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Northshield Event Calendar

NOTICE: All events are subject to being canceled if, at the time the event is to be held, modern civil authorities have issued restrictive orders related to public gatherings pursuant to their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

June 2025 (AS LX)

- 6-15 **Lilies War XXXVII**, Kingdom of Calontir (**Smithville, MO**)
 13-15 **War Practice at the Roost III**, Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (**Mukwonago, WI**)
 ☙ ☙ ☙
 20 **Deadline for August 2025 Northwatch (Poetry)**
 21 **The Once & Maybe Monarchs**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Red Wing, MN**) ☙ ☙
 28 **Nordskogen Equestrian Practice**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Lakeville, MN**)
 28-29 **Midsummer's Eve XXII**, Shire of Trewint (**Wessington Springs, SD**)

July 2025 (AS LX)

- 1-6 **An Tir West War XXXIX**, Kingdom of An Tir (**Gold Beach, OR**)
 2-6 **Battlemoor**, Kingdom of Outlands (**Aguilar, CO**)
 4-6 **Thatsa Mare – What is North of the Wall? **DATE CHANGE****, Shire of Mare Amethystinum (**South Gillies, ON**) ☙ ☙
 10-13 **Warriors & Warlords XXX**, Barony of Jararvellir (**Tomah, WI**) ☙ ☙ ☙ ☙
 20 **Deadline for September 2025 Northwatch (Fibercrafts)**
 25-Aug.10 **Pennsic War 52**, Kingdom of the East (**Slippery Rock, PA**) ☙ ☙ ☙ ☙
 26 **Hero's Feast**, Shire of Coldehernhale (**Pierre, SD**)
 26 **Nordskogen Equestrian Practice**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Lakeville, MN**)

August 2025 (AS LX)

- 15-17 **BYOM (Bring Your Own Marshal) XXI**, Shire of Vilku Urvas (**Deer River, MN**)
 15-17 **Poor Man's Pennsic**, Shire of Falcon's Keep (**Wisconsin Rapids, WI**) ☙ ☙
 20 **Deadline for October 2025 Northwatch (Science!)**
 21-24 **St. Radegund's Faire**, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (**Mankato, MN**) ☙
 22-24 **Pirate for a Day**, Shire of Inner Sea (**Makinen, MN**)
 22-24 **Smiða Árferð (Makers' Harvest)**, Shire of Skerjatrond (**Pelkie, MI**) ☙ ☙
 29-Sept.1 **.Sorry Caesar, Britannia is Closed**, Barony of Castel Rouge (**Gimli, MB**) ☙ ☙



☙ Sovereign will attend ☙ Sovereign's Consort will attend ☙ Royal Heir will attend ☙ Royal Heir's Consort will attend
 ☉ Laurel Meeting ☉ Pelican Meeting ☉ Defense Meeting ☉ Chivalry Meeting ✦ Stallari Meeting

Listing your event on the calendar does not place an ad in the *Northwatch*. To submit your event advertisement for publication in the *Northwatch*, submit the required information to the Event Information Officer (calendar@northshield.org) before the 15th of the month before the month of publication (i.e., May 15th for the July issue). To contact the Northshield Event Information Officer, send a message to calendar@northshield.org.

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QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings start at 10:00 am. Note: Attendees are asked to wear modern clothing to Board meetings. (Agenda deadlines are first of month of meeting.) **Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following locations; however, depending on "safer-in-place" regulations in effect, meetings may be handled by VoIP.

July 2025 meeting: Virtual. October 2025 meeting: Hybrid. January 2026 meeting: TBD.



Their Royal Majesties

Greetings unto the Populace!

Do you hear the purple drums of war calling from Æthelmearc?

This year Pennsic will be a purple war, with East and Middle kingdoms fighting against the Allied forces. Northshield will be a part of the Allies. Her Highness will continue as General of Armed Forces and Moira Eriksdottir will serve as our Rapier General. Please come fight for your Kingdom!

In addition to Pennsic, this is a very busy summer, and a historic time for the Ranged Artillery community. If you see a Principal of the Order of the Mark, please congratulate them. They truly deserve this honor, and there will be more members to come during our reign and the next.

A reminder that Their Highnesses will ascend the Stellar Throne on September 13th. Please see the website for more information about this event.

Long Live Northshield!

Skio & Aelina

Their Highnesses

Greetings, Northshield!

We wish to thank everyone who made Crown List a fantastic event. To all the veritable army of staff, the combatants, consorts, entourages, and spectators, We appreciate all that you did to collectively create the magic of this kind of event.

We turn now to the topic of the Crown Tournament.

Crown Tournament is an anticipated day of prowess and community. In order to continue the theme of competition, We will be hosting the King's Rapier Prowess Tournament

directly after the Crown Tournament to select a champion.

Our Crown will be a random draw double elimination tournament with each bout being a single fight. All fighters will be in a single pool, regardless of number of wins or losses. Each round of the tournament, a random pairing will be drawn to determine fight pairings. If there is an odd number of fighters in the round, there will be a nondestructive by-fight with a fighter designated by the Crown. The Lists table will record all pairings by round. After the first round, if the random draw produces a re-pairing of fighters from the immediately previous round, all pairings will be redrawn randomly. If a re-pairing occurs on the second draw, all pairings will be redrawn randomly a third and final time for the round. The round will then be fought.

On their second loss, fighters are removed from the pool. Rounds continue until only one fighter remains. It is entirely possible that the finals may consist of a fighter with no losses fighting one with one loss. The fighter with one loss will need to win twice. No losses are cleared for the semi-finals or finals in this tournament style.

This is a Bring Your Best weapon format. Combatants may change weapon forms throughout. All Northshield-legal weapons and weapon-forms for armored rattan tournament combat are allowed, under the SCA, Inc. Rules of the Lists. Total weapon length shall not exceed 6 ft.

Letters of Intent are due on **Monday July 14th, 2025, by 11:59 pm**. They shall be emailed to TRH@northshield.org and seneschal@northshield.org. Please note – this is earlier than the typical deadline and we encourage pairs considering competing to submit letters with the understanding they may need to drop as we get closer to the tournament.

Both combatant and consort are required to have registered heraldry to participate in this Crown Tournament. If their heraldry is not yet registered, a name and device must be submitted by Coronation on Saturday, Sept 13th, 2025. This will be confirmed by an affirmative reply from Keythong and evidence of payment. Please include appropriate documentation in your letter.

This letter should also provide evidence of fulfillment of the requirements for entrance by the prospective combatant and consort and outline

their involvement in diverse areas of the SCA.

Per Kingdom Law III-900:

All prospective combatants and their consorts must meet the minimum criteria in the Governing Documents, as well as the following requirements:

1. Each must have been a subject of Northshield for one year immediately before the Crown Tournament.
2. Each must be a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism and have access to the *Northwatch*.
3. All prospective combatants and their consorts must be acceptable to the Presiding Royalty.
4. No one under 18 years old may fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
5. No member of the Royalty may either fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
6. One member of the couple must also affirm that they can and will maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S./Canadian international border for the duration of their reign, should they be victorious, to ensure that they are free to travel to all parts of the Kingdom. This means that any who fight in Crown must have one member of the pair that can cross the international border legally. This includes but is not limited to them being vaccinated per the mundane laws in place and not having a felony, OWI, DWI, etc.
7. All prospective combatants must hold a valid Northshield Armored Combat authorization card. If the combatant does not hold all authorizations that will be used in the tournament, the Crown has the sole discretion as to how and whether they will allow that combatant to participate.

By choosing to fight in Crown they have agreed to these terms and attested that they do indeed meet all the requirements and that at least one of them can legally cross the border to the best of their knowledge and belief.

In anticipation, just in case something untimely should befall Our Royal Parents; may they reign forever in good health,

Wu & Tom



Kingdom Seneschal

An announcement follows.

Morgaine

SCA Canada Working Group

This is an introduction to the SCA Canada Working Group, a Canadian-led initiative. Canada is a different legal jurisdiction from the US, and our group is investigating the SCA's compliance with Federal and Provincial requirements.

To do this work, Canadian representatives from the six Kingdoms with branches in Canada have been deputized by their Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals. Over the next year, we will be consulting Canadian lawyers and other experts to answer our guiding question: What is the best way for the SCA to operate in the Canadian jurisdiction? We are only looking at modern legal issues, not at the game side of the SCA for Canadian groups.

Once we have recommendations, a report will be given to the Kingdoms and the President of the SCA. Further steps will depend on the options open to us.

Right now, we are in fact-finding mode. We will provide updates as we have them. Stay tuned.

The SCA Canada Working Group

For the East: Heather Fraser (Dame Sarra Graeham of Birnham), Benoit Fiset (Master Godfroy de Falaise)

For Ealdormere: Petra Hall (Dame Petra of the Rozakii), Richard Albrecht (Lord Aldwynn of Canterbury)

For the Middle: Jennifer Zuiderveen (Lady Genovefa Guienniere)

For Northshield: Carl Dumas (Sir Hanman Hebenstreit), Robyn Brough (Dame Clara inghean Uilleim)

For Avacal: Cory Redecop (Baron Alexios Mavros)

For An Tir: Dillyn 'Banjo' Benjamin (Sir Finnir Eiríkr Steingrímsson), Jarrod Dunham (Master Enoch Jacobsz van Zuidland)

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Voici une présentation du Groupe de Travail SCA Canada, une initiative canadienne. Le Canada constitue une juridiction légale distincte des États-Unis, et notre groupe examine la conformité de la SCA aux exigences légales fédérales et provinciales.

Pour réaliser ce travail, des représentants canadiens des six royaumes ayant des branches au Canada ont été mandatés par leurs souverains et leurs sénéchaux de royaume respectifs. Durant la prochaine année, des avocats canadiens et d'autres experts seront consultés pour assurer la conformité

de la SCA aux lois canadiennes. Nous nous concentrons uniquement sur les questions juridiques modernes et non sur l'aspect ludique de la SCA au Canada.

Dès la réception des recommandations, un rapport sera transmis aux six Royaumes ainsi qu'au Président de la SCA. Les étapes subséquentes seront guidées par les options qui nous seront disponibles.

Pour l'instant, nous sommes en mode de collecte de données. Nous vous donnerons des nouvelles dès que possible. Restez attentifs.

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Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Calamus



Chancellor of the Exchequer

No missive this month.

Lachlann



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings, Northshield!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Northshield A&S Faire! We appreciate all the hard work that you have put into your projects and displays. Thank you to the judges, event staff and especially to event

stewards, Master Farolfus, Magistra Caoilfhionn, and A&S Deputy, Mistress Aigeline, for organizing a wonderful event.

I'm excited about so many upcoming events featuring A&S. Old favorites – Midsummers Eve, St. Radegund's, Haustblot – and the inaugural Smíða Árferð (Makers' Harvest), are just a few of the events to look forward to.

And please remember SUN on November 1st in Silfren Mere! We are looking for classes and demos. You don't have to offer a formal lecture. If you have questions or ideas, please feel free to reach out, and watch the website for signup information.

This year we are celebrating the 30th WW, as well as the Barony of Castel Rouge's 55th anniversary, and the Barony of Caer Anterth's 50th. Congratulations to the WW staff and to both Baronies!

Neave



Kingdom Chronicler

No missive this month.

Sarra



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

Welcome to our new Deputy Editor, Idonia! She will be stepping up as Editor when I retire in October. Please join us in celebrating the winners of the annual Blackfox Awards and some summer flowers in art. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- June 20 – Bonus Poetry Issue! – Mistress Margalit's poetry challenge is over and we're celebrating the participants. Send in any other poetry you would like to share.
- July 20 – Fibercrafts – Spinning, weaving, needlework? Share!
- August 20 – Science! – What new (pre-1600) discoveries would you like to celebrate?

Please send all questions or submissions to northwatch@northshield.org.

Grainne



Webminister

Greetings from the Kingdom Webminister!

By the time you read this, people should be testing the new website. We opened testing on May 25 (when most of the officer reports were due), and hope to have the new site ready for you before the next reporting cycle begins (August 25). It's optimistic, but not unrealistic, to think that we might even have it ready to go by the time this article comes out in the *Northwatch*.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you that this is not just my project. Much of our current code began life in Calontir, and we are in debt to their Web staff. Our own people have worked on it as well. And I'm not going to name names until we're ready to launch, because we're still growing and I don't want to leave people out. If you are interested in testing, please contact the Webminister or the Support team. (Hopefully we can tell you that all the testing is done, but we'll take whatever help we can get.) We could also use some help populating data from the current site onto the new one, so please let us know if you can help with that, as well. And my apologies to anyone who has already volunteered and who I haven't contacted – this has been going on so long that I've lost track of some people, but I certainly don't want to rob you of an opportunity for service. Please reach out again.

And please be aware that the new site is not exactly the same as the current site. Some features, functions, and content that you are used to seeing will not be available on the new site – at least, not yet. There's a lot on the current site, and this development takes time. The functions which have been rebuilt work a little bit differently, and there will be a learning curve as we all get used to it. Most importantly, please be patient with the officers because they will all have new tools to play with.

I'm eager to share details, but I don't want to spoil you too much. I can tell you, though, that you'll be able to change your password whenever you want, and that you'll be able to download your own authorization card whenever you want. You can still fill out reports on the website, you can still write award recommendations, you can still find out who holds particular offices, you can still download handbooks and resource materials, you can still look up event details. There will be more integration with more modern tools and the site will be more mobile-

friendly. And it shouldn't break nearly as often. And the best news, you won't have to know how to maintain .Net / MSSQL to be Webminister!

And now, back to work. We have a website to finish!

In service,

Abelard



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month.

Armond



SCA Corporate Announcements

April 2025 President's Report Now Available

The most recent report from Bao Pham, SCA Inc. President, is now available.

This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: /wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-After-Board-Meeting-Report-1.pdf

The January 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel.

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr Pham via email at president@sca.org

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report April 2025". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Official SCA Discord Server Has Launched!

We are excited to announce the launch of the official Discord server for the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. (SCA)! This new online community

space is designed to bring SCAdians from across the Known World together like never before.

Whether you're a newcomer, a long-time participant, or someone curious about our medieval pursuits, the SCA Discord is your new virtual gathering hall. Join us for:

- Lively discussions on arts, combat, history, and all things SCA
- Event updates, local group announcements, and kingdom news
- Learning and mentorship opportunities
- Voice channels for casual chat, classes, and virtual hangouts
- Connections across kingdoms and disciplines

Come share your stories, ask questions, and make new friends in a welcoming, respectful, and engaging environment!

<https://discord.gg/xZHRqsd5pE>

Bring your heraldry, your humor, and your love of history – we'll see you in the server!

May A.S LX – President's Letter

A year has passed since I stepped up as President, and a lot has changed from when I started.

The Order of the Mark was created to recognize those that pursue mastery in ranged weapons. A Crown was chosen by rapier combat. Several administrative updates are occurring such as centralization of documentation, improvements in data management, and various process improvements. Communications have been more frequent internally within the Society and externally to the membership. There is more transparency from the Society by adding a Code of Conduct which lays the foundation to be able to cite sanction violations. The Society is moving towards more consistent rules, and accountability has been prioritized for the benefit of this game as well as the people that play it. The SCA has also reaffirmed commitment towards building an inclusive third space so that people can live history more safely. We have also launched an Official SCA Discord to bring the community together and to provide a platform for more avenues of engagement.

The SCA is the largest living history group in the world. A group built by amazing volunteers found at all levels of this organization. Due to recent expansion, there are more people

involved on the Society level than there have ever been. We often view ourselves categorized in different groups based on region or role, but at the heart of it all, we are still a part of the same organization. Many of us love and are invested in the SCA even if we don't always agree with how to best move forward. To me, the SCA rises and falls together. As President, I strongly believe that a rising tide lifts all boats.

Going forward into my second year, we will continue to improve our financial positioning and continue the work on alleviating administrative burden on volunteers. The Corporation needs consistency, and this is balanced with the constraints of volunteers who have lives outside of the SCA. We will continue to work on ways to make the administration of the SCA more efficient.

We will also focus on completing the integration of DEIB into our organization. This begins with filling out the officer roles on the Society and Corporate level. Everyone deserves to be able to play the SCA as who they are, as long as they abide by our core values and rules. We will continue to make the SCA more accessible to

people with different backgrounds and capabilities.

I am not a person that likes to settle for what is, instead, I look forward to what can be. Change takes time, but reflecting on the last year, change is happening. I am positively excited for the future of the SCA and what we are building together.

-Bao Pham

President of SCA Inc.

People on the Move – Director Elect Seat F

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Keith Howard (Baron Hengist Hawardessune, KSCA) as the Director-Elect for Seat F. He will assume the position from Director KT "Shep" Sheppard at the close of the October 2025 quarterly meeting.

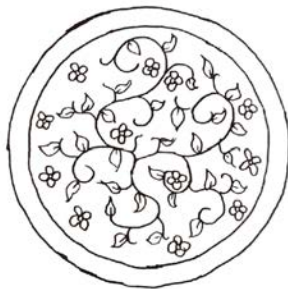
Keith Howard is an Elementary and Middle School teacher with Cincinnati Public Schools teaching Health and Technology; prior to that he was as an Executive Response Specialist with Avon Products, Incorporated. He lives in

West Chester, Ohio with his amazing wife Tracy and their Irish Wolfhound Freki. When not at an SCA event, work, or professional development class, he enjoys playing Warhammer 40k, various RPGs and board games, traveling or attending Bengals football games.

Baron Hengist Hawardessune is a 6th-century Saxon living in England. He is a minor Thegn who has served his Crown and his Kingdom well and has been recognized many times, both on and off of the field of battle. Although he now prefers the peaceful life, he still leads the mighty warband of the Hwit Gar when his Crown calls upon him.

As new Directors are seated each April and October, candidates for the Board are continually being solicited. SCA Inc or affiliate individuals may be nominated by SCA members and participants or can be self-nominated. No special experience is required, and candidates do not need to have specialized modern degrees. They also need not be peers – experience from every aspect of the Society is desired.

To make a nomination, (or to nominate yourself), please forward a Modern Name, SCA Name, and email address to recruiting@sca.org



HELP WANTED

See the Kingdom website at <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=5722> or email the contact below for complete descriptions of the following positions. Email addresses on page 2. See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.

- Kingdom Signet Herald: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Polaris Herald.
- Kingdom Blawhorn Herald: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Polaris Herald.
- Lakes Regional Deputy Seneschal: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Transitions and New Groups Deputy: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Woodlands A&S Regional Deputy: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
- Kingdom Youth Officer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Archivist/Historian: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Social Media Officer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.



Courts of TRM Skio & Aelina

Northshield Spring Crown Tournament

Here follows the report of the Court of Their Royal Majesties Skio and Aelina, held at Crown Tournament on May 10, 2025, in the Barony of Windhaven.

Herald of Record: Calamus Schreiber; Seneschal of Record: Aesa in Bjarndoelska.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Tom Tinninnabulum	Royal Heir	
Wu Yun	Royal Heir's Consort	
Hilde Steward	Order of Brigit's Flame	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Olivier Leclerc	Award of the Cygnus	Sören Nordesson
Charlotte Almary	Award of the Cygnus	Svena Gandalfsrdottir
Nicholas Fauble	Award of Arms	Una Duckfoot
Ysolt Pais de cuer	Griffin of Northshield	Tatiana Marana Melville
Petranela de Groot	Award of the Cygnus	Marguerite Larchier
Clara Matthews	Award of the Black Flame	Sören Nordesson
Aine ingen MaelPtraic	Vigilant for the Order of the Mark	
Moira nicConnell the Stronbow	Vigilant for the Order of the Mark	
Viði Hovdestad	Vigilant for the Order of the Mark	



Great Western Regional FARE II

Here follows the court report for the Great Western Regional FARE II, held on May 24, 2025 (AS 60), in the Shire of Korsvag.

Herald of Record: Calamus Polaris; Seneschal of Record: Sandrine Kleinschmidt.

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Master William Blackfox Awards, A.S. 58

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Best Overall Newsletter

This does not necessarily mean the best-looking newsletter, but rather the newsletter which best meets the needs of the local group or guild for which it is published. It should accurately reflect the status of the group and be a valuable tool for growth and promotion of SCA goals and ideals. This title is awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

East: *The Ostgardr E-Horse*, Ostgardr; Chronicler: Zahra de Andaluzia

Commendation:

An Tir: *The Dragon's Tongue*, Barony of Dragon's Mist; Chronicler: Claire le Deyare

Calontir: *The Barge*, Barony of Three Rivers; Chronicler: Jon Chesey

Ealdormere: *The Ramshaven Herald*, Ramshaven; Chronicler: Asa Gormsdottir

West: *The Gatekeeper*, Barony of Winters Gate; Chronicler: Merewyn of Ynys Taltraeth

Best Layout and Design

For the best-looking newsletter in balance and style. Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

East: *The Viaduct*, Barony of An Dughaigeainn; Chronicler: Osanna Schade

Commendation:

Æthelmarc: *The Sentinel*, Barony of St. Swithin's Bog; Chronicler: Eliza Allison

Caid: *The Serpent's Tongue*, Barony of Calafia; Chronicler: Kyrá Audax

Ealdormere: *The Ramshaven Herald*, Ramshaven; Chronicler: Asa Gormsdottir

Northshield: *The Chronicle*, Barony of Castel Rouge; Chronicler: Mergen Gal

Best Artwork

For artwork on cover or interior of the newsletter. Awarded to the newsletter and the artist.

Winner:

Caid: Artist: Kayla Keener; "Sketching from Life – Sketches form Lyondemere Arts & Archery"; *The Tydes*, April 2024, cover art; Barony of Lyondemere; Chronicler: Arwen Baird

Best Special Issue

For Arts & Sciences issues or other limited-focus issues of a geographic group (canton, shire, barony, etc.). Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

West: *Winter's Gate History*, Barony of Winter's Gate; Chronicler: Merewyn of Ynys Taltraeth

Best Special Interest Newsletter

This category recognizes guild newsletters, research newsletters, and Arts & Science focus newsletters (such as lace-making). Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner: N/A this year

Best Regular Feature

For cartoons, articles, columns, etc. which appear regularly in the particular newsletter. Awarded to the creator or feature writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

Calontir: "Event Running", Author: Jon Chesey; *The Barge*, Barony of Three Rivers; Chronicler: Jon Chesey

Commendation:

An Tir: "In Service to the Canton: An Interview with a Gentle"; *The Jousting Squirrel*, Canton of Akornebir; Author/Chronicler: Cuthbert Weaver

Atlantia: "Chronicler's Choice"; *Clyffe Notes*, Barony of Dun Carraig; Chronicler: Mary Poschet

Caid: "Period Games"; *The Phoenix*, Barony of Nordwache; Author: Finna the Weaver; Chronicler: Joan Silvertoppe

Drachenwald: "History with Flintheath"; *The Baelfyr*, Principality of Insulae Draconis; Author: Rebecca of Flintheath; Chronicler: Maerith aff Weselax

Best Article

Recognizes excellence in articles appearing in a local newsletter. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

Northshield: "*Chronicles of a Fledgling Bowyer*"; Author: Tomaas of Castel Rouge; *The Chronicle*, Barony of Castel Rouge; Chronicler: Mergen Gal

Commendation:

Caid: "Contemporaries in History: 1000 CE"; Author: Eilidh Swann; *The Tydes*, Barony of Lyondemere; Chronicler: Arwen Baird

East: "The Stone's Oath"; Author: Volva-Kaolin knutr; *Kenning Points*, Barony of Smoking Rocks; Chronicler: Volva-Kaolin knutr

Meridies: "Sightseeing: Cittadella Walls, Cittadella, Italy"; Author: Aleanor McPherson; *The Standing Stone*, The Barony of Bryn Madoc; Chronicler: Thegn Dyfn ap Meurig

Best Poetry

Recognizes the author of an outstanding poem. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

Blackfox Awards, cont.

Winner:

Caid: "Remember Me"; Author: Aracibo Salgado; *The Serpent's Tongue*, Barony of Calafia; Chronicler: Kyra Audax

Commendation:

Calontir: "Of Mortal Born"; Author: Shoshanah bas Nachman; *The Barge*, Barony of Three Rivers; Chronicler: Shoshanah bas Nachman

Best Short Fiction

Recognizes the author of an outstanding short fiction. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

Middle: "Le Roman de Gregoire de Lyon"; Author: Gregoire de Lyon; *Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar; Chronicler: Godhit of Cynnabar

Kingdom Chronicler's Honorable Mentions

Nominations which didn't fit into the above categories, yet are still deserving of recognition for their exceptional work and/or dedication to producing the best possible newsletter for the local group served. Recognition of merit given to all of the individual nominees.

Nominated:

Caid: *Tales from the Mist*, Barony of Wintermist; Chronicler: Sunnifa Jonsdottir

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StormScroll, Barony of Stormhold

MordenMail, Barony of Mordenvale

The Vine, Barony of Aneala

Northshield: Regular Feature "Dear Abbess", Northwatch, Kingdom of Northshield; Author: Farolfus filius Richardi; Chronicler: Grainne Dhonn

West: *Darkwood Drum*, Barony of Darkwood; Chronicler: Norinna O'Shaughnessy

KINGDOM NEWSLETTER CATEGORIES

Best Cover for a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the creator of a piece provided for use as the cover of a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the artist(s).

Winner:

Ealdormere: "My Monkeys, My Circus", cover art; Artist: Marguerite Gingraix; *Vox Borealis* Circus Edition, Kingdom of Ealdormere; Chronicler: Lucia de Enzinas

Commendation:

East: "Murder Bunnies", cover art; Artist: Alyne Alexandra Nyvern Nightwatcher; *Pikestaff*, East Kingdom; Chronicler: Antony Martin of Sheffield

Meridies: "Untitled", cover art; Artist: Genovefa De Hareflot; *Popular Chivalry*, Kingdom of Meridies; Chronicler: Albaruna Ana de Granada

Also Nominated:

Northshield: "Northshield's Princess' Sleeve Display", Photographer: Geoffrey of Warwick; Northwatch, Kingdom of Northshield; Chronicler: Grainne Dhonn

Best Written Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the author of an article, regular or special feature, poem, etc. provided for use by a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the author.

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An Tir: "Spotlight Scribe", Author: Maminka the Bohemian; *The Crier*, Kingdom of An Tir; Chronicler: Kendryth filia Gerald

Commendation:

Ealdormere: "Have You Heard", Author: Catherine Townsend; *Vox Borealis*, Have You Heard Edition, Kingdom of Ealdormere; Chronicler: Lucia de Enzinas

Middle: "Blackwork Embroidery", Author: Lynne Fairchild; *The Pale*, Kingdom of the Middle; Chronicler: Claricia de la Mere

Also Nominated:

Northshield: "A History of the Beginnings of Northshield, Part 1", Author: Caradoc Llew Du ap Morgan; Northwatch, Kingdom of Northshield; Chronicler: Grainne Dhonn

Best Artistic Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter

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Commendation:

Meridies: "Untitled", Artist: Danielle Bird; *Popular Chivalry*, Kingdom of Meridies; Chronicler: Albaruna Ana de Granada

West: "The Peacock King", Artist: Christel Leake; *The Page*, Kingdom of the West; Chronicler: Bella Donna dei Sorci



DEAR ABBESS:

SUMMER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED AND AS I LABOR OUTSIDE IN THE HEAT OF THE SUN, I FIND MYSELF WISHING TO SING SOMETHING APPROPRIATE TO THE SEASON. DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SOMETHING THAT IS SEASONALLY RELEVANT AND NOT A DREARY OLD LATIN CHANT? MY FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS ALL HAVE LOVELY SINGING VOICES, SO I WOULD ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE SOMETHING THAT CAN MAKE USE OF A LARGER GROUP OF SINGERS.

GRATEFULLY YOURS,
A SOMERSET SINGER

DEAR SINGER,



IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THERE IS A WONDERFUL TUNE FROM WESSEX THAT IS WELL SUITED FOR YOU AND YOUR KINFOLK. THIS TUNE IS A ROUND (OR 'ROTA'), AND CAN BE SUNG IN SIX PARTS. I HAVE ATTACHED THE LYRICS AND TUNE BELOW. WHEN THE FIRST SINGER REACHES

THE SPOT MARKED WITH THE RED CROSS, THE SECOND SINGER JOINS IN, AND THE THIRD SINGER ENTERS WHEN THE SECOND SINGER REACHES THE RED CROSS, AND SO ON UNTIL ALL SIX VOICES HAVE JOINED. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHOULD BE DEEPLY RELATABLE FOR ANY RURAL PERSON FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THE FARM ANIMALS DO WHEN SUMMER HAS ARRIVED...

MIDDLE ENGLISH LYRICS (13TH C.)

SUMER IS ICUMEN IN,
LHUDE SING CUCCU!
GROWEP SED AND BLOWEP MED
AND SPRINGP BE WDE NU,
SING CUCCU!
AWE BLETEP AFTER LOMB,
LHOUP AFTER CALUE CU.
BULLUC STERTEP, BUCKE UERTEP,
MURIE SING CUCCU!
CUCCU, CUCCU, WEL SINGES PU CUCCU;
NE SWIK PU NAUER NU.

SING CUCCU NU. SING CUCCU.
SING CUCCU. SING CUCCU NU!

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13TH C. CE.

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MODERN ENGLISH:

SUMMER HAS COME IN,
LOUDLY SING, CUCKOO!
THE SEED GROWS AND THE MEADOW BLOOMS
AND THE WOOD SPRINGS ANEW,
SING, CUCKOO!
THE EWE BLEATS AFTER THE LAMB
THE COW LOWS AFTER THE CALF.
THE BULLOCK STIRS, THE STAG (OR BILLY-GOAT) FARTS,
MERRILY SING, CUCKOO!
CUCKOO, CUCKOO, WELL YOU SING, CUCKOO;
DON'T EVER YOU STOP NOW,

SING CUCKOO NOW. SING, CUCKOO.
SING CUCKOO. SING CUCKOO NOW!

-ABBESS

A VERSION IN MODERN NOTATION MAY BE FOUND AT
[HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/SUMER_IS_ICUMEN_IN#/MEDIA/FILE:MODERN_TRANSCRIPTION_OF_SUMER_IS_ICUMEN_IN_WITH_REPEAT_MARKS.PNG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sumer_is_icumen_in#/media/File:Modern_transcription_of_Sumer_Is_Icumen_In_with_repeat_marks.png).

Do you have a medieval problem or quandary? Send your message to northwatch@northshield.org and include "Dear Abbess" in the subject line to get some expert advice.



JULY 10-13, 2025 BARONIES OF JARARVELLIR & NORDSKOGEN



Warriors & Warlords XXX



Tomah County Fair Grounds

1624 Butts Ave., Tomah, WI 54660 USA

Site opens 9am Thursday. Site closes 4pm Sunday.

Fees:	Day Member (18+) \$20
Wknd Adult (18+) \$50	Youth (17 & under) free
Wknd Member (18+) \$40	RV \$10/day
Day Adult (18+) \$30	Site booklet \$2

Checks payable to: SCA Inc-Warriors and Warlords. Pre-registration link: <https://forms.gle/kxQeb8LR6eLkxE7s5>

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Archery, A&S Competition, Bardic Activities, Classes, Dance, Equestrian, Rapier Combat, Thrown Weapons, Youth Boffer Combat.

Grounds are flat, but roads can be rough. Children's activities available. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available. Showers on site.

See website for more details.

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JULY 26, 2025

SHIRE OF COLDEDERNHALE

Hero's Feast



The Farr House

106 East Wynoka St., Pierre, SD 57501 USA

Site opens 10am. Site closes 8pm.

Fees:
Free event.

Planned Activities: A&S Competition, Bardic Activities, Cut & Thrust Combat, Rapier Combat.

No accessibility information. Limited populace/presence space available.

Come join us in the Shire of Coldehernhale for Hero's Feast! We are celebrating a day of merriment, heroics and prowess with fencing and cut and thrust combat, and a feast competition! Come as historic or fantastic as you wish and help us celebrate the heroes who make our lives more fun!

This event is named after the official DND cookbook, *Hero's Feast*, and we will be posting recipes from the book for anyone who'd like to make and bring one. This event is extremely low key and full of schtick. There will also be a bonfire and a bardic circle afterwards.

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<https://pierresca.org/heros-feast/>



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