



# The Steppes Letter

February 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Marata Midwinter Melees Bryn Gwlad Candlemas
4 Regional Practice Archery practice	5 Fighter practice	6 Newcomers academy, scribal, A&S, fighter practice	7	8	9	10 Laurel's Prize and Middle Eastern Dance Competition
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## Key

 Events
  Glaslyn
  Steppes



# Event Information

All SCA practices and meetings are free to attend

## Steppes Regular Meetings

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

## Steppes Business Meeting

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

## Archery

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

## Newcomers Academy

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

## Thrown Weapons and Music Guild

On hiatus

## Culinary Guild

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

## Scribal Guild

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

## Glaslyn Practice and Business Meeting

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

Check us out!





# Upcoming Events

## **Candlemas and Investiture**

Feb. 3rd at 8 a.m.

Georgetown Community Center  
445 E Morrow St,  
Georgetown, TX 78626

Distance from Steppes: 182 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Marata Midwinter Melees**

Feb. 3rd at 8 a.m.

Noble County Fairgrounds,  
Perry, OK 73077

Distance from Steppes: 268 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Kingdom Regional Practice**

Feb. 4th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Georgetown Community Center  
445 E Morrow St,  
Georgetown, TX 78626

Distance from Steppes: 182 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Laurel's Prize & Middle Eastern Dance Competition**

Feb. 10th at 8 a.m.

833 S Duck St,  
Stillwater, OK 74074

Distance from Steppes: 268 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Battle of the Pines**

Feb. 17th from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

154 County Road 1839,  
Carthage, TX 75633-5355

Distance from Steppes: 170 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Bjornsborg Battle of Beasts**

Feb 23 at 4 pm. to Feb 25 at 12 p.m.

Nolte Island Recreation Area  
3110 FM 466,  
Seguin, TX 78155

Distance from Steppes: 272 miles

[Facebook event](#)

## **Viking Raids**

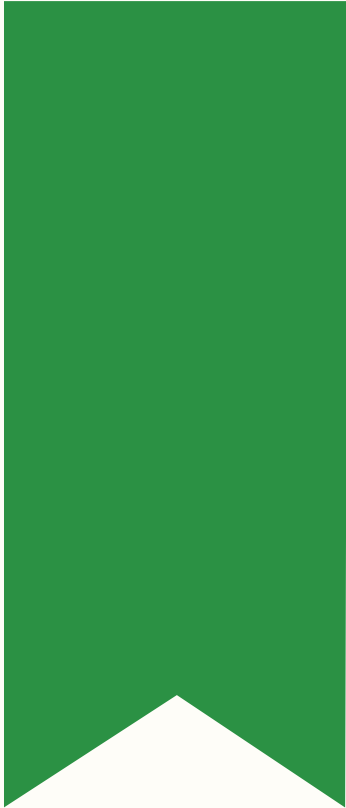
Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. to Feb. 25

Stones of Raven's Fort  
161 Four Notch Rd,  
Huntsville, TX 77340-2611

Distance from Steppes: 192 miles

[Facebook event](#)

# Words from the Baron and Baroness



Salutations!

We kicked off the year with 12th Night, and it was an amazing time thanks Esme and Margery who assembled an amazing team to put on the best party!

The music and dancing were delightful! We had an amazing time with Myfanwy helping us get our steps in and on time and Esme and Merry band of Oakwood Musicians filling the room with song.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Beauty and the Beast Murder Mystery this year, the character actors slayed it!

No 12th Night is complete without a feast! Taly and her amazing friends put on a spectacular one with a menu to die for.

Crown tournament was right after that and Duke Sven showed that the way to win a sword fight is to have more swords. Now Prince Sven and Princess Antigone are poised to assume the Stellar throne in the near future!

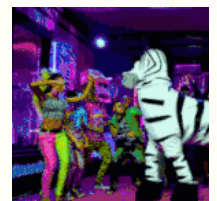
We have a lot of plans coming up. A lot. We have a year of events to plan (next up is Warlord), events to support (Glaslyn Defender), and several demos. (Fatecon, FanExpo, Fiberfest, Kimbell Museum) Though many, we are looking forward to all of it! We love seeing people have enjoying themselves and to leave our functions with fond memories of good times!

We are grateful for everyone who has volunteered to help this barony and its canton be the best we can be! Every event is better than the last and that is because of this amazing populace. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group and look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

In service,

## Steppes Dad and Steppes Mom

Lord and Lady of Glaslyn,  
Baron and Baroness of the Steppes







# Words from Glaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

It was amazing to see so many of our Steppes' siblings at Twelfth Night. An excellent event, a wonderful feast, and a fine time was had by all, especially Glaslyn's contingent! Hearty thanks to the stewards, the feast steward, and all the volunteers who made it such a memorable event.

To the north, January has been a wet and cold month, allowing Glaslyn only one practice. But things have started to warm up some, and assuming better skies, visitors from near and far are welcome to our combined practice and populace nights Monday evenings at Northlakes Park in Denton. Keep an eye on our website and Discord to make sure we aren't rained or frozen out!

**hákön the Blacksmith**  
Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn

## Editors note:

Baron Bao included copious gifs in his missive, however InDesign does not like gifs and therefore I could not include them properly. Apologies for denying the populace this joy, I did my best.



## Seneschal

Æthelwynne Stíðmódu  
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Steppes Friends,

While Duchess Antigone serves our Kingdom as Princess and eventually Queen, I will be your interim Seneschal. I'll do my absolute best for the Barony, and look forward to serving you all in the coming months!

12th Night was an absolutely wonderful event. The dancing, the feast, and the marshmallow warfare, and the fantastic murder mystery were major highlights of the day! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the event successful!! We couldn't have had such a great event without the help of our populace.

More thanks are also in order to the interim officers and new deputies that have stepped up, your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

We're off to a wonderful start in the new year, and look forward to the many exciting events coming up soon!

YIS,

**Lady Æthelwynne Stíðmódu**  
(MKA Shayna Miller)



## Exchequer

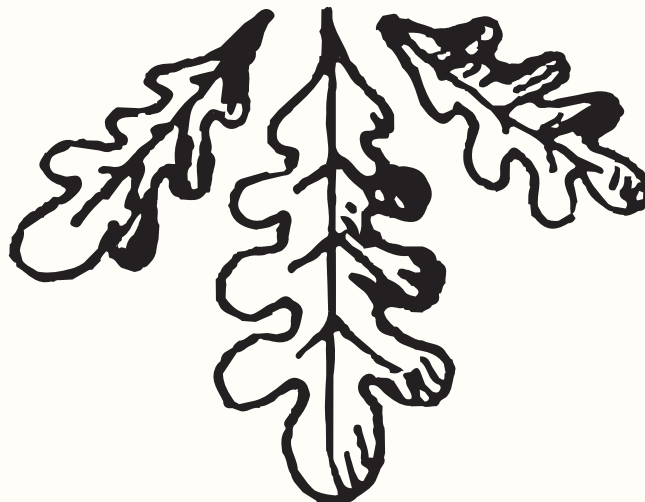
Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha  
exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org

As of December 31, the bank balance is \$22,886.44 and all checks were cleared before the end of the year.

12th Night was a rousing success, with a profit of \$1,904.62. The deposit for this will appear in the January ledger. My deep gratitude to Mistress Honor du Bois for running gate and all of the wonderful volunteers who staffed gate shifts. It's a crucial part of events that's often overlooked.

I am looking for a deputy to train to back up the Exchequer role. You would need to be a paid member, organized, and detail-oriented with ready access to the internet. Everything else, we'll teach you. :) Please email [exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org) if you're interested.  
In Service,

**Maegwynn inghean uí Murchadha**







## Archery Marshal

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Greetings, my friends of the Steppes!

The year has begun, and we have had a bit of cold weather, but I do not despair! Ready your cold-weather clothing, dress in layers, and it is always the season for closed-toed shoes on the range!

I hope to see you at the Westlake archery range (601 Gross Rd. Mesquite, TX 75149) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. February practices will be Feb 4 and Feb 18.

If you have questions about archery, please look for me on the Steppes Facebook or Discord, or seek me out at a Tuesday practice. I'm happy to help!

We have loaner equipment available, so come out and join us, and give it a try.

Yours in service,

## Catalin Von Braunschweyg

Steppes Archery Marshal



## Chronicler

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Greetings Steppes friends,

Thank you for your participation in my survey! The updates will be slow moving, but coming soon! As always, please let me know if you have an article to contribute.

if you are interested in participating in the FateCon Demo in March, please fill out this form:

Yours in service,

## Ade Eszes



## Rapier Marshal

Mathias Grunwalt  
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The rapier community is getting back into full swing with the spring tournament season upon us and Gulf Wars around the corner. Both one on one tournament combat and melee combat training will occur at our weekly practices to prepare individuals for these events. If you are interested in attending these events and have not yet become an authorized fighter please contact me to get that facilitated. Additionally we are looking to be participants in a few Combat Demos, such as those at FateCon and FanExpo. If you are interested in these events please let me know.

Let's have a fun spring tournament season!

## Mathias Grunwalt

Rapier Marshal



## Chivalric Marshal

Centurion Magnus Creppinson  
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January is just about over which means were that much closer to Gulf Wars! A successful armoring day led to many of our newcomers having armor and weapons of their own, be on the lookout for the next one in the coming month!

To help further prepare for war we will be having several classes related to Melee. There will be a tactics class, spear safety class, spear technique class, and possibly others. As always, we will continue to have our regular practices leading up.

If there is anything specific needed, please let us know at practice! Otherwise see everyone out on Tuesday!

## Magnus Creppinson

Steppes Knight Marshal



## Minister of Arts and Sciences

Æthelwynne Stíðmódu  
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Greetings Steppes!

The new year is in full swing and our artisans are already in the thick of new projects! It's been a great start to the year so far!

As you all know, Duchess Antigone has been promoted to Princess, which means I have stepped up as Seneschal for the duration of her and Duke Sven's reign. While I'll still be involved in planning classes and teaching, Lord Wilhelm has kindly offered to step up as Interim MoAS! It's a great help to not only me but the rest of our arts community!

We do have a garb making class planned for February! It will be at the Dallas Makers Space, tentative date 2/18/24. All are welcome, whether you want to get garb made for Gulf Wars or just want to hang out and craft!

Lastly, we have been invited to put on period A&S displays at the Kimbell Art Museum later this year! More details to come; there is a need for hands on arts, dancing, and music- if this is something you would be interested in please reach out!

YIS,

**Lady Æthelwynne Stíðmódu**

(MKA Shayna Miller)

Minister of Arts and Sciences



## herald

The heraldic office has been filled by Wulfleda Foxe



## Webminister

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Did you know the Steppes has its own Order of Precedence listing Steppes awards? You can check it out on the website at <https://ansteorra.org/steppes/op> or by selecting "About the Barony" -> "Steppes Order of Precedence" in the main menu. Check out the full list of holders of the Steppes awards: Boar's Tusk, Forest Light, Grice's Track T'Anthony, Acorn, Order of the Oak, Heart of the Oak, even the now-closed order of the Tread of the Steppes. Wondering what some of those are? You can learn about the Steppes' baronial awards [here](#) or by selecting "About the Barony" -> "Baronial Awards" in the website menu.

The project to scrub old Steppes Letters continues, and you can view the archives of decades past on our website under the 'Newsletter' tab in the main menu. We're always looking for more of our history, so 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.

As always, make sure you keep an eye on the front page of the website and our Social Media 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](mailto:webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org)!

Yours in service,

**Hákon the Blacksmith**

Webminister



## Social Media Officer

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## hospítaler

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Greetings Mighty Steppes!

Hello from your friendly neighborhood SMO! Twelfth Night was a great success, thank you to everyone who lent a hand!

We have 2 wonderful demo opportunities coming up this Spring and Summer, so keep an eye out for more information about those. This is a great chance to go show the world what makes the SCA so great!

As always, I am looking for any photos and videos that folks would like to see shared on social media. If you have any you'd like to submit, please feel free to email them to me or contact me on Discord or Facebook.

In Service,

**Centurion Margery Heron**  
Social Media Officer

Hello Wonderful Populace!

We have started our new year and with the new year has come a lot of new opportunities and members. We are excited for everything that is coming our way! We have a few demos this year that we will be hosting so please stay tuned for information about those.

Newcomer's Academy for the month of February will be going over safety. If you have any questions about safety whether at events, practice, demos, or meetings, please attend. We want to make sure everyone is armed with the knowledge that is needed to keep the SCA safe.

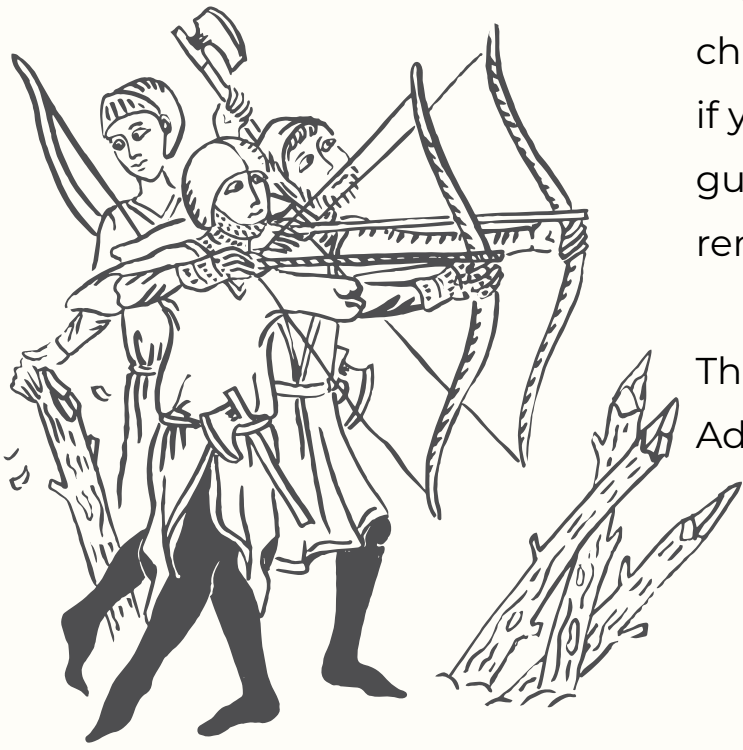
With Laurels Prize Tournament, Gulf War, and Coronation coming up in the next few months, we want to make sure that everyone has garb for the coming events. The week of these events the loaner garb will be available at the Tuesday night practice so that it can be checked out. We have a new check out and return system. If you need any specific size and would like to double check that we have it, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Bhann Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin**  
Deputy Hospítaler





Please email  
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Thank you!  
Ade



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