

The Tidings

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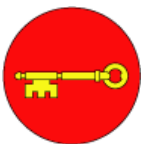
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Event Calendar

August 2023

- 1 Deadline for September Tidings
- 4-7 Murder Muster, Incipient Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)
- 26 Middle Ages on the Green, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Tavistock, ON)

September 2023

- 1 Deadline for October Tidings
- 1-4 Gwly y Fflam: Ealdormere 25 th Anniversary (Havelock, ON)
- 1-4 Baron's Howe (Bonfield, ON)
- 16 Icelandic Althing (Campbellford, ON)
- 23 Huntsman's Harvest (Binbrook, ON)
- 30 Fall Coronation (Shakespeare, ON)

October 2023

- 1 Deadline for November Tidings
- 14 Crown Tournament: Brawl in the Fall 3 (Codrington, ON)

November 2023

- 1 Deadline for December Tidings
- 4 Feast of the Hare, Barony of Skraeling Althing – details TBA

December 2023

- 1 Deadline for January Tidings
- 2 Wassail, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Shakespeare, ON)

January 2024

- 1 Deadline for February Tidings
- 20-21 Blue Dragon Studium 3.5, Canton of Ard Chreag (Oshawa, ON)

<https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Kingdom Event Rotation

2024

- 2024 Spring A&S: Rising Waters
- 2024 Spring Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
- 2024 Spring Crown: Septentria
- 2024 Fall Coronation: Skraeling Althing
- 2024 Fall Crown: Ramshaven

2025

- 2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)
- 2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters
- 2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth
- 2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria
- 2025 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing

2026

- 2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven
- 2026 Spring Coronation: Shires
(assist from Skraeling Althing)
- 2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters
- 2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
- 2026 Fall Crown: Septentria

2027

- 2027 Spring A&S: Skraeling Althing
- 2027 Spring Coronation: Ramshaven
- 2027 Spring Crown: Shires
(assist from Septentria)
- 2027 Fall Coronation: Rising Waters
- 2027 Fall Crown: Ben Dunfirth

From Their Majesties

Children of the wolf. Hear the words of your King and Queen Steinar Aggarson and Margraig of the E'rainn



Fall is approaching. The winds are getting getting cooler. We are home from the summer wars and we are tired.

What joyous adventures we have had. What beauty we have seen. And our children, oh how we are secure for generations. We have heard them howl, what a beautiful sound it is.

We thank you all for the love and support given. The many gifts, the gentle words. Thank you.

Their Majesties, Steinarr Konungr and Margraig Dróttning



Photo by Dafydd ap Alan



Photo by Mistress Rannvaeg of the Outlands (Rannvaeg Eskilskona)

From Their Highnesses

Unto the populace of Ealdormere do Prince Baldric and Princess Breyla send Greetings,



While we are enjoying the hospitality at Pennsic Wa, we are minded to remind everyone of the requirements of our crown tourney. We also again want to encourage anyone who is having doubts to come speak to us.

We would like to reassure those who are considering competing in Crown that should you be successful, the Kingdom will offer aid and support, should you need it (and you will). You do not need to be a peer, a 10 year veteran or wildly rich to reign. If you are considering this and have doubts about your readiness, please take the time to speak to us or any other royal peer for help.

As is always necessary, we are preparing for an eventful day on the 14th of October, as it is important to ensure the Line of the North remains secure. Thus do we hereby announce those interested in competing in Crown Tournament, know we will require the appropriate paperwork electronically to both ourselves and the Kingdom Seneschal, no later than midnight on September 23rd 2023, as per her letter below.

We take competing in Crown very seriously, and hope to speak to all those planning on competing personally, either before or after your paperwork is submitted. This is not a requirement, but it is our preference. We understand life happens and should this not be possible, it will not be looked upon as a failing when we consider your acceptance into the Crown list. We also very much enjoy the ability for fighters to participate in Crown, who feel not quite ready to assume the responsibility of reigning in Ealdormere. We are going to repeat the Crown format of our previous reign and ask that an Honorable Opposition be established to help with seeding and encourage greater participation, in this, our Kingdom's greatest anvil of single combat.

The format shall be as follows:

The first three rounds of the tourney shall be a random draw; one Crown fighter pitted against a member of the Honourable Opposition. Both fighters will choose weapons forms to suit themselves. Matches will be best two of three fights. Double kills will be refought. Wins and losses for each fighter will be recorded. If there are more Honourable Opposition than Crown fighters, they will be pitted against each other, so that everyone will fight at least three rounds. If there are more Crown fighters than Opposition, an Opposition fighter will be randomly selected to fight an additional time in that round. No one will be eliminated in this stage and any losses in these first three rounds will not be carried forward into the remainder of the tournament.

The next stage of the tourney will be a seeded double elimination tree. The seed for each Crown fighter will be based upon their performance in the first three rounds. First, every Crown fighter with three wins and no losses will be randomly placed into the top seeds of the tree. Next, everyone with two wins and one loss will be randomly placed into the next seeds of the tree. And so on, until all Crown Fighters are placed upon the tree. Any remaining spaces will be BYE fights. Any BYE fights will be selected by random draw from the Honourable Opposition.

In the elimination stage, both fighters will choose weapons forms to suit themselves. Matches will be best two of three fights. Double kills will be refought. This will continue until we have two fighters on the undefeated side and two fighters with one loss each. At this point each undefeated fighter will cross to face a fighter with one loss. Every effort will be made to pair one undefeated fighter with a fighter with one loss in such a way as to avoid a match up that has already occurred. If this is unavoidable, a random draw will match one undefeated fighter with a fighter with one loss. The fighter with one loss must win twice, each two out of three in order to advance to the finals. The undefeated fighter need only win a single match, best two of three to advance.

The finals shall follow the following format. Best three out of five matches with matching weapon categories, each best two of three fights. The lowest ranking fighter makes the first selection of the weapon category from

From Their Highnesses Continued

the following list: Weapon and shield, Polearm, Two weapon, Great Sword, 6” Spear, and Sword and Buckler. The other finalist will then choose from the weapon forms remaining. Then the lowest ranking fighter may pick from the remaining three forms. This trend will continue, if necessary, until a victor is declared. For this tournament a “buckler” will be defined as a shield with a maximum dimension no more than 15” in any direction. Great weapons will be limited to 6 feet.



We would also request ALL participants, Crown fighters and Honourable Opposition, to do the following: Present a reasonably period appearance.

Please cover or disguise ALL modern sporting equipment and Logos (this is Society policy).

Please freshly tape all weapons.

All armour and shields will be in good repair. Shields will be of appropriate tourney size for the combatant’s stature. If you have any concerns as to the size of your shield, please see His Royal Highness for a ruling, preferably prior to the day of the tournament to avoid disappointment. We also expect all Crown combatants and their consorts to attend the feast, regardless of the results of the day.

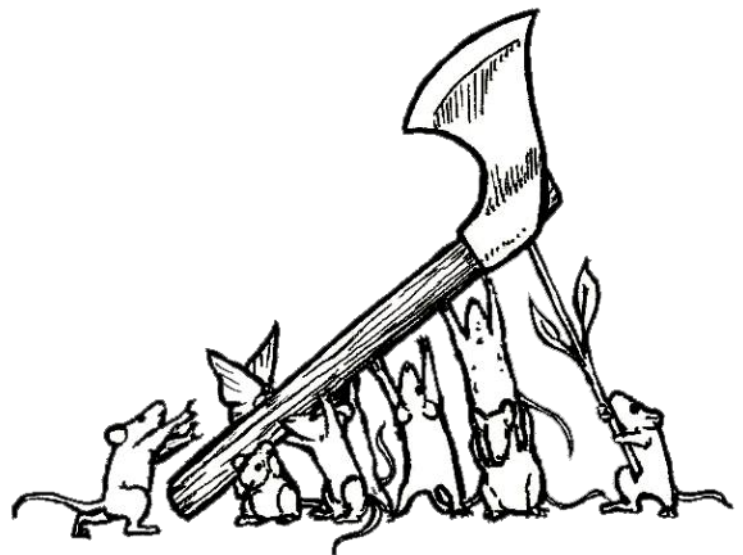
Letters of intent for Crown entrants and all the necessary supporting documentation pursuant to Kingdom Law (see the Kingdom Seneschal’s letter for more details) should be submitted to Us and the Kingdom Seneschal no later than midnight on September 23rd 2023. Electronic submissions will be the only format accepted – please don’t give us a hard copy. PDF is the preferred format. Both the Kingdom Seneschal and Ourselves will be acknowledging receipt of applications within 24 hours of receipt.

Acknowledgment of receipt does NOT imply entry in the Crown Lists. Crown entrants are to include, along with all other required paperwork, a list of events that the combatant and Consort have each attended in the past year AND a list of what service you each have done for your Kingdom, Barony, or local group in 2023.

Members of the Honourable Opposition will need to supply a copy of their authorization cards. In advance is preferred, but on the day is acceptable. They will also be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that they are not participating to become Royalty.

If there are any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Prince Baldric and Princess Breyla
Heirs of Ealdormere



Seneschal Continued

Hello Sunshines!

The war to the south has faded, and peace reigns again over the Known World and we can look forward to events this Fall. Alongside cooler temperatures and beautiful leaves, there's also a little bit more camping to be done! I'll look forward to seeing you all at various events around the Kingdom.



Their Highnesses have published their requirements for entry into their Crown Tournament in last month's newsletter. Please review those requirements carefully, as well as the relevant laws included below. Crown Tournament documentation must be submitted electronically (pdf preferred) to both the Kingdom Seneschal as well as their Highnesses. You will need to include a copy of your authorization card, the membership cards of both the entrant and the consort, a completed Crown Declaration form (as found in the library on the kingdom website), proof of residency for both the combatant and the consort, as well as all requirements set out by their Highnesses. Those documents are required to be submitted complete and on time.

Crown Tournament submissions will be accepted until 11:59 PM EDT on September 23, 2023. That deadline is firm, 12:01 AM is too late. Save yourself the stress and get your submissions in early.

Please review the current laws of Ealdormere as they apply to Crown Tournaments and ensure you follow them in your applications.

III-400 All prospective combatants and consorts must be paid members of the SCA and must maintain that membership through to the end of Their reign. Proof of membership must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament.

III-500 All prospective combatants and consorts in the Crown Tournament must meet the following requirements:

III-501 They must be subjects of Ealdormere as defined by Corpora and must remain subjects of the Kingdom through to the end of Their reign.

III-502 They must be at least 18 years old.

III-503 They must have been subjects of Ealdormere and have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the year prior to the Crown Tournament.

III-504 They must be armigerous.

III-505 All prospective combatants must be authorized to fight as an armored combatant in the Kingdom of Ealdormere and must present proof of authorization when submitting their letter of intent.

III-600 Any person who does not meet the requirements of Section III-503 or 504 may make an application to the Heirs under the "Rule of 12" as outlined below:

The Prospective combatant and consort shall submit a request to participate in the Crown Tournament pursuant to Section III-200. Their request must be accompanied by a letter addressing why they seek dispensation from Section III-503 or III-504. This letter must bear the signatures of 12 subjects of Ealdormere, all of whom are armigerous. By signing the dispensation request, the signatories vouch for the worthiness of the candidates. Due weight will be given to this request.

Note: This dispensation request must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament and is not a method of recourse after a combatant or consort has been disallowed from the Crown Tournament.

III-700 Neither the Sovereign or the Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort of Ealdormere within three months prior to the Crown Tournament, may participate as a combatant or consort in that Crown Tournament.

III-800 No prospective combatant may have more than one declared consort. No prospective consort may be fought for by more than one combatant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In service,

Lucia de Moranza

From the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Readers

I would like to announce that I have a new Vox Borealis Deputy, Baroness Catherine Townson. She is gathering articles about different aspects of Ealdormere and its people. I'm excited to work with her. The October issue "Welcome" contains all her hard work and will be a fantastic guide for newcomers looking for a list of our different guilds.

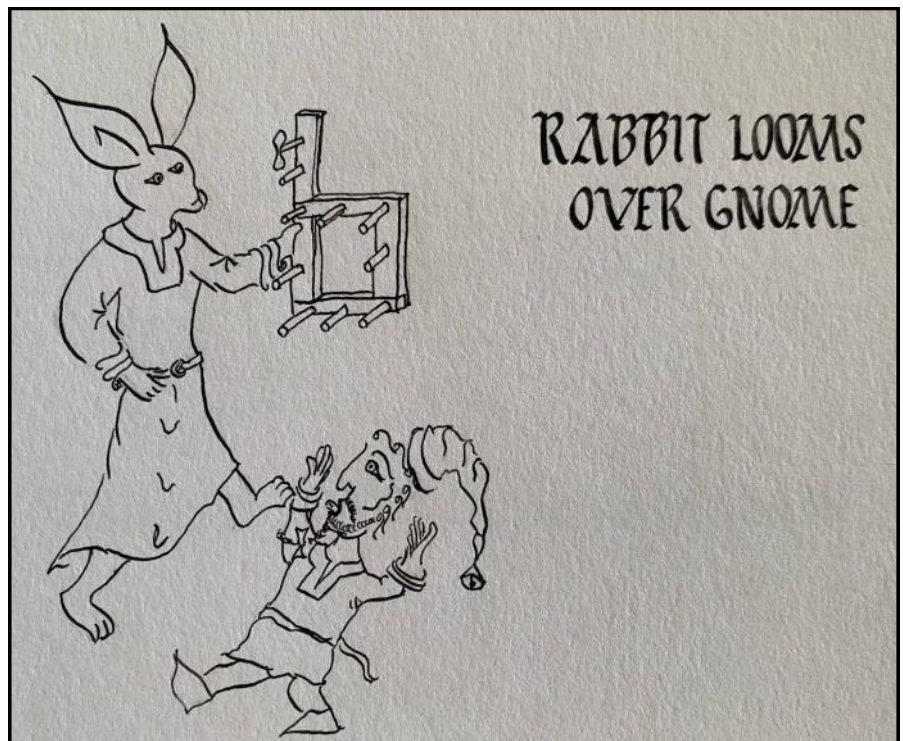


This month's Vox Borealis is the "My Circus" issue and it contains the medieval and SCA elements that pertain to magic, wonder, and foolishness. Things I love about SCA.

I would like to let you know we have a mailing list to receive the latest issue of the Tidings and Vox Borealis. To join the list on emaildodo email me at ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com. The list email will be ealdormere.chronicle@emaildodo.com. Hopefully this gets information out to people who are not on Facebook or Discord. We are also hosting the newsletter on the Kingdom website. <https://ealdormere.ca/kingdom-chronicler-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

To submit art, articles or letters for both publications, please email ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com and include your SCA name with your submission. Deadline is September 1st for October Tidings.

Joyfully Yours
Baroness Lucia de Enzinas
(she/her/they)
Kingdom Chronicler



RABBIT LOOMS
OVER GNOME

Cartoon by Erhard Kruger

For Commentary



The Board of Directors is currently considering the following addition to Corpora and invites commentary from the membership and participants:

IV.A. Royalty—Selection

4. The Crown may refuse entry into the Royal Lists as either combatant or consort, on an individual basis only, for just cause stated in writing to that individual.

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 and use the title “Royalty Selection” in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will be bounced.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Royalty Selection
P.O. Box 611928
San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, whether sent by email or US Mail, must be received by the Board no later than November 1, 2023.

Tiding Submissions

Have an event announcement? A short story, news, or a research article that you would like to share? The Tidings has room for submissions!

To submit, please email ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com and include your SCA name with your submission.

Deadlines:
September 1st - October Tidings

Please register events at <https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

For Commentary

The Board of Directors is currently considering the following change to the By-Laws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.:



Current Language:

VI. E. Election and Term

Directors are elected by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Proposed Change:

VI. E. Election and Term

Directors are elected by unanimous save one vote of the Board.

Current Language:

VI.F.2. Vacancies and Removal

2. Filling Vacancies

All vacancies may be filled by a unanimous vote of the Directors then in office, whether or not their numbers constitute a quorum.

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Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



Pennsic 50 shopping spree.
Celebration or mid-life crisis?

Middle Ages on the Green

Where Queen's Pavilion, 1 Adam Street, Tavistock , N0B 2R0
When 8/26/2023 10:30am—7:30pm
Event Steward Master Adnar Dionadair Erhardkruger@gmail.com
Fee Free event! Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog
Website <https://ealdormere.ca/bryniau-tywynnog/mag-2023/>



This year we will have a Thrown Weapons range to add to our local “Just Play Day”! BYO unch, optional potluck dinner. The day is a great chance to bring out family and friends to see what fun we have!

Murder Gwyl y Fflam : Ealdormere is 25!

When Fri, September 1, 2pm – Mon, September 4, 12pm
Where 611 6 Line, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0, Canada
Description Gwyl y Fflam - Ealdormere's 25th Anniversary
Hosted by House Arrochar, sponsored by Bastille du Lac
Event Steward Matilda of Swynford baronessmatilda@gmail.com
Website <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/-gwyllyfflam>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/682690726879123>



Baron's Howe

Description Baron's Howe – Back To The Woods
Hosted by the Shire of Ulfheim
Where 364 Development Rd, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0 (Old Ravenhill Farm)
When Fri, September 1, 2pm – Mon, September 4, 12pm
Site opens Friday September 1 @ 14:00 and closes Monday Sept 4 at 12:00
Site Fees: No Fee (Donations are appreciated)
Cheques made payable to: “SCA – Northernshire”
Event Stewards Head Steward: Lord Olaf Smeds of the North Wood 705-759-6315.
Co-steward: Thorsteinn Svensson 705-206-5286
dan.charsley@gmail.com



Islandic Althing

A day of period arts and sciences, martial activities, the traditional law case, and a shared dinner (bring your own feast). Additional details will be provided on the event website.

Where: 6088 County Rd. 50, Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0
Fees: \$20 non-members, \$15 members. Ages 17 and under are free.
When September 16
Event Stewards: THL Eeva the Restless (eevatherestless@gmail.com) and Magistra Nika Dmitrieva doch' Zvezdina (herissonycat@gmail.com)
Event website: <https://icelandicalthing.weebly.com/>



Please note that this is a day event. Please contact the event staff if you have any questions.

Huntsman's Harvest

When	Sept 23, 2023, 10am, Closes 9pm
Where	Germania Park Campgrounds, 4221 Trinity Church Rd, Hamilton, ON L0R 1C0
Description	Huntsman's Harvest returns for 2023 at the Germania Club Park Campgrounds! Join us for another year of mead-tasting, archery, fencing, thrown weapons, Hungry Barbarian Tournaments, and more!
Hosted by	Ben Dunfirth
Event Steward	Jocea Valente and Brand Thorwaldsen (Joleen and Blair DeMarco-Wettlaufer), joleen.demarco@gmail.com
Website	TBA
Site Fee	\$10 (\$15 non member), under 18 free



Fall Coronation

When	Saturday, Sep 30, 2023
Description	Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog
Where	Shakespeare Optimist Hall 3976 Galt St Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0
Event Stewards	Ollamh Emer ingen Uí Áedán and TH Lord Dietrich von Sachsen fallcoronation2023autocrat@gmail.com
Website	http://ealdormere.ca/fall-coronation



Fall Crown/Brawl in the Fall 3

When	Saturday, Oct 14, 2023
Where	2292 County Rd 30, Codrington, ON K0K 1R0, Canada
Description	Brawl in the Fall (Fall Crown)
Hosted by	the Canton of Petrea Thule
Event Steward	Valerie West (Mahhild de Valognes). vwest@nexicom.net
Website:	http://ealdormere.ca/fall-crown



Feast of the Hare

When	November 4, 2023 Details to follow
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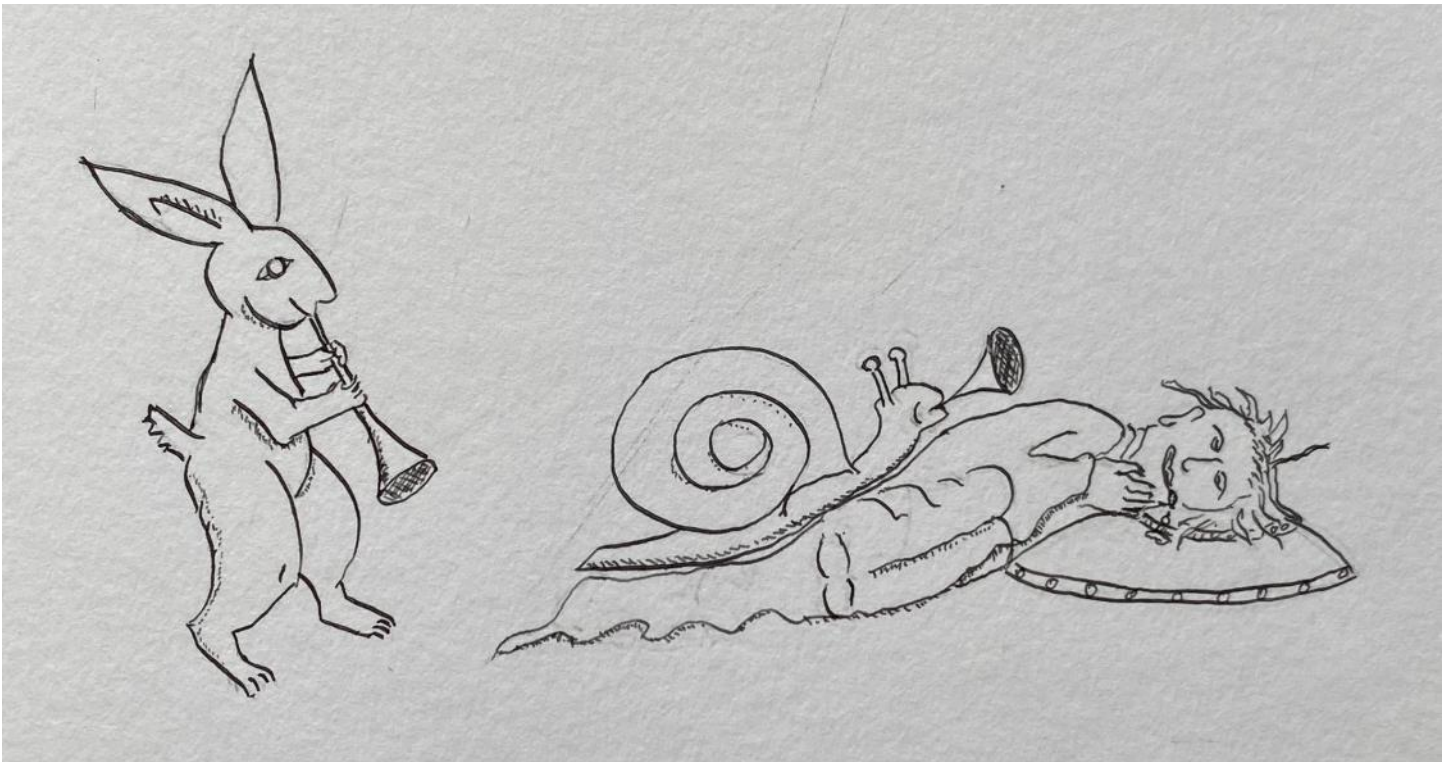
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When Saturday, December 2, 2023
Where Shakespeare Optimist hall, 3976 Galt St, Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0
Hosted by Bryniau Tywynnog
Event Steward Bryniau Seneschal bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com
Website TBA



Blue Dragon

When January 20 – 21, 2024
Where 151 Cadillac Ave N, Oshawa, ON L1G 6C3,
Hosted by Canton of Ard Chreag
Event Steward Johnna Jansen - BlueDragonSCA@gmail.com



Cartoon by Erhard Kruger



Cover Art

Cover photo of Queen Margraig at Bruhaha by Baroness Sybilla of Glyndmere

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A few things we're required to say...

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