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A Missive from The Outgoing Royal Majesties

A Farewell to Meridies – From Your Sovereign and Consort

Meridies. How do we say farewell as King and Queen?

How do we put into words the depth of our gratitude, the weight of our love, and the honor it has been to serve as your Sovereign and Consort?

From the rocky peaks of the Smokies, standing timeless against the sky, to the wind-swept shores where the tides whisper the stories of our people, we have seen Meridies in all its beauty. Not just the beauty of its landscapes, but the beauty of its hearts, its hands, and its deeds.

This reign has been an adventure worthy of the greatest tales. We have dodged rolling boulders of responsibility, leaped across the chasms of uncertainty, and more than once, we have held our breath as we gathered great and noble artifacts, whispering, "This belongs in a museum."

To those who stood beside us, who guided and supported us, who held us up when the weight of the Crown was heavy... Please know that you have our deepest gratitude. To those who lifted others, who led with kindness, who gave of themselves for no reward but the love of this Kingdom, know that you have made Meridies all the more radiant.

This reign has been a journey, an honor, and above all, a gift. It is a rare and wondrous thing to walk among legends and call them kin. We may set down these crowns, but we do not step away from you. We will always be of Meridies, of its mountains and its valleys, of its rivers and its roads, of its people and its heart.

And so, as we take our leave, we do not say goodbye. Instead, we say thank you. Thank you for your strength, your love, and your belief in this dream we build together. Thank you for allowing us to serve. Thank you for reminding us that Meridies is not merely a kingdom... it is a home.

May your roads be clear of traps, your artifacts remain well-guarded, and may you always remember, "Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."



With honor, with love, and with the deepest pride,

Barthelmy,
King

Oda.
Queen



Royal Progress

» «
April, 2025
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4-6 Spring Coronation

A Missive from The Incoming Royal Majesties

Unto our noble populace come greeting from Lochlainn and Paraskova, Rí and Banríon of the Laurel Kingdom of Meridies. Spring has sprung. With it comes new life and rebirth.

With spring in the air, along with tons of pollen, we are in need of Heirs. It is time to prepare for Crown Lyst. All competitors must adhere to all the rules as stated in Kingdom Law and Corpora.

- Weapon restriction- No multi-weapon fighting style. (Florentine, Madu and sword, for example)
- Format- This will be a double elimination tournament. Each bout will be fought the best two out of three. The finals will be the best of 5.
- Seeding- The competitor with the lowest precedent will pick any other competitor that is higher in precedent. This will proceed until all competitors have an opponent. In the event of an odd numbered tournament, the person with the highest precedent will receive a bi-fight.
- Letters will be accepted beginning May 1, 2025 and concluding on May 18th. They should include proof of membership and a copy of the fighter's authorization card. Letter should be emailed to the Crown, Kingdom Senschal, Earl Marshal, and Kingdom Exchequer.

We would like to remind everyone that no one is perfect. We all make mistakes. When someone does make a mistake and they own up to it, consider giving them grace. Because, one day you will be on the other side. At that time, you will hope to receive grace.

Separate, we are weak.

Together, we are strong.

As family, we are unstoppable.

WE ARE MERIDIES!











For love of the game,
Lochlainn, Paraskova,
Rí Banríon









Royal Progress

April, 2025

		4-6	Spring Coronation
		10-13	Fool's War
		18-20	Iris Faire
		25-27	Crossroads

May, 2025

		2-4	Black Axe
		9-11	Golden Lily
		23-26	Spring Crown List / Kingdom Arts & Sciences

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Greetings Meridies!

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you all. I am THLady Alis Talemasche and it is my honor to serve in the capacity of Kingdom Chronicler. My goal in my tenure is to showcase the artists and photographers in Meridies, both within and on the covers of the Popular Chivalry newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have ideas or would like to contribute.

Ever in Service to the Dream,
Alis

Greetings Meridies!

While we're all gearing up for event season, the kingdom's Chatelaine has asked me to take a moment to introduce myself. I am THL Thorfinn "Langskegg" Erikson from the Shire of Glynn Rhe, and after applying and being selected, I will be the new assistant kingdom Chatelaine. Here I am, ready to be the helping hand of the office. During my time, I plan to work with social media at both the kingdom and local levels to get our message out and hopefully attract more membership. I will also encourage local groups to be more visible in their communities. I aim to promote communication between local and kingdom-level chatelaines to overcome difficulties and maintain best practices. Additionally, I hope to encourage the creation of new groups in areas without a local presence and assist in reviving groups that are dormant or on hold. It looks like we have our work cut out for us, but there is nothing we can't accomplish if we work together for the improvement of our kingdom.



Board Meeting Information:

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS – TENTATIVE

April 12 and 13, 2025 - Hybrid
 July 12 and 13, 2025 - Virtual
 October 18 and 19, 2025 - Hybrid

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE

→ LIVE, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY TRAVEL.

→ ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE

→ VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS.

→ SATURDAY MEETINGS WILL STILL BE BOTH STREAMED LIVE AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING AT A LATER DATE.

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

Coronation of His Royal Highness Lochlainn and

Her Royal Highness Paraskova

April 4-6, 2025

*Camp Misty Mountain
490 Lake Marvin Rd NE
Armuchee GA, 30105*



Member Pricing

Adult Early Pricing Weekend \$30 until March 1st

Adult Regular Weekend \$35

Adult Early Pricing Daytrip \$20 until March 1st

Adult Regular Daytrip \$25

Non-Member Pricing

Adult Early Pricing Weekend \$40 until March 1st

Adult Non-Member Weekend \$45 Adult Early Pricing

Daytrip \$30 until March 1st Adult Non-member

Daytrip \$35 Children 17 and under Free Admission

Feast \$15

A fun weekend filled with heavy fighting, rapier, live weapons, feasting and dancing.

All cabins are climate controlled with attached bathrooms. You will need to provide your personal bedding and feast gear, along with other personal effects.

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The shire of Tir Briste presents

Halime's Mermaids & Hatuns Hafla



Fool's War XXXIV

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Pricing
 Site Opens at 4:00PM April 18 and closes at 10:00 AM April 20

Member Weekend: \$30
Non-Member Weekend: \$40
Member Day-trip: \$20
Non-Member Day-trip: \$30

Directions

Coming South:
 Take I-75 S to I-285/I-85
 Take I-285 and I-85 S to US-27
 ALT S/US-29 S/Hwy 29 in Coweta
 County. Take exit 41 from I-85 S
 Follow US-27 ALT S and GA-109
 E/GA-18 E to Dripping Rock Rd in
 Upson County

Coming North:
 Take I-75 North to GA-7 N in
 Perry at exit 136 from I-75 N.
 Continue on GA-7 N. Take US-341
 N, US-80 W, US-19 N and GA-74
 W to Dripping Rock Rd in Upson
 County

For more info, check our website:
<http://tirbriste.meridies.org>
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Dreamstone XLIII

"Constantinople: City Under Siege"



Pricing
Registration
 Adult (Non-Members add \$10) \$15
 17 & under..... Free

On Board
 Feast..... \$15
 Lodging..... \$15

Fundraiser Lunch
 Sample an array of food from
 Constantinople's street vendors!

Payment
 Make checks payable to: "SCA, Inc
 DBA Barony of Bryn Madoc"

Hosted by
The Barony of Bryn Madoc
 at
 Camp Daniel Morgan
 Hard Labor Creek State Park
 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd
 Rutledge, GA, 30663
 (33.66404416945861, -83.60614299444134)
 from
April 18-20, 2025
 (site opens Friday at 5pm; site closes Sunday at 10am)
 Full details at
<http://www.brynmadoc.meridies.org/events/dreamstone/>

Activities
 Armoured Combat Tournaments
 Rapier Combat Tournaments
 Live Weapons Trials & Challenges
 Bardic Competition
 Brewing Competition
 Scavenger Hunt
 Egg Decorating
 Classes
 Displays & Demos
 Murder Mystery
 Revel
 Scribal Competition

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The Barony of Glaedenfeld presents: Iris Faire: The Investiture of Valdrikr and Constanza

April 18-20, site open on Friday at 5pm and closes on Sunday at 11am

Join us for a weekend of festivities and joy as we celebrate our New Baron and Baroness!
Featuring Fighting, live weapons, arts & sciences, incredible feast and Shenanigans

Event fee:
Day \$15 Weekend: \$20
Non-member fee \$10
Children 17 & under- free
Feast: \$15

Reservations:
Online with Paypal or, mail check to the Jim Hawkins, 105
4th Ave, Columbia, TN 38401
Make checks payable to : SCA-TN Barony of Glaedenfeld



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Location: Montgomery Bell State Park, 1020 Jackson Hill Rd, Burns TN 37029.
Take I-40 to Exit 182 (TN96). Turn onto TN 96 North towards Burns, TN and continue until you come to US 70. Turn Right onto US 70 East. Montgomery Bell State park will be on your Right approx. 2 miles. Turn Right into Montgomery Bell Main Entrance. Follow SCA signs for Group Camp 1.

The Shire of Owls Nests invites you to CROSSROADS OF THE STAGE

April 25-27, 2025

Booker T. Washington State Park, 5801 Champion Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37416

Please join us! Armored combat and rapier fighters will have tourneys and melees with a performance twist! There will be over a dozen performance themed classes to choose from throughout the day on Saturday. We will have a stage with performances throughout the day and a fantastic feast with musical entertainment, followed by performances at our traditional dessert revel and a late-night bonfire. Lodging is in climate-controlled cabins, which sleep 8 per room. We encourage you to display banners in front of your cabin! Site opens at 5pm Friday with everyone having supper and enjoying games and libations in the Broken Beak Tavern and closes at 10am Sunday with a pick up breakfast.

Event Steward

Gilbert de York (mka Gerald Gunter)
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Reservationist

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Adairsville GA 30103-3030
678-350-3428 / phyllisgorin@gmail.com
Make checks payable to SCA, Inc /Shire of Owls Nest.

If you are new or coming from out of kingdom note that you need to bring your own bedding and dishes for feast. If this is inconvenient please email elizabethsilverloc@yahoo.com. For those flying in, transportation will be available from the Chattanooga airport.

(pre-registration)	Adult Member	Adult Non-Member
Adult Weekend	\$30	\$40
Adult Daytrip	\$20	\$30
(at the gate)	Adult Member	Adult Non-Member
Adult Weekend	\$35	\$45
Adult Daytrip	\$25	\$35

On-Board Meals for adults and children (Fri supper, Sat & Sun breakfast) is \$8.
Saturday Feast for adults and children is \$15.



Directions: Take your best route to TN-153 in Chattanooga TN. Take exit 5A towards Decatur. In 2.4 miles, turn left onto Champion Road. The park will be on the left in 1 mile. Follow the signs in the park to the OAKS GROUP CAMP (large group camp).



Black Axe 2025: The Only Way Is Wessex



**Dalwhinnie Fields
1515 Pine Flat Church Rd
Selma, AL 36701
May 2nd-4th, 2025**

It's the 9th Century and the Guthrum and the Danes have made their way across Mercia and East Anglia to make another bid for the Kingdom of Wessex. King Alfred the Great has summoned the Fyrd to defend the lands from the heathens at Ethandun. Will Wessex fall to the Danish invaders or remain standing and force them back into the sea?

Come join us in the Barony of Iron Mountain and test your prowess in the many different arts of combat! We will host the Black Axe tournament for both Armored and Rapier as well as our traditional Nine Lives Tournament that helps support the charity shelter of Kitty Kat Haven. This year, we are adding a special melee scenario! After the fighting, a glorious feast is to be prepared by Greifynja Ælfgifu Haraldsdottir fit for any of stout heart and empty belly.

Schedule and event information to be hosted at ironmountain.meridies.org

Event Steward: THLord Iain MacArthur (205-847-8392) No calls after 9pm CT nmilano2112@gmail.com

Reservationist: Lady Ingridr Thorvaldsdottir (504-402-5029) No calls after 9pm CT excheq.ironmtn@meridies.org

Feast Steward: Greifynja Ælfgifu Haraldsdottir aelfgifu1066@gmail.com

Payment Information

- Adult Day-Trip Registration Fee: \$ 18
- On-Board: \$ 15 (Includes Breakfast)
- Cabin Bottom Bunk: \$ 14
- Adult Weekend Registration Fee: \$ 23
- Non-Members add: \$ 10
- Cabin Top Bunk: \$ 12

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc DBA Barony of Iron Mountain

Mail Reservations to: Kristen Vognild, PO Box 26024, Birmingham AL, 35260

The Shire of Beau Fort Presents

Golden Lily XXV Nowruz Festival:

East Meets West

May 9-11, 2025



The Shire of Beau Fort invites one and all to our 25th annual event. Friday night Stargazing after a simple Traveler's Fare meal. Saturday, there will be dance classes featuring Eastern as well as European. A&S classes and Youth activities, exploring Spring Festivals of the East and West. Martial tournaments for both rapier and rattan enthusiast. Their Royal Majesties will hold court, with a tasty feast on the field. The Hafta Bardic Ball ends the day!

Reservations: THLady Petra the Blythe [Petra Walters]
excheq.beaufort@meridies.org 650-678-2428 **Make Checks Payable to: SCA Inc./ Shire of Beau Fort**

Event Stewards:

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Duchess Sabine d'Orliens aimfred@gmail.com

Hard Labor Creek State Park
Camp Daniel Morgan
5 Hard Labor Creek Rd
Rutledge, GA 30660

Site Opens Friday May 9 5pm Closes 10am Sunday May 11

Reservation Fees: Youth 17 and under admitted Free for Day Trip Only. Cabin Bed Space and Food are a Separate Charge.

Day Trip	\$30.00
Weekend Bed Adult	\$40.00
Weekend Bed under 12yrs	\$15.00
Weekend Bed 13-17yrs	\$20.00
Member Discount	\$10.00
Friday Supper and Saturday Breakfast	\$5.00
Under 12yrs	\$2.50
Feast 13yrs -Adult	\$15.00
Under 12yrs	\$7.50
State Park Parking	\$5.00 Purchase at Event Cash Only.



Cash or Check at the Door. Look for Registration Area aka "Troll"

For more information, please point your browser to <https://beaufort.meridies.org>

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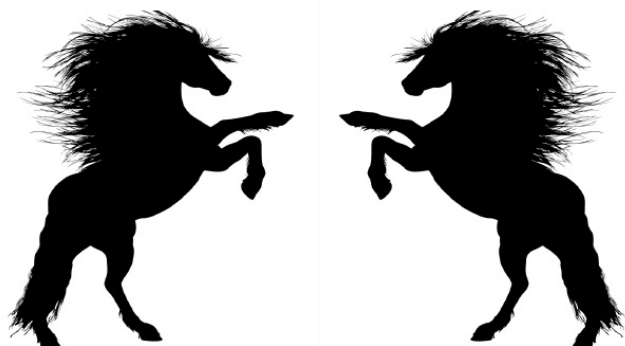
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April, 2025				
4-6	Spring Coronation	Shire of Owl's Nest	Armuchee, GA	6
10-13	Fools War	Shire of Tir Briste	Molena, GA	7
18-20	Dreamstone	Barony of Bryn Madoc	Rutledge, GA	7
18-20	Iris Faire	Barony of Glaedenfeld	Burns, TN	8
25-27	Crossroads	Shire of Owl's Nest	Chattanooga, TN	8

May, 2025				
2-4	Black Axe	Barony of Iron Mtn	Selma, AL	9
9-11	Golden Lily	Shire of Beau Fort	Rutledge, GA	9
23-26	Spring Crown List/ Kingdom A&S	Shire of Tir Briste	Molena, GA	NA

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