours planning and prepping the youth activities, and to Lady Callythia and Lady Helvi for their help with initial planning and management on the day of the event.

The library said that they received so many compliments and that it was the best start of the summer reading program that they had ever had. They would very much like to have us back next year. I believe we had a couple hundred people pass through our demo areas inside and outside. We handed out multiple cards and flyers and several people signed up for more information. We've had two interested individuals respond thus far and I've given them information on our upcoming events.

I have no outstanding items from the event other than continuing to followup with potential newcomers, but I welcome any feedback you had about the event so we can do even better next time.

Thank you, Þóra Jórsalafari



#### **July Coorination 2018**

Dragon's Mist was awarded bid for July Corodination at the Zumstein Farm.

#### StormGods 2018

Report from Matthias— It's all ready hopefully it will go smoothly and everyone will have fun . It's going to be a hot one so please no passing out due to heat . Meeting tonight after barronl meeting .

#### **TriBat 2018**

Event being sponsored by Three Mountians— Event on Sept 7 -9 at Trojan Park. Issue with getting information update on Kingdom Event Site.

#### Yule 2018

Bid needed

#### **Founding Revel 2019**

Bid needed.

#### May Crown 2019

Greetings,

As many of you have heard Stromgard has won the bid for May Crown 2019! I am just getting started with getting a plan into place and getting things organized. If you are interested in helping out with anything I would be most appreciative. The bid will need to be adjusted slightly as in my excitement I forgot to add garbage to the bid and the Kingdom suggested a change in the number of Port-a-potties. I am waiting to hear from the sanitation to find out how much the charges will be and I am waiting to hear from the garbage company on how much a dumpster will cost. I will be contacting the school about renting field space for parking. Please let me know if you have any ideas for this event. I am welcoming all ideas, suggestions and feedback.

I have attached the request from the Shire of Hauksgard for help with there upcoming demos.

Yours in Service

**HL Qara Chinua** 

#### Other Business

Banners received and sent to Chamberlain

Dragon's Mist requested the used of Stromgard's Erick supplies for July Coordination—Request approved by council.

# **Upcoming Events**

(an attempt at period costume/garment is expected, if you don't have garb inquire about Gold Key

August 10-12— Dragon's Down—Fire Mountain Keep

August 10-12—Kaldorness Arts and Sciences Weekend—Kaldorness

August 18—Archery Academy - Three Mountains

August 31—September 3—September Crown—Dragon's Laire

September 7-9 - Tri-Baronial Archery and Thrown Weapons Tournament

To find out more information about the above events and many others happening throughout the Kingdom, go to <a href="http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php">http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php</a>

# Activities in the Barony of Stromgard

(period costume/garment is not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome)

**Monthly Baronial Council Meeting** - Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm. Held at "<u>The Golden Tent</u>" 4902 NE 94<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA 98622. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact*: Alexander Son of Gray (Alexander Grayson) at stromgardseneschal@gmail.com — 503-984-7278

**Stromgard Fighter Practice** — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at a private residence – 5111 ne 125th Street, Vancouver WA 98686. *For questions or to* confirm *activity, contact*: <a href="mailto:sirkjartan@yahoo.com">sirkjartan@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/</a> for Armored fighting

**Archery Weapons Practice** — Mondays at 6:00 PM at a private residence—7719 NE 88TH ST, Vancouver, WA (Parking limited). *For questions or to* confirm *activity,* contact Refskegg (Jed Heimkes) at jjheimkes@gmail.com or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948">https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948</a>

**Thrown Weapons Practice** — Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Orchards area. Contact Matthias von Schwarzenberg (Bud Clark) at harlenclark64@gmail.com or private message Bud Clark on Facebook for location address. Check on /www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948 for updates or to confirm activity.

Arts and Science Nights – First and Third Tuesdays – 6:00-9:00 PM Opportunity to work on Arts and Science projects. Private residence – 12214 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA. For questions or to confirm activity, contact AElfwynn at aelffriend@gmail.com

**Fighter Workshop** – Saturdays depending on events and James' scheduled – Please RSVP Open shop designed to help get and keep fighters in armor For questions and on-going schedule – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/364327937033071">https://www.facebook.com/groups/364327937033071</a>

**Stromgard Cookery** – Fourth Wednesdays – 6:30-9:00 PM. Opportunity to learn and cook medieval foods. For location, questions or to confirm activity - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/170931156876890">https://www.facebook.com/groups/170931156876890</a>

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### The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- Chamberlain
- **Arts & Sceineces**
- **Archery Marshal**
- Rapier Marshal
- **Equestrian Marshal**
- Youth Marshal

Any currently filled office that you are interested in always need deputies.

If interested in an office,

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