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*The Barony of
Wiesenfeuer*

A Statement from the Members of Wiesenfeuer

You may have heard about us from a friend, found us on a web search, saw our displays and demos at the Norman Medieval Fair or any number of local events or schools. Regardless of how you've found us, we're glad you did. The Barony of Wiesenfeuer is part of an organization called the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). It's an international organization dedicated to the researching and recreating the arts and skills of pre-17th century Europe. The "arts and skills" of Europe, and any people that Europeans had contact with, are far reaching in scope and depth. Arts include everything from making soap or butter, to making of instruments, woodworking, ... the list goes on. Anything that was made or done in the Middle Ages or Renaissance is fair game. Skills would include fighting, fencing, archery, thrown weapons, and all manner of games and talents played and practiced in six hundred years of history.

The SCA is a hands-on participation based way to learn about history. Hit your (armored) friends with rattan sticks, fence like a musketeer or pirate, or learn to shoot a bow like Robin Hood. Learn any number of arts and crafts from people that have developed skills and techniques for making and doing things the way they were centuries ago.

Beyond the competitions and projects, the royalty and ceremonies, the SCA is all about having fun. The Society is a great place to meet people with similar interests, make new friends, and be involved. So come out to an event, go to a meeting, or contact our hospitler at <http://wiesenfeuer.ansteorra.org>.

Welcome to Wiesenfeuer!!

Personal Testimony from the Chronicler

You may pick up a newsletter printed in the past and see the words written above and wonder how true they are. You may wonder if these people are just a bunch of weird people running around playing at swords. I've been a member of this organization for 6 months now. These people are some of the best people you will ever meet. The people in it learn, share, and teach everything you can think of. They practice those skills that they learn. They invest time and energy into making those relationships that better everyone from the old to the new. You cannot really appreciate it until you see and then do. You can spend as much or as little time as you like participating, this will be the most exhausting and exciting hobby you will ever have. Welcome to our ever expanding world of friends.

Donnán Ó Néill
October 2015

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Missive from the Baronesses



Fall is here at last! Goodbye to the summer heat!

September was an awesome month!

The Oktoberfest demo was a success and thank you to everyone who came out and helped! For anyone new from the demo or new to the area welcome!

Northshield coronation was a very memorable event! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gift basket it was well received by Their Majesties Northshield.

Congratulations to Mistress Kat on receiving her Laurel at LPT!

October is a busy month for us all, right out of the gate we will have a Baronial work/play/practice day out at HE Muriel's place on Oct 1, thank you to everyone who comes out and helps make something, shoot something, and throws pointy things or just comes out for the company!

Next up is Namron Protectorate, this is their 40th year anniversary event a great one to go to. Valia and I hope to see you there!

Coronation is the following weekend. Come out and celebrate Jason and Margherita as they take Their places as the next King and Queen of Ansteorra.

Diamond Wars! Come join us as we travel to the Barony of Small Gray Bear and educate them on why beef is always better than pork.

Finally, the last weekend of October is Samhain in Eldern Hills! This year the Kingdom Middle Eastern Dance competition will take place at Samhain and our drummers will be there.

November will bring us to Axman and War of Rams (BAM), more to come as we get closer.

Always in Service,
Dee & Valia
Baronesses Wiesenfeuer
Ladies of Haldtre and Myrgenfeld



Treasurer's Report



Greetings to the Barony.

As of September 24th, the Barony has a total of \$5396.76 in its account, with \$5062.32 being the Baronies money and \$334.44 belonging to the Cantons of the Barony.

I have figured out how much each officer has spent from their budget. If you wish to know, please get with me.

We still have T-shirts and window stickers available. T-shirts are \$10 each and the window stickers are \$5 each.

The Financial Committee is still accepting applications to add 2 members of the populace onto the committee. At this time, we have received one application, and need at least one more.

You must be a paid member and you must take the Kingdom Financial warranting class within 90 days of joining the committee. If you wish to apply, please fill out the officer application and send it to the Treasurer email or give it to me in person.

YIS,
Aubrey Ericsdatter

Minister of Children Message

Greetings!

It has been a fantastic 7 years as MoC! I stepped up into this office in December of 2009. Gosh time has flown and I have watched many of our children grow and become wonderful young adults! It is time now for me to move up to Northern Regional MOC. So without further adieu, I am opening the office to those who wish to follow in my footsteps and take our children to even higher heights!

In service to the children of our great barony and our great kingdom,
Lady Liadan of Patrin-Or

Officers Positions Open

Besides the Knife, Axe, and Spear Marshal and Minister of Children which is currently open, there are several positions that are going to be open in the next year and many open deputy spots. One way you learn is by doing. We respectfully ask if there is a position you can help with to please ask to be a deputy to someone. Especially if you are thinking about becoming an officer in the future. Being a deputy is the best way to learn how. With that said below is the list of available spots. Please contact the appropriate officer, Seneschal, Baroness, or Baron if you are interested.

Please help out your Barony by turning in applications today!

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Knife, Ax, & Spear Marshal open

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Deputy Minister of Children

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Equestrian Contact

Lucais du Belier

Baronial Champions

Chivalric – Sir Vladislav Strelec
 Rapier – Don Trevor MacRae
 Archery – Mistress Adena Terricsdottir
 Knife, Ax, and Spear – Fegrog
 Middle Eastern Dance – HE Alannah A'Becket
 Middle Eastern Drum – HE Donnchadh Beag Mac Griogair
 Arts and Sciences – HE Mistress Adalaide de Burbon
 Bardic – Arnulf Iron Skull

The Firewatch

Ahlanna A'Becket
 Aldric de Kerr
 Godfrey of Del
 Rainah du Bois
 Skjoldulfr Hildabjarnarson
 HL Wilhelm Meis

Ladies-in-waiting

Caterina Giovanni de Gilead
 Ermagerd de Tours
 Meabdh inghean Rois
 Lady Ainier of Patrin-Or
 Sainte du Bois
 Shanna Camber

Weasels (Baronial version of pages)
 Cainnear Lylle
 Steven

Royal Liaison
 Cadhla Ua Cellachain

Youth Champions

Youth Archery – Adair ap Owen
 Youth Chivalric – Sheamus
 Adair ap Owen
 Youth Middle Eastern Drum – Lillian of Wiesenfeuer
 Youth Middle Eastern Dance – Cainnear Lylle
 Youth Bardic - Evangeline Blanchfleur
 Youth Arts and Sciences - Natalie Garrett & Cainear Lylle
 Youth Subtilties – Madeline Starling & Sarah

Wiesenfeuer Meetings and Events

There are many activities within the Barony. Whether you are interested in Fighting, Arts and Sciences, or Just learning about the times and people we are striving to recreate, there is always something to do. Many Friendly members in our populace are willing to show their craft or help out with whatever you may have interest in.

See the calendar page and the meeting schedule list for the scheduling of practices, scribal nights, arts and science meetings, and other activities. Come out and join in the fun!

Armoring and Armor Crafting

October 1st

Time: 11 AM

Place: Practice Field⁴

Join the populace for a day of fellowship and helping each other. There is rumors that the target ranges will be open for all to enjoy some extra practice before the local October events kick off.

Populace Meeting

October 3rd

Date: First non-holiday Monday of each month Place: Ingrid's Kitchen¹

Time: 7pm

Populace Meeting is the business meeting for all members of the barony and other interested persons. Meeting include officer reports, policy statements, announcements, general pomp, circumstance, and fun.

Officers Meeting

October 17th

Date: Third Monday of each month Place: TBD

Time: 7pm

The officers meetings are held at 7pm on the third Monday of each month. Non officers may attend. There will be an open floor at the end of the meeting.

Archery Practice TBA

Time: 2 - 4 PM

Place: Practice Field⁴

Target archery practice for the barony to practice. This is held as resources are available. Check facebook, mailing lists, and website for updates on times and dates.

Arts and Sciences Meeting October 13th

Date: Second Thursday

Place: Dakani Nature Center²

Time: 7pm

This month we have a special guest speaker coming to talk about medieval forestry and bee keeping. Come learn about life in the middle ages.

Chivalric Practice October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

SCA heavy weapons fighting is based on the medieval ideal of the knight. All SCA combat is real and unchoreographed. The weapons are made of rattan. Loaner gear is available. a donation of \$2 per person per session is required.

Scribal Meeting October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm-9pm Place: Natural Grocers⁵ Check Facebook for locations

Open meeting for all geed gentles interested in learning about Calligraphy and Illumination (painting). We offer assistance in both techniques and the history of creating medieval manuscripts so those skills can improve the SCA experience for award recipients & champions of local competition. Loaner paints and brushes available. No fees are collected unless you want to take/keep the paint.

Rapier Practice October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

Practices are sometimes cancelled due to weather or overlapping activities. Light weapons combat is an SCA form of combat used toward the end of the Middle Ages. Loaner gear is available. A donation of \$2 per person per session is encouraged.

Youth Combat October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm - 8pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

Youth combat is for boys and girls are 6 to 15 years. They fight with foam-padded weapons. There are 3 age divisions within the program; 6-9 years, 10-12 years, and 13-15 years. The armor requirements and the strength of blows allowed increase as a child progresses through the levels.

Beginning Equipment for Youth Combat:

Each new youth fighter should wear long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, closed-toe shoes, lightweight gloves, and groin protection. A parent or an adult designated by the parent needs to be present throughout the practice.

There is some loaner armor but anything you can provide yourself is helpful. Armor requirements vary by age but all ages will need a helmet with face guard (such as a hockey or lacrosse helmet) and a gorget (medium-weight leather with ½ inch closed-cell padding). Knee and elbow pads are required for the older kids and helpful for the younger. The full armor and weapon requirements and rules for combat may be found in the Complete Participants Handbook. This is available on the Kingdom Earl Marshal's website at <http://marshal.ansteorra.org/armored>. Of course feel free to contact your friendly local marshal with any questions!

Sunday in the Park with the MoC

Date & Time: Check Facebook (usually the 4th Sunday) Place: Lions Children's Park at Lake Hefner⁶
Ivo Blackhawk will be present to teach the kids about making the belt mounted book (forget the name sorry) and teaching how it was used in period. Also there will be other fun and games to be had by all.

¹ Ingrid's Kitchen, 3701 N Youngs Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK

² Dakani Nature Center, 3309 E. Hefner Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73131

³ Seller Community Center, 8301 S Villa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

⁴ 5102 Woodhollow Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73121

⁵ 2120 SW 89th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

⁶ 9050 Lake Hefner Pkwy, Oklahoma City, OK 73120 (Google address) - East on Britton from Hefner Parkway then South on the access road until you reach the end

Haldtre

Officers

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Activities

Haldtre Folkmoot occurs on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Meet at Town Hall, 200 Hwy. 44, Foss, OK 73647.

Wearing period garb is encouraged.

Chivalric Practice: Every Sunday at 4:30 PM at Ackley Park in Elk City, 580-303-1905

Arts & Sciences Night held the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Cordell Library, 580-832-3530

Myrgenfeld

Populace - 1st Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Guthrie public Library
Arts & Sciences - 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM at Finn's house in Edmond
Bardic Guild - 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM at Finn's house in Edmond

Sunday Celebration - The 1st and 3rd Sunday at 2 PM at Highland Park. This includes chivalric, rapier, and youth practice as well as other populace activities.

Ansteorra Kingdom Calendar

October 2016 (A.S. LI)

- 30-2 Bryn Gwlad Fall Baronial - Austin, TX
Elfsea Baronial College - Ft. Worth, TX
- 7-9 Gate's Edge Fall Event - Houston, TX
[Namron Protectorate - Norman, OK](#)
War of Ages - Fynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)
- 14-16 [Coronation - Namron - Norman, OK](#)
- 21-23 Tournament of the Lions - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
- 28-30 Samhain Celebration & [Kingdom Middle Eastern Dance Champion & Royal Huntsman](#) - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
Seawinds Defender - Corpus Christi, TX

November 2016 (A.S. LI)

- 4-6 Three Tales a Canterbury Pilgrimage - Rosenfeld - Tyler, TX
[Axeman - Skorragnarðr - Shawnee, OK](#)
- 11-13 [Queen's Champion](#) - Bryn Gwlad - Austin, TX
Known World Fiber Arts Symposium - Kingdom of Calontir
- 17-20 War of the Rams - Bordermarch - Beaumont, TX

December 2016 (A.S. LI)

- 2-4 [Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel](#)
Yule - Dragonsfire Tor - Stephenville, TX
- 9-11 [Tournament of Champions & Stargate Yule](#) - Houston, TX
- 31 [Winter Crown Tournament Bids Due](#)

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Recruitment & Retention

The Ultimate Guide

Recruitment and Retention is everyone's job! Every participant in this fabulous game needs to recruit and retain. Towards this end, the first thing that everyone playing SCA needs to do is stop spending so much time on the negative parts of the SCA. We need to remember why we are playing this game we need to make our own fun. Everyone has 10 positive stories about the SCA for every one negative story. Yet people tend to focus on the negative. This is poisonous for both recruitment and retention. I am looking at recruitment into the SCA as marketing the SCA, with marketing; you are more successful if you target your marketing to the audience who is already predisposed to the SCA. Everyone who plays SCA has some fundamental things that we all have in common. For example most people who play SCA have played roleplaying games and or collect comic books so putting a come check the SCA out sign at a Gaming shop is a good idea. Like a good story the marketing needs to be tailored to the audience. Here are some of the tools I use, and my thoughts on how best to use them.

Recruitment ideas:

Demos:

Need a pre planning meeting treat them like a mini event, make sure everyone who is coming understands this is our best foot forward good impression time. Tailor your layout and people placement to best work off of the abilities those who attend. You would not put the shy introvert at the front handing out business cards etc.

Recruitment posters:

They should be placed in libraries, bookstores, game shops, liquor stores and any place the group meets at. (This one should have when the group meets on it at that location). They should look really nice and be catching to the eye. They should have enough information that after looking at the poster they can make contact with someone in the group.

Business cards:

Great for SCA players who enjoy walking up and talking to anyone, small easy to carry every extrovert in the group should have some. They should look nice and have enough information on them to make contact with the group simple. They can be given out anywhere. They should have a blank space on them so the person handing it out can put their contact info on it. This small gesture helps establish the connections to keep people interested in our game.

Bookmarks:

If you buy books at a book store place a book mark in the next one on the shelf.

If you are at a Library you can leave a stack of them at the checkout desk.

When you buy your favorite beer put one in the next six pack of beer, on the shelf.

They should look nice and have a way to contact the local group easily.

These can also be used in other locations like craft stores, liquor stores, and gaming supply stores.

Give 10 to each member of the populace and tell them to give them all away before the next meeting.

You can also tailor the bookmark for where you are planning on having it placed.

Flyers:

Great for demos, needs to look good and have a ton of information with each section having links to send people to.

Raffle item:

Best used at demos and monthly activities. Have a small nice SCA thing that people have to fill out a contact information sheet to earn a raffle ticket for the nice SCA thing. (Pouch, cloth belt, feast gear etc etc etc) to get the ticket their contact info needs to be legible. At the end of the demo draw a ticket match it to the contact sheet send the winner the prizes as well as a coupon, everyone else send them a letter that says sorry you did not win the SCA thing but here is a coupon. Now the coupon is for a free something i.e. please come to this activity we will make you a tunic or a dress, come to this activity and you get a pouch but have them RSVP. The person that they need to contact should be on the coupon. This will give the people running the activity an idea of what to expect. The letter that goes out should invite them to the next thing on your group's calendar and list what else is going on that month. Every activity creates a raffle opportunity.

Contact List:

Usually gets name address phone email and interests usually used at a Demo. Before anyone puts info on a contact list an email that thanks them for the interest, and inviting them to the meeting and listing the different activities. It needs to be ready to send before the demo even happens. If you have a three day demo then when the demo shuts down on day 1 an email goes out to anyone on the contact list. Day 2 ends send out the same email to those people who filled out the contact list on day 2. Then on day 3 after the demo is done send out the email to the day 3 people. After the demo have a team split the contact list into activities and send a second email directed at the activities they have shown interest in.

Meeting places:

Public neutral locations are best for meetings and group activities. Libraries, hobby stores all have places to hold A&S classes and meetings. The benefits to this are a neutral location that will help advertise your class and give you the opportunity to also recruit new members. Also it shows you are part of the community which will help if you are trying to use a community center or a park. When the meeting is over have a restaurant that everyone goes to afterwards, this helps with group comradery and spirit de corps.

Mini Events:

We have a full Kingdom Event Calendar; however when you are brand new to the SCA the idea of driving several hours out to the middle of nowhere and spending X amount of money may be intimidating. However if you have a mini one day event with a little bit of everything (A&S, fighting rapier and chivalric, archery, knife, ax and spear) have a feast and songs and stories. You get the chance to train newer established members on how events run and how to do a feast and the newest members get a small taste of the magic that is an SCA event.

Retention:

Everyone who leaves the SCA has a reason for doing so, but the main reason people stay is because of the relationships. So one of the best ways to retain members is to nurture those relationships, keep in contact with the people you have made connections with, call email and visit, check on them, make sure they know they are missed, and invite them to activities. If you go to a

meeting and you don't see someone that you expected to see, check on them it is really easy to lose SCA participants because they feel they have lost that connection. Finally we must make our own fun this awesome hobby is time and resource expensive make sure you are having fun while you do it, because if we are all having fun then we will attract the people who are looking for the good time that is the SCA.

I cannot stress enough how excited I am to go on this great journey with all of you, it will be awesome!

Iarll Owen ap Aeddán
Marchog of Ansteorra

