

The Steppes Letter

September 2017



Words from their Excellencies



Greetings!

The month of August was so busy. It was a whirlwind that still has our heads spinning.

We started the month with a fun birthday/anniversary party for of Canton of Kyngescreke. It was incredible hanging out and meeting new people.

Steppes Artisan was a jam-packed event. Thank you Baroness Katya for being a great autocrat. We had many talented artisans compete to be named our A and S champion. We are honored to have Madelena de Orozco named as Steppes Artisan 31. She is a very talented artisan that has already jumped in with both feet.

Steppes Artisan also hosted the Princess's tea. Our own Lord William Swindell and HL Aurelia Ylverneau put on an incredible Tea! Look for the pictures of the amazing treats!

Glaslyn Artisan introduced our new Pilgrimage program for newcomers. Speaking of newcomers- it is great to have so many wonderful new additions!

We closed the month out with a great Populace goes to Dinner at Zorba's Greek Cafe. Boy- do we have a fun Barony!

Hope we see everyone in September as the camping season begins.

As always we are here to serve you and make your dreams a reality,

Peter and Sara



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Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

August has seen us through a whirlwind of activity on the home front and abroad. We had two back to back events in the Baronial borders and a War in distant lands. There are many thanks for Steppes Artisan and Glaslyn Artisan. I would like to welcome back all of our valiant fighters and support staff who braved the trek all the way to Pennsic War to answer Their Majesties' call.

Congratulations to HL Madalena de Orozco as the Newest Artisan of the Steppes! We were proud to have Master Hraldr Bassi as our Artisan and sad to see him move on. We had a grand time at Steppes artisan. The quality of work was beyond compare. I now know the trouble Laurels face at Kingdom A&S. Her Highness gave thanks and praise to Ld. William Swindell for hosting her Tea and Ldy. Kazuko Kitamura for the tasty chocolate chessboard.

It was a brave crew to try out a new site in the Canton of Glaslyn. I want to thank Ldy. Ysabel de Picard for choosing it for us. I also want to thank Ldy. Machteld of Glaslyn for autocrating such a wonderful event. It was a pleasure to see so many talented artisans vie for a chance to represent our prestigious Canton. Thank you also goes out to the teachers who enriched our lives by sharing their skills and talents with us.

This year we will be participating in a new event, Braggart's war. Come and show Elfsea and Bonwicke who has the best Barony in the Central Region, if not the Kingdom! This should be a great showing and a wonderful opportunity for our populace to really shine. Please come out and support the Baron and Baroness in this endeavour.

It is with regret that I must announce that the office for Archery Marshall is open for applications. Applications will be accepted until the October Business meeting. Please send copies of the application to myself, and Kingdom Missal Marshal. The Baron and Baroness would also like courtesy copies as well. Ld. Duskin has served this barony well for 3 years and it is now time for him to move on to other adventures.

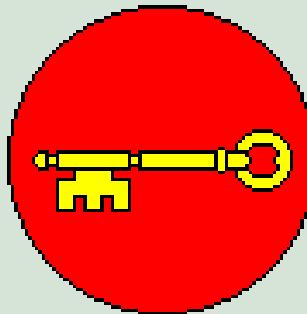
As always stay safe and stay hydrated.

We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are Family,
We are a Barony,
WE ARE STEPPES!
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Seneschal

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Words from our Officers

Greetings, Steppes!

July and August were fairly calm months for the Barony in terms of financial changes. We have gotten all outstanding checks cleared for the month of July, and the accounts

stand at just over \$20,000 on July 31, 2017. There will be minor changes from Steppes Artisan once those are reported for August.

Steppes Artisan 2017 has finished up, and from the event report we had a total of 91 attendees, for a small profit of about \$82. Thank you to all those who attended, as well as Astridr who was our gate coordinator and her crew of volunteers.

Please remember to turn in any receipts you may have regarding expenses for your office. Other reimbursements must be brought to the Financial Committee for review.

In Service,
Cristiana d'Avranches



Exchequer

Lady Cristiana d'Avranches

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Words from our Officers

Greetings to The Steppes,

With only a small amount of extra effort, we have made it through the summer with only one Tuesday night practice displaced to the heat of the outdoors. I am heartened that, with the exception of a few major holidays, we have found a year-round home for fighter practice and inclement weather should seldom be an issue.

So, who should be coming to rapier practice? I suppose it is the rare individual who, when holding a sword for the first time, feels and moves like it is a part of his or her arm. For most of us that comfort is earned through properly instructed practice.

I challenge any adult to try fencing for a few times before deciding that it's not for them. On several recent occasions, I have heard good people declare their inability to fight rapier because they have never done so before. The first time Master Miguel held a rapier, he had never done so either, nor had Master Brendan, nor had any other Master of Defense or White Scarf.

Perhaps you fear that you are not physically robust enough for this art. I would say that if you participate in yoga or are, perhaps, a dancer, you have every bit as much potential to master the subtleties of fencing as would a power lifter or a lumberjack. Gracefulness can be an asset.

Most important in learning to be a good fencer is to build from the proper foundation. Be patient and watch yourself improve. Whether you've never held a rapier or you're an advanced fighter, this practice is for you. Our instructors are second to none, combining drills with sparring to insure a fun and productive practice.

Loaner gear is available for new people. (Guys will need to provide their own athletic protector.)
Find out more by joining the Steppes Rapier Practice FB group or by contacting me. (214) 773-5415
Find us at T.C. Marsh Middle School located at 3838 Crown Shore Dr., Dallas, TX 75244 almost every Tuesday evening at 7:00. Park in the lot on Cox Lane and come in to the cafeteria.

In service,
Lord William Swindell
Steppes Rapier Marshal



Rapier Marshal

Lord William Swindell

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

I know there are some, perhaps many of you, that have names or devices you wish to submit. Each submission will require a check for \$8 to the Barony, and in turn the Barony will write a check for \$7 to the Kingdom. If you do not see me at an event to submit your paperwork and check, you can contact me by email at herald@steppes.ansteorra.org and I will give you instructions for sending everything to me by mail. Or if you prefer, you can also meet me at the monthly business meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you need help with a name or device please send me an email and I will do my best to help you, or put you in touch with someone that has the knowledge to do so.

In service

Lord Dragos



Herald

Lord Dragos

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Hello!

Heavy fighter practice is undergoing an overhaul! We are now practicing in the girl's gym at Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to about 9pm. Address: 3838 Crown Shore Dr. Dallas, TX 75244. We are sharing the location with the rapier fighter practice, so there should always be someone on site each week, even if you have to accept the challenge of One Star! One Army! and pick up a rapier to get a practice in!

Sunday practices at Carrollton have been suspended for the time being, until we can garner interest there or elsewhere. There are talks about joining practices with archery in Mesquite, at least sometimes if not consistently. Let the B&B, Creighton Bak, or myself know if you have any thoughts about the direction our weekend practice should head



Knight Marshal

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

Again, a new issue of the newsletter is ready for your reading. Thanks to all who have submitted articles and pieces for publishing, it is always nice to see all the knowledge and memories from the barony. Keep them coming!.

From this month on, the Newsletter will be published on the 1st of the month,. I will need any regular articles by Business meeting and any news ones by A&S meeting. Don't worry, I will start sending reminders every week.

Also, as a side note, remember to use our mailing list steppes@lists.ansteorra.org for any official announcements. You can subscribe at <http://www.ansteorra.org/social.php>. If you have any problems, send me a message to get it solved.

In Service

Lady Safiya Spizega

Chronicler of the Steppes



Chronicler

Lady Safiya Spizega

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I would like to have loaner garb available at all events, but I NEED some deputies willing to help with that. I'm also looking for deputies to help me shepherd newcomers and help acclimate them at their first few events. We've had inquiries during the business meeting at Half Price Books, at Archery Practice and at Populace in the Park in Carrollton, even while at the Perth Street shopping field trip.

There are more people than I can talk to at any one time. A big thank you to Lord William and Lady Safiya for their kind attention at Populace in the Park to a couple visiting from Oregon. Safiya shared her weaving and William helped her google the local group in Oregon.

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Claire



Hospitaler

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Good People of The Steppes,

Please remember that the office for Archery Marshall is open for applications. Applications will be accepted until the October Business meeting. Please send copies of the application to the Seneschal, and Kingdom Missal Marshal. The Baron and Baroness would also like courtesy copies as well.



Archery Marshal

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Greetings from the Office of Minister of Arts and Sciences!

Vivat to our new Artisan of the Steppes - HL Madalina de Orozco!

We'll have our regular A&S night on the second Thursday of the month (Contact moas@steppes.ansteorra.org for further information) - this month, that falls on September 14th @ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1333 Belt Line Rd, Garland, TX 75040 beginning at 7 pm.

And you know what? I don't have a theme yet - email me with thoughts! What would you like to do? Play a period game? Sew something? Make largesse for their Excellencies?

Scribal Arts on the last Monday of the month @ 3168 Catamore Ln Dallas 75229 - Contact Mistyhosey@gmail.com for further information
Early Instrumental Music meets approximately once to twice a month (contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for further information)

There are some special projects coming up this month:
The Steppes Dance Guild - Sept 16th from 2 pm until 5 pm @ house Gruffydd 302 Sweetgum Dr. Cedar Hill - potluck to follow
Wire Rings from Greek, Roman and Saxon times - Sept 15 @ Makerspace
Basic Herb Preparation (discussion) - Sept 10 beginning at 3 pm @ Makerspace
Rosary Style chains - Sept 4th beginning at 2 pm @ Makerspace
Make your own findings - Sept 8 beginning at 7 pm @ Makerspace

All the Makerspace classes are being taught by Susanna the Herbalist and can be signed up for at their site <https://dallasmakerspace.org/>

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Words from our Officers

Hi Steppes,

The website is going under some updates that will be noticeable in the next month.

Also, I have the pleasure to announce you and present you the new deputies:

Ozar Svennson

Hakon the Blacksmith who is also Glaslyn's Webminister.

Thank you to both of you for the much needed help.

With no other news for now.

Santiago el Rojo



Webminister

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Greeting Steppes,

Youth Boffer has not had much interest lately as many of our youth have aged up or are extremely busy with other activities and summer vacations. Loaner gear still available as needed. Always looking for new youth to get involved and new parents to authorize as marshals. There's lots of great events coming up this fall, don't miss out!

Youth Rapier is practicing on Tuesday nights at the same time as adults. Practice is sometimes overwhelmed with youth and sometimes we have none. I expect we may see more as we get into fall, especially as we can now move to steel epees for our younger fighters. Loaner gear available!

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



Youth Combat Marshal
HL Alexandra Notte Clare

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal
Viscount Galen of Bristol

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Words from our Non-Guilds

Steppes Bowyer and Fletchers Guild

Greetings,

With war season starting up soon I felt we should begin with a combat archery preparedness workshop. Be prepared to bring your combat archery kit and let's make sure your kit is in good repair and working order. Nothing is worse for a combat archer discovering you have an equipment problem at command of "lay on"!

Even if you are not currently a combat archer there will be a lot to learn and much to do. So come join us for a fun evening of shared tasks and tales of glorious battles past and more yet to come as we inspect & repair our combat archery kits!

Hope you shall join us!

Regards,

HL William Black Dragon aka "Ironwyrn"

Steppes Music and Vocal non Guild

The Steppes Music Guild has two established working groups, the Instrumental Music group that meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2421 San Paula, Dallas 75228, starting at 2:00PM, and the Vocal Music Group that meets at Cedar Hill Methodist at 128 North Roberts in Cedar Hill on the second and fourth Sunday of the month also at 2:00PM. Both exclude meetings on major holidays, and will change meeting locations to Populace in the Park or other activities when applicable. Since there's a minimum number of folks needed to have an effective music group, please contact the appropriate person if interested in attending. You don't have to be a highly trained singer or instrumentalist to join us, and we welcome all skill levels.

For more information about the guild as a whole contact Herr Marcus at seafox@gypsyheir.com or Master Llywelyn at todd@twmarsh.net. For information about the specific groups, Herr Marcus is the contact for the instrumental group, while Master Llywelyn runs the vocal group. The instrumental group also tries to provide a musical presence at all Steppes events, so if you're unable to make the guild meetings but want to join in at an event contact either one of the folks referenced above to get the music sources used by the guild. And if you're interested in learning the courtly grace of music the guild has folks who can teach lessons.

Words from our Non-Guilds

Steppes Dance Guild

Dance mistress Baroness Elizabeth Carter invites all to the 1st organizational meeting of the Steppes Dance Guild and dance practice. Mistress Xene Theriane, and Master Llywelyn Gruffydd also invite dance musicians to play for the dancers.

The practice will be held at House Gruffydd, located at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 from 2 - 5 pm.

Bring snacks to share and something to throw on the grill. The backyard grill will be fired up at 5 pm with a revel and pot-luck to follow.

We will be making decisions as to when the practice will held in the future, so please let your voices be heard.

If you have any questions, contact Mistress Xene at vmars169@gmail.com or call 469-879-5762.

Musings from Malachi the Monk

Often times we are asked to tell a mundane about the SCA. We all, for the most part, give the same answer. "The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the recreation of the life of noble people from about 900bc to 1600 ad." We talk about the fighting, the A&S, and even about the safe family environment. What I never hear anyone say (and this is just me) is what they have seen. Well my friends, here is what I have seen in 15 years....

“I have seen children grow up.

I have seen adults grow up.

I have seen the sun rise, set, and rise again all in the same day.

I have seen a Baroness sit the thrown alone while her husband was away at war, and despite the stress and hardships of the job, she made it look easy.

I have seen armies clash for hours in the morning, and greet each other as friends in the evening.

I have seen a drunk sober up.

I have seen party animals grow past that and into respected peers.

I have seen a Rose bloom in the desert.

I have sworn an oath to king and crown.

I saw a man with no titles and a bad back and neck teach his craft to others.

I saw the same man befriend an out cast.

I have sat with, and dined in the presence of kings and had tea with a princess.

I have seen 12,000 people walk into the woods for 3 weeks, and leave no trace they were there.

I have known a man for 15 years. I call him brother. He watches my kids. I can't tell you his real name but I trust him with my life.

I watched a man fight for a championship, and bow out because his quest for honor was greater than his quest to reign.

I have seen a selfish man rededicate himself to the service of others.

I have seen a rose cut by a blade only to be pricked by her thorn for his trouble.

I have offended.

I have offered amends.

I have lost the dream and left. I have come back. The dream is I'm me now and for life. “

Mostly I have seen my life go by in a way that these words can not do justice to. Someone once asked me why I don't just quit. This is why. For better or worse, friend or foe, I love you for the magic of my life. This dream is bigger than one man. I am proud to serve it. Thanks for the last 15 years.

Missive From the Autocrat of Steppes Artisan

To the Barony of the Steppes, greetings

Steppes Artisan was a great event. I was honored and thrilled to be able to serve as steward for this event. I have a few thank you I would like to pass along.

Let me begin by thanking the set up crew. There weren't many of us but we finished in less than 2 hours. Those folks were Dragos, Gordon, Astrid, M. Katherine, Alain, and Aeryn. We also had the lunch crew on hand to begin prep; they are Maura, Oliver, Aurelia and Kitamura. Let's not forget the site token crew that assembled the kits. Thanks guys!

Special thank you to HLy Alexandria Doyle for suggesting the use of her banners from her display to decorate the hall. She was able to add ambiance to the hall as well as better display her arts.

Thank you to Astrid and her crew for running gate. You all did a great job and everyone made it through gate smoothly.

I believe that the Princess enjoyed the tea held in her honor. The comradery helps to build a strong rapier community.

Thank you to those of you that stayed to help clean up. At that point in the day, I was a bit tired but I know that I saw Safiya, Santiago, Deitrich, William, and Alexandra Notte Claire. There may have been others that helped with loading the trailer; it was a whirlwind of activity.

Big, huge, giant thanks to M's Llywelyn and Xene for coordinating the church, working with us for set up and clean up, hosting the brewing competition, and the after party revel. Without you, this event could not have happened as it did.

And last, thank you to Their Excellencies and Aurelia for allowing me the opportunity to serve our barony. I had a great time and look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

Baroness Ekaterina, known best as Katya

Da'ud Bob Movie Review

Chimes at Midnight



Having reviewed a couple of new works of what I have termed “Shakespearean Fan Fiction” for you the past two months (Still Star-Crossed and Will), I thought that this month I would turn to an older piece of what isn’t quite “Shakespearean Fan Fiction,” as it does not change either Shakespeare’s words or Shakespeare’s plot. But it was done by one of Shakespeare’s biggest (in more than one sense of the word) fans, and it changes the emphasis of Shakespeare’s existing story line a bit. The fan was Orson Welles, and the movie is his 1965 compilation from bits and pieces of Shakespeare’s Henry IV, Part 1, Henry IV, Part 2, Henry V, and a little bit from The Merry Wives of Windsor, all organized to demonstrate not so much the history of Henry IV and Henry V, but “a love story of a boy and his two fathers,” Prince Hal (Henry V) and his changing relationships to his real father, Henry IV, and his adopted “father,” Falstaff. And so it is that this month, Da’ud Bob reviews for you this bit of “Shakespearean fan fiction” originally titled “Falstaff,” but better known now as Chimes At Midnight.

Starring Orson Welles as Falstaff, Keith Baxter as Prince Hal/Henry V, Jeanne Moreau as Doll Tearsheet, the inimitable Margaret Rutherford as Mistress Quickly, Sir John Gielgud as Henry IV, Michael Aldridge as Pistol, Tony Beckley as Ned Poins, Alan Webb as Shallow, Norman Rodway as Harry “Hotspur” Percy (he was given that nickname “as a tribute to his speed in advance and readiness to attack,” Patrick Bedford as Bardolph, Beatrice Welles (Orson’s daughter) as Falstaff’s page, and Ralph Richardson as the voiceover Narrator, this movie is an amalgam, as I noted above, of bits and pieces from four of Shakespeare’s plays (three historical and one comedy) meshed together to highlight the changing relationships of Prince Hal with his father Henry IV and his carousing companion and father figure Falstaff.

Good points: Sir John Gielgud is an excellent Henry IV. (Let’s be real; Gielgud is very good at everything he does.) Orson Welles is at his antic, and emotional, best. The heraldic banners. Prince Hal’s armorial shield and cuirass. The scenes of the Battle of Shrewsbury (which took place in 1403) are a wonderful piece of editing, and despite having been filmed with a limited number of extras and in a public park in Madrid, Spain, really give the effects and feeling of medieval warfare in the English countryside. This movie should be watched for the battle scenes alone. The costuming, all of which was designed by Welles himself, isn’t as bad as in many such period pieces, and some of it is quite good.

Bad points: Knitted and fabric “chain mail,” some with obvious seams. King Henry IV’s huge crown. The trumpeters’ choreographed turning back and forth while trumpeting from the ramparts. The Norman kite shields. The long pointed-topped shields of the knights and men at arms at Henry V’s coronation. Some of the heraldic banner designs. Lowering knights onto their horses by pulleys. (But it was funny when the men on the ropes couldn’t hold him up and accidentally dropped the grossly overweight Falstaff to the ground.) Hotspur Percy’s shield bears the arms of Mortimer. (Mortimer was his mother’s family.)

Zero breasts. One gallon of blood. 134 dead bodies. Sword fu. Lance fu. Cudgel fu. Mace fu. Axe fu. Shield fu. Flail fu. Double flail fu. Plate fu. Pike fu. Prince Harry rolls. Fighters roll. Pistol rolls down the stairs. Gratuitous snow. Gratuitous bathtub. Gratuitous bare butt. Gratuitous dogs. Gratuitous pig. Academy Award nomination to Orson Welles as Falstaff for “Give me the spare men, and spare me the great ones.” A mere 39 on the Vomit Meter. Three stars. Da’ud Bob says, “Orson Welles considered this his favorite film. Though it might be considered to be ‘fan fiction,’ it is a tour-de-force. Check it out!”

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	29 Rapier Practice	30	31	1 Braggart's War	2 Braggart's War
3 Braggart's War Archery Practice Instrumental Music Guild Meeting	4 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	5	6 Kyngescreke Populace meeting	7	8	9 Laurel's Prize Tourney
10 Vocal Music Guild Meeting	11 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	12 Rapier Practice	13	14 A&S Night	15 Triumphe of the Eclipse Defender of the Fort	16 Triumphe of the Eclipse Defender of the Fort Dance Guild Meeting
17 Triumphe of the Eclipse Defender of the Fort Archery Practice Instrumental Music Guild Meeting	18 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	19 Rapier Practice	20	21 Business Meeting	22	23
24 Vocal Music Guild Meeting	25 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	26 Rapier Practice	27	28 Scribes Guild Meeting	29 Fall Baronials Elfsea Baronial College	30 Fall Baronials

- ◆ **Sundays 2 PM—Archery Practice** at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, Mesquite 75149 (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- ◆ **Mondays 6:45 PM—Glaslyn Chivalry Practice** at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Instrumental Music Guild Meeting** at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas (1st and 3d)
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Vocal Music Guild Meeting** at 128 North Roberts in Cedar Hill (2dn and 4th)
- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Tuesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Wednesday 6, 7 PM—Kyngescreke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library .
- ◆ **Thursday 14, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 21, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 28, 6:00 PM—Scribal Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ◆ **Saturday 9, 9 AM—Laurel's Prize Tourney** at VFW Bell Post 1820 (Old Post), 3302 Airport Rd, Temple, TX 76504, USA
- ◆ **9/15—9/17—Triumphe of the Eclipse** at Will Rogers Scout Reservation, 362369 US-64, Cleveland, OK 74020
- ◆ **9/15—9/17—Defender of the Fort** at 161B Four Knotch Road – Huntsville 77340 (neighbor location)
- ◆ **9/29—10/1—Fall Baronials** at Camp Arrowhead, Fort Hood , TX 76544
- ◆ **9/29—Elfsea Baronial College** at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Ln, Fort Worth, TX 76112

Baronial Schedule, Come and Join Us!

Come join us at the following events. If we have enough people coming we will bring the Baronial Pavilion so we all have a place to gather. If it's a camping event we would love to have anyone interested camp near us so we have a Steppes Camp. Let's have a presence on the road in Ansteorra!

September

9 Laurels Prize
15-17 Triumphe of the Eclipse
23 Elfsea Baronial College

October

6-8 Namron Protectorate
14 Coronation
27-29 Eldern Hills Samhain

November

11 Queen's Champion
17-19 War of the Rams

December

2 Dragonsfire Tor's Yule

Peter and Sarah
Baron and Baroness

Steppes Populace Events for 2017

- ◆ Saturday 03/25: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas TX 75201.
 - ◇ Music guild concert, mini demo and talk on inter-library loan
- ◆ Sunday 04/30: Populace in the Park.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 05/24: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Spring Creek Bar B Que
- ◆ Saturday 06/17: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ Perth Street tour and Shopping
- ◆ Sunday 07/30: Populace in the Park.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 08/30: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Zorba's Greek Café 1501 Preston Rd. Plano
- ◆ Sunday 09/10: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ Vetro Glassblowing studio Grapevine. (\$3.00 charge per person)
 - ◇ *Date is subject to change!*
- ◆ Sunday 10/29: Populace in the Park with Archery!.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Westlake Sports Center 601 Gross Rd Mesquite.
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 11/29: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet 180 W. Campbell Rd Richardson
- ◆ December: Christmas Party

Please note that all items are subject to change. They have been added to the Steppes calendar so please check it out for any changes.

Opportunities

Steppes Business Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month - 7 PM until 9 PM

Is held in the Community room of the Half Price book Flagship Store and open to the Populace! If you have topic to discuss and you are not able to come, please send them to our Seneschal to update the Agenda. Officers, the same goes for you.

The Financial Committee Meeting is after Business meeting

A&S Nights

2nd Thursday of the month - 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX 75040-3267 This is on Beltline, at N Garland Rd.

You will see a large sign for a car wash. Parking is behind the church. This is a monthly meeting, held the second Thursday of each month, for sharing in our interests in the arts and sciences. There are several tables, so bring a project if you have something you want to work on.

Early Instrumental Music Guild Meeting: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas. Doors open at 1:30 PM, come early if you need to tune up your instruments. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Early Vocal Music Guild Meeting: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 North Roberts in Cedar Hill. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Scribal and Illumination Meeting: 4th Thursday of the month—6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Hosted my Mistress Honour du Bois. Every Scribal night will have open charter painting for those who wish to paint our awesome charters as well as some structured classes ranging from beginning to advance techniques as well as original scroll work. We will be planning and working on scrolls for our baronial events too, so bring your ideas.

Chivalric Fighter Practice

Steppes fighter practice is open to all. New fighters welcome! The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available, and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Chivalric or Heavy Fighting.

Practice are currently held on Tuesday at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244, along with the Rapier practices.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244

Monitor the Steppes Rapier Practice Facebook page for info and site clarifications. New fighters are always welcome. The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Rapier or Light Fighting.

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Sundays 2:00 pm

Steppes archery practices are held on the first and third Sundays of the month, 2PM at the Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road in Mesquite 75149

Glaslyn

Mondays 6:45pm – 10:00pm (Except Christmas Eve and New Years Eve)

North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX

Directions: From I-35 E in Denton, Texas exit University Drive (Hwy 380). Go east on University Dr. Go north on Bonnie Brae St. Go east on Windsor Dr. Just past the baseball fields, turn left (north) into the parking lot. Continue around as if you are going to the soccer fields. Practice is in front of the basketball court on your right, soccer fields on your left.

Kyngescreke

Populace Meeting in on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. At Kaufman County Library .

Other Places to Find Great Things

There are many sites on the Web and Facebook for SCA interests. Below are a few. This is in no way an endorsement for any of the groups listed, or a final list. It is just a way to direct people to groups that they might not know about, that may be of interest.

Web:

sca.org

ansteorra.org

steppes.ansteorra.org

calendar.ansteorra.org

hospitaler.ansteorra.org

heraldry.ansteorra.org/honors (Awards)

ansteorra.org/links

Facebook:

Barony of the Steppes

Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)- <https://www.facebook.com/currentmiddleages>

The official Facebook page for the SCA.

Legion of Swashbucklers: This group is open to all rapier fighters

Steppes Cooks: This group is for those interested in cooking

Steppes Calligraphers and Illuminators Guild

Canvas Castle Showcase- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471086229603006/>

Canvas Castle Showcase: Show off your tent, camping furniture, or anything that makes your camping experience more homey

Elizabethan Costume- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/29374273995/>

For those people fascinated with the clothing, accessories, hairstyles, cosmetics, etc. of the 16th century. Although the name says "Elizabethan," anything from the Tudor period (1485-1603) is fair game for discussion.

Garb For Sale - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/130311470376509/>

For selling clothing, camping equipment, feast gear, period books and services

SCA Runway - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/460750480615188/?ref=ts&fref=tsA>

Place for showing off SCA fashion.

Tudor Conversations- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TudorWorld/>

An on-going conversation among like-minded enthusiasts of the 16th century exploring the world of the Tudors, with occasional excursions among the early Stuarts

Viking Clothing <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279611679205/>

For all clothes Viking!

Vikings of the SCA - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/244158265607631/>

Group for those interested in all things "Viking" related in the SCA.

SCA Equestrian - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34623283817/>

For those interested in Equestrian Arts in the SCA

SCA Garb - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/scagarb/>

A group for discussion of researching and making all types of garb for the SCA

Offices Open for Bids

Local Offices:

The current local offices are open for application. Please send a copy of your application to the current officer, Seneschal, and the Baroness. Applications can be downloaded from the [Kingdom website](#).

Office	Closing Date
Minister of Children	Until filled
Seneschal Deputy	N/A
Archery Marshal	Sept 21

Kingdom and Society Offices:

The following Kingdom and Society offices are open for bids. Please contact the officer for questions concerning application information. Applications for Kingdom offices can be downloaded from the [Ansteorra Website](#).

Office	Closing Date
Central Region MOAS	October 31
Central Region Exchequer	September 31

Autocrats Needed

Event bits:

The current event bids are open for application. Please send a copy of your bid and budget to the Seneschal, and the Baroness.

Event	Closing Date
Steppes 12th Night 2018	October 1st
Steppes 12th Night 2019	December 1st
Steppes Warlord 2018	December 1st

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- ◆ **Thursday 10, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 18, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 24, 6:00 PM—Scribal Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ◆ Saturday 5. 4 PM—**Kyngescreke Birthday**

- ◆ **party!** At 1134 Whispering Glen, Rockwall , TX
- ◆ **Saturday 19, 9 AM—Steppes Artisan** at 128 Roberts Rd. in Cedar Hill, Texas
- ◆ **Saturday 26, 9 AM—Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame** at 633 Hobson Ln, Denton, Texas
- ◆ **9/1—9 /3— Braggart's War** at Private Road 1706, Bridgeport, Texas 76426 (Sid Richardson Scout's Ranch)

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- ◆ **Thursday 8, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 15, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **06/17—Populace goes out** at Perth Street
- ◆ **06/10—King's College** at Greenville Ave. Allen Texas 750
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Known World Dance and Music Symposium** at 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093. Baltimore, Maryland
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Ansteorra Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 102 S McIver St, Madisonville, TX 77864-1913
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Bonwicke Artisans** at 135 E Twohig Ave, San Angelo, Texas 76903
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 501 E. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37915

Words from our Cantons



Greetings, Glaslyn!

We've been lucky to have some good practices this past month, here's hoping for continued good weather! We welcome any and all who would like to come out and fight with us. We have loaner gear for anyone looking to try out either Rapier or Chivalric combat.

Additionally, we are still looking for a new Exchequer! If you are interested, please feel free to submit an application or contact me for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Glaslyn Defender next month!

In service,

Lady Alhdryð ceorlstrange

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