

# *The Pale*



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**ARTICLES** on period topics, history, art, puzzles, SCA life, bardic stories and the like are welcome additions to *The Pale*. A 500- to 1000-word article will usually fit in one issue; longer articles will be split into multiple parts to appear in successive issues. Submit the file in MS Word .doc format along with an SCA Creative Release form. Send the images used in the article as separate files using the format described below.

You must cite all references, quotations and sources in your article using the Chicago Manual of Style format. Sample citations are located here: [www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html). Citing sources is very important to avoid accusations of plagiarism and legal action for copyright violation.

**IMAGES**, such as line art, calligraphy, illumination and photographs are also welcome. Scan any artwork at 300 dpi and save it at the highest quality JPG setting. Photos should also be 300 dpi, high quality JPGs. All images will appear in print as black and white, but the online version of *The Pale* is in color. Images can also be submitted as high quality TIF or PDF files. Any artwork or photography submitted to *The Pale* must have a signed SCA Creative Release or SCA Photographer Release form from the artist sent in with the work. Any person identifiable in an image must submit a signed SCA Model Release form with the art work. This is a requirement of SCA Inc. for print publication. All release forms are available at [www.midrealm.org/chronicler](http://www.midrealm.org/chronicler).

**EVENT PREVIEWS:** A free event preview of 50 words is available to all events. The listing **MUST include the name of the event, sponsoring group, site address, date, times and event steward contact information.**

**EVENT NOTICES** (ads) must be published in *The Pale* for events at which any of the following occur: crown and coronet tournaments, coronations and investitures, appointment of kingdom or principality officers, presentation of awards and titles, proclamation of law, establishment or advancement of branches. **These activities cannot take place unless a complete event notice appears in *The Pale*, the Middle Kingdom newsletter, at least once before the date of the event.** The publication requirement may only be waived in extraordinary circumstances, such as a natural disaster.

Events must **already** be listed on the Middle Kingdom Calendar prior to advertising in *The Pale*, but an event listing on the Middle Kingdom Calendar does **NOT** constitute "official publication". Incipient groups must submit a scan of the sponsorship form to the Editor. Event submissions to the Kingdom Calendar should

be submitted through the **online form** available on the calendar page. Any issues contact the Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary at [calendar@midrealm.org](mailto:calendar@midrealm.org). Middle Kingdom events receive free event ads that run in the next issue unless otherwise specified. Out-of-Kingdom events and merchants pay the listed rates.

Ad templates for the quarter and half page ads are available at <http://midrealm.org/chronicler/thepale/>. All ads must be submitted to *The Pale* via e-mail attachment in DOC, PDF, JPG, or TIF format.

**WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EVENT NOTICES MUST INCLUDE event name, sponsoring group, dates, times, site address, site registration, website URL, NAME (SCA & modern), email address and phone number of the event steward.** Simple driving directions to the event site are useful but not required. All clip art images in event notices must have a source listed and be used in accordance with the terms of use. **All artwork MUST include an SCA Creative Release form from the author(s) or artist(s).** **SCA Model Releases are required for identifiable persons in any image.** Submissions are edited for grammar, spelling, space constraints, inflammatory or explicit language and compliance with Middle Kingdom Law. Editorial decisions are final. "Letters to the Editor" are not permitted per SCA Inc. regulations.

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# From Their Royal Majesties



Warmest greetings from the Crown of the Middle Kingdom,

As the new year starts, We hope you are staying warm and joyful. We are looking forward to Our Tournament of Arts coming up. Our Kingdom thrives in talent and abilities, and We are excited to see Our arts & sciences community in all its splendor. This is a fantastic opportunity for Peers and non-Peers to share knowledge and expertise. We hope many can be there on this enjoyable day and share with Us the skills and knowledge of the Midrealm. We, like many, are eager to listen and learn.

Our Tournament of Chivalry is a showcase of Midrealm's armored combatants. We wish to promote learning the martial art of armored combat and the chivalric virtues, specifically, the virtues of courtesy and prowess. We encourage those participating to hone their prowess in one-on-one combat and melees.

We look forward to seeing the populace of the Middle Kingdom as We continue to travel around Our glorious Kingdom. One of the most rewarding responsibilities of the Crown is to recognize the populace for their efforts in service, arts & sciences, and martial forms. Please continue to provide Us with your recommendations so We are aware of the great works the Midrealm populace is known for throughout the Known World.

Ever forward,

*Wigthehn & Neassa*

Rex and Regina



*Her Majesty Neassa at Christmas Tourney.  
Photo by Ceadda of Fox Hall (Chad White).*

# Letters From the Kingdom Officers



## From Their Highnesses

Greetings to the most noble populace of the Midrealm,

The holidays have passed and the wheel of the year turns toward spring. In our time as Heirs, we have met and spent time with many of you. We do realize that many of you may not know us, however, and we wanted to take this opportunity to share more about us.

We have been in the SCA for over twenty years and live in the Shire of Falcon's Quarry in North Oaken. We have four children and our youngest two are both active in the SCA. We believe strongly in service - on the field, in administration, providing food and drink to others, or in whatever other way we can give it.

His Highness is an authorized armored, rapier, combat archery, and siege combatant. He has served as the local group's knight's marshal and seneschal and a member of the army command staff for several years. Prince Ivan does metalworking, makes mead, and builds furniture and all the infrastructure for our camp.

Her Highness has a rule - she never gets hit ever. This means that she is not a combatant although she has been an authorized equestrian participant for many years. She has been the local group's webminister, social media officer, and pursuivant. She was also the Kingdom Media Officer, Thuban (Sign) Herald, Kingdom Exchequer, and Deputy Exchequer before taking on the role of Pennsic War Exchequer for the past several years. Princess Katalena does all of the sewing for the family as well as fiber arts from shearing her sheep to weaving and knitting the yarn she spins.

We hope to meet more of you as we continue to travel, and to learn about the people of the Kingdom as we share time with you.

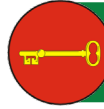
In loyal service to the Kingdom and Society,

Иван

Каталена

*Ivan and Katalena*

Tsarevitch and Tsarevna



## Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace of our great Middle Kingdom,

We are officially into the new year with winter's hand tight upon us. I am looking forward to 2024 and visiting, meeting, and working with many of you. I wish to keep everyone in the loop as to some of the things we will be working on.

The first is setting up a rotation process for Kingdom events – specifically Coronations and Crown Tournaments – to allow all regions an opportunity to bid and host. As I have more details, I will post them here and on the Middle Kingdom social media pages. I will also be pursuing an idea to have more experienced groups work with younger groups on running events. We are working to set up a guide to help everyone better understand what is needed to run a successful Kingdom (or any) event.

I look forward to new and exciting things and continuing the camaraderie and joy that the Society continues to bring us. I wish you warmth in your hearth and home these winter months.

In service and friendship,

*Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP*

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom

### *Did You Know?*

- When preparing food for Their Highnesses, make sure to stay away from shellfish, mollusks, and pineapple!
- Like Captain Picard, Prince Ivan prefers his tea to be Earl Grey.
- Their Highnesses use the terms Tsarevich (Prince) and Tsarevna (Princess), which are Rus in origin. The Rus are thought to originally have been Norsemen who settled and ruled along the rivers between the Baltic and Black Seas in Eastern Europe.
- Learn more at <https://trh.midrealm.org/>



## Minister of Arts & Sciences

Hello!

Now we approach the barest time of year - long past the mid-winter celebrations, and still long to wait until spring planting. The days grow longer, but not yet much warmer. For me, that means more time at the loom, or with the spindle or needles. I have many projects to complete before my time gets pulled away for other duties.

This month brings us the Tournament of Arts, which I am very excited about attending. There will be many wonderful artisans showing off their work and lots of discussion and learning going on. And, we are approaching the time to consider what might be good to enter for the A&S Fair in May.

I hope you have time and energy to spend some time on A&S things you enjoy. Take care and know that warmer days will be coming soon.

Thank you!

*Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



## Earl Marshal

Greetings!

We are quickly coming out of the winter doldrums and martial activities are starting to ramp back up. It is the perfect time to review handbooks and make sure you are current on the latest version of the rules. Over the last year most disciplines have had an updated handbook released. Even if you think you know all the rules, it is a good idea to review again just to make sure you haven't missed something.

All of the Midrealm handbooks are available on the front page of the Earl Marshal webpage:

<https://midrealm.org/marshal/>

The Society handbooks can be found on the main SCA website at:

<https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/#marshal>

Stay safe out there!

*Cellach*

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



## Chronicler

Warmest greetings to the populace of the Middle Kingdom,

I hope this missive finds you and yours well. In the past few months, I have had the opportunity to read many of the Baronial newsletters from around the Middle Kingdom. It has been a joy to do so. If you have not read a local newsletter lately, I would recommend that you take a look at a copy. There is a wealth of information including local events, beautiful photos, and stories about people in your community.

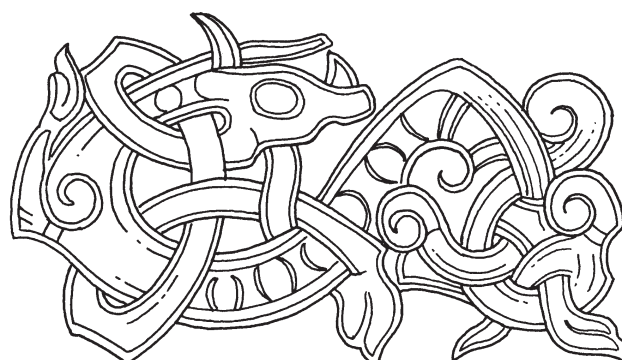
Additionally, I am happy to report that Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood has agreed to become the Kingdom Historian. In this position Forester Cadfan will be tasked with creating opportunities for the populace to learn about the history of our great Kingdom. I would also like to thank Dame Marissa von Atzinger for her years of service in the position. She did a wonderful job as Historian and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

With regard to open positions within the Office of the Chronicler, the position of Regional Chronicler for South Oaken is still open and I would welcome you to apply if interested. This is a non-publishing job with the expectation of assisting local Chroniclers with questions or concerns and quarterly reporting responsibilities.

Yours in Service,

*Baroness Sadb ingen Neill*

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



# Arts & Articles

## Award Anniversaries - The Award of the Purple Fretty and the Award of the Grove

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

### Happy 50th Anniversary to the Award of the Purple Fretty!

December 15, 2023 was the 50th anniversary of the Award of the Purple Fretty!

This award was first given on this day in 1973 by Their Majesties Merowald and Gwendolyn to the Barony of the Flame. If you are aware of the specific reason for this first award, please let me know by sending the info to [history@midrealm.org](mailto:history@midrealm.org). I'd love to document it.

The Purple Fretty is given to a group for excellent service to the Kingdom. In its fifty-year history this award has been given 241 times, most recently to the Clefthlands Needleworkers and Friends for creating Pennsic 50 garb for Their then-Highnesses Wigthegn and Neassa. That same group has been honored four times with the award since 1986, which is likely the most of any group in the Kingdom.

One of the more interesting notes I've come across is regarding House Shadowclans. This household was awarded the Purple Fretty on August 17, 2000, "along with a license to crenellate."

The device for the award is Or, fretty purpure. As with all of the group awards, it is encouraged for the group to display the award in some way, whether on a banner or some other manner where the group is indicated.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the groups who have achieved this award!



### Happy 30th Anniversary to the Award of the Grove!

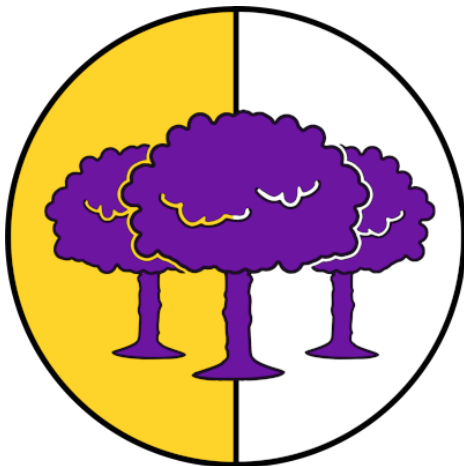
December 11, 2023 was the 30th anniversary of the Award of the Grove!

This award is given to a group for excellence in the arts and sciences for the benefit of the Kingdom. The first recipient of the Award of the Grove was the Jaravellir Music Guild on December 11, 1993, given by Their Majesties Jafar and Catherine, 48th king and queen of the MidRealm. The Jaravellir Music Guild had previously been awarded the Award of the Purple Fretty some years earlier in 1987.

In its history, the award has been given 64 times, most recently in 2022 to Flamma Chorum.

The device for the award was registered five months after it was first given, in April 1994: Per pale Or and argent, a hurst purpure. As a group award, it should be displayed by the group. Displays such as banners are perfect for showing a group's award history, but other displays indicating the group are also encouraged.

Happy 30th birthday to the Award of the Grove and congratulations to all of the groups recognized by this award over the last 30 years!



# *Middle Kingdom Job Openings*

**Office of the Kingdom Seneschal**  
Charter Compliance Deputy

**Office of the Kingdom Chronicler**  
South Oaken Regional Chronicler

**Office of the Earl Marshal**  
Target Archery Marshal

**Office of the Kingdom Exchequer**  
Kingdom Exchequer  
Minister of Regalia  
North Oaken Regional Exchequer  
Deputy Exchequer for Education and Training

**Office of the Dragon Herald**  
Buckler Herald  
Opinicus Herald  
North Oaken Regional Signet

Find additional information about job postings on the Middle Kingdom website: <https://midrealm.org/jobs/>

## *Job Postings*

### **South Oaken Regional Chronicler (Deputy of the Chronicler)**

As a regional chronicler, your job is to assist the Kingdom Chronicler with helping the many groups in your region.

- Maintain the list of current warranted chroniclers in your region
- Oversee local chroniclers' filing of a quarterly report and quarterly newsletter publication (when applicable, required for Baronies)
- File the regional chronicler report
- Help answer any questions that may arise from the local chroniclers in your region

If you are interested in this position, or have questions, please contact the Chronicler through the "Contact Me" form at <https://midrealm.org/chronicler/>

### **Minister of Regalia (Deputy of the Exchequer)**

The Minister of Regalia is responsible for the inventory, storage, and transportation of all Kingdom Regalia. They must have the ability to provide a climate-controlled, insured storage space as well as the means to transport various pieces of regalia to Coronations and Crown Tournaments.

The Regalia Minister will maintain the records of the items in the Regalia Inventory and administer the distribution and collection of the items to the Crown and its Heirs.

Submit your resume and letter of intent via email to [exchequer@midrealm.org](mailto:exchequer@midrealm.org)

### **Kingdom Target Archery Marshal (Deputy of the Earl Marshal)**

Applications accepted through January 21. Please email [marshal@midrealm.org](mailto:marshal@midrealm.org) and [archery@midrealm.org](mailto:archery@midrealm.org). After the application period each candidate will have an interview with both the current Target Archery Marshal and the Kingdom Earl Marshal (ideally virtually).

# *From the SCA Board of Directors*

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTARY – CHATELAINE AND DEIB OFFICES**

The Board of Directors is currently considering changes to Corpora. It invites commentary from the membership and participants.

These changes aim to enhance recruitment and member retention in the SCA. They also aim to further support these goals. They elevate the Society Chatelaine to a greater Society Officer. They align local and regional chatelaines to this same structure. It is a strategic move. It aims to support the implementation of comprehensive recruitment and retention strategies. It also aims to align the office to a clear vision.

The Board also approved proposed wording. It supports the creation of a Society Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Officer. They also approved aligning local and regional DEIB officers into one structure. Like the proposed Chatelaine changes, it aims to support an aligned Society vision. It also aims to support the implementation of strategy in this space.

Finally, the Board approved changing the name and scope of the Corporate Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office. It is now the Office of Inclusive Programs. This office will handle the implementation of large scale, heavy-lift projects. This work will move inclusivity in the SCA forward. It will also transition leadership and management of game-facing DEIB work to the newly created Society DEIB Officer. This office will support all corporate and society officers. It will also serve as a primary DEIB advisor to the Board.

Note: Changes to corporate offices don't require changes in Corpora or public commentary. Understanding the changes to the Corporate DEIB Office will add context for the proposed changes to Corpora. It will also provide clarity for the realignment of responsibilities among these offices.

This restructuring aligns with better practice for organizations that aim to improve recruiting and retention by creating welcoming and inclusive environments.

### ***Recruiting and Retention structural changes for member commentary and verbiage change to Corpora.***

#### ***• Section VI. Society Officers***

#### ***o Add:***

#### ***I. Chatelaine:***

*The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices.*

#### ***J. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer:***

*The Society DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.*

#### ***Change:***

*Renumber I. Reservations to the Board, to K. Reservations to the Board, with no changes in content*

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to [SCA-Comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-Comments@sca.org) and use the title "**Chatelaine and DEIB Changes**" in the subject line.

**NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.**

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

RE: Chatelaine and DEIB Changes

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Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than March 1, 2024.



# Arts & Articles

## Middle Kingdom Anniversaries

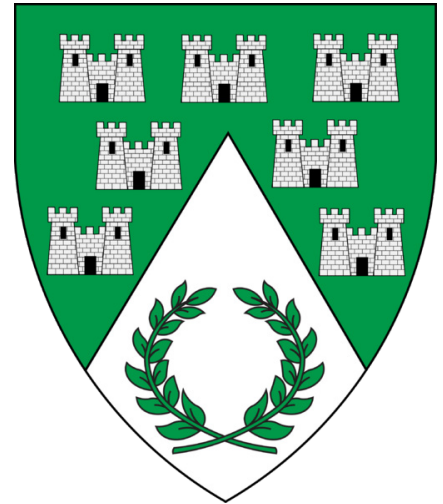
by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

### Happy 45th Anniversary to the Barony of Carraig Ban!

January 6, 2024 marked the 45th anniversary of Carraig Ban's elevation to a Barony of the Middle Kingdom in 1979. 2024 is also the 50th anniversary of the group becoming a shire in 1974. Located in northwestern Illinois, it is the oldest barony in the Midlands region.

It is the 6th barony of the Kingdom, being elevated to the status of barony just 7 months after Cleftlands and 10 months before Flaming Gryphon.

The first Baron and Baroness of Carraig Ban were Rory O'Tomrair and Winifred Yseulte of Hall's Isle whose tenure spanned 24 years. Baron Rory was the fifth Middle Kingdom seneschal and was elevated to the Order of the Pelican in 1980. Baroness Winifred was elevated to the Order of the Pelican in 1986. They stepped down in 2003 and were succeeded by Aleid van Groningen and Sean Morgan Aldheorte na Kitts Rill. When they stepped down in 2009 Faustino de Baez and Katherine Von Trier were entrusted with the coronets. The fourth Baron and Baroness were Mustafa Al-Hassan Abdualaziz and Epona Brodin. Baroness Epona is the owner of the Greatest Tavern in the Known World, the One Paw Tiger Inn. She was elevated to the Order of the Pelican in 2017. Honda Heihachiro and Samson Muskovich (the nomad of the Midlands) became the fifth holders of the baronial coronets in 2018. Currently, the barony is resolutely led by the barons Akiyama Kazuhiko (Japanese Heian era persona) and Akiyama Hiroaki (Japanese Muromachi era persona).



### Congratulations to these most noble Peers of the Middle Kingdom celebrating these major anniversaries this month:

#### 30 Year Anniversary

Sir Timothy Garraghan o Leitrim, Order of the Pelican - January 15, 1994

#### 25 Year Anniversary

Duke Felix the Just of Ramsey, Order of the Chivalry - January 2, 1999

Sir Alexander Kyppyn Kirkcaldy, Order of the Chivalry - January 9, 1999

#### 20 Year Anniversary

Mistress Gillian de Chyviot, Order of the Laurel - January 17, 2004

Mistress Brise Sanguin, Order of the Pelican - January 17, 2004

#### 15 Year Anniversary

Mistress Mary Buchanan, Order of the Pelican - January 31, 2009

#### 10 Year Anniversary

Mistress Rowan Connor, Order of the Pelican - January 25, 2014

# Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

Find further details of events on the Middle Kingdom website calendar of events at [midrealm.org](http://midrealm.org), or directly at [midrealm.org/events-calendar/](http://midrealm.org/events-calendar/). Please contact the MK Helpdesk (<https://midrealm.org/helpdesk/>) if you have any questions or concerns.

Event	Date	Location
<b>February 2024</b>		
Tournament of the Arts at Winged Hills	3	Marche of Winged Hills; 326 Dayton Yellow Springs Rd, Fairborn OH 45324
St. Valentine's Day Massacre	10	Canton of Three Hills; 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo MI 49048
Candlemas XXXIV	17	Shire of Dragonsmark; 1513 Midland Trail, Shelbyville KY 40065
Better Hearths and Baileys	17	Constellation (host group TBD); 616 IN 25, Logansport IN 46947
Herald's Pointe and Scribal Collegium	17	Canton of Wealdlake; 4070 Brookstone Ct, Howell MI 48843
Snowshoe Hare Culture Faire	17	Canton of Woods End; 399 Chestnut St, Greenfield, OH 45123
Masque of Courtly Love	24	Marche of Alderford; 6282 Nave St SW; Canton OH 44706
Pale Deadline for April (Ads)	25	
<b>March 2024</b>		
Courting on the River	2	Shire of Dark River; 1201 13th Street, Moline IL 61265
Winter War Maneuvers	2	North Oaken (host group TBD); 220 E. Fairground St, Marion OH 43302
Better War Through Archery	23	Constellation (host group TBD); 1900 E Main St., Danville IN 46122
Pale Deadline for May (Ads)	25	
<b>April 2024</b>		
Cleftlands Standard Bearers Tourney	13	Barony of the Cleftlands; 351 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132
Crystal Chamfron	19-21	Barony of Shattered Crystal; Wood River Camp DuBois; N. Main St, Wood River IL 62095
Grand Tournament of the Dragon	27	Canton of Hawkes Keye and the Barony of Flaming Gryphon; Butler County Fairgrounds (address TBD)
Pale Deadline for June (Ads)	25	
Awakenings 35	27	Midlands (host group TBD); 107 N. West St., McLean IL 61754

## Historical Happenings

- February 2 1461 - Death of Owen Tudor, founder of the Tudor dynasty, at the Battle of Mortimer's Cross during the Wars of the Roses.
- February 7 1497 - The "Bonfire of the Vanities" in Florence, Italy - cosmetics, art, and books are burned by followers of Girolamo Savonarola, who advocated the destruction of secular art and culture.
- February 11 660 BCE - Traditional date for the foundation of Japan by Emperor Jimmu.
- February 19 1600 - The most violent volcanic eruption in the known history of South America occurs when the Peruvian stratovolcano Huaynaputina explodes.
- February 21 1437 - During a coup, James I of Scotland is trapped in a sewer and assassinated.

# Middle Kingdom Court Reports

**Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Neassa at Yule Feast in the Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr, Barony of Red Spears, on 9 December 2023 (AS 58).** Herald: Dmitrii Zhirov; Court signet: Merwyn of the Ruin; Seneschals: Helewyse de Birkstad, Arabella Silvermane

**Award of Arms:** Rastor, Ulf Olfuss, Sáerbrethach mac Áeducáin, Matteo Meretrice    **Award of the Purple Fret:** Tannas Inmhe, Llen Crede    **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Merwyn of the Ruin

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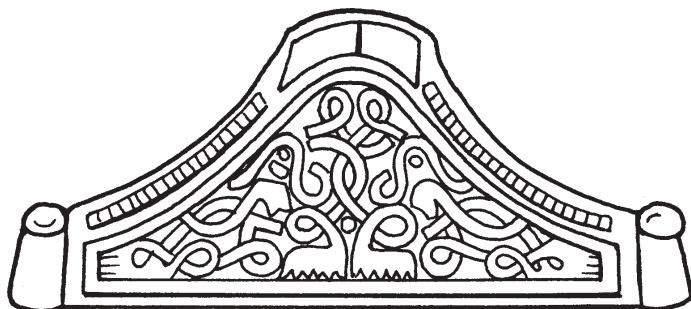
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### Helpful Links

- **Recommend someone for a Kingdom award:** <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/>
- **See what awards someone has:** go to Midrealm.org, choose "Member Resources" from the top navigation, then choose "Order of Precedence." You can search for a person by name.

### Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

March 2024 Events - January 25th  
 April 2024 Events - February 25th  
 May 2024 Events - March 25th  
 June 2024 Events - April 25th  
 July 2024 Events - May 25th  
 August 2024 Events - June 25th



The Canton of Three Hills Presents  
 St. Valentine's Day Massacre  
 & Tournament of Chivalry  
 February 10, 2024  
 9am - 9pm  
 Kalamazoo County Expo Center  
 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Join us for a day of Arts & Sciences, Dancing, Fighting, Youth Activities and More!

- ❖ Adult Day Registration (18+): \$20
- ❖ Adult Day Member Discount Registration (18+): \$15
- ❖ Child Day Registration (6-17): \$5
- ❖ Youth Day Registration (0-5): Free
- ❖ Family Cap Registration: \$55

Event Steward: THLady Kateline Crowe - Kathleen Stuart  
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<https://threehills.midrealm.org/home/valday2024/>

# Tournament of Arts in Winged Hills

Hosted by the Marche of Winged Hills

Saturday, February 3, 2024, 9 am to 8 pm

Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, 326 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd, Fairborn, OH 45324

**Pre-registration: \$22 per adult (\$17 for Adult Member)**

**Day Of: \$25 per adult, (\$20 for Adult Member)**

**Children under 18 are free.**

Co-stewards: Isolde de la Ramée (Mary Savelli) [isolde@moyen.org](mailto:isolde@moyen.org)

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There will be a Lunch Tavern, but no feast.

<https://wingedhills.midrealm.org/event-tournament-of-the-arts-spring-a-s-lviii-58-february-3-2024/>

## Candlemas XXXIV

Hosted by The Shire of Dragonsmark

February 17, 2024

Shelby County Fairgrounds

1513 Midland Trail, Shelbyville, KY 40065

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Adult Registration (Non-Member): \$15.00

Adult Registration (Member): \$10.00

Youth Registration (Under 18): FREE

<https://dragonsmark.midrealm.org/candlemas-xxxiv>

Event Steward: Cpt. Gaetting Ullrson  
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## Herald's Point and Scribal Collegium

February 17, 2024

9 am – 5 pm

Hosted by Wealdlake

New Location - Howell Masonic Temple

4070 Brookstone Ct, Howell, Michigan 48843

Adult Registration \$15, Adult Member \$10, Youth \$7

Lunch meal deal - \$7

Herald's Point and Scribal Collegium is back!

So is the Heraldic and Scribal tea! Two class tracks – Heraldic and Scribal. All experience levels welcome. Lunch includes Scribal Soup or Herald's Blaz'n Meatballs. Full lunch menu, schedule and other event information can be found at our webpage at the link below or just scan the QR code. Interested in teaching? Contact the event steward Baron Aindle (Mark Meyer) at [WealdLake.webminister@midrealm.org](mailto:WealdLake.webminister@midrealm.org)



[https://wealdlake.org/\\_pointe/heraldsPointe.html](https://wealdlake.org/_pointe/heraldsPointe.html)



### Midlands Village Green III

A Day of Arts & Sciences in the Shire of Swordcliff on  
**February 17, 2024.**

**Website:** <https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/midlands-village-green/>

This day will be a relaxed project day based on the craftperson's green concept: no judging, just work on your passions, show them off, talk to others, learn new things, and socialize! We have multiple rooms and have classroom space available to host Salons. Contact the event steward if you need a specific size space, dedicated table, access to electricity, or other accommodation.

Artisan craft groups that will have dedicated space:

~Fiber	~Metalwork
~Cooking	~Book Binding
~Woodworking	~Bardic
~Calligraphy/Illumination	~Brewing

**Location:** The Cathedral Church of St Paul  
815 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62704

**Time:** 9:00am-6:00pm

**Site fee:** **Free.** Donations appreciated.

**Lunch:** **Free.** Donations appreciated.

**Event Steward:**

Cydeaux of Brittany (Lucinda Caughey on Facebook,  
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### Masque Of Courtly Love – Mystery at the Masque

Marche of Alderford  
<https://alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque>  
February 24, 2024 9am-8pm  
Grace Fellowship  
6282 Nave St SW, Canton, OH 44706

#### Pre-Registration Discount

Adult Day Member Discount Registration: \$10.00  
Adult Day Registration: \$15.00  
Child Day Registration 12-17: \$5.00  
Youth Day Registration 0-11: Free  
Family Cap Member Discount Registration: \$30.00 member discount, \$40 non-member  
Feast Youth 15-Adult \$15.00  
Feast Children 7-14 \$10.00  
Feast Children 6 and under \$0

#### Day of Event Fees

Adult Day Member Discount Registration: \$12.00  
Adult Day Registration: \$17.00  
Youth & Child Day Registration Same as Pre-registration  
Family Cap Member Discount Registration: \$34.00 member discount, \$44 non-members  
Feast Youth 15-Adult \$17.00  
Feast Children 7-14 \$10.00  
Feast Children 6 and under \$0

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The Shire of Dark River invites you to:  
Courting on the River!

March 2, 2024

Held at:  
Bethel Wesley UMC  
1201 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Moline, IL 61265

Doors open at 8:30am. Close at 9pm.

Adult Registration (18+): \$15  
Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10  
Child Registration (6-17): \$5

Feast: \$15

Event Steward: Lady Elisabeta Fischer  
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<https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/>

### May Day in Fenix

Hosted by Barony of Fenix

Saturday, June 1, 2024  
9am – 8pm

Camp Michaels  
3486 Hathaway Rd,  
Union, KY 41091

Adult registration (18+) - \$20  
Adults w/ Member Discount - \$15  
Child (7-17) - \$5  
Family Cap - \$40

#### Activities include:

Armored and Rapier Combat, Archery, & More!

<https://fenix.midrealm.org/baronial-calendar/may-day/>

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**The Pale is Available Online:**  
<http://enewsletter.sca.org/>

**Need to find your local group? Try the Group Finder on the Kingdom website: <https://midrealm.org/midrealm-group-map/>**

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#### QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS.

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

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

ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

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.

January 28, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual  
 April 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)  
 July 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)  
 October 20, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE: TBA

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*Bubble sugar ornaments at the Cleftlands Yule Revel, made by Lady Katherin verch Rhys. Photo by Lady Claricia de la Mere (Karin Strippe).*