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Part of a Chasuble c.1500

England, London (embroidery) and Italy, Florence (velvet), early 16th century

Medium: Silk, gold filé, appliqué embroidery on velve

Dimensions Overall: 101 x 52.8 cm (39 3/4 x 20 13/16 in.)

One of the most celebrated textile traditions of the Middle Ages was Opus Anglicanum, or “English Work”—a style of embroidery that captivated both royal courts and religious institutions across Europe. Produced primarily by embroidery guilds in London, these elaborate designs adorned ecclesiastical vestments, noble garments, and decorative furnishings, weaving together artistry and symbolism in every stitch.

A stunning example of this craftsmanship is a part of a chasuble, dating to c. 1500. Originating in London but featuring Florentine velvet, the piece showcases angels and thistles, once forming part of the back of a liturgical garment. While the central decorative band is now missing, the surviving velvet panels still convey the intricate detail and grandeur characteristic of Opus Anglicanum embroidery.

English artisans mastered techniques such as couching stitches, where gold filé thread was carefully laid and secured with silk, creating shimmering, lifelike imagery. The demand for these textiles reached far beyond England’s borders, with commissions from popes, kings, and clergy across Europe.

Although the tradition waned in later centuries, Opus Anglicanum remains a gold standard in medieval embroidery, influencing modern textile arts and inspiring artisans today—including those within the SCA, who continue to study and replicate these medieval masterpieces.

MASTHEAD

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

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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 or play a period game, your experience at an event, how or what to prepare for a day trip or a War, a recipe or 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. For longer narratives (on projects, for example) we can serialize as you go, including photos at different stages.)

This list of potential submissions can go on for ages –limited only 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

- Ponte Alto has been registered for Pennsic. Now we need to find two people to act as Land Steward and Land Agent. Due to land re-allocations by the Cooper Family, there have been significant changes in space assignments. Our Land Agent and Steward will need to communicate with Pennsic staff to ensure we fully comprehend our space. We continue with our previous Tri-Baronial encampment plan with Windmaster's Hill, Ponte Alto, and Black Diamond.
- Greetings Atlantia, if you previously served as an A&S Kingdom Notable, could you please send an email to me at moas@officer.atlantia.sca.org? I'm working on updating records, and I have lots of gaps. The A&S Notables I'm seeking data on are: **Brewer, Baker, Bard, Poeta**. For details if you're interested, see the updated webpage for A&S Kingdom Notables here: <https://moas.atlantia.sca.org/royal-notables/>

Thank you, Dame Sophia the Orange, Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (Lara Coutinho)

Please [submit](#) award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

March Populace Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

Began: 7:10 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:23 PM

Notes: Rónán mac Imaid

Attendees: 10 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Finn for Rónán mac Imaid (Ron Hanagan)

A heartfelt thank-you to Forannan for organizing an outstanding event—well done!
The storage unit contract has been updated. Ronan, Finn, and Mowgli are now listed as contacts, streamlining future interactions.

The finance committee has officially approved the budget for Victory on the Vine.
Proposed changes to the financial policy remain under review—status ongoing

Knight Marshal – Hakon for Syr Frederick Thurstone (Fred Clune)

Not present.

Hakon reports that Lemon Road is closed this week due to spring break. Heavy/Armored practice will merge with Rapier practice at Shrevewood. The calendar has been updated accordingly, and word has been passed via social media.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

Exciting news! A demo planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5 PM with Ronan, Finn, and Maura for a site walk-through.

Maura has posted a call for volunteers on Facebook—help is needed! Thorunn will assist with promotion.

The school hosting the demo is looking for Arts & Sciences activities—ideas include candle-making, fighting demonstrations, and archery.

Rónán recommends reaching out directly to potential participants or those who may suggest suitable contributors.

Newcomer meetings and picnics will resume very soon!

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Current balance: \$6,294.76

Awaiting final receipts from Bloodbath

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Two items have passed Kingdom and are now being reviewed at the Society level.

Marion Compton received a badge in the latest Letter of Acceptance from Society.

A new peerage has been approved! The Order of the Mark is now official, recognizing martial pursuits such as target archery, combat archery, siege, and thrown weapons.

Hákon encourages nominations for this new peerage—contact him if assistance is needed in the nomination process.

Please **submit** award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

Heraldry office hours were planned, but current interest leans toward handling inquiries on a case-by-case basis. The idea may be revisited if demand increases.

Arts & Sciences – Noble Cuno von Schießwig (Joseph Glancy)

Not present—no report.

Chronicler – Viscountess Katya Wanderer

Not present—no report.

We are in need of a new Chronicler!

Primary responsibilities include recording and publishing minutes from the populace meetings in our Baronial newsletter. Articles covering Arts & Sciences, fighting, and other topics are optional, but publishing meeting notes and the regnum is required to maintain Baronial status.

Web Minister – Lord Robin of Ponte Alto (Brian MacMonigle)

Not present—no report.

Social Media Officer – Thorunn Manfítzbrekka (Nadia Garcia)

Not present—no report.

Their Excellencies, Baron Hákon and Baroness Hrefna

Their Excellencies plan to attend:

- Crown Tournament (day trip)
- Victory on the Vine
- Additional event participation is under consideration.

Recommendations for the Order of the Mark are encouraged!

Additionally, Victory on the Vine will likely be the final Ponte Alto event for Katya and Frederick—best wishes to them on their next adventure!

EVENTS

BLOODBATH

Final receipts are still outstanding, but preliminary estimates indicate a small surplus.

Forannan will follow up with the cook regarding receipts.

VICTORY ON THE VINE

Budget approved!

Plans for Bardic at Victory (and LEAFS event) are in progress.

Pre-registration is available—sign up soon!

Updates on Bardic, Arts & Sciences, Archery, and Heraldry are needed to finalize the website—MICs and event planners should provide details to Mowgli and Robin.

Event Features:

- Porta-potties ordered.
- Equestrian to be there.
- Camping! Some will be near tavern.
- Camping with horses is allowed!
- Mowgli - Spigots available. Mowgli will verify the water is potable!
- Bathrooms will be open 24 hours.
- Can even camp until Monday!
- Mowgli will get a map created.
- *** Conflicting event note: Skewered, Rapier Event.

Why the conflict? Kingdom reported "We don't know who came first." **{ed. Note: this is the third event in 3 months that has been allowed to conflict with Ponte Alto major events. }**

- We will have combat archery.
- No "feast", but there will be food trucks. They will get back to us on which one(s).
- Theme: "Celts on the Vine"
 - o Anubh commented that Celts drink beer. Mowgli will ping Anubh.
 - o Vineyard ~ knotwork. Hakon and Anubh will hammer something out.
- Tokens acquired. Given to Katya.
- Heraldry. Forannan. Thinks it might be in the evening. So as not to conflict with fighting. In the barn suggests Mowgli. We'll have barn access all night.
- Bardic in the barn as well? One of the firepits is near the barn. Which also has benches.
- Tiki torches allowed? Mowgli says yes.
- Forannan, access to the tavern for singing? Mowgli can check. Maybe Friday night and then Saturday night. Would encourage camping.

DEMO – JUNE 3RD

Seventh-grade History class at Private Girls School in Vienna, studying the Middle Ages. A visit was planned for April 16th to scope the site.

What kind of space? Kind of events? etc. Will reach out afterwards for volunteers.

CROWN TOURNY BID

Finn to talk with Mowgli

OLD BUSINESS

1. Baronial To-Do list: Need to do an inventory and clean out on the storage area. We've managed to free up some space, but a good inventory (ideally with pictures) is overdue. A date to be established in the near future.
2. Need to find a venue for bardic practices! 1st Tuesday of the month!
Requirements: Free preferably. 7-10pm. Attendance 10+. Metro accessible would be nice.
 - a. Hákon - Wouldn't be that hard to use one of the Elementary schools. Forannan to chat with Hákon about this to get contacts. e.g., Lemon Road. Need to talk about the potential insurance adjustment. Hákon should be able to provide some input in about 2 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: **None**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.



PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Pennsic (Need Land Steward and Camp Steward)

Planning is already starting for Pennsic. There will be significant changes in the camping space assignments. Some groups are being displaced and losing their priority. Let's be nice. Atlantia will be a co-leader of the war this year. It's going to be a lot more work, but also more fun.



Quadrilobed Plaque c. 1280–1300 France, Paris, Ile-de-France, Gothic period, early 14th century

Overall: 4.8 x 4.8 cm (1 7/8 x 1 7/8 in.)

Courtesy of Open Access and "www.clevelandart.org"

Atlantia Event Calendar – May

Date	Event	Location
	May - ASLX (2025)	
05-02 - 05-04	Atlantian Spring Crown	Boonville NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
05-09 - 05-11	Hawkwood's XXI Baronial Birthday: One Night in Marrakesh	Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)
05-09 - 05-11	Return to Sherwood: Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday	Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K)
05-17 - 05-18	<u>Victory on the Vine II</u>	Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto) (Q)
05-17 - 05-17	Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights Tournament V	AIKEN SC (Ritterwald)
05-23 - 05-26	Gem Joust / Investiture	Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Q K Pr P)
05-31 - 05-31	On Target!	Annapolis MD (Lochmere) (K)

*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/>.

Upcoming Events

Spring Crown Tournament -- 05-03-2025 - Elchenburg Castle (Booneville, NC)

Hey everyone! Its the time to register for Spring Crown Tournament now that Their Highnesses have announced for letters of intent. I also wanted to wait after all of you returned home safely from Gulf Wars. Spring Crown Tournament will be held at Elchenburg Castle and you can register through Scores at the following link:

<https://sca.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/sca/eventList.jsp>

On behalf of the staff, I hope to see you there!
(John Patrick Brice Jr)

Edward Perry, Gate Minister

Klement Pavlik

If you are looking to request space around the List field for Spring Crown, please fill out the Google Form at the link provided.

<https://forms.gle/JG6qKnFbC5KP1dCB8>

Victory on the Vine II



Victory on the Vine II – 5/17-5/18, 2025 – Ponte Alto (Culpeper, VA)

The Barony of Ponte Alto welcomes you to Victory on the Vine II with a day of fighting and fun for all at Mountain Run Winery. Last year's event was a roaring success and launched Mountain Run Winery as one of the best sites for fighting and SCA events in NoVA.

https://atlantia.sca.org/event/?event_id=671e206e

<https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/events/victory-on-the-vine/>

In addition, the great spaces for fighting, archery, bardic, A&S, and merchants etc... the site has a pub with indoor seating to enjoy wine, beer, mead, food, games, and AC. This year we are stepping it up and the site has offered to host camping the evening before to the morning after the event.

Expect a fun-filled day of melee, melee, melee, and pickups with the chance to authorize in any weapons form on the fighting fields, Bardic and of course learning and sharing in all of our arts!

Ponte Alto is hosting but we expect all the Northern Atlantian Barons & Baronesses to be in attendance. We are also expecting their New Majesties to be in attendance. We hope to see you there for another incredible day!

Site Restrictions: No one under the age of 21 may purchase or consume any alcoholic beverages under any circumstances. No visible intoxication allowed. Alcoholic beverages purchased on site permitted only. Please, no drinking and driving. Access to the Stable Barn and Pole Barn are restricted due to concurrent outside events at the winery. No smoking in or near any structures. No dogs off leash.

Camping will be behind the Tavern farther out beyond where the archery was at last year's event.
Mountain Run Winery 10753 Mountain Run Lake Rd, Culpeper, VA, 22701

Event Steward: Mowgli of Angelsey

Email: MowgliofAngelsey@gmail.com

Cost:

Registration Notes: Please include your modern and SCA name, Membership Number if applicable and what is included in your payment.

	Day-Trip	Feast	Camping
Adult, Member Discount Event Registration	20	0	10
Adult, Event Registration	30	0	10
Youth (6 - 17)	10	0	0
Child (0-5)	0	0	0

Cost Notes:

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Barony of Ponte Alto

Please include your modern and SCA name, Membership Number if applicable and what is included in your payment.

Activities

Martial Activities:

- Authorization
- Melees
- Armored
- Rapier
- Pick-ups
- Combat Archery
- Target Archery
- Siege
- possibly youth fighting

A&S: There will be Bardic and Arts and Sciences activities!

Marshall in Charge: Sir Fredrick **Heavy Marshal:** Her Excellency, Teagan of Anglesey

Feast: There will be No feast but Greenlee Tavern serves some food and we hope to have a food truck or two on site.

Merchants: Merchants please contact Mowgli at mowgliofanglesey@gmail.com to reserve a space around the field.

Other: The site offers tent camping Friday evening 4pm to Sunday 12 noon. Camping is \$10 Per adult; youth (0-17) free. There will be a designated space marked out near the far tree line for camping. The site offers firewood. Campfires are **only** allowed in designated fire pits or elevated fire pits.

If you plan to camp please email mowgliofanglesey@gmail.com

You can arrive Friday evening to camp and should plan to be offsite by 12 noon Sunday the 18th. Gate will open at 9am Saturday. If you camp Friday night, you will need to register at the gate first thing Saturday morning.

REGNUM

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VACANT

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Ponte Alto Regular Events

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address	Google
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library	Live
Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook			
Monthly Dance Practice	Thursday, April 10, (7:00 – 9:00pm)	Kings Park Library	Live
Monthly on the second Thursday; Check Ponte Alto Website for location and dates monthly. It occasionally moves to different libraries. Hosted by Rachel/Alice			
Indoor Heavy Practice (Until Spring-probably May)	THURSDAYS (6:00-9:00)	Lemon Road Elementary School	Live
Indoor Rapier Practice (Until Spring-probably May)	THURSDAYS (7:00-9:00)	Shrevewood Elementary School	Live
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-	MONDAYS (5:00 until Dusk)	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.	Live
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Lord Rónán mac Ímair.			
Baron's Open Chair (if you need to speak to the Baron about official business)		Thursday evening Fighter Practice	LINK
Bring your handwork or small projects to work on; ask questions of fellow baronial members; hang out and watch the fighting; work on your armor; teach or attend a class. Everyone is welcome!			
Populace/Business Meetings	Third TUESDAY of the month 7:30	Online. Everyone is invited to attend.	LINK
The Google Meet link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar.			