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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!

News & Announcements

For the latest in Atlantia's COVID-19 Policies, please visit:

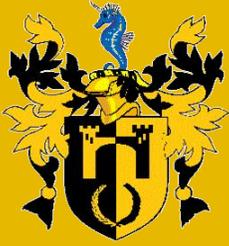
<https://atlantia.sca.org/reopening-atlantia/>

This webpage contains the most up-to-date information from the Seneschal's office concerning the resumption of activities for groups within the Kingdom of Atlantia.

Each of the files on this webpage has a short description of the contents along with the publication time for each document.

It is important to note the file's date as information is subject to change.





Populace Gathering Minutes

Date: June 26, 2022

Began: 5:06 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 6:00 PM

Notes: Lord Rónán mac Ímair/
Juliana le Webbe

Attendees: 18

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Seneschal – Lord Hákon brimill (David Hultman)

- No COVID policies update
- Fairfax County is in medium alert, so we're still
- Interested in autocrating? Please reach out!
- Looking for officer volunteers, like a SMO
- Especially a chamberlain - someone to do not the physical logistics or storing Ponte Alto gear but coordinating the items for events and such.

Exchequer – Astrid (Katie Bischoff)

- \$10,323.70
- Yes, once I go through the quarterly report with Mowgli, everything will be transferred to him.
- Adina - have you paid yourself for the storage shed?
- Astrid - no because I cannot sign the checks for myself
- Hákon - Both Mowgli and I are going to have signature power, so when that happens, we can pay Astrid.
- Astrid - it can be paid 3 months ahead of time, and we'll be fixing it for next month.
 - Otherwise nothing else!
- Teagan - Mowgli submitted his paperwork for his warrant. He'll keep looking for less expensive
- MT - I'd be willing to help move stuff if we get a new storage unit.
- Hákon - planning to do an inventory in August after Pennsic. We don't have a date yet.

Knight Marshal – Lord Jacques Gonse

- For practice - uptick in average number of participants per practice
- Everything is at Tysons Pimmit Park and merged
- Kudos to Hákon for him competing in crown
- Joscelin and JG got into the semifinals during Ruby Joust.
- We're gaining momentum in our martial practices.
- We did update the website announcing the combining of practices.
- MT - are we doing a spear authorization closer to Pennsic?
 - JG - We are putting together authorizations, yes
 - MT - can we announce to the local baronies, so we can do a bulk of authorizations.
 - JG - I'm adding it to my whiteboard



- JG - may try to get people authorized at Novice. If not, we can work with Kingdom to get people authorized in the 2 weekends before Pennsic.

Arts and Sciences – Noble Sæunn hima (Evie Miller)

- I took over in the first week of June
- We had a basic applique class with 10 attendees.
- Teagan - it was great!
- Sæunn - Plan for the next two months
- I'd like to have one in person meet a month, at the park with the fighters
- Consider getting a baronial zoom account.
 - Hákon - it's on the ongoing business and to do list.
- Sæunn - I have a deputy named Randy I can't get in touch with him. I don't know what to do.
 - Hákon - ping me offline we'll track that down.
- MT - do you have Blixia? [Sæunn's hedgehog]
 - Sæunn - he's sleeping in his sling.

Social Media Officer – Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of SMO

- As we add people to the group, make sure people are doing what they supposed to as they added to admin

Chatelaine – Lady Delphina the Mad (Charlene Ratliff)

- Tuesday at 7:30 - on the Ponte Alto calendar, and also on the FB
- Gave out a lot of Ponte Alto business cards at AwesomeCon, got a lot of interested, and been contacted by some.
- Will do this again next year it was fun.
- I am not going to Pennsic.
- MT - I'm thinking about doing something for the people who cannot go.

Herald – Lady Johanna le Paumer (Sarah Stango)

- Continues
- Working with someone on her name.
- Hákon - thank you for being awesome, she really appreciated the help.

Chronicler – Lady Juliana le Webbe (Jillian Browning)

- Continues
- If you have any articles you would like to include, please email us!
- We love getting email, or ideas for articles/segments.

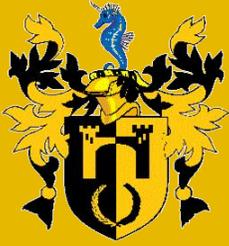
Web Minister – Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Continues
- Some updates have been discussed, so that's going to happen.



Baron and Baroness - Their Excellencies Noyon Naran Numuchi & Baroness Marie-Therese Normand (Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles)

- Noyon Naran Numuchi
 - The new site is interesting, some people were having problems. We didn't have the space we wanted at Ruby Joust. People had fun.
 - I didn't camp, but it poured Rain on Friday
 - Parking was awful because it was completely unlit.
 - They're going to keep that site, and I think they're going to use it for Fall Coronation.
- Baroness Marie Therese Normand
 - I need input on a kid's toy box, all I'm getting is beany babies, I need advice for little kids. Bubbles? I got a yes. Foam swords, stickers.
 - Please text me with ideas or send an email. I've been grabbing stuff from dollar store.
 - Teagan - you hit it on the head, fidget toys, yoyos, little decks of playing cards
 - Mowgli - there's a vendor who does wooden/period toys.
 - MT - please send me a link.
 - Lisbet - I'll send some pictures of what worked for my boys.
 - MT - we have 3 fundraisers happening. There is a link on the kingdom site for a field tent for Pennsic, the Oktoberfest for Pennsic, and the king & queen travel fund.
 - Hákon - one or two of those fundraisers may have been pulled.
 - MT - belt favors, I need some for Pennsic, black and gold - 20 to 40 for Pennsic.
 - Award suggestions for our next event, the last time we asked for them we only got two. So look around in your community and see who you would like to be known. That would give me someone to give an award to with so much work.
 - We are at the 20 months out from Naran and I stepping down. We need to find replacements.
 - If you see someone who would be a good fit, talk it up and send them my way.
 - MT - equity and inclusion class, it came up that there are some in our community who don't come to events because they're worried about terrain, accessibility, quiet room.
 - We might want to create icons that give info - silent heralds, wheelchair accessible bathroom, terrain details.
 - JG - we can add a question for accessibility needs and a person to contact about any questions.
 - MT - They're doing that at kingdom level to add to an event's page.
 - We should have something in flyers about a contact for accessibility questions.
 - Mowgli - we can create a Ponte Alto email potentially for the questions.
 - MT - maybe creating a site map for our events.
 - Adina - if you make people email you, they're unlikely to do it. Which is why you would want that information on the flyer. Not icons, which could be confusing. And just having that info in the flyer.



EVENTS

- n/a

OLD BUSINESS

- n/a

NEW BUSINESS

- Mariana - Cultura Atlantia is coming up, I have resources. You should do it!
- S - the P/Pr put out a call for garb and largesse by Pennsic, Spanish 15th Century.
- Maura - I do want to volunteer for a deputy position, but I don't know what they all entail, or what would be the best match.
 - Hákon - There are some on the kingdom and SCA website. We can talk offline, and we can get the officers
 - Mowgli - there's a deputy and emergency exchequer position available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are not a part of the Ponte Alto Pennsic group page, let me know so I can add you
- Adina - 95 now has flashing speed signs so the maximum speed limit for 95 changes. You will get a ticket based on those signs, so pay attention.





A&S Activities

A&S Update from Noble Sæunn hima

Happy July Ponte Alto!

This past month's Arts and Sciences news has been light, but not uneventful! Many of our Pontoons were representing the barony at Storvik Novice on the weekend of our outdoor A&S meeting, but a small group gathered to share knowledge of historic perfumes, Ottoman dance, weaving, and metalworking. There were even a few impromptu dance and drop spindle demos!

On the 20th, we gathered virtually for Suphinabal's class, Introduction to Research in the SCA - more details on the outcome will be in the next Il Tempo.

In June, our class was a wonderful hands-on lesson on basic applique by Lady Hildegard Bergerin. We had fifteen attendees and many beautiful creations inspired by her instruction.

In other news:

It is with great regret that we bid farewell to our Deputy MoAS, Lord Randall, who has decided to step down at this time for mundane reasons. We hope to welcome you back in the future; we'll miss you and your contributions to medieval dance education.

Ponte Alto wishes to congratulate the three Pontoons on earning their degrees at Atlantia University! Those who earned degrees are:

- Lady Juliana Le Webbe - Bachelor's
- Lady Astrid - Bachelor's
- Drogo Rainulf de Dragonera - Master's

YIS,

Noble Sæunn hima, Minister of Art & Science

Do you have 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](#), Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina!

Looking for Largesse

We are in need of largess for the upcoming year! Please contact Her Excellency about your donations. 😊



Disguising a Phone at an Event: An Experiment

By Lady Juliana le Webbe

So, when I was planning for my first event last July 2021 (yes, I am a baby SCAdian), I thought of hiding my phone as all the pages I saw recommended. This is no easy feat, as being a millennial, am almost constantly on my phone, at least according to all those silly millennial-hating articles from like 10 years ago.

So how to hide it, so those who don't want to see it won't see it? Why, simply hide it in a book! This ended up being both super easy and super hard. I essentially glued the pages together at the edges, then cut out an indent for my phone using an x-acto knife. Then once the hole was big enough, adding more glue to the page sides within the hole to stabilize the whole thing. I then just covered the outside with a plain brown paper and added felt to the spine and the inside cover. I was so proud of myself.

And after that first event, I haven't used it since.

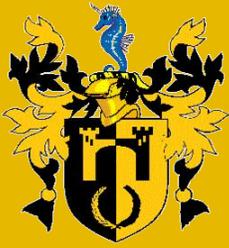


This was for two reasons. The first was that sometimes, you just got to look at your phone. Either to put in a new friend's contact info for later shenanigans, or maybe for taking a picture of someone's cool A&S display. The second was because unless you had a basket you were carrying, it's difficult to keep track of your phone and not have to carry the book. And if you need to have your hands free, this item can be overly cumbersome.

Maybe for retaining I'd bust this out again, so it looks like I'm either taking notes or reading out of a book while I use my phone for typing things in and keeping organized. But for practical use? This was not it.

So, for the second round of this, I thought about a pouch! Which does make sense, since pouches are all the rage these days. Everyone has a SOME sort of pouch.

I made this pouch specifically for my phone, since that's the whole point of this. I used the measurements of my phone. To be precise, I used the measurements of my phone plus



like 1-2 inches in every direction. This way my phone wouldn't be snug in the pouch and I could easily retrieve it. And if I needed to slip something in the pouch really quick, like my glasses or something, the pouch would have enough room. I'm on the right in the second picture, photo taken by Lord Rónán mac Ímair, and you can see the pouch hanging from my belt:



It's two layers of linen, for extra assurances that if my phone screen lights up it's more difficult to see it, and the two layers help soften the lines of the pop socket I have on my phone which prevents me from dropping it on my face when I'm sitting in bed alone at night scrolling on some app I'm using to distract me from reality. 😊

It also has two drawstrings, so the pouch can be pulled shut from both sides. The straps are long enough that I can easily loop it in a lark's head knot around whatever belt I'm wearing, and still long enough for me to open and close it.

I made this back in August 2021 to use while at Battle of the Bay. I've been using it for about six months now, and I have no complaints! I think the only thing I would change is the drawstrings. I used a random rope trim I picked up at Joann's. I want to replace them at some point with either some lucet cord or maybe a finger braid.

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 consider 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 workload 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 yours, and others', SCA experience that much better!



Martial Activities

Martial Activities Update

- Practices on Thursdays and Sundays are currently held in Tyson's Pimmit Park. Please see the Weekly/Monthly Events section for details.

Ponte Alto Martial actives kicked off in May with Ruby Joust. Two Barony members made the semifinals in the main rapier tournament, Sir Joscelin and Provost Jacques. Provost Jacques went on to tie in the finals in the tournament the following day.

Heavy and Rapier Practice continues every fair-weather Sunday and Thursday. Both days have had good turnouts with fighters of all skill levels. We have even had some melee practice Sundays.

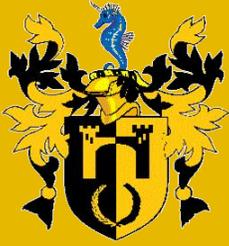
YIS,

Lord Jacques Gonse, Knight Martial



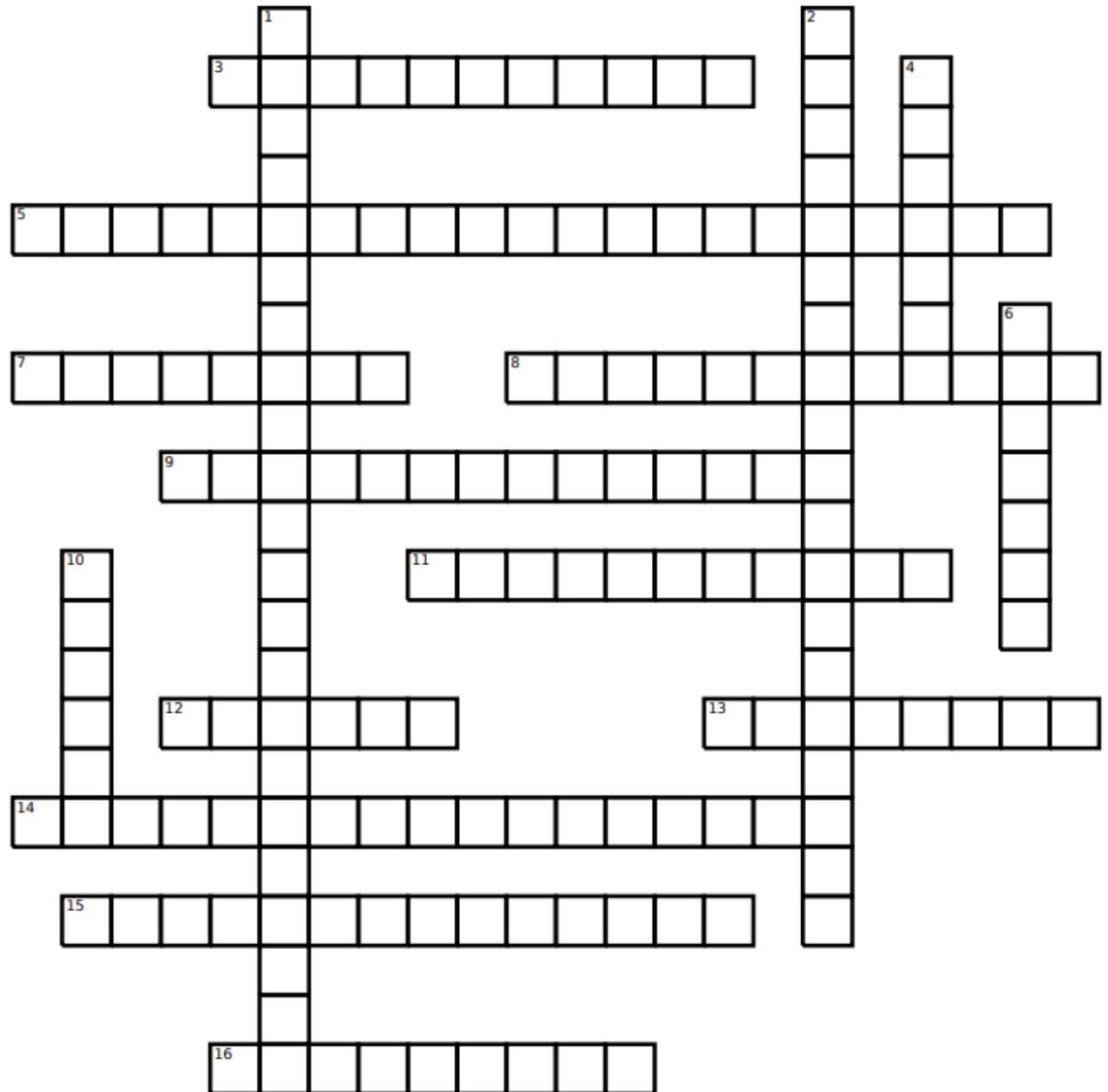
Noyon Naran Numuchi during a Saturday archery practice at Grimmsfield.

Photo taken by Lady Sofia Dolgorukaia



Non-Armigerous Kingdom Orders/Awards & Youth Awards Crossword

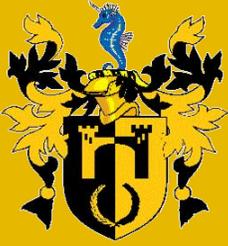
Here's a puzzle for you! A total of 16 names related to the Non-Armigerous Kingdom Awards, the Non-Armigerous Kingdom Awards, and the Youth Awards. Can solve this puzzle? I hope you can! Clues begin at the bottom of this page and answers are on the same page as the Ponte Alto Notables. 😊



Crossword Clues

Across

- Youth Award that honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their service and contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia.
- Non-Armigerous Kingdom Order: Conferred by the Queen/Consort of Atlantia upon such subjects as she deems worthy by reason of their consistently exemplary courtesy to subjects of all ranks in this Realm and in the Society at large. (4 Words)



7. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that recognizes and honors those who have performed acts of service for the Kingdom of Atlantia
8. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary contributions in ensuring the future of our Kingdom through our youth or new members; furthering their educational growth to become active and productive members of Atlantia (4 Words)
9. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Order: One becomes a member after successfully completing one reign as Consort. (4 Words)
11. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that recognizes and honors those who have performed acts of valor for the Kingdom of Atlantia (2 Words)
12. Youth Award that honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their labors and achievements in the arts and sciences.
13. Youth Award that honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor and chivalry in Youth martial activities. (2 Words)
14. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that honors and recognizes the ferocity and valor of a group of fighters as a whole, not as individuals. When they fight as a unit, the group will have the honor of carrying the banner with the heraldry of the award into battle. (2 Words)
15. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by an extraordinary achievement in the Arts and Sciences. (2 Words)
16. Youth Award that honors and recognizes those children (up to and including the age of 12), who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia in service, martial activities, and/or arts and sciences. (2 Words)

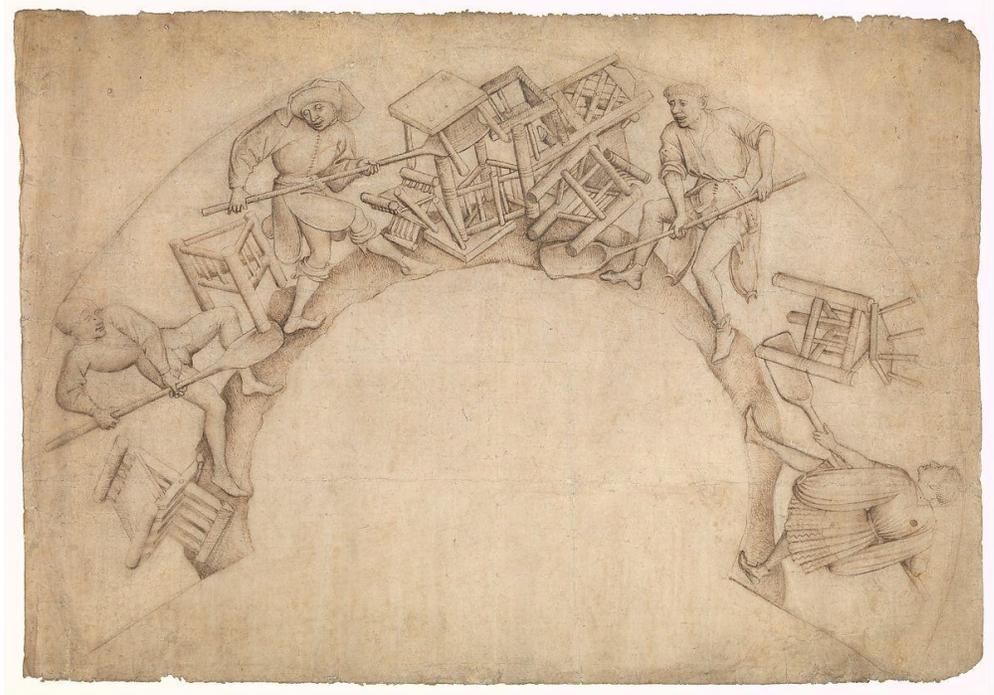
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1. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by their excellent contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia. This award is a gift solely of the King/Sovereign to whomever is deemed deserving. (4 Words)
2. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Order: Admittance honors and recognizes those who have shown excellence, honor, courtesy or chivalry above and beyond any duty. The members exemplify what it means to be an Atlantian. This award may be given only once per reign and is conveyed solely at the discretion of the Crown (4 Words)
4. Youth Award that honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their acts of courtesy.
6. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary achievement as autocrats.
10. Non-Armigerous Kingdom Award that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves with exceptional service to the Queen/Consort of Atlantia. This award is a gift solely of the Queen/Consort to whomever is deemed deserving.



Art Spotlight: *Men Shoveling Chairs (Scupstoel)*

Circle of Rogier van der Weyden, possibly Vranke van der Stockt, Netherlandish, circa 1444-50



From the Met's website:

This remarkable drawing – among the few extant fifteenth-century designs for representational sculpture – is a study for one of three narrative capitals carved for the Brussels town hall between 1444 and 1450. The subject is a pun on the word *scupstoel* (literally “shovel chair”), a contraption used for public humiliation in which felons were raised above water and then dropped in. *Scupstoel* was also the name of a house that previously stood on the site of the new wing of the town hall. An inscription on the drawing's reverse indicates that the drawing served as a *patroen*, a model that may illustrate an intermediary stage between the preliminary sketch and the detailed pattern used by the sculptors of the capital. Its curved design suggests the three-dimensional form of the capital. Traditionally associated with the circle of Rogier van der Weyden, the renowned Netherlandish master who oversaw a large workshop as town painter of Brussels, the drawing recently has been attributed to Rogier's successor in this role: the painter Vrancke van der Stockt. A 19th-century reconstruction of the “*Scupstoel*” capital (after the original, Musée Communal, Brussels) is now on the ground floor arcade, L'Hôtel de Ville, Grande Place, Brussels.

To Find out more, visit The Met website [here](#).



Weekly/Monthly Events

<i>SUNDAY</i>	
Outdoor Heavy Weapons	<p>Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)</p> <p>Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.</p>
<i>MONDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Archery Practice	Practice is held at Grimmsfield. 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169. 5:00pm until dusk. If you need loaner gear, or would like more information, please contact the Archery Marshal, Lord Rónán mac Ímair.
<i>THURSDAY</i>	
Heavy Weapons Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, 6pm (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above).
Rapier Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above) Winter, Shreveview Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
<i>FRIDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Winter Archery Practice	ON HOLD
<i>MONTHLY</i>	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held the <u>4th Tuesday</u> of the month at 7:30 p.m. via either Zoom or Google Meets. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org) or check out the Events/ Activities page on the website for the most recent information.
Ponte Alto Baronial Populace Gathering	Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 p.m. virtually on Zoom. The Zoom link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar. Everyone is welcome to attend.
A&S Projects Night	<u>1st & 3rd Tuesday</u> , via Zoom or at private residences. Address will be posted on a private site (Facebook A&S Event) to preserve the privacy of the host. If you'd like to host or don't have a Facebook account and need the address, please contact Lady Mariana de Ruiz (mka Emily Shifflett) moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org .

*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.*



Upcoming Events in Atlantia

Date	Event
7/29 – 8/14	Pennsic War II: (Aethelmearc) (Q K)
8/20	Huapahua II: A Period America Symposium : Chesapeake VA (Marinus)
8/20	Nottingham Coill Baronial Picnic and A&S Day : Prosperity SC (Nottingham Coill)
8/26 – 8/28	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 40 Year : Ellerbe NC (Sacred Stone)
8/27	Skewered! 3 : Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
9/2 – 9/4	Emerald Hastilude : Lanexa VA (Tir-y-Don)
9/9 – 9/11	Trial by Fire and Royal Archery : Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills)
9/16 – 9/18	Midnight at the Oasis : Apex NC (Nimenefeld)
9/17 – 9/18	Fall University : Mineral VA (Caer Mear) (Pr P)
9/23 – 9/25	Battle on the Bay : Upper Marlboro MD (Lochmere) (Q K)
9/24	Tourney of Silver Chalice : Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain)
9/30 – 10/2	Fall Coronation : Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Q K Pr P)
10/8	Stierbach XXIV Baronial Birthday Celebration : Charging of the Crimson Bull : Spotsylvania VA (Stierbach)
10/11 – 10/16	War of the Wings XV : Boonville NC (Atlantia)
10/29	Arts & Sciences Workshop : Spartanburg, SC (Nottingham Coill)

*Note that these dates and links are subject to change. For a full and updated list, please visit the Atlantia Kingdom Calendar at <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>.



Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Progress
7/29 - 8/14	Pennsic War II	Naran
8/27	Skewered	Naran
9/9 - 9/11	Trial by Fire and Royal Archery	Naran
9/17	Fall University	Naran & MT
9/23 - 9/25	Battle on the Bay	Naran & MT
10/1	Fall Coronation	Naran & MT
10/11 - 10/16	War of the Wings	Naran
10/18	Stierbach Baronial Birthday Celebration	Naran & MT
11/4 - 11/6	Crown Tournament	Naran
11/11 - 11/13	Swamp Wars	Naran

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@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org



Ponte Alto Notables



Archery Champion: Sof'ia Dolgorukaia
acherychamp@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



A&S Champion: Briana Morgan of the Valley
artisan@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



Bardic Champion: Celia of Rosedale
bard@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



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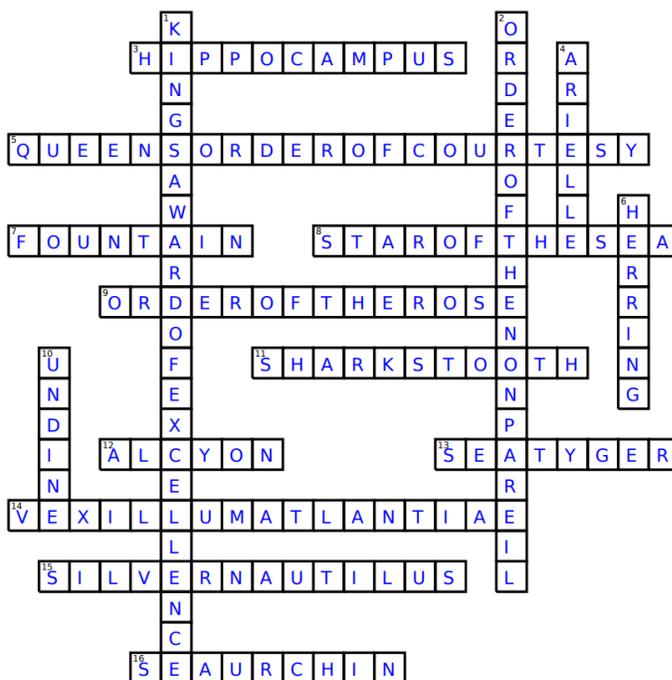
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