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The Official Monthly Newsletter
of the Kingdom of Meridies



Meridian Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Sponsoring Group & Contact
Apr 5 – 7, 2024 	Spring Coronation	Hosted by the Shire of Depedale POC: Essyllt prasa fostra David Duckworth sca_esther@bellsouth.com jmonty0071@yahoo.com
Apr 11 – 14, 2024 	Fool's War	Hosted by the Shire of Tir Briste POC: Master Geoffrey MacDhomnuil Maestra Dianora di Cellini Autocrat.tirbriste@meridies.org
Apr 19 – 21, 2024 	Dreamstone	Hosted by the Barony of Bryn Madoc POC: Lady Aleanor McPherson amandadoesemail@gmail.com
Apr 19 – 21, 2024	Iris Faire	Hosted by the Barony of Glaedenfeld POC: THL Rose de la Cumbe Oluko Omokehindegbegbon Oyo rosedelacumbe@gmail.com kopoalagbe@gmail.com
Apr 26 – 28, 2024 	Crossroads	Hosted by the Shire of Owl's Nest POC: Lady Astrid of Owl's Nest Lady Samirra bint Abbas Sca.astridofowlsnest@gmail.com samirramadhlon@gmail.com
May 3 – 5, 2024 	Black Axe	Hosted by the Barony of Iron Mountain POC: Baron Erik Martel Mistress Rondalynne Seren knightofkittens@gmail.com

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Publication Deadlines

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Calendar

The Meridian Event Calendar originates with the Kingdom Seneschal's Office and is correct as of March 3, 2024. To add your event to this calendar contact the Kingdom Calendar Deputy at [\[calendar@meridies.org\]](mailto:calendar@meridies.org).

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A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

Greetings Meridies,

Gulf Wars is upon Us. As We are writing this missive, We are surrounded by prepacked totes, boxes, and piles of scrolls to prep for court. We have a trailer that We are carefully loading with various camp accoutrements. We're folding banners, pre-cooking dishes for a feast, and getting our regalia and costume accessories carefully sorted and accounted for. So much packing, planning, and logistics! We can't help but reflect on how far We've come from carelessly throwing our Coleman tent and a cooler in the car along with some essentials to head to a weekend event. It is incredible to see these reminders of how We really have built parts of Our life around the SCA.

You see, to Us, this game isn't just a hobby. It's a place where We've met some of Our best friends in the world. It's a place where We get to repeatedly experience elements of creativity, theatre, acts of real chivalry and courtesy, feats of prowess, and build incredible memories. We are happy to routinely undergo all this packing, planning, and prepping, because it's a reminder of how special this dream really is. It is up to Us all to keep it that way.

By the time most read this missive, Gulf Wars will likely be done or coming to an end. We will be celebrating the many awards and accolades bestowed upon Our friends and family. We will be recounting the glorious tales of battle and incredible new skills learned in the artisan's row. We will be misty eyed at those special moments around the campfire where a song was sung by a lovely voice. We will have another year of glories and victories to cherish.

Interestingly, this is also Our last missive. As Our premier annual event draws to a close, so too does Our reign. We are excited to see what Sebastianos and Morgan have in store, and we are likewise ready to pass the torch. We are so humbled to have been granted this opportunity to reign and serve. This has been a magical experience. The kingdom is certainly in a state of joy and good health. We didn't get to do everything We had planned, but I do think We found a good rhythm, accomplished some great things, and managed to take away some incredible wisdom, prudent counsel, and joyful memories.

There are so many people who helped Us in so many ways. Whether sewing garb, feeding Us, acting as a sounding board for our many thoughts and ideas, teaching us new skills, serving as herald, serving in our retinue, or just gracing us with joyful fellowship. You are the magic that makes the SCA special. You are the reason we will keep coming back for years to come.

"Meridies, you mean so much to me." These words, that We often replay in Our heads, hearing the splendid voice of Duchess Katrina singing in a feast, are felt now more than ever. Our love for this game and its people is as strong as ever.

In Service to the Dream,

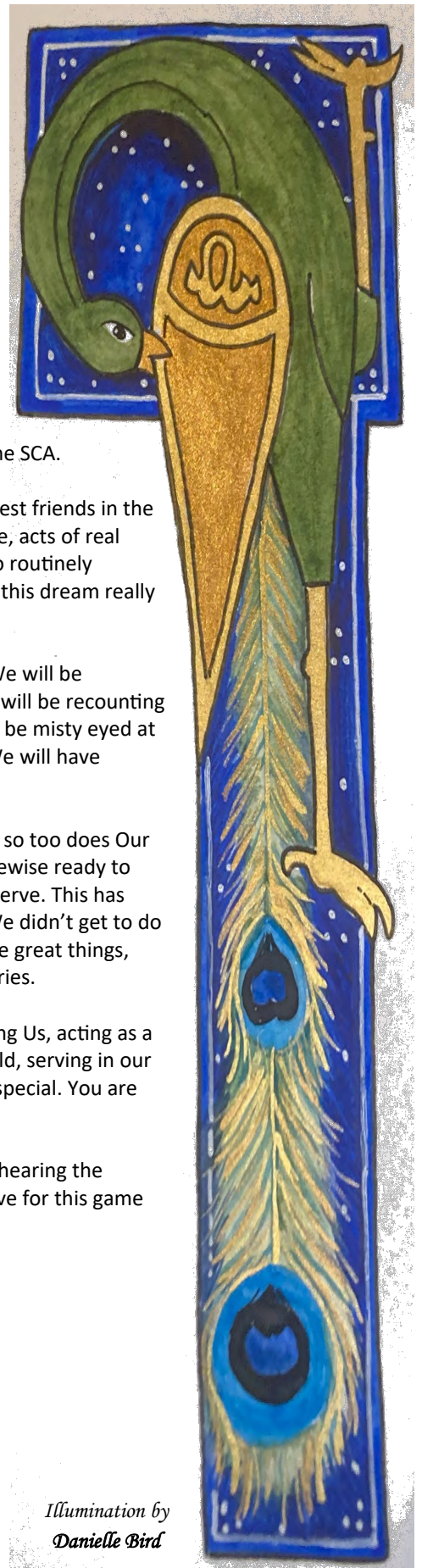
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A Missive from Their Royal Highnesses

Beloved Populace,

We wanted to thank everyone who made it to MCA. Not only was it a fantastic day of fighting but we got to see some truly fantastic bouts and acts of chivalry. We also got to see our baby boi perk up as he saw so many of the people he loves so dearly. His tribe is everything to him. He spent a lot of time with people who laid down with him nose to nose and rubbed him, fed him cooked and raw steak, and he even had a bunch of meatballs. (He REALLY loved the meatballs). We had a fantastic feast with many old friends and some new ones. It was an incredibly good time and absolutely delicious.

We attended Ximon Martillo De Cordoba's vigil. Her Highness, Tiberius and his Highness had a lovely time speaking with a magnificent man who is now rightly a member of the Masters of Defense. His elevation was lovely, and there was a bit of playful hijinks by Her Majesty and her highness. Good fun had by all. Tiberius had the best time and was quite tuckered out when we got him home.

Over that week his health started to deteriorate. We took some steps to ensure that he would have a healthy and lucid week. This allowed several close friends who had the time to come over to the house and have a lovely wake for Tiberius while he was alert and attentive to those around him. Shortly after, once the medicine and medical treatments had run their course, his health started to decline. We did not want him to suffer. On 3/3/24 We aided Tiberius of Meridies to cross the rainbow bridge. He was in our home laying down with his family in his favorite place to nap.

We would ask you to give a howl in honour of Tiberius of Meridies!!! Royal War hound, Defender of the Black and White, Lover of snacks and especially cheese The Armoured gentle Giant, Snuggler of children, friend to all!!

He has been such a staple in our lives that this is a challenging time for us. What we have witnessed this week from MCA and the responses online surprised us. We knew he had an impact on people in the kingdom, but we did not realize how far that impact went. He has been at Sebastianos' side to work every day for almost his entire life, had gone with him to activities, events, gaming and just about everywhere Sebastianos went. They were inseparable.

We know he is not just our pupper. He hasn't been just ours for a long time. He is the kingdom's. He was raised to see the tide of black and white as his pack. He would get excited when he saw "funny clothes" because those were his people, his tribe. He has lived an amazing life, fought alongside kings and champions, kissed queens and princesses of many Kingdoms. He has had the friendship of hundreds of people.

I, Sebastianos Ionnidies of Ean Airgead, cannot thank you enough for that. To those that didn't get a chance to see him, we are very sorry. Know that he loves each and every one of you. For just a few hours at MCA and on the Friday before he left this world, he forgot he was sick, and just basked in the love of our populace and friends.

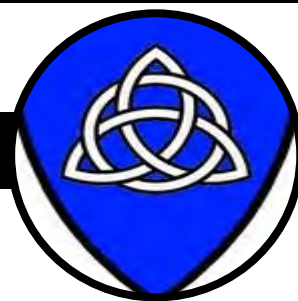


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Yours In Service to the Dream,
MORGAN II & SEBASTIANOS II



Newcomers Corner



With outside event season coming up, it's a good idea to get together some things. Whether you make it yourself, buy it, get it gifted or borrow is absolutely up to you.

You need a garment. While there are one layer outfits, layers are your friend. Try to gather unders and overs. You'll want something to wear on your head. Even if you love your hair, trust me, sun, wind, rain and cold can get you miserable fast. Hats, hoods, veils and such are great options and also a great starter project if you choose to try your hand.

Choose comfortable footwear that preferably doesn't look glaringly modern such as neon. But mainly comfortable, we walk a lot.

Remember to bring a bag or basket. There are always things to carry around.

You will also need a cup of some sort. There is always water and sometimes other drinks available to fill your cup. A plate, bowl, knife, fork, and spoon will get you started for feast gear.

If you plan on attending overnight events, now is the time to find a tent that fits your needs and your budget.

There is lots more that could be added but this will start your basic kit. I am excited to see each and every one of you out there at some time at an event.

Yours in Service,

Dis in Rauda

Kingdom Chatelaine

From the Chancellor of the Royal University of Meridies

The Chancellor of RUM is seeking a Deputy Chancellor to take over as Royal University of Meridies Chancellor on August 1, 2024. Interested parties should submit modern and SCA resume or CV to chancellor.rum@meridies.org by April 30.

Thanks!
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Chancellor, RUM

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Society Office Opening

SCA Inc. is seeking applications for the position of Deputy Society Seneschal for Investigations. This is a part-time stipend position expected to require approximately 15 hours a week on average. This position reports to the Society Seneschal/VP for Operations. Applications are being accepted to April 15, 2024. Additional details for this opening are located at the following website:

<https://www.sca.org/news/application-open-deputy-society-seneschal-for-investigations-assistant-vp-for-operations/>

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Brigid Costello – Chair
communications.sca.org

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

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: Monday, March 25, 2024

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.

Hosted by the Shire of Depedale

CORONATION OF SEBASTIANOS II AND MORGAN II

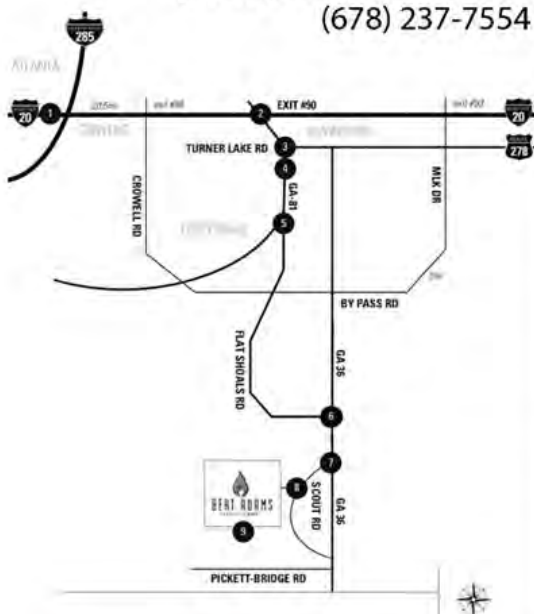
April 5-7, 2024 at Bert Adams Boy Scout Camp, Camp Emerson

Member Daytrip: \$20
Non-Member Daytrip: \$30
Member Weekend: \$25
Non-Member Weekend: \$35
Under 18: Free
Feast: \$10

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Make checks
payable to
SCA, Inc./Depedale

Site opens at 3pm
on Friday, April 5th
and closes at noon on
Sunday, April 7th.

Directions:

218 Scout Rd.,
Covington, GA 30016
Take I-20 East from
Atlanta. Take exit 90.
Slight right onto the
Access Road. Turn
Right onto GA-81.
Turn left onto Flat
Shoals Rd. Turn right
onto Scout Rd. Turn right
into Bert Adams Scout Camp.
Proceed .5 miles and turn
left onto the gravel road.



The Shire of Tir Briste Invites You to
Fools War XXXIII: Those Silly Landsknecht!

April 11–13, 2024

The whispering winds bring word of a secret invasion by strange people in clothing of a wild, colorful, and “distinctive” style, codpieces, shorts, and feathered hats as large as an eagle’s nest: *Landsknecht*! Join the Shire of Tir Briste as we celebrate the *Landsknecht* with classes, competitions celebrating their style and culture, equestrian activities, and a variety of combat including armored, rapier, and thrown weapons activities. Later, dress in your finest *Landsknecht* outfit and revel in our Biergarten. We hope you will join us!

Prices

Weekend: \$40—\$30 for members
 Day-trip: \$30—\$20 for members
 Minors under 17 are FREE

Reservations Steward

THL Eachna of Clonmakate (mka Sharon Gray) - 478-954-8783

112 Bonanza Dr., Bonaire, GA 31005

Excheq.tirbriste@meridies.org

Register Online or via Mail

Online via PayPal

Mail via check/cash to the Reservation Steward. Make checks payable to SCA Inc./Tir Briste

Camp Benjamin Hawkins

2251 Boy Scout Rd., Byron, GA 31008

Site opens Thurs, 4/11, at 5 pm; site closes

Sunday, 4/14, at noon

Directions

From I75 South take Exit 153 Sardis Church Rd. and turn left. Keep left to continue onto Hartley Bridge Rd. and then Boy Scout Rd. In 3 miles, the entrance will be on the right.

From I75 North take Exit 149 GA Hwy 49 and turn right on Old Macon Rd. Turn left to stay on Old Macon Rd. Turn slight right on Vinson St. Continue onto Boy Scout Rd. In 2.25 miles, the entrance will be on the left.

Event Stewards

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Maestra Dianora di Cellini (mka Kathy Whitaker) - 912-690-2747

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Deputy Event Steward

Eamonn Mac Uilliam (mka Edmund Janowicz)

Event Web Page

<https://tirbriste.meridies.org/fools-war/>

Travel to Bryn Madoc for Dreamstone

April 19th-21st, 2024

Travel to Bryn Madoc for travel-focused classes, heavy, and rapier tournaments. Site opens at 6:00 PM on the 19th and closes at 9:00 AM on the 21st. Traveler’s fare available on the 19th.

Can you tell our theme this year is travel?

PRICING

\$15:00 Adult Site Fee

*Children 17 & Under Free

\$10.00 Non-members Fee

\$8.00 Lodging

*To reserve a bed

\$12.00 Board - Feast & Breakfast

*Children 10 & Under Free

\$5.00 Parking

(or Annual ParkPass)

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS From I-20, take the Newborn Rd. exit (exit no. 105) into Rutledge and take Fairplay Road to the park. The entrance to Camp Rutledge is on the right, after you get to the stone bridge.

Troll GPS: 33.65241 N, 83.58262 W

PRE-REGISTRATION

Online- Paypal available

By mail- Checks payable to: SCA, Inc.

Barony of Bryn Madoc

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Find out more at www.brynmadoc.meridies.org





THE BARONY OF IRON MOUNTAIN PRESENTS BLACK AXE



May 3rd - 5th • Dalwhinnie Fields • 1515 Pine Flat Church Rd • Selma, AL 36701

Come celebrate one of the oldest tournaments in the Kingdom of Meridies and the Knowne World! The Barony of Iron Mountain looks forward to hosting you for a fun weekend of fighting, feasting, and festivities. Come fight in the Black Axe tournament along with the ever-popular charity tournament, the Nine Lives tourney. A delectable feast to be prepared by Mistress Margery of Crosgate. Afterwards, revel with your fellow Meridians around a fire and tell of epic adventures and songs. Site opens at 5 pm on May 3rd, Site closes at 10 am on May 5th. *More information on the Facebook event page and at ironmountain@meridies.org*

Event Stewards: Baron Erik Martel & Mistress Rondalynne Seren

(Joe Goodwin & Ronda Janowicz) knightofkittens@gmail.com,

(860) 884-7909 no calls after 8 pm CST / 9 pm ET

Head Cook: Mistress Margery of Crosgate

Reservations: Lady Emma Wyatt

Members

Non-Members

Under 18

Daytrip

\$19

\$29

Free (food and bunk

Weekend

\$24

\$34

fee additional)

Feast additional \$12, Breakfast additional \$3 to the prices above

Bunk space additional (limited number) \$13 Upper bunks \$15 Lower bunks

Mail to reservations to: Lady Emma Wyatt (Jen King), 1579 Vestridge Cir, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. Contact (205) 746-6111

(no calls after 8 pm CST / 9 pm ET), excheq.ironmtn@meridies.org. **Make checks payable to:** SCA, Inc/Barony of Iron Mountain.

Directions: Dalwhinnie Fields, 1515 Pine Flat Church Rd, Selma, AL 36701. From the North: Take your best route to AL-14, turn left onto Co. Rd. 58. From the South: Take your best route to AL-14, turn right onto Co. Rd. 58. (Pine Flat Church Rd.)



The Shire Of Beau Fort presents

Golden Lily - Spring In Italy

May 10-12, 2024 Hard Labor Creek State Park, Rutledge, GA



Please join us as we celebrate the many spring festivals throughout the regions of Italy. There will be two heavy tournaments, fencing, as well as fun and games for young and old. A sumptuous Tour of Italy feast presented by Duchess Thorkatla will be served buffet style at stations honoring different festivals of Italy. The evening will end with a masked ball. Don't have a mask? No worries! A mask making activity will be available during the day. Site opens at 6pm Friday, and closes at 10am Sunday. Site features cabins. No tent camping.

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aimfred@gmail.com 770-596-4541

Feast Steward:

Duchess Thorkatla Herjolfsdottir
(Kathi Nikolich)
anglesandlight@yahoo.com

Reservations:

THL Petra the Blythe
(Petra Walters)
Excheq.beaufort@meridies.org
650-678-2428

Site Fees:

Daytrip—\$15; Weekend \$25

Non-member fee—\$10

Food:

Breakfast—\$5, Feast \$15

\$5 per vehicle parking fee required

Make Checks Payable to :

SCA Inc/Shire of Beau Fort

Event Site: Camp Daniel Morgan

Hard Labor Creek State Park

5 Hard Labor Creek Rd, Rutledge GA
30663

Directions: From I-20: Take Exit 101.

Continue on US-278 E. Take Old Mill Rd to
Hard Labor Creek Rd. Look for signs to
small group camp.

Membership fees and non-member registration fee changes

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) is announcing an increase in membership fees and non-member registration fees for events. At the January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes, effective February 15, 2024:

- Raise the Sustaining membership price from \$45 a year to \$55 a year (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)
- Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)
- Raise the Family membership price from \$10 a year to \$15 a year, per person. (This represents an \$0.42 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

No changes to Canadian or International memberships have been announced at this time.

Note: this change will take effect for all renewal transactions

processed on or after February 15, 2024. Renewal transactions prior to that date will be processed at the previous rate, regardless of membership expiration date.

The Board also approved the following changes to Non-Member Registration fees, effective April 1, 2024:

- Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. As always, this only applies whenever there is an actual event fee charged.

Additional details for these changes are located at the following website:

<https://www.sca.org/news/membership-fee-increase-effective-february-15-2024/>

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