# The Windlore

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The Newsletter of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill

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## Welcome to the Windlore!



My Goodness, Dorothy . . . what have you been feeding that dog?

Greetings and welcome to the January 2007 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill. This newsletter is distributed primarily in an electronic format and is accessible from the website www.windmastershill.org. If you desire to be sent a hard copy of the windlore via mail, please submit a written request to the Barony by coming to a monthly Baronial Meeting or by contacting the Baronial Chronicler:

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## A Good Example of Documentation Unlikely to Win Any Awards.

Editor's Note- Two years ago at Ymir Lady Livia sponsored a contest to make tokens for Baronial Order awards and I created a few Saint Nicholas and Kittyhawk tokens out of wood for the competition. While I have done some pretty darn good documentation for some pretty darn period woodwork, this was not an example of that. Below, for your entertainment, is the documentation for those tokens. I included this documentation at someone's request. No, really. Someone actually asked me to.

## Saint Nicholas Tokens

By Dunstan LeHeryngmongere

Materials/tools-

Closet rod (fir) sandpaper Acrylic paints Radial Arm saw

Dremel hand tool with numerous attachments 'Olde Maple' Satin polyurethane stain

#### Methods/comments:

These tokens were made in such a flagrantly non-period method that commenting on their manufacture is vaguely embar rassing for me. I first went to Lowe's home improvement warehouse and bought a piece of 1 1/2" closet rod. Lowes is very differ ent than a period building supply store would have been, in that it is much bigger, much louder and no one there knows the first thing about building anything. Once I purchased the materials I took the piece of thick closet rod and cut it into 3/4" slices using a brand spankin' new radial arm saw (a tool which was NEVER used in 12<sup>th</sup> century England). I used a sanding attachment on a dremel tool to sand them. (Here I could comment on the possible 16<sup>th</sup> century use of shark skin as an abrasive material to smooth wood, but since the shark skin at the time was not rotating on a small steel shank at 2,000 rpms I won't).

I then used a wood etching attachment on the dremel (which is sort of like 11th century viking ship-builders tools, except that it really isn't at all) to carve out the outline of a shoe and some circles. I used an incredibly contemporary wood polyurethane to seal the entire token (BUT the stain WAS named 'Olde Maple', with an 'e' after 'old' for real, so I think I should get points for that).

To add insult to injury I painted the front face with acrylic paints even though I had paints that would have been more period but not looked as nice. I sealed the front face using an aerosol can of 'dull cote' sealer. Aerosol was not well documented before the year 1600. In fact, it was never documented before the year 1600. I doubt it was even recognized as a word before the 1800s, but I may be wrong about that. I didn't bother to research it.

#### THINGS I WOULD HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY:

During the sanding process I failed to wear a face mask and inhaled a little wood dust, which made me have to spit frequently. In the future, I will inhale even deeper and spit even more, because spitting was period.

Please put all comments in box below:

## **OFFICER'S Letters**

## Chronicler's Quill

Greetings to the Great and Glorious Populace of Windmasters' Hill-

I hope that your Christmas/Hanukkah/Solstice/ Secular Humanist winter celebrations went particularly well and that peace and good health found their way to you. this December.

12th Night Approaches, as does Ymir, during which we will see our current Barun and Baronessa step down and new Baronage step up as our leaders. Please join me in wishing all of the prospective candidates luck and in thanking Geoffrey and Maddelena for all of their hard work.

-In service, Dunstan LeHeryngmongere



Look at what pilates have done for me!

#### From the Chatelaine's Chair

January 2006

# Greetings unto the Populace of Windmasters' Hill from Lady Eibhlin inghean ui Chiarain, Chatelaine

At the recent Unevent, there was some lively discussion in the Chatelaine's meeting about demos and our need to attract and retain new members. I know demos are a sore subject with many people. However, I think they can be an effective tool for putting the SCA in the public eye and bringing in people who might not otherwise know to look for us. That being said, it was clarified in our meeting that we have no obligation as an organization to do demos for school groups or scouts to maintain our status as an educational non-profit. I think the best plan for the Barony as a whole is to select an event with a large attendance and compatible theme either once a quarter or once every six months and plan a demo for that. The Renaissance Faire demo should be our model. We should establish a space with the event organizers, get on the schedule and promotional materials, and focus the efforts of the entire Barony on that event for that weekend. This will ensure that we make our best showing to the public and that we have enough people there to represent all of the various areas of interest in the SCA. If we did a quarterly rotation, we would be able to support an event in four of the cantons each year without overburdening any one group. This is an issue I would like the Chatelaines and Seneschals to discuss with their home groups and I'm always open to feedback. I hope to bring up this topic for discussion at the January of February Baronial meeting and I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

-Lady Eibhlin

## A Missive from the Minister Of Arts and Sciences

I know people have been very busy with their holiday preparations, but now that Christmas is past us, you can use the lull (such as it is) between now and New Year to put some finishing touches on that project for twelfth night or Ymir...or perhaps both. Twelfth Night is pre-1000 and Ymir is "All things Viking" so your entry could possibly fit into both competitions.

Ymir also has a competition of post-viking Scandinavian items, and we can't forget about University (the weekend before Ymir).

Starting with the next baronial practice, there will be a A&S class or discussion. If you have classes or discussions you'd like to see, please drop me a note.

In Service, Lady Jehanette de Provins

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## Minutes for the Baronial Meeting in December

Minutes of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill December Baronial Meeting, held at the Cliffdale Road Branch of the Cumberland County Library in Fayetteville on 17 December 2006.As taken by Tréphina la Broderesse

Deputy Seneschal Bjorn brought the meeting to order. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

Their Excellencies were unable to attend the meeting.

#### Officer Reports:

**Chatalaine:** Eibhlin looking for a deputy. She also wanted to remind us that if a group is doing a demo please let her know so that she can solicit help.

**Chirurgeon:** Andreas said he needs a deputy. He announced that the Society Chirurgeon has retired. They have someone to serve an interim term but a replacement is needed.

**Chronicler:** Dunstan was unable to attend, but he still needs a deputy. He is always interested in receiving work for the Windlore. People around the room indicated that they do read the Windlore and appreciate having it online.

**Herald:** Tréphina announced that Tangwystle is looking for a herald because she will be stepping down at Ymir. James said he would be willing to do the job if no one else volunteers for the position.

**Knight Marshal:** Alaric was not here. Gaston noted that at the Marshall's meeting at Unevent the new heavy rules were discussed. The first place to enforce the new rules is Ymir. Talk to marshals to learn about the changes.

**Rapier Marshal:** Chris was not here. It was reported that there are no changes with rapier rules.

Archery Marshal: Manus said at Unevent it was reported that atl atl is now included in target archery. Currently there is no change in the rules regarding this. There was a question of why it isn't a thrown weapon, but has to do with dis-

tance, etc. Manus is not going to do much shooting for the next 6 months due to surgery. He needs a deputy but there aren't many archery marshals in the barony. Members of Attillium thanked Manus for coming to Fayetteville to hold target archery practice.

Arts & Sciences: Jehanette was not here. James announced that the Kingdom MOAS is stepping down at KASF. Interested persons should apply for the job.

Siobhan (deputy MOAS) arrived later and presented an A&S update. For 12th Night the Tempore Atlantia period is pre-1000. There are several A&S competitions already planned for Ymir. One is 'Where have all the Vikings gone?' that focuses on items in Scandinavia, etc. after the Viking period. A second is 'All things Viking.' They would like people to be present for their entries. It was mentioned that fighters might have a problem since A&S overlaps the tournament. Something can probably be worked out or the items could just be on display. At Ymir a class is scheduled on double-faced doubleturned tablet weaving by Mistress Susanna. Jehanette is planning to have an A&S activity/class before the next Baronial meeting.

**MOL:** Zita was not here. James indicated that in the last 6 months fighter cards have changed in listings for rapier to include heavy (rather than schlager) and cut & thrust (which is still experimental).

Web minister: Malcolm was not here.

**Quartermaster:** Beatrice was not here at this time.

Warlord: It was announced that Cuan will be the new warlord. People should bring spears to the Jan Baronial fighter practice. We want to find an indoor site. Gaston checked out a few places in the Raleigh area and found the prices to be very high, such as \$600 for a place with just a roof, \$1000 for a place with walls, so we may not find an indoor site for January. Members of Attillium indicated that they might be able to find something locally, possibly at Ft Bragg, if people would be willing to come back to Fayetteville next month. They were encouraged to look for a possible site.

MOM: Margaret was not here.

Exchequer: Piero announced that as of the beginning of the meeting, the total in our bank account: \$12,956.62 of which \$9,247.59 is allocated, and \$3,709.03 unallocated. He is stepping down in April. He needs to find a replacement.

Seneschal: Chow was not here. Bjorn thanked everyone for coming down. Before the meeting some of the seneschals (Attillium, Elvegast, and K'berg) talked about the zip code map. There are changes that should be made, in part due to new zip codes added to the area. Bjorn also reminded everyone to participate in the Baronial polling.

#### **Canton Reports:**

**Attillium:** Oisin thanked everyone for coming. They will be no more fighter practices until Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. They have A&S the first Thursday of the month at the library where we are meeting. They have their business meeting on third Thursdays. Oisin said to remember those members who are currently deployed.

**Buckston:** Philippa was not there. Tréphina reported that Buckston is doing well. English country and Italian dancing on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays and Haflas on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Buckston is planning to have another 'Midsummers' event in the late spring, but a date has not been set.

**Elvegast:** Rosalind said they're doing well. During NCSU's winter break their meetings are moved to Two Guys Restaurant. Fighter practice is cancelled until Jan 7th. They will not have a meeting the Thursday after Christmas. Please come to visit and have pizza with them.

**K-berg:** Girard said come to Kberg and learn about pirates at their meeting tomorrow. The next two meetings (Christmas and New Years Day) are cancelled for obvious reasons. The practices will probably be cancelled as well.

Nimenefeld: Elspeth was not here.

#### Old Business:

At the last Baronial meeting Piero mentioned that there are a number of allocated funds that have been virtually untouched since he came into office, and he has no idea about the history or exact purpose of these allocations. He distributed a list of all allocated funds, and the reported

amounts, for quarterly reports from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 to the current balance and highlighted those in question. He would like to see if some of the funds could become unallocated and returned to the general fund. After studying the list the following motions were made, seconded, and passed:

- 1. Combine 'Baronial property repair' (\$48.78) and 'Baronial equipment' (\$261.35) into one fund (Baronial property equipment and repair), and Beatrice will be in charge of that allocation.
- Unallocate 'Heraldry' (\$10).
   Not sure specifically why this was allocated.
- All funds not reimbursed for the 'Baronial Sheetwall' allocation (\$50.67) by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be unallocated at that time.
- Unallocate 'New Throne Construction' (\$250) and 'Old Throne Repair' (\$96.47) since these projects are completed.
- Unallocate 'Baronial Chatelaine's Banner' (\$30). Eibhlin will request funds in the future if she wants to make a banner.
- 6. Unallocate 'Pennsic Tool Purchase' (\$25) since the needed tools have been purchased.

Highlighted funds that will remain are 'Baronial Camp Equipment' and 'Baronial Kitchen Gear' because there are still needs in these areas.

Discussion about the mystery allocated funds led to the suggestion that when motions are made to allocate funds for a specific project or purchase the motion should also include a deadline when the unspent allocation is returned to the general fund. We could go through Baronial minutes to track when allocations were made but at present there has been no easy or systematic way to identify allocations that can be closed out when all the receipts for the project or purchase have been reimbursed. There also was a suggestion that Piero make a list of ways to change things to make it easier for the exchequer to keep track of allocation details, such as who is in charge of the allocated funds and what is to be covered by the allocated funds.

#### New business:

Piero made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to allocate \$20 to be added to the 'O&A PO Box' allocation (currently \$20) since the mailbox rental fee is \$40. Piero also indicated that he needs funds to purchase plastic tubs and file folders to store exchequer records. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allocate \$50 to purchase plastic tubs and file folders and the allocation would be closed out in 6 months.

Bjorn suggested using some of the allocated camp equipment fund to purchase an EZ-up and add walls to construct two changing rooms for the local shower. This would give a dry and private place to dress and undress for the shower. It would particularly be good for children so they are not seen unclothed. He will work on this project.

Livia mentioned that the Kingdom Seneschal sent an email to all seneschals that they are to contact the Pages Office if there are any children 9-14. This information can be included in the 'childrens' part of the seneschals' report. If you have any questions please contact Livia.

Siobhan announced that she will be merchanting at 12<sup>th</sup> night. Gaston said that if people are planning to merchant at Ymir please contact him about the size of their tent space.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Submitted by Tréphina la Broderesse ©

# Directions to get to the next Baronial Meeting:

As of the Printing of this Windlore the location of the January Baronial Meeting and practice had yet to be determined. It will be posted to the keep once it is known and if you want directions and do not have web access you may call me at 919-678-0118.

In service, Dunstan LeHeryngmongere



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Here are events that are in the area, nearby or that might be of interest. Any item listed with a \*\*\* is NOT an official SCA event.

## **January**

**Kingdom 12**<sup>th</sup> **Night** will be held in Charlotte, NC on January 13th

## **February**

**Winter University** will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Claremont, NC.

**The Tourney of YMIR** will be held at Camp Kanata in Wake Forest on February 9-11.

## March

**Kingdom Arts and Science Festival**-will be held in Chesapeake, Virginia on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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#### The Barony of Windmasters' Hill Proudly Presents

## The Tourney of Ymir XXXII

Friday - Sunday, 9-11 February, 2007 in Wake Forest, North Carolina

### It's (war) hammer time....

Wild is the winter, but waiting is worse;

How far afield are my folk?

I want for the word-hoard wielded by skalds

That honor the hardiest heroes

I seek sturdy strikes of sword upon shield,

A test of the mightiest of men.

Of old too they tell, of the tolerant baron And baroness who bled for this bunch.

Let them exhaust their excellent power And feast on the fruit of the farm.

Listen and hear of new lords arriving, Acquiring the coronet from the king.

Odin's hall boasts less bounty than that Which towers tall over our tables.

Where are those who were before us? They journey to joy at Ymir.

- by Olivier de Bayonne

#### COME JOIN WINDMASTERS HILL FOR A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS COLD AND VIKING-LIKE.

SITE: Camp Kanata, 13524 Camp Kanata Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587. The site opens at 5:00 PM on Friday and closes at noon on Sunday. This is a DRY site. Neither camping nor pets are permitted. The site has cabins with electricity, and space heaters (one per cabin) and electric blankets are permitted. Cabin space is limited, so reserve early. (Paid reservations only.)

Adult Site Fee \* \$10.00 Non-members: please add \$3 to site fees.

Child (age 6-17) Site Fee \* \$5 entrance fee (non-members add \$3)

Children 5 and under: free admission.

\*\* Site Fee includes Fri night tavern supper, Sat Breakfast & Lunch and Sun Breakfast.

(Does not include Saturday night feast.)

Make checks payable to: "Barony of Windmasters' Hill / SCA, Inc."

Adult Feast \$8.00 Adult Cabin Space \$4.00 Child (age 6-17) Feast \$4.00 Child (age 6-17) Cabin \$2.00

Send your paid reservations to: Bobbe Herman Attn: Ymir 7537 Newt Country Lane Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

IMPORTANT: It's helpful if you include email and/or phone number with your reservation. This allows us to contact you quickly if any issues arise. Please include a self-addressed stamped postcard if you would like to receive confirmation of your reservation.

#### **Directions to Camp Kanata:**

From I-85

Take exit 218; go south on US 1 towards Raleigh. Take the exit for NC Hwy 98; turn Right at bottom of ramp. Go 2.3 miles, then turn Right onto Camp Kanata Road, and follow to site.

From Raleigh and points South:

From the I-440 Beltline take US 1 North (Capital Boulevard) out of Raleigh. Near Wake Forest, take the exit for NC Hwy 98, turning Left at the bottom of the ramp. Go 2.3 miles, then turn Right onto Camp Kanata Road, and follow to site.

#### Both:

Follow NC Hwy 98 about 2.3 miles from intersection of NC Hwy 1 and NC Hwy 98. Turn Right onto Camp Kanata Road. The camp will be on the Right, a little over 2 miles from NC Hwy 98.

## Canton Seneschals

#### Canton of Attilium-

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#### Canton of Buckston-on-Eno-

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## **Baronial Champions**

Champion

Lord Christopher MacConing

Courtier

Lord Galen of Black Diamond

Archer

Lord HaSan la-Vin

Artisan

Signora Sveva Lucciola

Bard

Lord Bjorn of Attilium

Brewer

Lord Girard le Bourguignon

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## Windmasters' Hill Baronial Calendar for

January 2007

Artists Note: There is now a wednesday A&S night at the home of their excellencies!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)	3	4 Elv Business 7:30 (AS)	5	6
			A&S Project Night 6:30 pm (NU)	Kappellenberg Practice 7:00pm (NS)		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Attilium Practice (H) 1pm (JO)	Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	Buckston Prac (5:00)  Meeting (7:30) (CC2)		Elv Business 7:30 (AS)		12 <sup>th</sup> Night
Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)		Nimenfeld meeting 7:30 pm (BB)	A&S Project Night 6:30 pm (NU)	Kappellenberg Practice 7:00pm (NS)		Charlotte, NC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Attilium Practice (H) 1pm (JO)	Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)		Elv Business 7:30 (AS) Att Meeting 7:00 (JO)		
Elvegast Practice			A&S Project Night			
1pm (CK)			6:30 pm (NU)	Kappellenberg Practice 7:00pm (NS)		
21 Baronial Business Meeting (3pm) Baronial Fighter	22 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	23  Buckston Prac (5:00)  Meeting (7:30) (CC2)  Nimenfeld meeting	24 A&S Project Night	25 Elv Business 7:30 (AS)	26	27
Practice (Noon)		7:30 pm (BB)	6:30 pm (NU)	Kappellenberg Practice		
Location TBA				7:00pm (NS)		
28 STRING THING	29	30	31			
2pm- 5pm (MD)	Kappellenberg Meeting	Buckston Prac (5:00)				
Elvegast Practice	7:30 pm (NS)	Meeting (7:30) (CC2)				
1pm (CK)			A&S Project Night			
Attilium Practice (H)			6:30 pm (NU)			
1pm (JO)						

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a very basic calendar. NU=Nancy Ulmer baronessatwindmasters.org

A much more detailed one can be found at : http://sca.housebayard.net/calendar.htm

## The 21st Century Scadian (Part. 1) - Online Bill pay and Event Registrations

This article is by Lady Margaret Cochrane. She includes it here in an effort to make life easier for Scadians who choose to use these services. It's inclusion in this publication is not an endorsement of any particular bank or banking practice, but rather just an opportunity to present an overview of a possible service to the populous. The editor.

We live with one foot in each world, neither firmly in the past or completely in the present. I'd like to share several ideas of ways I've been using modern technology to make my scadian existence easier. The first of these is the way I pre-register for events. Several years ago, my local bank\* began to offer online banking and online billpay (short for /bill payments/). I signed up almost immediately, and began using this service to send my monthly water bill and power bill and even my rent check.

It turns out that the bank is so happy to generate a check for you that they won't charge you any fee to mail itno processing fees, no postage, no supplies. I'm assuming it is cheaper than processing a paper check, because something has to pay for it. But anyway, two or three years ago, I realized that I could get the bank to send my event registration checks to registrants. Like most computer geeks, I tend to think that if I figured something else out, everyone
else could, too. But no, that's not really true, and, also like most computer geeks, it took me years to figure that out. So,
I figured I'd share with all of you how to set this up so that you can get your bank to pay for your postage etc. First of
all, you have to sign up with your bank for Online Billpay. Go to your bank's website (remember, google is your friend,
google your bank's name if you don't know its website) and sign up, if you haven't already. A few banks might charge a
fee for this service, so do be sure to read all of the screens. You might also consider calling up your bank and asking
them when they will stop charging for online billpay - very few banks do charge for this anymore.

You might need to sign up for Online Banking first, which is slightly different - you can look at your account (s), you can see old statements, you can transfer money to your savings account, but you can't move money OUT of your account.

Then, once you are enrolled in Online Billpay, you can set up your payees. This is where you designate who gets sent money. You can have a check cut and sent to whomever you designate (such as me, for example! See the Acorn or Windlore Regnum for our address, if you feel the need to send me money).

Log in to your Online Billpay account website. All banks have technical support for their websites, so feel free to call them and ask them for help if you encounter problems. Never give your password out to anyone, and please, make it a complex password with letters and numbers and maybe even a symbol or two (the best passwords look a lot like this: JEKE33\*e8g1). Remember, if anyone guesses your password, they can log in as you and send out all of your money. So please, don't use your dog's name. (Sorry, I'll stop being a systems administrator now! Back to the event registration!)

First, you will carefully look up the information for the reservationist in the Acorn. For example, Buckston is hosting Boat Wars, and you want to make a reservation for 3 people for feast and send it to Lady Jane the Blacksmith (mundanely known as Susan Jones), who is collecting reservations for this event. Her modern name and address are at the end of the event flyer, which has a nice table laid out saying how much the gate fee is and how much feast is and so on. Look for a spot on the website where it says something like "Add a new payee" or "Set up Online Billpay" or some variation on that theme. Put in the Group Name as the payee (in our example, it would be Buckston on Eno/SCA Inc.)

Then there is an Attn: line or a Mail To: line. Here is where you put Lady Jane the Blacksmith's MODERN name – i.e. Susan Jones.

There is an Address field - put her address as it is in the flyer.

There is an account number - if you want, put some useful info here - like "3 adults daytrip" for Boat Wars"

There is a Memo: line (just like on a regular check) - put your mundane and SCA name here.

There is an Amount field. Add up your reservation fee and put it in there.

Then you might or might not be able to put a send-on/send-by date.

Click on complete/done/finished/outta here

It is ALWAYS courteous to send an email to the reservationist as well, telling her what bank the check will come from, and repeating who it is for, which event, etc. Ask for confirmation that she got it, too.

\*Note - when I say "bank" I mean financial institution, be it a credit union, bank, or some other entity I haven't heard of. Hope this helps!

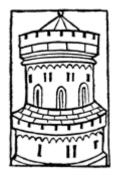
-Margaret Cochrane (Bryn Smith)

## Glassworkers Guild Gathering

If it's January it must be time to make beads for Ymir! The Glass-workers Guild (which consists of anyone interested in Medieval and Renaissance glass) will gather on Saturday, January 27th for a lampworking workshop. The specific time and location will be announced at a later date as we are trying to get permission to use the Craft Center at NC State. If this option does not work out we will be working at my home in North Raleigh.

It would be very helpful for planning at either location of you would contact me and let me know your interest in attending and what your lampworking skill level is if you have not made beads with us before. Beginners are always welcome and you will leave the workshop with beads to wear at Ymir!

For more information, please contact Lady Philippa Tillinghast at <u>jkennedy93@yahoo.com</u>.





And the winner of the Ugliest dog competition is . . .

#### **Baronial Herald Needed!**

The current Baronial Herald will be stepping down from that post at Ymir. A new herald is needed! Do you sometimes forget to use your indoor voice? Are you constantly using latin to describe colors, symbols and shapes? Do you tend to line up everything in threes? Hey, this job has your name written all over it! Contact Tangwystl Ferch Morgana (aka Mari) at marimonster@aol.com

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# String Thing is back!

String Thing officially restarts it's monthly meeting of all things fabric.
January 28th is the first 2007 meeting. Meetings typically go from 2PM to 5PM

Contact Francesca at 471 2727 for details.