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The Official Monthly Newsletter
of the Kingdom of Meridies



Meridian Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Sponsoring Group & Contact
Jan 6, 2024	12th Night	Hosted by the Barony of Bryn Madoc POC: THL Rajni of Orluk Oasis rajniqamar@gmail.com
Jan 12 – 14, 2024 	Panhandle Skirmishes	Hosted by the Shire of Phoenix Glade and Shire of Arenal POC: Lady Mael Muire ingen Dubgaill ladymaelmurie@gmail.com Lady Rose Rennel ladyroserennel@gmail.com
Jan 13, 2024	Wing Ding	Hosted by the Canton of South Reach POC: Lady Etain of the Ulaid pulaskipac@gmail.com
Jan 20, 2024 	Menhir	Hosted by the Shire of Rising Stone POC: Countess Gwen na Preachain Medieval vogue@yahoo.com
Jan 27, 2024 	Fighters Collegium/ Meridian War College	Hosted by the Barony of Iron Mountain and Canton of South Reach POC: Genevieve Alaiz d'Avignon baronessgenevieveop@gmail.com Roy MacLucas Roy.maclucas@yahoo.com
Feb 2 – 4, 2024 	Midwinter A&S	Hosted by the Barony of the South Downs POC: Baron Piers Simmons Twarsmith@gmail.com Lord Eirikr Palsson bullseyex5@hotmail.com
Feb 9 – 11, 2024	Knight's Gambit	Hosted by the Shire of Thorngill POC: Mistress Muirghein thlmuirghein@gmail.com

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Publication Deadlines

All event flyers, notices, officer letters, etc., must be received by the first of the month preceding the month of publication, e.g., event flyers for the July PC must be received by June 1.

Calendar

The Meridian Event Calendar originates with the Kingdom Seneschal's Office and is correct as of December 10, 2023. To add your event to this calendar contact the Kingdom Calendar Deputy at [calendar@meridies.org].

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A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

As We wrap up November and inch closer to Winter, We can't help but reflect on the wonderful events of this year's Autumn event season. It felt like a very busy season this year, and definitely a stark contrast to a couple years ago when events were held almost entirely online. We are reminded of the beauty of contrast. The change of the seasons from warm to cold makes Us appreciate the memory of summer nights while We retreat to the warmth of our hearth fires.

One thing that continues to excite us is the growing energy We see throughout the Kingdom. Each court is graced with new faces as new members join Us, and our old friends are finding their way back to the joys of the game. Everywhere We look there are smiles and laughter. Artisans are hard at work learning and creating while our warriors train and compete with ardent intensity. At every corner of the kingdom there is an orchestra of activity and a bristling desire to contribute service. The spirit of the Kingdom is alive as her heart beats ever more vigorously. We can't help but be optimistic about the remainder of the reign.

Speaking of the reign, We are pleased to welcome Sebastianos and Morgan as Heirs. Our line is secured, and We are excited to see what creative and exciting plans they have for continuing to spread joy and fun throughout the Kingdom.

The Holidays are upon us. We encourage everyone to reflect on the blessings and bounties of the year and set new goals for the next year as We wrap up 2023. One theme We want to take into the new year is the building of bridges.

We specifically ask the populace to consider how We all can better collaborate, connect, and support those around us. We want to knock down some of the invisible walls and barriers between groups and regions to foster more growth and camaraderie. We are stronger together.

Enjoy the long nights... We sure will.



In Service to the Dream,
TIMOTHY YSMAY



A Missive from Their Royal Highnesses

Unto the beloved populace of Meridies, We have had such a lovely time since we were lucky enough to win crown lyst. We enjoyed the lovely hospitality of South Downs at their flagship event Castle Wars. We had the opportunity to meet many new people, which is one of our favorite things to do. We spent some time on the range with some friends and got to watch the fire spark in the eyes of someone who had never thrown axes before, and I recently spoke with her father. He is buying her some axes for the holidays because of the joy that she had found. We got to see many great merchants and artisans, our kingdom has an embarrassment of riches in its people.

Then our progress took us to Dalwhinnie Fields, the Barony of Iron Mountain's Magna faire. Where we got to see great demonstrations of artistic prowess, many great works to look at and even a lovely largess competition that was so difficult to choose from as all the entrants were worthy of winning. We had the Chance to be part of their Majesties as they extended our royal family for a day. The King and Queen of Misrule were crowned, and joy was then had by all. Queen Aislinn was noble, articulate powerful and refined, though a young lady I have no doubt she would make a great queen someday. King Jojo was joyous and exuberant! They presided over the fighting throughout the day and through court. It was a wonderful remarkable sight. We had a glorious feast which was absolutely amazing. I ate far too much for certain. We had the pleasure of seeing the baron and baroness of Iron Mountain step down, a changing of the guard most would think. Except for the Knight of kittens assuming the mantle of baron yet again. Some people are just a glutton for punishment. We wish him the best as he continues as steward for the barony's lands.

The holidays are a fantastic time where we can sit back and enjoy the company of friends and family. We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We now focus on the path ahead, for war is before us. Soon the Crown will rally our forces for the honor and glory of our kingdom. We hope that we will see many of our kingdoms at Panhandle Skirmishes and Gulf Wars so that we can toast to their health and create new and bountiful memories together.

Yours In Service to the Dream,

MORGAN II & SEBASTIANOS II

Crown Princess and Prince of the Kingdom of Meridies

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Elevations, Events, Announcements



Society Office Opening

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Society Seneschal/Vice President for Operations.

The Society Seneschal is considered both a Society and Corporate officer, and is responsible for coordinating the administration of the Society’s historical re-creation. This involves directing the activities of the Kingdom Seneschals and of Society-level deputies. Where questions arise concerning the intent of Corpora, the Board specifically authorizes the Society Seneschal to make interpretations and clarifications. The Society Seneschal is also responsible for reviewing all sanction related activities.

This is a part-time stipend position requiring a minimum of 25 hours per week, often more.

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Society Information

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE:

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 (Tentative)

April 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

July 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

October 20, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

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Applicants must possess strong communication skills and be capable of interacting with unique SCA personalities without regard to rank or position in the organization. The ability to process and distill large amounts of information from multiple sources is required. Organizational and problem-solving skills are essential. Having held a Kingdom Seneschal position, while not required, is preferred. Applicants must be capable of maintaining a home office space, have access to internet, PC/tablet, printer, and possess word processing skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Office and Adobe Pro is a plus. Ready access to postal service for the mailing of trackable documents is required.

For more information regarding required skills, background and duties please see the website:

<https://www.sca.org/position-opening-society-seneschal-vice-president-for-operations/>

The Society Seneschal must be available for the four quarterly Board meetings, typically held over a Friday and Saturday or a Saturday and Sunday. These meetings may be held via videoconference or in person. In-person meetings require travel, typically on a Thursday and Sunday. In addition, the Society Seneschal must be available for conference call meetings of the Board four to twelve times a year, typically on weekday evenings, and meetings or calls with officers or directors on an as-needed basis. Additional travel besides the quarterly meetings may be required, typically around SCA events.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, via email, to resumes@sca.org.

Applications are being accepted through January 15, 2024.

The Barony of Bryn Madoc Presents: THE SOVEREIGNS OF MISRULE: A 12th Night Celebration, 1/6/2024

Site: St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, 3195 Barnett Shoals Rd., Athens GA 30605
Cost: \$10 per adult; 17 and under free. Non-member adult additional fee: \$5
Site opens: 9:00 AM; site closes: 9:00 PM. Site is **PEANUT FREE**.
More information: brynmadoc.meridies.org



Join us for a day of fencing, fighting, thrown weapons, dance, live music, classes, fiber arts, and a scriptorium. Best of all, there will be a Parade of Hobby Horses with jousting and contests for youth and adults led by the **Sovereigns of Misrule!**



We are also delighted to host a **Regional Arts and Sciences Faire!** See website for details. For more information, contact Duchess Thorkatla: artsci@meridies.org

Autocrat: THL Rajni of Orluk Oasis (Jennifer Kay), rajniqamar@gmail.com, **TEXT ONLY:** 762-305-7165 (not after 9 PM). Feast will be potluck.

Reservations: Maestra Leonora Simonetta d'Este (Linda Gilbert), 135 Curtis Dr., Athens, GA 30606

Checks payable to: SCA, Inc., Barony of Bryn Madoc. excheq.brynmadoc@meridies.org

Directions: Take best route to Athens GA. Take the 10-Loop to Exit 7, College Station Rd. Turn and head SE. When College Station Rd. ends, turn right. Go to next stoplight (half mile); turn left onto Barnett Shoals. Go 1 mile; St. Gregory's is on the left just past Montessori School.



PANHANDLE SKIRMISHES

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Shire of Phoenix Glade

Shire of Arenal

January 12-14, 2024

Compass Lake

645 Compass Lake Drive

Alford, FL 32420

opens 5 pm Friday - closes 12 pm Sunday

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Pricing

Member

Weekend: \$25

Daytrip: \$20

Non-Member

Weekend: \$30

Daytrip \$25

Cabins:

5 reserved for Trimaris, 5 for Meridies

Full - \$210(4) - 2 beds each cabin

Queen - \$250(5) - 2 beds each cabin

King - \$260(1) - 1 bed

RV Slots(8)

\$35 each

Reservationist

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Directions:

Follow I-10 to US-231S in Jackson County. Take exit 130 from I-10. Drive 8.5 miles, Turn left onto Lakepoint Rd. Continue 1.8 miles, then turn left onto Compass Lake Dr. Entrance will be on your right.



Silver Anniversary

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc/Shire of Arenal





The Canton of South Reach presents
WING DING IV
 January 13, 2024
 Pulaski Rec Center
 333 East College Street, Pulaski, TN 38478



Classes! Fighting! Rummage sale!
 Activities for younglings! Wings for lunch!
 Probably other stuff that requires exclamation points!

Don't miss out!

Site opens at 8:00 a.m., first class starts at 9:00 a.m., site closes at 5:30 p.m.

Directions from I-65: Take Exit 14 and head west on Highway 64 toward Pulaski. Turn right on East College Street and follow it until you reach the Rec Center on your left.

Site fee: \$13 per person, \$8 with member discount. Make checks payable to SCA-TN/Barony of Glaedenfeld.

Autocrat: Lady Etain of the Ulaid (Sandy Slayton-Mavrotheris), pulaskipac@gmail.com, 931.309.7230.
 Reservationist: Countess Arianne Lightheart, ronna.white@gmail.com

Menhir: The Ancient World

January 20, 2024

Come join the Shire of Rising Stone back at our traditional site for a day focused on all things pre-6th century, from astronomy to daily dress.

Eat a delicious Roman thermopolia-style (fast food) lunch feast by Mistress Maysun.

Fight in exciting tournaments, including the Ser Maddach bearpit and the Papa John Memorial Tourney, run by Duke Seth, Sir John, and Sir Haldr. Also fight in exciting tournaments with the rapier list.

Event Steward and class coordinator: Countess Gwen na Preachain (Stephanie Stewart-Howard, medieval_vogue@yahoo.com)

Feast Steward: Mistress Maysun al-Rasheeqa (Missy Pancake, mpancake@gmail.com)

Reservationist: Master David l'Ymagour (David Fricker, reeve@risingstone.org)

Location: Lane Agri Park, 315 John R Rice Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Price: All prices are daytrip only.

\$18 – Members; no feast

\$23 – Non-Members; no feast

\$7 – Feast per person

Site opens 8:30 am and closes 6 pm

Make checks payable to SCA-TN, Inc: Shire of Rising Stone



The Barony of Iron Mountain and
the Canton of South Reach present

War College

January 27, 2024

Giles County Agri Park

2030 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478

Fighting, fighting, and more fighting!
Oh, and a fundraiser lunch, too!

Site opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m.

Directions from I-65: Take Exit 14 and head west on Highway 64 toward Pulaski. Continue to
US-31 S/Elkton Pike. Turn left on US-31 S/Elkton Pike and continue to the park.

Site fee: \$15 per person, \$10 with member discount.

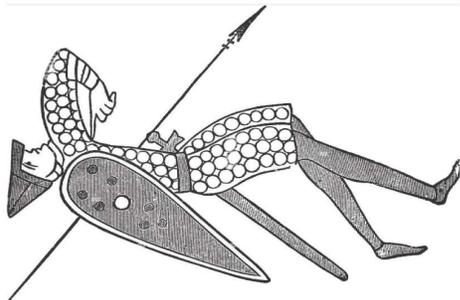
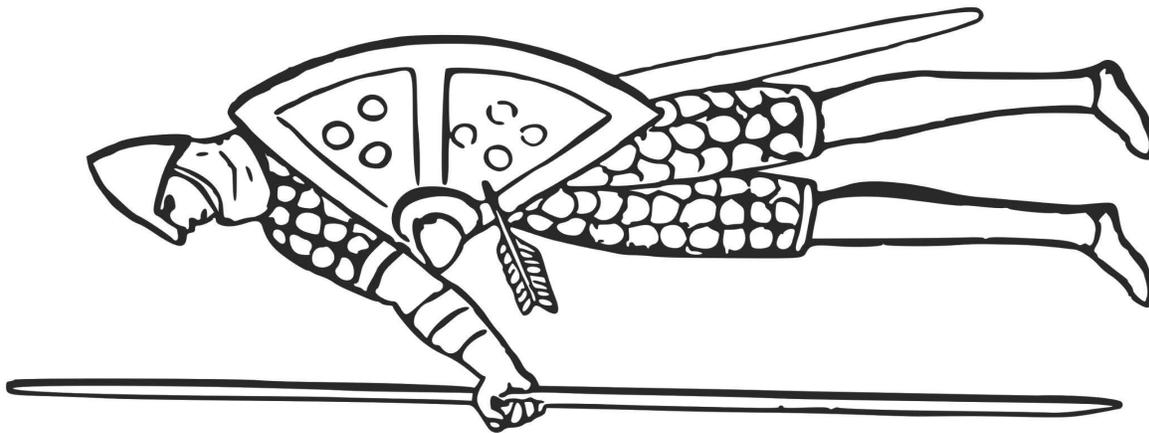
Make checks payable to SCA Inc/Barony of Iron Mountain.

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THE BARONY OF SOUTH DOWNS PRESENTS:
MIDWINTER A&S

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, CARROLLTON, GA

Site opens at 9:00 am EST and closes at 7:00 pm EST on Saturday, February 4, 2023

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FEES

Adult fee: \$20
 SCA Member discount: \$5 off
 Kids 17 and under: Free
 UWGA Students and Staff: Free w/campus ID

Make checks payable to SCA, Inc./Barony of South Downs

Requests for refunds must be postmarked to the reservationist or baronial exchequer within 24 hours of the close of the event. Refunds will not be issued at the event.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PAFFORD BUILDING (UWGA):

206 West Georgia Drive, Carrollton, GA 301180

From I-20, take exit 19 to Carrollton (headed south). Merge onto GA 113S/Carrollton St. Follow GA 113S to W GA Drive, turn left onto W GA Drive. The Pafford Building is on the right, across from the Townsend Center for Performing Arts. Handicapped parking is available in front of the Pafford Building; all others please park in the Townsend Center lot across the street.



Knights' Gambit

February 9 - 11, 2024

Dalwhinnie Fields
 1515 Pine Flat Church Road
 Selma, AL 36701



Come join the **Shire of Thorngill** for one of the premier fighting events in Meridies! Show off your skills in the Robert Hightower Unbelted Classic, and then get the opportunity to train, one on one, with the **Knights**! Stay tuned for more details of activity schedule! Feast is sure to please. Come for the day or stay for the weekend. Camping included in site fee. Limited bunkhouse beds available for additional fee. Upper bunk is \$10 and Lower bunk is \$15. Site opens 5 pm Friday (Feb 9) and closes Sunday (Feb 11) at 11:00 am.

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Fees:	Before Jan 31, 2024		At the Door		Knights & 17 & under
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
Daytrip	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	FREE
Weekend	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	FREE
FEAST	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

Make checks payable to: **SCA, Inc./Shire of Thorngill.**
NOTE Checks / cash only at the door.
PAYPAL REGISTRATION:
<https://forms.gle/5kdj6zFsRC22w55g6>
 available through **01/31/2024**

Directions: Make your best route to AL-14 W (West of Selma). Turn North onto County Rd 58 near mile marker 101. Dalwhinnie Fields will be approx. 1.5 miles down the road on the left.

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