



The Steppes Letter

August 2023



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Calendar of Events

August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Event Info

August 2023



Steppes Artisan

Saturday 5th 8am - 7pm
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX 75080
[Facebook](#) | [Website](#)

Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame

Saturday 26th 8:30am - 7pm
Trinity United Methodist
Church
633 Hobson Lane, Denton,
TX 75205

Archery

First & Third Sundays
2PM-5PM
Westlake Sports Center
601 Gross Rd, Mesquite, TX

Chivalric & Rapier

Tuesdays 7PM-9PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Glaslyn Practice & Business Meeting

Mondays 6PM
North Lakes Park 2001 W.
Windsor Dr., Denton, TX

Steppes Business Meeting

3rd Thursday 6:30PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Thrown Weapons

On hiatus

Newcomers' Academy

1st Tuesday 6:30PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Culinary Guild

1st Wednesday 7PM
901 N US 75-Central Expy
1000, Plano, TX

Scribal Guild

Tuesdays 7PM-9PM
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Music Guild

On hiatus

*All SCA Practices and
Meetings are free to attend



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Greetings all,

August is here and we are kicking off a celebration of the arts! Steppes Artisan starts off the month and Glaslyn Artisan ends the month. In between these events, expect art activities and promotion of the skills and talents of the steady hands of artisans in the area.

This will be a busy month, which is already pretty busy with our Tuesday soirée (meetup, practice, hangout, name pending). But there's always room for more things! Glaslyn also holds a growing practice on Mondays. Between practices, classes, and events, August is a month where you won't be lacking in things to do!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!

Best wishes,

Baudoyne and Katerine

Baron and Baroness of the Steppes

Lord and Lady of Glaslyn.

Word from the Baronial Officers



Seneschal

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Steppes Friends!

Welcome to summer! Our summers can be rather brutal. Remember that heat exhaustion and stress from heat can have serious effects on your body so hydrate often. If you are sensitive to heat we would rather you stay cool and healthy so don't fret if you have to miss activities.

Speaking of activities, Steppes Artisan is here! Next letter I shall have a laundry list of thank you notes, commendations, and much more. In the mean-time I have consulted my magic 8 ball and it has told me that Artisan was amazing. It had delicious food, incredible classes, and so much laughter! I look forward to seeing those visions come to life on August 5th. Pre-thank yous to our wonderful co-autocrats Sean and Rayya.

July 25th we had a populace give away grab and go mini-event. It was very successful! Many members were able to part with items they no longer needed which helped out new members as well as long standing members. Thank you to everyone who donated! If you liked this please let me know and we'll discuss hosting another one towards the end of the year.

We do have a few offices open and many deputy positions available! Contact me if you're interested in helping out as either an officer or learning the role of an officer as a deputy.

In service,

Duchess Antigone of York

Seneschal (Who is trying to survive this 106 degree heat)



Exchequer

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Greetings populace

As of 6/30/23 the bank balance is \$19192.50. I have just received the paypal check for warlord so that will be reflected in next month's balance. We are still looking for a quartermaster. If interested please let me and the sencheal know.

In Service,

Astrid Flokadottir



Chivalric Marshal

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What a busy month, if you've been out to practice you know exactly what I mean. We've had a massive influx of new fighters, with a staggering 24 people in armor for one practice! As always we are continuing our solo training and incorporating more melee. Armor is now color coded small, medium, or large to its corresponding bag to make armoring and un armoring easier.

Additional we will be posting a date for a weekend in August for armor making so stay posted for that. See everyone at practice!

Magnus Creppinson

Steppes Knight Marshal



Archery Marshal

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Unto the populace of the Barony of the Steppes, your Archery Marshal sends greetings

Against all odds, we enjoyed (slightly) cooler weather on our range dates, allowing Steppes archers to practice in comfort this month! We had some tight competition in the fun shoot, as our own Baron Baudoyne amazed us all with his expertise at trick shots. Lord Kenneric ap Griffith prevailed in the end, winning the shoot by a single point.

Upcoming archery events: Providing the weather cooperates, Steppes has archery practice every 1st and 3rd Sunday, and Elfsea holds theirs on every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Additionally, I will be teaching a class on Arrowmaking and Repair at Glaslyn Artisan, 26 August.

We shoot at Westlake Park Archery Range, 601 Gross Rd, Mesquite 75149, from 2:30-5 pm. (Marshals and Marshals in Training shoot 2-2:30.) Come join us! We have loaner gear.

I will be completing my tenure as Archery Marshal in November 2023. If you're interested in serving our great Barony as the Baronial Archery Marshal, please see me.

Stay hydrated! Yours in joyous service,
Lady Eadgyth Beornesdohtor



Rapier Marshal

Mathias Grunwalt
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Rapier participation continues to grow at our combined fighter practices. Our total attendance at combined fighter practices is now averaging almost 50 people across several different disciplines and interests.

With our continued growth, loaner gear is becoming strained. If you have been attending for some time and can afford your own gear, please consult with us on where to get what you need. We want every person who attends practice to be able to participate and doing this will help relieve the demand on loaner gear.

The reduced armor experiment remains alive and well with no injuries or incidents to report so far. With our record high heat this has been a Godsend for many.

The heat poses another problem however, which is that of space. Since it is far too hot to practice outdoors and our attendance continues to grow, our wonderful indoor space is getting a little bit crammed at the moment. Please ensure you are stowing your gear in the smaller divider area. Doing so will allow for as much space as possible for the rapier and chivalric fields.

Rapier drills and instruction have been consistently provided and many experienced fighters have begun to comment on how they appreciate seeing it. Practicing foundational skills is important for all experience levels. I am glad to see that this shift in fighter practice culture is providing value to the local rapier community.

Lord Mathias Grunwalt



Minister of Arts & Sciences

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Greetings,

We are hard at work getting ready for Steppes Artisan , Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame and Artisan August.

This year's Steppes Artisan will be special because while all of Steppes other champions have always had a consort, Artisan has not, so we will now have "The Muse of the Steppes", consort to The Artisan of the Steppes.

Artisan will have numerous classes this year, including as special lecture and demo on Silk Production or Sericulture , by our current Steppes Artisan, Maestra Masina da Ferrara. Space will be limited for that particular class, so be sure to sign up early!

As of this writing we have a full class schedule for Steppes Artisan. Check out Discord and Facebook for the complete class list.

The Steppes Snow Cones will also be making another fundraiser appearance! It's gonna be a hot one, and refreshing snow cones are a great way to cool down. Volunteers are greatly appreciated, as both Lord Torquil and I are competing in Artisan.

The Schedule will be as follows:

- 11:00 am - 12 Noon 2 people needed
- Break for lunch
- 12:30- 1:30 2 people needed
- 1:30 - 2:30 2 people needed
- 2:30 - 3:30 2 people needed

We are keeping the day short. All proceeds will go this time toward expenses for the archery rental.

Mark your calendars!! On TUESDAY August 15,2023 after the business meeting, Suzanne the Herbalist will be teaching a class on herbs.

See You Soon! YIS,

HL Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi

MoAS Steppes



Hospitaler

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Hello everyone!

With Steppes Artisan coming up we will be having a Newcomer's Academy going over What to Expect At Your First Event on 8/1/2023 at 6:30 pm at St Luke's Lutheran Church.

We will be meeting in the meeting room or main lobby depending on how many people attend the class. If you've been part of the Steppes and SCA for a while but would like to attend we highly encourage you do so.

Wilhelm will be returning at the end of August so let's give him a warm welcome back when he comes back!

Mhearai Savirse Hamelin

Deputy Hospitaler



Webminister

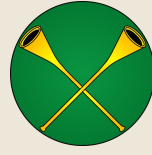
Hákon the Blacksmith
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Hello everyone! To anyone who missed the announcement, we have scanned several years' worth of Steppes Letters from decades past and are in the process of scrubbing them of personal information such as addresses and phone numbers. We have most of the issues between 1985 and 1998, as well as ones from August and November 1982. If you happen to have any physical copies of the Steppes Letter from before 1985 or between 1999 and 2006, we would love to borrow them! We'll just need them for a short while to scan them and then they will be returned to you. Archives for 1982 and 1985 are now available on the Steppes website in the newsletter section, and hopefully we will have more to share with you soon!

As always, make sure you keep an eye on the front page of the website for any announcements, and sync to our calendar using the button on the Calendar of Events page.

If you see an event that needs updating, have something that needs adding to the calendar, or if you find any other errors or issues with our website, feel free to let me know at webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org!

Hákon the Blacksmith



Herald

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Unto the populace of Steppes and Glaslyn, Greetings!

July has an abundance of heraldic classes and events - we have King's College (July 8) and a Heraldic Retreat (July 29) being hosted in Vindheim - both only about a three hour drive north, so please consider visiting. Round Table (July 15) is typically held online and provides a herald warranting track, so if you've ever wanted to be a herald, this is how you do it.

Glaslyn and Steppes Artisan will need court and site heralds in August. If you're interested in voice heraldry for those events please let me know.

I'm also ever on the lookout for heraldic deputies or people who are interested in learning about the submissions process. Please let me know if this is something you'd like to learn about.

I'm a bit behind on submissions at the moment, but working to catch up after a round of Life Happens. Please contact me if there is an urgent matter I haven't responded to yet, or if you have any questions about the submissions process.

In Service,

Lady Elionora inghean Ui Cheallaigh

MKA Laura Johnson
Oakenwald Pursuivant



Chronicler

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I would like to invite everyone to give a hearty welcome to Ade Eszes, the new Deputy Chronicler! Ade and I will be working together on new material, and possibly a new layout. I'm looking forward to seeing the new ideas and energy that they bring to the role as we spread the fame of our artisana, the infamy of our fighters, and the glory of the Steppes entire throughout the known world.

In Service to the Dream,
Sanyida Rayya al-Ruqay'a



Baronial Positions Accepting Applications:

Quartermaster, & Social Media Officer.
[Apply Here](#) to help your Barony do great things!



Culinary Guild of Hestia

We will return from Hiatus the second week in July! Watch our [Facebook page](#) for time and location!

HL Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi
(MKA Judie Willey)
Minister of Arts and Sciences, Barony of the Steppes



Scribal Guild

We are looking for additional designs for Steppes Charters to not only add variety to what we currently have, but to also add some simpler designs for those who are beginners to work on. Please See either myself or Lady Eagdyth for details.

YIS
Hadassah



Steppes Loose Association of Brewers

Greetings Steppes,
Currently no meetings are planned, but keep an eye out here each month for more details. Also join the [Facebook group here](#).



Music and Vocal Non - Guild

Greetings,

Practice at home until further notice. Watch the Facebook group at St. Romanos Chorale and Oakwood Consort.

Contact Mistress Xene at music@twmarsh.net for addresses and more information.

All music practices are cancelled until further notice.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,

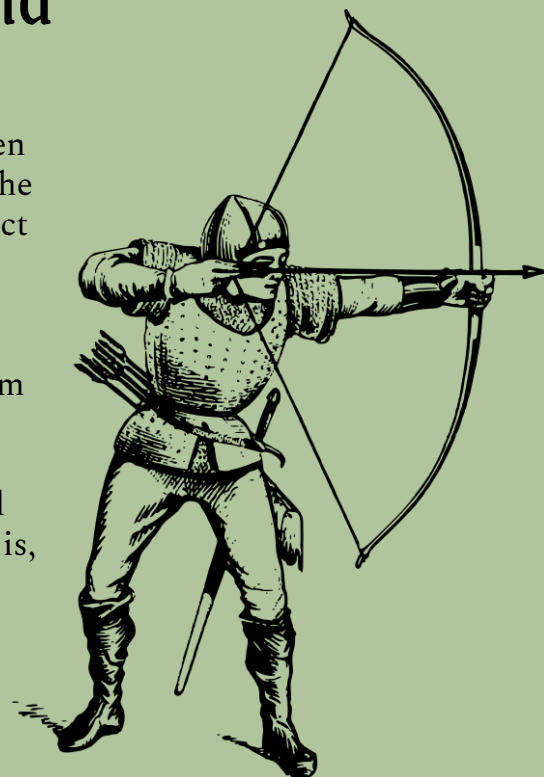
Mistress Xene Theriane, OL, OP



Steppes Bowyer & Fletchers Guild

The Steppes Bowyer and Fletchers Guild is the oldest archery guild within Ansteorra that we know of surviving even the later established now defunct kingdom's archery guild. The Guild exists to share knowledge between members and instruct others how to accomplish all the projects, skills, and items required to round out personal kits for our SCA archery community. We have recently included thrown weapons and siege weapons to our instructional activities since the kingdom has combined all airborne missile activities together.

Guild meetings are a bit sporadic at the moment but ideally we will meet on the last Friday of the month at a guild members' home. If you want to know when the next meeting is, please contact the Steppes archery marshal.
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Greetings Steppes!

Artisan August is upon us! We look forward to seeing everyone at Steppes Artisan as well as Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame.

Here in the lands to your north, Kobayashi no Hotaru has raised the Phoenix Company, a new melee unit to represent Glaslyn and the Central Region in the army of Ansteorra. Regular practices have begun, and we are grateful to those who have offered training to our new warriors. Special thanks to Their Majesties Gabriel and Sonja for hosting the Central Region War Practice on the Royal Demesne, where Phoenix Company was victorious in 4 of 6 practice melees in their first ever outing! We hope to make the unit a permanent and continuing fixture of the Canton into the future, and look forward to fighting alongside Ironwood in battle!

Aside from melees, our regular practices continue to grow despite the oppressive weather. As always, visitors from near and far are welcome to our combined practice and populace nights Monday evenings at Northlakes Park in Denton.

Hákon the Blacksmith

Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn

Hearts Ease

John Playford,
The English Dancing Master
1st Edition (1651)

Arranged by
Drea Leed, 1999
Edited by S. Hendricks

(AA, BB) x 3

1 **A** Gm F D Am Gm D

Sopr
Alto
Bass

6 **B** F Gm D

11 F Gm Eb Am D Gm D.C. x 3

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with three staves (Soprano, Alto, Bass). The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 6/8. The first system (measures 1-5) is marked with a box 'A' and includes chords Gm, F, D, Am, Gm, and D. The second system (measures 6-10) is marked with a box 'B' and includes chords F, Gm, and D. The third system (measures 11-15) includes chords F, Gm, Eb, Am, D, Gm, and a double bar line with 'D.C. x 3'. The Soprano staff uses a treble clef, the Alto staff uses a treble clef with an 8va marking, and the Bass staff uses a bass clef. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accidentals.

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Da'ud Bob Movie Review

[Seven Souls in the Skull Castle: Season Wind \(2021\)](#)

PBS, the Public Broadcasting Service, along with its Great Performances series, has been, and remains, a regular source of Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies reviews of great productions of, among other things, the plays of William Shakespeare. And this time is no different. We'd seen a couple of previews for this particular broadcast, and so set the DVR, recorded it, and when the time was right, sat down and hit the "Play" button. It was pretty much everything it promised to be, and more. I mean, past Great Performances productions of Shakespeare plays have long of interest to me, not only because of they have introduced me to actors and directors I might not have noticed before, but also because (1) they are Shakespeare plays!, (2) the production values generally tend to be pretty high, and (3) I almost always see something new, even in plays that have become very familiar to me over the years. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you the PBS Great Performances May 2023 broadcast of the July 2022 production in New York City Central Park's outdoor Delacorte Theater of a play you should be familiar with by now, Richard III.

Starring Danai Gurira (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, The Walking Dead) in the title role, with Tony Award winner Ali Stroker (Oklahoma!) as Anne, Wyatt Cirus as the Prince of Wales, Sanjit De Silva as Buckingham, Sam Duncan as the Duke of York, Monique Holt as the Duchess of York, Gregg Mozgala as King Edward IV and as the Earl of Richmond (Henry Tudor, King Henry VII), Paul Niebanck as George (the Duke of Clarence), Michael Potts as Lord Stanley, Ariel Shafir as Lord Hastings, Heather Alicia Simms as Queen Elizabeth, Sharon Washington as Queen Margaret, and Daniel J. Watts as William Catesby and Richard Ratcliffe. (The cast listing had Daniel Watts as "Catesby Ratcliffe", but we all know that they were two different historical persons. "The cat [Catesby], the rat [Ratcliffe], and Lovell the dog [Viscount Lovell, whose crest featured a talbot, a type of dog], Rule all England under a hog [Richard III]." Mind you, because of this little rhyme (well, that and the fact that he encouraged Henry Tudor to return to England to overthrow Richard III) he was executed for treason in 1484, so there's that.) The story is that of the rise and fall of Richard, King of England as Richard III. It's one of Shakespeare's historical plays, although many see it as a piece of Tudor propaganda, as well, especially for its depiction of Richard.



Good points: As ever, its Shakespeare! The stage itself, which contained features like a rotating ring with some architectural arches on it, which they could circle around to give you the impression, at least, that the scenery was being changed, as well as the pneumatic elevator in the floor to raise and lower actors at various times with lights and smoke. The cast was multiracial, multiethnic, and variously impaired (hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, height disadvantaged, affected by cerebral palsy, and so on, not to mention the cross-gender lead role, but it all worked well. Margaret's dress. Richard's coronation robe. Richard's breastplate with a boar on it. The ghosts the night before the battle.

Bad points: The heraldic banners were definitely not heraldically correct. I found Anne to be a little bit shrill at times. That totally huge diamond ring. Richard's heavily jeweled collar with the pendant sparkly gold boar.

Zero breasts. No blood. 12 dead bodies. Dagger fu. Stage dagger fu. Sword fu. Polearm fu. Plots roll. George rolls. Murderers roll. Gratuitous strangulation. Gratuitous severed head. Gratuitous dancing. Academy Award nominations to Sharon Washington as Queen Margaret for a standout performance; and to Danai Gurira as Richard III, especially for the scene of the night before the Battle of Bosworth. A mere 32 on the Vomit Meter. 3 Stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"



Come Say Hello!

Barony of the Steppes

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Canton of Glaslyn - [Facebook Group](#)

Kingdom of Ansteorra - [Facebook Group](#)

[Discord](#)



Other SCA Groups

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(SCA Rapier Fighters)
- [SCA Garb How-To](#)
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- [SCA Equestrian](#)
- [Scriptoris of Ansteorra](#)
- [Kingdom of Ansteorra ~
Repository of Class
Handouts](#)
- [Destash](#)
(second-hand gear)

Useful Links

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an Award](#)



Steppes ARTISAN

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Could YOU be the next Steppes Artisan? Pick someone who inspires you and let them be your muse! Both the new artisan and muse will be recognized in court!

Not an artist? No problem! Plenty of classes, activities, and shenanigans will be available for everyone!

St Luke's Lutheran Church

1210 W Belt Line Rd, Richardson, TX 75080

From US-75, travel west and take exit 24 towards Belt Line/ Main Street. Turn Left onto Beltline then right onto Dover. Destination is on the right.

Site Opens: 8 am

Site Closes: 8 pm

Adult registration: \$25.00

Adult member registration: \$20.00

Minors 17 & under: Free

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc. / Barony of the Steppes

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

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**Sideboard Lunch included
with site fee!**



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