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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

- If you have any warrants in the Society for Creative Anachronism, please contact the deputy seneschal at seneschal@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org. We are working on updating our database of information so even if you think we have current information on your warrants, please reach out to make sure.
- Please [submit](#) award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>
- If you are interested in running for Baronage, your letter of intent is due ASAP.

SEPTEMBER POPULACE MEETING

Date: September 15, 2026

Began: 7:33 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:18 PM

Notes: Bentz Klein

Attendees: 14 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

University of Atlantia is this weekend. Baron Hákon will be there.

The Baron is going to an event each of the next three weeks.

Harvest Market is still looking for volunteers. If you are interested you can speak with Finn.

We are looking for more volunteers to fill out Baronial officer positions.

Seneschal – Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

Letters of Intent are needed from those seeking candidacy for Baronage. Some candidates have reached out. The polling will be conducted by and information about the process will come from from the Virginia Regional Seneschal.

Letters of Intent are due 16 weeks before investiture.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Mowgli absent, report relayed by Rónán.

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People who are interested in the Exchequer position should take Exchequer 101 and 201 at the University of Atlantia this weekend.

Knight Marshal – Vacant

Vacant, report given by Sir Hákon brimill (David Hultman) .

We had a melee practice this past Sunday. There was tremendous turnout. Half of the Ponte Alto fighters were present and people came from as far as Bright Hills and further.

There is consistently 5-6 armored fighters at practices.

We are moving indoors this week for Thursday night practices.

There is no Thursday practice on September 24th. Remember to always check the Baronial calendar before going to a practice.

There should be no further interruptions on the Thursday practices through December.

We are looking for people to help take over the Armored loaner gear. If you can help, please reach out to Forannán.

(Rónán) Outdoor Archery and Thrown Weapons practice is ongoing until the time change in early November.

(Rónán) There was good turnout the past couple of weeks at ranges weapons practice. There were 28 people yesterday.

(Forannán) We are sorting through the loaner armor. Some of it is going back to its original owners. If anyone has armor in the loaner gear, reach out to Forannán. We are distributing the remaining armor to other people. The main difficulty is figuring out who owns what bit of loaner armor.

All marshals at practices should carry paper waivers.

(Finn) Youth combat is going really well thanks to Ginevra and Mowgli

Arts & Sciences – Herr Cuno von Schleßwig (Joseph Glancy)

We are working with Hákon for an SCA 101 class. We're looking to have it at a Thursday practice.

(Update since the meeting. SCA 101 will take place online on September 24th)

We are preparing for Harvest Market.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

There is a newcomers meeting this Sunday.

Kosmou will be broadcasting newcomers meeting to more social media locations.

October's newcomers meeting will be outside. We are looking at the 4th of October.

We are moving inside for November for the newcomers meetings and are looking at November 5th.

We have a time sensitive request to be part of the parade for the Town of Herndon on October 24th.

Gold key is in good order.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Herald is become vacant but we have potential replacements for the position.

Some name and device submissions have been going missing. We are tracking them down.

We have work to do on some rejections of devices.

Three new Baronial awards should be on the August LOAR.

Chronicler – Lord Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

Nothing to report.

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

Lord Robin absent.

Working on onboarding a new web minister.

Social Media Officer – Kosmou Aurelia toû Theophanous (K. Thomas)

We are posting weekly updates.

We have a request to announce armoring day.

We are hoping to do more advertising for Harvest Market and stuff in general.

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

There is a new person taking over Bardic.

There is a Baronial YouTube account and we don't currently have someone to take it over.

We are looking for someone to take over the Songbook.

EVENTS

Harvest Market (vice Hallowed Market)

(Finn) We have 11 vendors confirmed with a possible 12th.

(Finn) We are confirming the availability of the new pavilion and are working with the site for the location of Archery and Thrown Weapons.

(Rónán) We are working on who is running Archery.

(Emilia) There are several displays and several classes for the demo. This includes Middle Eastern music/dance/drums, Medieval dance, blacksmithing display, glass beads, youth combat, Archery and Thrown Weapons, and others.

(Magdalena) We should have a distillation and perfume display/demo there too.

(Finn) We should have 2 food trucks there this year.

(Finn) We have submitted a spike for the 2027 event for 30th -31st of October 2027.

(Finn) If you are interested in being the steward for the 2027 event reach out to Finn.

(Finn) We are still looking for volunteers to help out at Gate.

(Finn) We may need help with other activities.

Investiture

(Hákon) We are working with the Barony of Steirbach for a joint event.

(Hákon) Hákon is acting as event Steward.

(Hákon) The Barony of Steirbach is providing most of the personel.

(Hákon) The Exhequer is being run by the Barony of Steirbach.

(Hákon) We are working out a deal for the split at the Gate.

(Hákon) There is no fixed theme.

(Hákon) We are working out the details with the Crown.

(Hákon) We are combining this event with Defending the Gate.

(Hákon) This will be a full melee event.

(Hákon) We are looking for Marshals.

(Hákon) A&S is being worked on.

(Hákon) Heavy planning on the investiture portion will begin once we know the successors for Baronage.

Victory on the Vine

(Finn) The event has been spiked for June 25th - 27th 2027.

(Finn) Mowgli will be the event steward.

(Finn) It will follow the same format as this year's event.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

No Other Business This Meeting.

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Going Away Party

(Forannán) Robin is organizing a going away party for Forannán tentatively to be held on October 10th.

PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Harvest Market

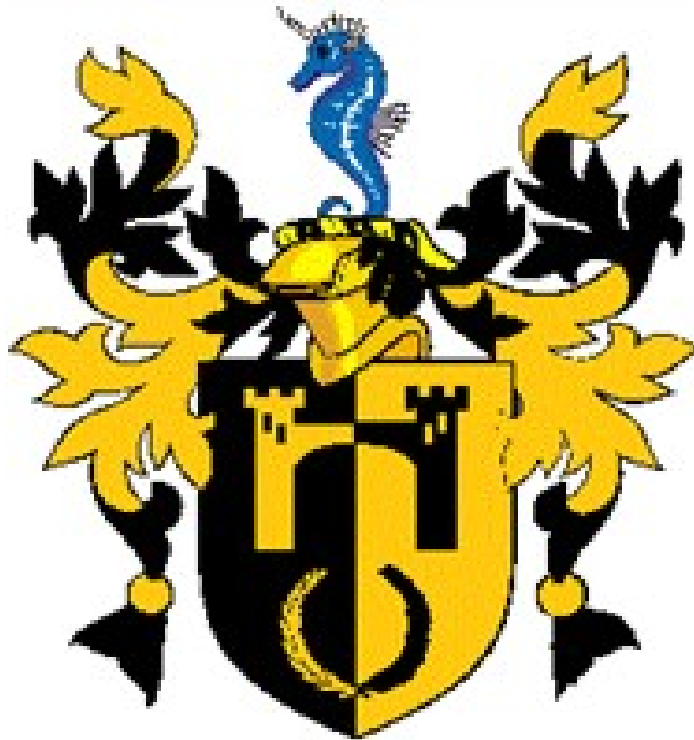
Event is on Scores for pre-registrations. We have a few merchants and are looking to get more. We have started advertising for the event. We have started booking demos and are looking for more. The costume contest is being planned. We will have a feast. We are looking for people to help with gate and problem solving. DragonSong and Lord Johnathan have been booked for musical performances

Baronial Investiture

A date for the event and location is being worked on. We are in planning with the Barony of Stierbach for a joint event. We are planning a full melee event. Will be combined with Defending the Gate.

Victory on the Vine

This event has been spiked. It will follow a similar format to the last Victory on the Vine.



MESSAGE FROM THE KINGDOM OF ATLANTIA ROYAL FORESTRY GUILD

Meet Finn the Swede, your new Warden of the North

TO the good people of northern Atlantia, greetings! My name is Lord Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill, more commonly known as Finn the Swede, and I want to introduce myself as the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild's new Warden of the North. I am here to help the people of northern Atlantia learn more about the forestry guild and how to get involved. I am also here to help all Foresters of the North share information, improve skills, gain rank, participate in forestry activities, and establish local branches of the guild in your Barony, Canton, or Shire. Please reach out to me at any time if you have questions or need help with membership or rank requirements.



What is the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild? If you have been to the forestry guild [website](#), you already know that the guild is, "...devoted to research, recreation and education of forestry and outdoors skills regarding no trace camping, protecting the green spaces, self-reliance, wood craft, camp craft, bush craft, overland travel, inland water travel, outdoor cooking, survival, and other outdoor and primitive skills all in period fashion."

What does all that mean? It means that if there is any aspect of the outdoors that you enjoy, you can explore it in the guild. [It might not even require spending time outdoors if you don't want to or are unable to.](#) You can learn and teach outdoor-related arts and science projects and skills, or take pleasant and leisurely trail saunters in garb, or practice survival skills in the wilderness on challenging treks, and absolutely everything in-between. The guild will help you access the green spaces on terms that work for you and your persona.





How do I get Involved? You can submit a membership application through [the guild's website](#). You can also join the guild's [Discord](#) and [Facebook](#) communities. We will have quarterly (seasonal) Northern Moots where we can conduct guild business, welcome new members, share knowledge, and demonstrate skills. For those interested in primitive backpacking, we will conduct four treks in 2027 that will progress from novice-level in the Spring to expert-level in the Fall.

Northern Atlantia Forestry Activities 2026-2027**



13-15 November 2026 Northern Autumnmoot at Highland Havoc (Ijamsville, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

16 January 2027 Northern Wintermoot, Backpacking Basics (Annandale VA): Learn the basic requirements of modern and primitive backpacking. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

20-21 March 2027 Beginner Backpacking Trip (Charlottesville, VA): Three Ridges Wilderness @3 miles, easy trail 350' gain. Introduction to primitive backpacking- dip your toes to see if you might like it. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.



10-11 April 2027 Northern Springmoot (Reston, VA): Drive- in camping at Lake Fairfax Park campground. Classes and communal cooking/feast/music. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank. [\$10 site fee]



21-22 May 2027 Intermediate Backpacking Trip (Culpeper, VA): Shenandoah Wilderness @7 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain—all of it in the first two miles. Hone your primitive backpacking skills and cardiovascular fitness. Test new period kit. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.

17-20 June 2027 Northern Summermoot at LEAFS (Croom, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

10-11 July 2027 Advanced Backpacking Trip (Staunton, VA): Ramsey's Draft Wilderness @15 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain. Test your primitive backpacking skills and kit. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near trailhead Friday 9 July].

4-6 September 2027 Expert Backpacking Trip 2 NIGHTS (Wardensville, WV): Tuscarora Trail @8.5 miles, difficult trail 1600' gain. Put it all together. Test the limits of your skills, kit, and endurance. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near trailhead Friday 3 September].



9-10 October 2027 Northern Autumnmoot (Staunton, VA): Drive-in camping in North River primitive camping area. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

****If you would like to host a quarterly Northern Moot or other guild activity, please contact me at scarey161@gmail.com.**



(Entry by Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill)

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ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – OCTOBER

Date	Event	Location
	OCTOBER – AS LXI (2026)	
10-02 - 10-04	Coronation of Ragnarr and Jân	Nanjemoy, MD (Dun Carraig) (Q K Pr P)
10-13 - 10-18	War of the Wings 2026: The Anarchy: Stephen vs Matilda	Harmony NC (Atlantia) (Q K)
10-23 - 10-25	Battle on the Bay	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K)
10-24 - 10-25	Harvest Market	Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)
10-30 - 11-01	Cotehardies, Coffyns & Hoods, Oh My! Baronial Investiture	Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig) (Q 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/>.

PONTE ALTO RECURRING EVENTS

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00pm) THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.
Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook		
Monthly Dance Practice	Second Thursday of the month, (7:00pm – 9:00pm)	Local Library
Monthly on the second Thursday; Check Ponte Alto Website for location and dates monthly. Hosted by Rachel/Alice		
Monthly Bardic Practice	First Tuesday of the month, (7:00pm – 10:00pm)	Various Venues
For more information, check Facebook or Discord		
Indoor Heavy and Rapier Practice Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Check website calendar for details. Concurrent with Arts and Sciences Meeting		
Arts and Sciences Meeting Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Concurrent with Indoor Fighter Practice.		
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00pm until Dusk) during daylight savings time (Spring, Summer, Fall)	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Master Rónán mac Ímair.		

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
Baron's Open Chair (if you need to speak to the Baron about official business)		Thursday evening Fighter Practice
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 7:30pm	Online. Everyone is invited to attend.
The Google Meet link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar .		

UPCOMING PONTE ALTO EVENTS

- ◆ Populace gathering, October 20th 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ◆ Harvest Market is scheduled for October 24th-25th 2026.
- ◆ Victory on the Vine is scheduled for June 25th to 27th 2027.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- ◆ Knight Marshal: Oversee and organize martial activities for the barony.
- ◆ Rapier Marshal: Oversee rapier fighters.
- ◆ Deputy Armored Marshal: Help assist the Armored Marshal in overseeing Armored fighters.
- ◆ Deputy Chatelaine: Help direct newcomers to the SCA/Kingdom of Atlanta/Barony of Ponte Alto. Help set up and run newcomers meetings.
- ◆ Deputy Chronicler: Main responsibilities would be a backup note taker and someone to proofread the Il Tempo.
- ◆ Deputy Web Minister: Help maintain the Ponte Alto website and calender.
- ◆ If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Seneschal at seneschal@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org .

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<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Model-Release-Fillable.pdf>

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