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BARONY OF RAVEN'S FORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9AM- RAPIER PRACTICE EMANCIPATION PARK 2PM- CHIV PRACTICE SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM	2	3	4 CHIV PRACTICE 6:30PM CANDY CANE PARK	5 POPULACE MEETING 7PM CITY HALL CAFE	6	7
8 9AM- RAPIER PRACTICE EMANCIPATION PARK 2PM- CHIV PRACTICE SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM	9	10	11 CHIV PRACTICE 6:30PM CANDY CANE PARK	12	13	14
15 9AM- RAPIER PRACTICE EMANCIPATION PARK NOON- CHIV PRACTICE ACE PARK	16	17	18 CHIV PRACTICE 6:30PM CANDY CANE PARK	19	20	21
22 9AM- RAPIER PRACTICE EMANCIPATION PARK 2PM- CHIV PRACTICE SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM	23	24	25 CHIV PRACTICE 6:30PM CANDY CANE PARK	26	27	28
29 9AM- RAPIER PRACTICE KASMIERSKY PARK 2PM – CHIV PRACTICE SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM	30	31				

EVENT LOCATIONS:

CANDY CANE PARK – 1508 INTERSTATE 45 N, CONROE TX
EMANCIPATION PARK – 300 MLK JR BLVD, HUNTSVILLE, TX
CITY HALL CAFÉ – 1420 SAN HOUSTON AVE, HUNTSVILLE, TX

SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM PARK – 1402 19TH ST, HUNTSVILLE, TX
KASMIERSKY PARK – 889 OLD MAGNOLIA RD, CONROE, TX
ACE PARK – 3109 GM 2610, LIVINGSTON, TX

Goings on in the Barony

- ***Rapier*** and ***Chivalric*** practices are posted on the calendar, website, and facebook. Due to the holidays, events, and the weather, things may change, so keep an eye out for any changes.
- Guilds are alive and well in the Barony – though some are on temporary hiatus due to weather and summer-time conflicts. Please peruse the calendar to see current offerings, and if you have any questions let me (your chronicler) know and I will either try to answer them, or point you in the direction of someone who can! We are looking at reinstating the cooking and sewing guilds. If interested and/or would like input on future plans/locations/etc., please let me (your chronicler) know.
- Ever thought about throwing stuff? Well, now you can! You can throw weapons at targets. You can throw knives, axes and spears in a safe environment while having fun. This is a safe place to learn technique, learn the rules of thrown weapons used in the SCA and have fun. Safety is always our priority. Be on the lookout for information soon.
- Are you interested in helping out at an AMAZING demo? The Barony of Bryn Gwlad is putting on a demo at the ***Sherwood Forest Faire***, located near McDade, for the tenure of the festival. The Faire runs on the weekends, beginning February 29- April 19, and there will be folks out there each weekend. The demo will include information and displays, members doing their art, and a fighting area. As this is such a huge commitment, Bryn Gwlad has asked for help from their neighbors. Raven's Fort co-hosting the weekend of ***April 4-5***. If you are interested in helping out – fighting, doing or displaying your arts, meeting patrons and telling them about the SCA- please visit their FaceBook page at: [SCA at Sherwood](#) and sign up, or contact Maria Bulgarelli on Messenger.

Defender of the Fort

Have you ever wanted to autocrat an event? Defender of the Fort is right around the corner! To be held the third weekend of September (September 18-20), we are looking for someone (or groups of someone's!) to take the helm. Our "big" event, champions will be chosen for Armored combat, Rapier, Archery, Arts and Sciences, Bardic, and Brewing and Vintner. And we can't forget our youth, where champions in a variety of disciplines will need to be chosen. Do you have ideas for a stellar event? Is there a format that you haven't seen in a while, or are partial to?

If you are interested in autocratting this event, we would love to hear from you!

We are now accepting bids for Defender of the Fort. They are due by ***April 2nd, 5pm.*** If you are interested, please contact our Seneschal, Kelly McMahon, at seneschal@ravens-fort.anteorra.org.

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at the following link: <https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for March and April include:

- MARCH 14-22 – GULF WARS XXIX – MISSISSIPPI
- MARCH 27-29 – HELLSGATE – COMMANDER'S CRUCIBLE – BELTON, TX
- APRIL 3-5 – ELFSEA DEFENDER – HAMILTON, TX
- APRIL 3-5 – MEDIEVAL FAIR DEMO – NORMAN, OK
- APRIL 11 – SPRING CORONATION – ARDMORE, OK
- APRIL 17-19 – SQUIRES, CADETS, AND ARCARIUS – LIVINGSTON, TX
- APRIL 17-19 – WIESENFEUER BARONIAL AND ROYAL HUNTSMAN – CLEVELAND, OK
- APRIL 24-26 – GLASLYN DEFENDER OF THE FLAME

How to...

How to Improve your Garb by HL Marie de Meaux

I am often asked by newcomers on how they can improve their clothing on a budget. I have been told that buying trim is not always an option. This really is a question that can be applied to anyone who plays.

When looking at simple designs, there are several techniques that can be used to add a pop of color. I will cover a few techniques in this article. However, these should just be a beginning of ideas to help someone looking to be creative.

One simple way to do this is the use the same type of fabric on the cuffs and hem of your tunic in a different color from the main fabric. Then, to save a little money I like to do a reverse tunic. What I mean by that is to use the color previously used as trim to make the main body of a second tunic and use the scraps/leftovers of the earlier tunic as trim. Additionally, I save the fabric to make linen or wool buttons that I can further embellish a tunic or dress.

Another way is to use fabric paint and wooden stamps to line the edges of the tunic. Using this technique, it is important to heat seal the paint to preserve the pattern. I like to use a lighter color on the edges of the fabric or use scraps of fabric that I can paint to make my own trim.

Speaking of trim, learning to weave is a wonderful way to enhance a tunic or dress. The woven straps can also be used as belts or for purses. This allows you to really play with the width and design. The two main types of weaving that I would recommend are inkle and card.

Lastly, I would like to explain seam embellishments/seam treatments. This can be a simple stitch that you use along the seams of your clothing or even over the seams of your clothing. Using contrasting threads, you can really make a piece stand out. Threads can be as inexpensive as yarn or cotton.

This article is meant to be the beginning of a series, so look for the next installment coming soon!

From the Seneschal



If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.
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From the Knight Marshal



Wednesday Afternoon practices at Candy Cane Park in Conroe have been cold and wet. We look forward to having more daylight in the afternoon and the weather to warm up more. Sunday afternoon practices at the Sam Houston Museum park in Huntsville started in February. On March 15th we will be holding a practice in Livingston at Ace Park. I think 12:00 will be a good time to set up and start.

We have a sign to set out for our practices, thanks to Killian McRath! It looks fantastic!
I understand we have one in the works for the Rapier practice also.

The Barony Hosted a War College on Valentines Day weekend last month. Their Excellencies picked champions in Knife, Ace and Spear (Haftmaster of the Fort) and our Equestrian Champion (Chevalier of the Fort).

We held authorizations in Rapier, Combat Archery, Armored Combat, Siege Engineering and Equestrian activities. An Archery Range was also for those who needed practice.

Please look at the Calendar of activities to see when and where we start.

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From the Rapier Marshal



Here is a simple reminder for Rapier Practice. As a rule of thumb the last Sunday of Each month rapier practice will be held at Kasmiersky Park located at 889 Old Magnolia Rd, Conroe, TX 77304 starting at 09:00 A.M. All other Sundays of the month rapier practice will be held at Emancipation Park located at 300 Martin Luther King Boulevard Huntsville, TX 77340. It should be noted that the address for Emancipation Park will take you to the old Boys and Girls Club building. When you are coming down Martin Luther King Boulevard you need to keep an eye out for the park entrance

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact: rapier@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.

You can also check on the Facebook group for any changes of day/time.

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences



Please send me what you are up to project wise whether baronial or personal by the 5th of each month! This lets kingdom know what our great artisans in the barony are creating!

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From the Hospitaller



If you or any newcomers need loaner garb for an event, please have them contact me.

In Service,

Lady Ysenda de Gray

From the Chronicler



Hello everyone! As many of you know, our newsletter is monthly, and will be available for disbursement by the first of each month. It will be available online, via our website and (unofficial) facebook page, email (let me know if you need added to the Raven's Fort email list), or a paper copy can be sent upon request.

In order to make it as dynamic and informative as possible, I am requesting that all officers and guild leaders, as well as anyone wishing to submit artwork, recipes, or interesting articles, to have their submissions in by the 25th of each month, 9pm. If you are working on something but have not yet finished, please let me know by the 25th and I will try to make it happen! If you have any suggestions (for example: topics you would like added, issues you would like to see discussed), please let me know.

If you are interested in submitting photos, articles, or other creative works releases are REQUIRED. You may find the releases as follows:

1. Photographer Release – for the person who TOOK the photo
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>
2. Model Release – for the **recognizable** people IN the photo
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>
3. Creative Release – for art, articles, and other creative works
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

I will also be updating the calendar (semi-monthly on the website and monthly within The Quoth). If you have any proposed calendar items (SCA related, of course), please be sure to submit the request timely, as it may take a few days to be reflected on the calendar.

Any questions, suggestions, calendar items, submissions or releases, can be sent to chronicler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.

Yours in Service,
Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort'

From the Herald



If you need name, device, or badge assistance please, email
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From The Minister of Children



If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.

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Kids' Corner



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