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## ST. PADDY'S DAY BLOOD BATH IN JULY!

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Credits: Ronan mac Imari  
from Ponte Alto Blood Bath in July 2021



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## *Il Tempo*

Welcome to *Il Tempo* (The Times), the Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto, one of the northern baronies in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

*Il Tempo* strives to be an informative read that you look forward to. To this end, we are always appreciative of any contributions to it, perhaps an article of a project you are working on or are interested in, how to make/play a period game, your experience at an event, how/what to prepare for a day trip, a recipe/ piece of garb that you've made, documentation on an item you've completed - a how to on

documentation, a few words on a historical person/event, photos, a book review, something to share with a newcomer - perhaps a short autobiography of your persona or how you came to figure out your persona.

The list can go on for ages - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!

## NEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Congrats to these honorees at Blood Bath!*

#### Award of the Golden Bridge

1. **Lady Collette Vitalis**
2. **Hrefna blinda**
3. **Lord Séamus Ó Maoil Riain**

#### Award of the Silver Bridge

1. **Baroness Briana Morgan of the Valley**
2. **Lady Magdalena Pia**
3. **Lady Lisbet of the Spinning Winds**
4. **Lord Tristan de Roquelaure**

#### Black Plague Honor List

1. **Lord Séamus Ó Maoil Riain**
2. **Master Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli**
3. **Master Geoffrey ap Cluid**
4. **Lady Astrid of Ponte Alto**
5. **Lord Tristan de Roquelaure**
6. **Lord Hákon brimill**
7. **Lady Colette Vitalis**
8. **Lord Heirich von Holstein**
9. **Lord Duncan the Elder**
10. **Mistress Belphoebe de Givet**
11. **Lord Jacques Gonse**
12. **Lord Rónán mac Ímair**
13. **Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina** formerly known as **Lady Marion Compton**
14. **Lady Magdalena Pia**
15. **Lady Delphina the Mad**
16. **Lady Sof'ia Dolgorukaia of Ponte Alto**
17. **Lady Kunigunde von Darmstadt** *Storvik*
18. **Lady Johanna le Paumer**
19. **Lady Maria Chiara Datini**
20. **Baroness Briana Morgan**



## Populace Gathering Minutes

July 27, 2021

5:03 pm

Adjourned at 5:38 pm

16 attendees

Zoom virtual meeting

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

#### Seneschal - David Hultman (Lord Hákon brimill)

- ◆ No new Covid guidelines!
- ◆ Polling to start in near future. Email to go out soon.
- ◆ Plan to start reviewing our policy documents to ensure they are all up to date. Would like to have them before end of next Aug for our next business meeting.

#### Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ \$7,483.70 balance
- ◆ Bloodbath went well

#### Knight Marshal - Hákon for Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Looking at guidelines in the kingdom regarding heat and other conditions that affect practice.
- ◆ Practices are going well. 7-8 on avg. Some A&S today. Some fighting. Some newcomers. One was a walk-up today.

#### Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ July:
  - ◆ 29 people in online classes
  - ◆ 9 people displayed at Bloodbath
  - ◆ 7 performing at Bloodbath
  - ◆ 5 showing things for the sew-along. Multiple newcomers
- ◆ Aug
  - ◆ Aug 3 will be 1st A&S in-person class. Shadecloth in the park.
  - ◆ Will also be on Zoom. No attendance cap.
  - ◆ Aug 17 also in-person at Mariana's place. "So You Bought a Sari?" Now what do you do with it? Will have an attendance cap. (8-10) All of those will need to come to Mariana directly to arrange.
    - ◆ Both will require RSVP in advance. Will open up a week before.
  - ◆ Potential KASF bid talked about. Conflict for site in 2022. Will consider for 2023.

#### Chatelaine - Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ 3 newcomers at Bloodbath, and many walk-thrus
- ◆ Have been contacted by two newcomers in the past month and a half.
- ◆ Sent in quarterly report. Hakon did not get. Will send another copy to him.



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

### **Herald** - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ *Not present*
- ◆ (Adina) Court report should have been put in.

### **Chronicler** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ If you got pictures from Bloodbath, please send them.
- ◆ Brief review on what we need for photo/model releases.

### **Web Minister** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Asked for a copy of the Court Report for awards.
- ◆ Email distros to move due to problems with blocking by service providers. Melkior working on moving them to Google.
- ◆ *SMO Update from Mariana:*
- ◆ Page is the official FB presence. All events should be created there.
- ◆ The Group is not sufficient. Mariana will cancel them and move them to the Page.
- ◆ Brief note about the names being the same. It was a Barony decision.

### **Baron and Baroness** - Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles (Naran Numuchi & Marie-Therese Normand)

- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ *Not present*
  
- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Attended Bloodbath. Court went well.
- ◆ Stierbach Baronial Birthday will be the next event.
- ◆ Will be trying to go to as many events as he can manage .

### Events

#### **Bloodbath in July**

- ◆ *Report by Adina:*
- ◆ Event Report shared.
- ◆ 133 people registered and paid at gate.
- ◆ 160 donations.
- ◆ \$1,555. Minus comp. of \$120.54.
- ◆ General supplies
- ◆ \$25 for the permit.
- ◆ 13 non-members
- ◆ \$1,147.77 profit estimated.





## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ 1 heat injury, should have been reported by MIC report. Just heat exhaustion.
- ◆ There were a lot of people that wanted to continue fighting. We did close the field early due to heat/weather.
- ◆ Lot of water got donated to the fighters.
- ◆ Court was early to avoid afternoon storm. Tear-down was quick. Nothing got rained on.
- ◆ Everything got back to storage shed, except throne, and stakes. Those got mixed up. Will be color-coding those.
- ◆ Holding out for potential expense receipts for food for crown.
- ◆ 3 days before we need to make official.
- ◆ There was a lot of interest in the event.
- ◆ We were capped at 150 by the site. We had over 200 reservations. Only 144 actual people attended the event. 133 paid. The rest were comped.
- ◆ Everyone had a good day!
- ◆ There were 5 people autocrating this event. Confident we have people that can run it next year.
  - ◆ Seneschal got a good education on autocrating!
- ◆ Good tip: Restaurants will sometimes donate ice to us (and write it off). Probably saved us \$50 in ice. (Used to do in the military.)
- ◆ Thanks to everybody that helped on site!
- ◆ (Hakon) 7 newcomers from PA or Storvik?
- ◆ Discussion of the wander-bys.
- ◆ Shout out to Duke Logan. Who would also talk to the wander-bys about the fighting.
- ◆ (Adina) Everyone is a chatelain!

### Wild Hunt

- *Update from Marion:*
- Virtual this year
- Will start advertising for A&S.
- Due to family stuff, she will not be able to run the virtual hunt. Sofia has volunteered to be her deputy for the day.
- Will plan a virtual archery event of some sort.
- Some sort of virtual feast menu planned.

### Old Business

- ◆ n/a



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

### New Business

- ◆ (Hakon) If anyone has suggestions for a site for L&B, please send them to Hakon.
  - ◆ We are also looking for an autocrat!
- ◆ (Adina) since we are not doing KASF, do we want to look at Crown? (Hakon) Stierbach has got it, and is in the beginning phases.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ (Hakon) Tristan delivered an ice chest that was repurposed for our barony. Thanks for his support and the gift.
  - ◆ Naran has pictures.
- ◆ (Beth) What sort of size for event? Discussion of last L&B site (Loudon barn and indoor space for court). Priced out due to not giving us non-profit discount anymore.





## **A&S Update from Marion Compton**

Thank you all for another wonderful month of arts and sciences!

An abbreviated report this month.

Here are the upcoming A&S activities. We hope to see you there!

### **Upcoming A&S:**

August 3- Lisbeth's Roman Bathhouse Shade Cloths\*

August 15- Pennsic Pity Party Social Hour

August 17- So, You Bought a Sari During COVID?\*

September 14- Pocket Trash and How It Defines You

September 21- Harvest Holidays Roundtable

October 5- How Do You Break Bread?\*

October 9- Virtual Wild Hunt

October 19- Leather Tooling Class, TBC

November 2- Persona Development Class

November 16- Persona Development Roundtable

December 7- Cookie Exchange/Open Format A&S\*

*Got an A&S project  
you'd like to share with  
your fellow Pontoons?*

*We'd love to publish it!*

*Contact our [Minister of  
A&S!](#)*

We are looking for someone to teach a class on Persona Development, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, please feel free to reach out to [moas@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:moas@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org).



## Making Penannular Brooches

by Sof'ia

On July 17, 2021, Ponte Alto will host its first event since the Plague began, St. Paddy's Bloodbath in July. This is a themed event pitting the inhabitants of late 8th century Ireland against the Norse raiders. In advance of this, Hákon brimill, Hrefna blinda, Mariana Ruiz de Medina, and Sof'ia Dolgorukaia got together to make copper penannular brooches. These brooches will be prizes for the Hiberno and Norse A&S competition projects at Bloodbath.

Penannular brooches are often also called Celtic Brooches or open brooches. They are typically an incomplete ring with an opening for the pin. Once pinned into clothing, the ring is turned to lock the pin and pinned cloth into place.

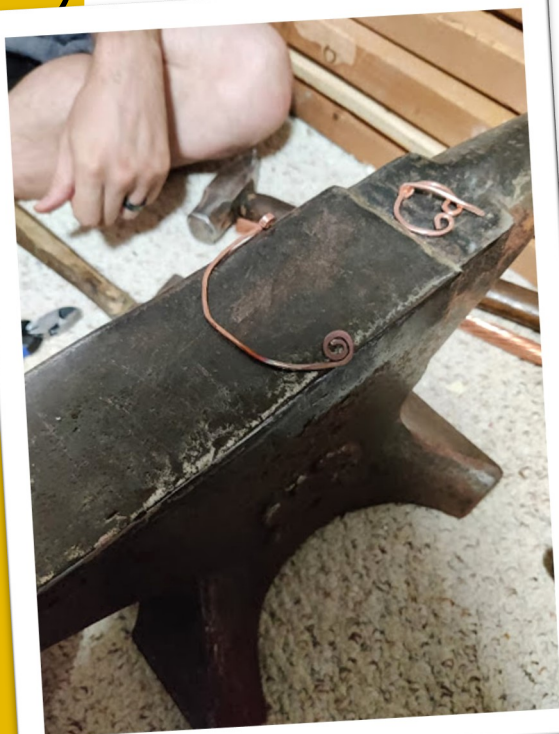
The four experimental archaeologists attended Master Philippe de Lyon's A&S Zoom class in April where he demonstrated how to make these brooches and used that as a basis for their techniques.

**Step 1:** Hammer the wire piece until it is flattened and more square shaped.



**Step 2:** Twist the ends to create terminals. This will keep the pin from falling off.

Sof'ia was good at this.



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you'd like to share with  
your fellow Pontoons?*

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A&S!](#)





## A&S Feature Article (cont.)

**Step 3:** Grabbing just inside of both terminals with pliers, twist copper length. This will twist the squared off copper to give different surfaces for the light to bounce off without unfurling the curled terminals too much.

Mariana perfected this technique.

**Step 4:** Bend the copper wire into a ring and then hammer into the correct shape using the horn of the anvil. The terminals can face in or out but once in shape, the space between the terminals should be just enough for the pin to go through.



Hrefna mastered hammering the brooches into shape.

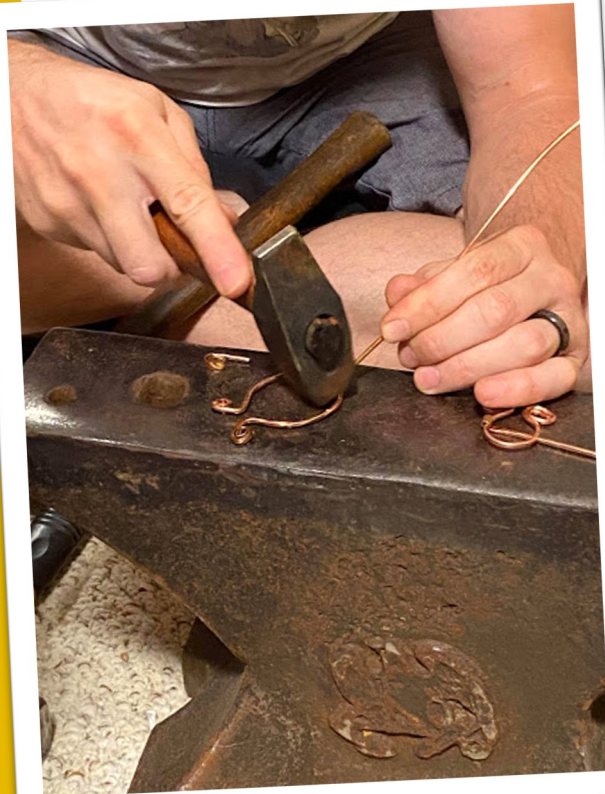






## *A&S Feature Article (cont.)*

**Step 5:** Create the pin from a smaller length of copper, long enough to overlap with the ring. Hammer it square and flatten on end. This end will be bent around the ring.



Hákon did an amazing job getting the very thin and delicate metal around the ring.

Hammering, bending, twisting the metal eventually hardens it and makes it more difficult to work. To increase its malleability, it may need to be annealed -- heated with a flame and allowed to cool -- before working again. Copper gets very hot along its entire length; use tongs or pliers to hold the copper while applying heat.

*Hákon - Lord of the Flame*



Pictures courtesy of Sof'ia





## The Hoard!



Pictures courtesy of Sof'ia





## Martial Activities

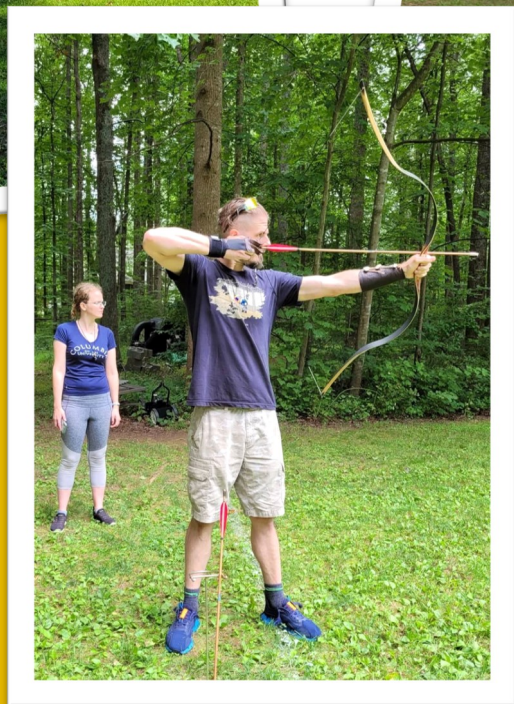
### ATTENTION!

Martial practices are resuming for armored/heavy and rapier!  
See the Ponte Alto [calendar](#) for more info about times and locations.!

### Archery Update from Rónán

Archery practice is still waiting for our regular summer archery range to officially re-open. In the meantime, the Noyon continues to arrange small visits to different ranges to keep in practice.

Here are a few pics from a day at Grimmsfield where Lady Sof'ia got some instruction on thrown weapons!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán and Sof'ia





*Martial Activities (cont.)*



Pictures courtesy of Rónán and Sof'ia





## St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath in July *in pictures!*

After a long break, and despite the prospect of very hot weather, the call went out and SCAdians showed up in demonstration of their weariness of isolation and a desire to see their fellows once more in the flesh. Smiles and laughs were abundant throughout the day.

The fighting ended early to ensure the safety of the participants, but it did not dissuade the attendees from engaging in a little practice.



Pictures courtesy of Rónán



Feature Article (cont.)



Did we mention it was hot?



Pictures courtesy of Rónán





Pictures courtesy of Rónán





*Feature Article (cont.)*

There were bardic performances...



...and A&S displays!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán



Feature Article (cont.)



And, of course there was court!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán





...and awards!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán



Feature Article (cont.)



And, of course...



...there was a chase!



With a fairly predictable outcome!

Pictures courtesy of Rónán





Feature Article (cont.)

What event wouldn't be complete without newcomers?!



And gifts to welcome them!



Followed by some more awards!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán





But then it was finally time to end the day.

The king thanked everyone for coming out and we all said our farewells to each other with the fervent hope that it would not be so long ere the next time.

*Vivat Atlantia! We hope to see you all again soon!*



# Weekly/Monthly Events

## SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial  
Populace Gathering

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Outdoor  
Heavy Weapons

Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Marsh for information.

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Winter Arc

SCA Newcomer  
Meetings

While indoor in-person activities and practices are still temporarily suspended due to COVID-19, our outdoor activities have begun to re-open! For info on **Armored** and **Rapier** practices, see the Ponte Alto calendar for times and locations.

Indoor activities including: **Monthly Populace Gatherings**, **Newcomers Night**, and **A&S activities**, will continue by means of virtual communication. Details for those events, and how to access the virtual meetings will be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at <https://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Be sure to check out the [Baronial website](#) for the latest re-opening information!

([chatelaine@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chatelaine@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org)), or check out the Events/ Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

\*Note on school locations for activities: There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are canceled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

\* A reminder to those to attend marshal activities and practice at Fairfax County Public Schools: **NO FORM of real weapons, even Swiss Army knives, box cutters, etc. are to be brought onto school property.\***



# Baronial Progress

| Baronial Progress for August/September |  |
|--|--|
| Date                                   | Event  |
| 8/7                                    | <b>Stierbach Baronial Birthday</b> (Naran & Marie-Therese) |
| 9/18                                   | <b>Atlantia University</b> (Naran & Marie-Therese)         |
| 9/24                                   | <b>Battle on the Bay</b> (Naran & Marie-Therese)           |
|  |  |

## *We really could use your help*

There are several positions in our Barony that could use a Deputy; actually, all of the positions that we have could benefit by having at least one deputy.

Why a Deputy? Well, it is easy for any one of us to intend to do something if we don't take into account that the SCA is what we do with our time after we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

With deputies, the work load can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

Besides, it is a great way to work with others to do something different to help make your, and other's, SCA experience that much better!







## Ponte Alto Notables

**Archery Champion:** Sofia of Ponte Alto  
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**A&S Champion:** Briana Morgan of the Valley  
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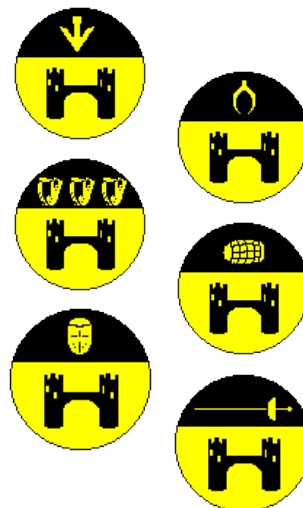
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### *Looking for a way to get involved?*

#### *Why not try retaining!*

##### *What is retaining?*

*Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!*

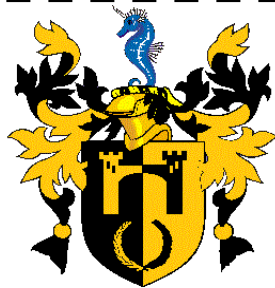
##### *Who can retain?*

*Anyone can retain! If you've got free time at an event, Their Excellencies will be very appreciative of your assistance. Plus it's a great way to learn more about what it means to be part of the pageantry of the SCA!*

##### *How can I volunteer?*

*If you are interested in volunteering, or even just finding out more, reach out to our head retainer!*

*headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org*



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