

The Windlore

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A Note from Their Excellencies:

Greetings Everyone,

May is upon us. It was lovely to see so many Windy Kitties and dear friends at Buckston's St. Vitus. Her Excellency had a wonderful time chatting, dancing, and taking classes. It was a wonderful event. In June the Barony will be hosting the Pas du Forêt Mystérieux. We are greatly looking forward to this event and hope that all of you will be able to join us.

We want to say thank you to Maddalena, Geoffrey, and Andreas for stepping forward as this year's Baronial Camp Stewards for Pennsic. We also want to say thank you to Wistric for volunteering to be the Baronial Camp Steward for Sapphire Joust. All of our stewards have our full support and thanks for their willingness to take on these often difficult jobs. Information is already going out across the Keep about the Sapphire Joust camp and more information will be coming soon about Pennsic. We hope that all of you will be able to join us in the encampments.

While May and the early summer are full of upcoming events, it does mean that Pennsic is now right around the corner. This year Pennsic War starts on July 25th and for many of us Pennsic prep is already in full swing. It is time to focus more heavily on readying our equipment and ourselves for war. There will be a Baronial War Practice this month on May 10th. Please watch the keep closely for more details. Jonet also announced at the Baronial meeting that she and His Grace Duke Cuan are also working on a crossbow workshop in an effort to further ready our forces for war and more information on that will be coming soon.

Finally, we want to take a moment to talk about something I know is on all of our minds. The rising cost of gas and many other factors in our slowing economy are already starting to affect our eventing habits and attendance at events all over the kingdom. It's not new news that times are getting tighter for everyone all over the country but there are things that we can do to help our local groups, support the Kingdom, and alleviate some of the costs of beloved hobby. The easiest is probably carpooling. Not only is everyone helping to save money on gas for the trip and reducing the number of cars traveling to the event but everyone who is carpooling is also helping to get more people out to support events all over our Barony and the Kingdom. Organizing pot luck lunches among your friends rather than leaving site to eat out is another great way to lower event costs and getting on board for feast and staying on site or crashing with friends are often much cheaper than eating out on the way home or getting a hotel room. These are just a few small ideas and there are many more things that we can do to support our personal budgets and the Kingdom at the same time. Please take some time to brainstorm among your friends and at your local group meetings about things we can all do to make things easier during these times. We are looking forward to seeing you all over the coming spring and summer months and hope that this spring season is a happy time for all of you.

Yours in service,

Gaston and Rosalind

Upcoming

Windmasters' Hill Events:

- Baronial Fighter Practice – May 10
- Baronial Meeting – May 13
- Pas du Forêt Mystérieux – June 13-15

Greetings and welcome to the April, 2008 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill.

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Battle of the Oranges – Notes from the Autocrat

Rain is bad. Clearly, more dancing is in order before the next event I run. Perhaps I should only autocrat in Atenveldt or Ansteorra, where they wouldn't notice a drought anyway.

Windmasters are awesome: The outpouring of help for mundane, menial tasks, and for the sorts of crises you just never want to have at an event, proved yet again the greatness of the people of this barony, at every rank from those with pointy hats to those who don't even appear on the OP. No event is a canton event, really. No canton can staff an entire event out of its own populace. For those citizens of the entire barony who were willing to step forward and help out, my immense gratitude.

Autocratting is fun. And I think I'll let somebody else enjoy it next time. Speaking of next time: real oranges, real battling, thrown weapons authorizations en masse. (Kingdom policy section 3.12.1: Conventions of Thrown Citrus Combat. 3.12.1.1 Limes, Lemons, Tangerines, Tangelos, Oranges, and Clementines shall constitute legal weapons for BOO. 3.12.1.2 Grapefruit are right out. 3.12.1.3. As are Osage Oranges. Because they're just freaky). Thank you to everyone who brought their imagination, their skill, their work, and their energy. I usually spend my events between the list field and the waterbearers, or between rez point and the enemy, and getting the chance to see the entire event, and everything people had done and were doing, made me only slightly regret not getting to stab anybody.

Battle of the Oranges broke dead even (+/- 5 bucks), even with the rain! Thank you to everybody who braved the weather to make it fun (at least for me: I got to sit back and watch the chaos I'd created while swinging a cambok stick). All the feedback I've received has been positive. I certainly would not mind seeing the event run again, and would gladly work with the next autocrat to make it even better.

See you on the field!

Wistric

Baronial Arts & Science Workshop

Saturday, May 31st & Sunday, June 1st

It is such a big event we need TWO days and TWO months to hold it all! Please plan to attend a Baronial A&S Workshop on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st to prepare for upcoming events. Here are some of the projects planned:

Sewing Workshop for Men & Women on Middle Eastern Clothing:

We will be joined by Baroness Kisayia for a workshop to create Middle Eastern clothing in time for Pennsic and the Nimmenfeld hosted event "Midnight at the Oasis" to be held at Optimist Farm in September. We plan to have some general instruction and patterning help in the morning, sew like mad in the afternoon and finish projects on Sunday. Nimmenfeld has posted numerous links to clothing sites, many with patterns so check out their event web site.

Sewing Workshop for Spanish Clothing for the Pas du Foret:

Lady Mariana de Salamanca will be available to guide those who want to create Spanish inspired clothing for the Pas du Foret coming up in June.

Silk Dying Pennant Workshop:

Lady Guenièvre de Monmarché will lead a workshop to make personal silk pennants. This will be an outside activity held on Saturday, March 31.

Workshop Preparation:

All these workshops will require planning ahead in order to have the appropriate amount and style of fabric (pre-washed) and designs for the pennant workshop. If you are interested in Lady Mariana or Lady Guenievre's workshop, please contact them for what is needed to prepare ahead of time. For the Middle Eastern workshop, please read through the links from Nimmenfeld's website.

Saturday Evening:

There are a number of exciting Middle Eastern, Indian & Ethiopian restaurants in the vicinity. A list will be provided and our large group will break into smaller groups for dinner out. If you have day conflicts and cannot attend the workshop but want to join a group for dinner, e-mail the Windmasters' list to hook up with a dinner gang.

Location: Philippa's Work: Escalade Sports, 2101 Harrod St, Raleigh, 27604.

Times: Saturday, May 31st, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Notes from the Baronial Meeting, April 21st:

Ursula began the meeting at 7:40 PM, in Kappellenberg's usual meeting area. Beatrice provided pizza.

Baroness: Pennsic: Maddalena and Geoffery will be camp stewards and handle the first week of Pennsic so that there will be a camp; still need a steward for the 2nd week. Please

talk to M if you are interested. Amenities will depend on the 2nd week camps steward. **Ymir:** Need an event bid. Large event, takes time to prepare, is our main source of income. It's important to the barony and the Kingdom that we have the event - not having Ymir is like an event without Santa Claus - it's very special to a lot of people for a lot of reasons - we want to have this event. We'd like to vote on and accept bids in July - this will give the staff and barony enough time to prepare. Getting bids is a problem for the whole Kingdom - 12th night was almost canceled, University has been canceled 2x, etc. Discussion ensued about what a bid would need; etc, and the resources available for new autocrats. **Kingdom events:** The Baroness also encouraged cantons to consider running Kingdom-level events, as they're needed all over the Kingdom. **Inflation:** Fuel and everything else are getting more expensive; everyone's having to make more choices regarding the events they attend, etc. Carpooling is great; consider potluck meal plans for the day, etc. If you're holding an event, consider more advertising, etc, and consider using your group's 'no-conflict' weekend to encourage attendance.

**Next Baronial Meeting:
May 13 at Nimenfeld!**

Chatelaine: Not present.

Chirurgion: Not present. Ursula delivered the following report from Andreas: No known problems or issues. We now have two Chirurgeons in Training (CIT) in the area. Andreas will be CiC/WiC at Battle of the Oranges, where waterbearing help would be appreciated. Fighters are encouraged to include endurance exercising, weight loss actions/activities and practice good balanced eating and hydration as the temperatures rise. It is also a great time for all of us to be sure we are up to date with physicals, immunizations, including tetanus and other health care monitoring to ensure we are prepared for spending more time out of doors.

Seneschal: Seconded all of the points re: autocrafting, and encouraged people to be available as deputies, etc. Ursula will be building a resource page for autocrats like the fighter resource page. (Please send her anything you'd like to add to either page).

Exchequer: Trephina couldn't be here, so Maddalena proxied. We're off financial probation. The Wachovia account is open, though we're waiting on the new signature cards to be signed by Kingdom. Please note the account name is now "SCA Inc, Barony of Windmasters' Hill". If cantons need to borrow things, please let Trephina and Ursula know.

Current Financials: \$14,544.55 total
 \$12,126.55 - unallocated
 \$2,418.00 - allocated, \$1368 to Pas, \$50 baronage, \$500 emergency, \$500 Pennsic/GSK

Chatelaine: Stepping down to be Attilium's local chatelaine; the office will remain open if anyone wants it but it's somewhat underutilized at the moment because of excellent local chatelaines.

Chronicler: Has fabulous deputy, needs content (as always) for the Windlore.

Marshal: Wytan is looking to step down. Next practice will be 5/10/08, location TBD.

Rapier: Wytan is looking to step down. Next practice will be 5/10/08, location TBD.

Archery: Wytan is looking to step down. Next practice will be 5/10/08, location TBD.

Arts & Sciences: Not present. Baronial Sewing Weekend – May 31-June 1!

Mol: Not Present.

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Webminister: The officer list has been updated, and we're thinking about moving the baronial website to a content management system in order to allow quicker updates - let the webminister know if you have any thoughts on this. Joomla and Drupal are being considered. Discussion of contact info / permissions ensued.

Herald: Not present because of work, but his deputy (Rheinylydd) was, and encouraged everyone to register their arms.

Chancellor of Minors: Kingdom policy is being rewritten; new policies will be on the web soon as everything has been taken off the main website. Mariana has officially passed the background check, etc. Please consider getting someone from each canton warranted/checked just to make sure people are available for events.

Quartermaster: New checkout procedure - email to solvarr/marion/ursula/trephina, etc. There's a shared googledoc for requisitions. Make sure everything stays in the same totes, this cuts checkout time. Old war doors would make good road signs, and everyone seemed in favor of repurposing these. Discussion of the baronial benches ensued, and was followed by discussion of the keys to the shed - please return these directly to the quartermasters rather than through a 3rd party if you're issued one. Bjorn inadvertently volunteered to help with signs. Discussion continued of items that the Barony has that might be sold to fund these alterations/projects, such as lost and found or the shield baskets off the decommissioned chairs. Steafan O'Reilly works with a 501(c)3 which wants to borrow the blue eric, with proper paperwork to cover damage, etc. Nikulai moved we did, the motion passed unanimously. It was also moved that the sign material be made into signs, and that the war doors be made into signs. Both motions passed.

Canton Reports:

Athillium: will be having a demo Sun. May 18th - 1pm Lake Rim Park - with cookout. Please come fight/do A&S/dance/etc.

Buckston: St. Vitus went well - 87 adults, 7 kids, everyone had fun. Middle Eastern garb workshop for the "Midnight at the Oasis" event, May 31/June 1st @ Phillipa's work. Meeting/Practice on tuesdays, at St. Phillips.

Elvegast: did demo @ Renn. Faire (please let him know if it gets people), meetings are Thursday @ state but that will change over the summer. Fighter practices are at noon on Sat @ Lake Crabtree.

Kappellenberg: Battle of the Oranges went well except for the rain/accident. Narnia demo may be held @ Timberlyne theatre, talk to Beatrice if interested, details forthcoming (May 16th or 17th).

Nimenefeld: Not present. Meetings are every other Tuesday @ Milano's.

Baronial Event: Pas du Forêt Mystérieux on 13-15 June at Farm Ventures in Leasburg, NC: Lyneya (the autocrat) distributed copies of the bid for the event, which is based on a Burgundian Pas held in Barcelona in 1455. Rapier and heavy tournaments are planned with a grand mêlée to follow each. All entrants must present themselves on the field in order to participate. There will be four prizes each for heavy and rapier: Chivalry, chosen by the ladies in attendance; Prowess (not necessarily the tourney winner), chosen by the fighters themselves; Countenance (appearance, armour, style, etc.), chosen by the Peers; and Magnificence ("wow" factor), chosen by the populace. A Torchlight Ball will be held on Friday evening (dress to impress, as the ladies will be selecting their Champions at the Ball) as well as an astrological walk for the balmy summer evening, weather permitting. Finally, there will be a Bardic on Saturday night. The baronial fighter practice will happen on Sunday afternoon, after the event, though the hall will close at noon.

Pennsic: Pennsic can't happen with just one person/group of people - if there's no steward for 2nd half of Pennsic, the amenities will be limited. The shower will go down when they leave if no one takes responsibility for it, the kitchen won't go up if no one requests it. M also requests that no one come on Land Grab Saturday unless you want to help with setup. Rental tents are not allowed until Monday. More details will be forthcoming. Nikulai and Maddalena both noted that everyone needs to help with Pennsic, not just the camp staff. It was moved that the \$500 pennsic fund be used specifically for the common tent, which was approved unanimously.

New Business: **Garb Wars:** Possibility of garb wars (Dec 12-13) event in Chapel Hill, proposal at next baronial business meeting. **Crossbows:** Workshop for make-your-own crossbow @ Cuan's house for \$30 or so - June 28th - details TBD.

Pas du Forêt Mystérieux

The Barony of Windmasters' Hill wishes to extend an invitation to all to join us on the weekend of June 13-15, 2008 for "Pas du Forêt Mystérieux" at Farm Ventures in Leasburg, NC.

In 1455, Baron Gaston of Windmasters' Hill traveled on a diplomatic visit to Barcelona. Here, he and his inspiration, Baroness Rosalind Delamere have declared that they and their chosen Tenans will defend the Mysterious Forest from all Venans (Challengers). In the Barony of Windmasters' Hill on the 14th Day of June, shall the lists be erected with a pine tree with golden fir cones on one end.

Their Excellencies invite all Challengers (rapier and armoured) to a Grand Pas. Friday night the celebrations will begin with a Torchlight Ball. For, if you do not yet have a consort, here might you find one.

After the day breaks on Saturday, those who participate in rapier combat shall challenge one another in a tournament followed by a Grand Melee. There shall then be a respite and then those of armoured skill will take their place upon the field and prove their worthiness prior to to a Grand Melee. All will be followed by a sumptuous feast in the evening. Additionally, we invite those of artistic inclinations to share their work and join us for various activities, including an Artisan's Row.

Initial information is available on the event website located here:

<http://www.windmastershill.org/pas/>

The page will continue to be updated, and we hope that you bookmark it and mark your calendar as you plan on being a part of the pageantry and celebration!!

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Notes from St. Vitus Attendees:

(In lieu of a formal event report, the following are impressions from attendees, compiled by the autocrat:)

The Canton of Buckston-on-Eno hosted St. Vitus' Dance on 4/19. We spent the day taking a variety of dance classes and in the evening enjoyed a Caroso (performance-oriented) Ball as well as a standard SCA-style ball and a delicious sideboard feast. Many, many thanks are due to those who helped out with the event (there are far too many names to reprint them all!). We all had a wonderful time. Here are some impressions of the event from some Buckston members:

- Happy Birthday to me!
- St. Vitus' Dance was an extraordinary day of dance magic and elegant arts.
- Danced 'til I couldn't dance no more. What a blast!
- Yummy feast! Including absolutely delicious beef pies.
- A fantastic site, beautiful dancing, and fun conversations were the highlights. It was fun even though I couldn't really dance.
- St. Vitus' Dance was a fabulous event! Dancing, laughter, good food and good times!
- Easiest feast to serve ever, so nice to have a small focused event, and so many wonderful classes, oh wait this is a run on sentence.
- Loved it, so many fun classes to choose from; great company, I liked seeing the Caroso Ball and seeing how pretty the dancing could be.
- Wonderful to have so many people offering to help and make sure I had everything I needed – thank you! Great event!
- Grace, laughter, pleasure, beauty, cookies! The perfect event! To see so many people enjoying the arts of dance did this dance leader's heart good!
- Lovely event. Now that it's been done and people came from "out of town" to participate, why don't we shoot for the re-vitalizing of the Known World Dance Symposium, vivat! I'm in!*
- St. Vitus was a truly personal event with a wonderful opportunity to talk, laugh and learn. I am just grateful that there was no one walking by the classroom window when the yoga stretching was going on!

*She who compiled these notes is confused by this comment, as KWDS still happens regularly every two years. It will next be in Ealdormere in summer 2009, and certainly sending a Windmasters' contingent up is a great idea!

Aheinyflydd

Spanish Clothing Information for the Pas:

Spanish people had a wacky sense of style and their clothing often differed significantly from those of the rest of Europe, especially in the case of the women. During the 15th century the men's clothing was the houppelande or shorter burgundian doublet, but the women had very different styles. The Spanish women's houppelande often had a VERY high standing collar, and Spanish women did not (in any images I have found yet) wear Burgundian dresses, instead they wore the wonderful "brial verdago" or hooped dress. This is the beginning of hooped skirts in Europe. In the beginning the hoops were a decorative feature of the dress, on the outside and covered with a contrasting fabric, next the women put a overdress over the hoops, but slashed the skirts in many places to allow the hoops to show through. This is a wonderfully fun style to wear.

If you are interested in Spanish styles, Mistress Jessamyn di Piemonte has put together a wonderful website with images she has culled from all over. <http://jessamynscloset.com/15thgallery.htm> I also have some image files that I can mail to you that have even more images than on her site.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to work on Spanish costumes for the Pas!

Marianna

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Baronial Spotlight:

A New Feature by the Baronial Deputy Chronicler, Rosanella

The Barony of Windmasters' Hill is full of the most amazing people. We thought it might be helpful to begin a column called "Windy Kitty Spotlight" to help us get to know each other better and as a way to assist newcomers in identifying those with whom they may have something in common. We are pleased to announce our first Member Spotlight on *Her Excellency Rosalind Delamere*!

Our most Gracious Baroness has been playing in the SCA for more than 10 years. She is primarily interested in the Elizabethan era and has extensively studied both the fencing practices and clothing. She has been very successful as an SCA rapier fighter having earned her White Scarf at The Tourney of Ymir in 2005. She is the epitome of excellence and chivalry on the fighting field and off. Her Excellency also strives to further her knowledge and teach others all that she learns about the Art of Defense and other martial skills. She is a student of the Arts and Sciences and exhibits particular skill with the needle. She recently was elevated to Laurel at Twelfth Night in January of 2008 for her work in the Western Martial Arts. Her Excellency maintains a webpage at www.elizabethanmafia.com to showcase her work and encourage others in their pursuit of Rapier excellence and the Arts in Atlantia. Not content to fight and create alone, Rosalind also is a true example of what service to the Barony and the Kingdom is all about. She has served as Seneschal of the Cantons of Kapellenburg and Elvegast and as Principal of the Order of the White Scarf, not to mention the numerous other acts of service that go without notice. She has received many awards as follows:

Award Date	Kingdom	Group	Award Name
7/12/1998	Atlantia		Award of Arms
9/15/2001	Atlantia	Sacred Stone	Award of the Spirit of the Phoenix
9/29/2001	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Companion of the Kitty Hawk
1/11/2003	Atlantia		Companion of the Golden Dolphin
8/1/2003	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Baronial Award of Excellence
2/14/2004	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Companion of the Tempest
6/26/2004	Atlantia		Companion of the Pearl
9/4/2004	Atlantia		Award of the Undine
10/30/2004	Atlantia		Companion of the Sea Stag
2/12/2005	Atlantia		Companion of the White Scarf
3/5/2005	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Companion of the Boreas
9/2/2006	Atlantia		Award of the Shark's Tooth
2/9/2007	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Award of the Scirocco - Premier
2/10/2007	Atlantia	Windmasters' Hill	Territorial Baroness
1/12/2008	Atlantia		Mistress of the Laurel

When not living in the Middle Ages, Her Excellency is known as Allison Kannon and is a Cardiovascular Researcher at UNC Chapel Hill. She is married to the love of her life, Coty Kannon (AKA Baron Gaston du Valmont) and they live with their precious pets Fozzie and Bogart (dogs) and Argento (the cat).

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Ode to the Pause for Eats of Mister Wu

By *Wystrie Oftun*, after Andrew Marvell's "[An Horatian Ode](#)"

Now gather we in Juno's month
To pause for pig (who would've thunk?)
That taste like me or you
These pigs of Mister Wu

The heralds cry thro' the b'rony
"Don best vestments and steel shiny"
These seem strange things to do
For pigs of Mister Wu

Bring out my terry-cloth'ed bib
Bring out the sauce and roast the ribs
I know just what to do
With pigs from Mister Wu

But now my lady says I'm daft
And June bears no porcine repast
And I am left to rue
No pigs from Mister Wu

It seems there has been some mistake
Of no pork chops will I partake
But what's a guy to do
Who does not "parlez-vous"

For I am of good peasant folk
In my hovel French is not spoke
Anglo, Saxon, Dane, too
But not foreign frou-frou

Instead of pig we meet to fight
(With a fine feast later that night
Which has less oink than moo)
Armored and rapier, too

So take your sword, dagger, and shield
And steel yourselves, that you don't yield
And meet at the Pas du
Foret Mysterieux

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: DETAILED CALENDAR INFORMATION, AND DIRECTIONS, CAN BE FOUND AT: http://sca.housebayard.net/wmh2008-05.htm				1 Elvegast Meeting - MM Singing Practice - GD Kberg Rapier - WO	2	3 Attilium Armored/Rapier Practice - TF
4 Elvegast Armored/Rapier Practice - CG	5 Kappelenberg Business Meeting / Class - BV	6 Buckston Rapier and Heavy Practice - AM Buckston Meeting - PT	7 Buckston Recorder Practice - GD Nimenfeld Practice - L O'R	8 Elvegast Meeting - MM Singing Practice - GD Kberg Rapier - WO	9	10 Attilium Armored/Rapier Practice - TF
11 Elvegast Armored/Rapier Practice - CG	12 Kappelenberg Business Meeting / Class - BV	13 Baronial Meeting - Nimenfeld	14 Buckston Recorder Practice - GD Nimenfeld Practice and A&S Night - L O'R	15 Elvegast Meeting - MM Singing Practice - GD Kberg Rapier - WO	16	17 Attilium Armored/Rapier Practice - TF
18 Elvegast Armored/Rapier Practice - CG	19 Kappelenberg Business Meeting / Class - BV	20 Buckston Rapier and Heavy Practice - AM Buckston Meeting - PT	21 Buckston Recorder Practice - GD Nimenfeld Practice - L O'R	22 Elvegast Meeting - MM Singing Practice - GD Kberg Rapier - WO	23	24 Attilium Armored/Rapier Practice - TF
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