



The Shire of Hartwood

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Huzzah for Hartwood!

Shire of Hartwood, the SCA group that includes pretty much the whole upper island (Nanaimo and North). We dress in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, attend events which feature tournaments, feasts, dancing, classes/workshops, and more; in the process, we tend to research and re-create the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. It is all about participation and having fun with it!

Your Council

Seneschal Cunegonda

Archery John MacAndrew

Heraldry Harold the 'Orrible

MoS Azemar De Toulouse

MoB Aleyn

Exchequer Halima Al-Rakkasa

A&S Gwynafel Farleigh

Chamberlain Ulf Tretelgja

Chatelaine Sextus Equitius Xubulus

Family Activities, Aline de Seez

Chronicler Melles Anikó

At a Glance...

Archery Practices: Always check our FB group for updates. Thursday evenings @ Cunegonda's; another likely to come

Fight Practices: Wednesdays at the Nanaimo waterfront 6 pm to whenever we are tired-ish. see Facebook for details

Rapier Practice Rapier is 1st & 3rd Sunday at the Marina Park in Comox, 3 p.m. start time.

A&S Mondays 7-9pm 638 Woodland Drive, Comox. Talk to Anikó for details.



Getting Schooled

by Lady Gwynafel Farleigh

The College of War is Upon Us!

Come one! Come all to the newest event to Hartwood!
Hartwood's College of War!

Camp Caillet is our new site for the Event! It is a great site, with camping under the trees, two fields so we have a site for Archery. A covered picnic area for classes, and an actual classroom in a separate building, two small cabins with bunks in them for the kids, a central Campfire site, 4 portapotties, and tons of room!

MERCHANTS ARE WELCOME!!!!

Gate fee for the weekend is \$20 per person NMS \$5
Persons 18 yrs and under are Free with ID
Pets are welcome under An Tir laws (leash & clean up)

This event is all about the Art of Combat and Classes abound!! There will be non-combat classes for those that accompany the Warriors, and gathering circles to ask questions of those more knowledgeable than ourselves.

Some of the classes already on the roster:

- Fundamentals of Thrown Weapons
- Heavy Fighting in the SCA
- How to make chainmail
- How to repair your combat kit
- How to make practice weapons
- Making your Marker Shield for the List Board
- Learning how to do a Shield Wall
- Rapier -Heavy Combat -Archery -Thrown Weapons
- How to be an Inspiration to your Warrior
- Headresses, and hair in the SCA
- Creating a personae
- All the Heralds do and Are
- All about Favors and more
- Beyond the Tunic

There will be a Torch Light Tournies for Heavy Fighting, Rapier Archery and Thrown Weapons!!!! on Saturday night (and impromptu Bardic if required).

A prize for each event is being supplied by our own Rick Dwyer The Jarl of the House Sigis (who is sworn to secrecy).

As well, there is a plan for a "WAR!!!" on Sunday starting at 10 am in the morning and continuing until 1 pm. Site Closure is 4 pm.

AND for those that are feeling the pain of training, there will be Spa services run by our own Lady Aniko Melles, charged by donation!

There will be planned Childrens' Activities put on by Archon Aline Seez-Mail

**There will be no common feasting event, but there will be day food, if there is a kind soul who would like to take on organizing a feasting event, please contact us at the links below.

The Class List will be finalized and posted as soon as possible, once approved by Lady Symonne du Bois

I hope to see you all there!

Event Steward: Lord Ulf Tretelgja (David V Kennedy)
Chamberlain to the Shire of Hartwood

Co-Event Steward: Lady Gwynafel Farleigh (Wendy Kennedy)
A&S Minister to the Shire of Hartwood.



A Shire Motto It's coming, have your say!

Our Shire needs a motto, recently a question was posed online and here are just some of the ones we are considering. (and maybe one or two we are just smiling about!)

ibi erit risu

- there will be laughter

senex difficile core ludo

-hard core old school

Feasts, Battle & Fun!

Re-creavit te

Re-create Yourself.

**With the heart of a Stag,
we shall conquer**

A&S Anyone?

tamen, ut epula

-Yet will we be merry

Exultabit

-Rejoice!

Cervi corvo cignus

-the stag, the raven, the swan

terra, aqua, aer, unum

sumus

-Land, Air and Water, we are unified

The most powerful word it that is Learn

**The only way that we
can live, is if we grow.**

**The only way that we
can grow is if we change.
The only way that we can
change is if we learn. The
only way we can learn is
if we are exposed. And
the only way that we can
become exposed is if we
throw ourselves out into
the open. Do it. Throw
yourself.**

The Other Island Branch

North of Seagirt

-Tertiam pro Baron

The Knowne World's Canada

Cave quid optes

- Be careful what you wish
for

Potentia vobiscum

-May the Force Be With You

liberum prandium non est

-There is no free lunch

Mead, Marry, or Morte

From Death, Life.

Persist and Rise

We yet live!

custodi in natando

-keep on swimming!

Honore et beneficio

-Honor/Respect and
kindness

Mulsum aut mortem OR Mead eða dauða

-Mead or death)

Champion Archers for Hire

Death to James

**Watch for an incoming
communication soon
regarding a whittled down
list from which we will all
choose from.**

Time to Make Plans...

MAY

- 06 **Fjordland Rising**
Shire of Fjordland, Sunshine Coast
- 14 **Champions Tournament**
Barony of Lions Gate, Vancouver
- 20-22 **May Crown**, Barony of Vulcanfeldt (Yakima)
- 27-29 **Sealion War**, Barony of Lions Gate

JUNE

- 10-12 **Tir Righ June Coronet Tournament**, Shire of Coill Mhor
- 17 - 27 **SCA 50 Year Celebration** sca50year.org
- 18 **Lionsdale Championship**, Shire of Lionsdale
- 24-26 **Hartwood College of War**, Shire Hartwood
- 29 **AnTir/West War**, Gold Beach, OR

JULY

- 1-3 **Seagirt Summer Tourney** Barony of Seagirt
(but on Denman Island so...Hartwood this is close!)
- 08 - 10 **Stranded Mermaid Tourney** Shire of False Isle,
- 9 **Fields of Gold**, Shire of Tir Bannog

JULY CONTINUED

- 15 - 17 **July Coronation**, Barony of Stromgard
- 18 - 25 **ATWAR/Nakusp Medieval Days**, Principality of Tir Righ
- 29-01 **Tournament of Armies**, Barony Lions Gate

AUGUST

- 05-07 **Sergeants, Yeomans, and Gallants** Barony of Seagirt
- 12-14 **SYGC Trials** Barony of Lions Gate

- 28-30 **Tir Righ August Investiture**,
Shire of Danescombe

SEPTEMBER

- 02-05 **September Crown** Shire of Hauksgaror
- 09-11 **Odin's Playground** Shire of Lionsdale
- 16-18 **Hartwood Camping Event** Shire of Hartwood
- 30-02 **Island Fall Faire** Barony of Seagirt



Remembering Reasons to be on the range...

by John MacAndrew

In 1988 I went to Colin and Alastair's Highland games. I had previously been interested in archery and here was an opportunity to actually give it a try. Quickly, I was given a finger-tab, an arm guard, six loaner arrows roughly matched, and a bow. My instructions, "Always point it that way." The results of the day were of course horrible but I was definitely hooked.

A lot has happened since then. I remember:

A tournament in Lionsdale where we were down to a single arrow 40 yard shoot-off. The archer I was shooting against put one in the two ring and I had a shoot through (by the rules 3 points). I refused the victory saying it was un-chivalrous and we shot again. I lost but won the respect of some.

I remember watching David of Tiriane shoot a 150 Royal round with his period crossbow. This shoot included a perfect 48 (6 in the inner gold) at 40 yards.

I remember watching Aline stop her opponent from shooting because she thought she had already shot 6 arrows and it would have cost Fiona her best in the target.

I remember Kenneth of Shaftesbury robin hooding one of my arrows at 60 yards and David of Tiriane doing it to one of his own crossbow bolts at Clinton (split tip to tip with the point buried in the other).

I remember the joy of the BCIT students (all 18 years worth) as they found the inner joy of archery. A joy that seems ingrained in the human history.

I remember Sir Andras Truemark (An Tir's first Ludicrous Bowman) as he told a tale he heard around a southern bardic fire about an archery master warming up, shooting one perfect arrow, and going home. I had to smile as it was a story I had written many years before.

I remember shooting 270 yards with a 45 pound (very modern) recurve and having such a nice set of arrows with the same bow that my aiming point at 100 yards was tip of arrow just left of the gold. (It really was a nice bow,)

I remember Miranda's first archery practice and every practice since.

There have been days when I have stood in awe of the archers around me, smiled and laughed to match the joy and successes of new students, or just enjoyed the calm serenity of the range and my friends.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS
Chief Archer, Shire of Hartwood.

Suggestions for Camping Food

by Halima al-Rakkasa, minimalist

Freeze pre-cooked stew/soup to help keep other food cold; it will thaw eventually.

Consider having snacks available for "company": baked goods, easily prepped fresh fruits and veg, tea, hot chocolate, whatever your friends like.

Even if drinking water is supplied, chill some bottled water, or barely freeze a few bottles, to help the cooler ice last longer and give you cool water as needed.

I have done day-trips with nothing but cheese, buns, pepperoni and pickles; for a full day or more, add some real food.

Use alcohol wipes in the travel packs. Take Vitamin B1 to help drive away insects, and use DEET.

NO COOLER NEEDED:

Prep No Heat: dinner rolls, uncut bread loaves, bread sticks, flat bread, crackers, nuts, dried fruit, protein bars, cereal, peanut butter, butter, fatyr, cheese rolls, cereal bars, tortilla chips, pretzels

Prep Must Heat: instant soup, hot chocolate, coffee/tea, Oxo cubes, canned soup/stew, instant oatmeal, couscous

IN A COOLER

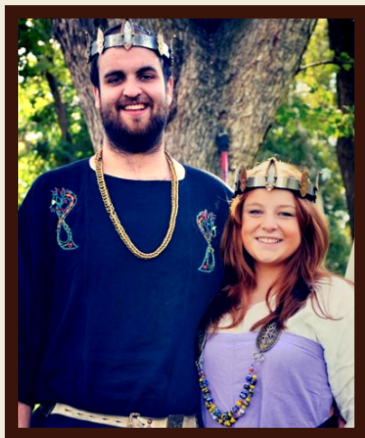
Prep No Heat: cheese, fresh fruit, fresh veg, yoghurt, pickles (cucumbers, onions, eggs, olives), cold couscous or rice salad, , pepperoni or sausage (kielbasa, smokies), hummous, hard-boiled eggs, pies, beef jerky, prebaked meat pies, cooked chicken, ham, sausage rolls.

Prep Must Heat: home-prep'd stew/soup, partially-prep'd stew or soup chop and fry an onion in a little olive oil before adding the stew or soup, and be the envy of the camp, pre-cooked rice and/or beans as a base.

My thanks to HL Doirean Dechti for re-posting this information gathered from several people over several years. I hope this compilation will become more convenient over the coming tourney seasons!



The Royalty of An Tir



**Their Royal Majesties of An Tir,
King Eirik Daegarsson
and
Queen Driffina Ulfgarsdottir**



**Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,
Prince Thorwulf Bjornsson
and
Princess Wulfwyn of Meduseld**



**Their Highnesses of Summits,
Prince Ziitos Turk
and
Princess Vestinia Antonia Aurelia**



**Their Excellencies of Summits,
Tanist Sverre Bjornhjarta
and
Ban Tanist Breaca Flannabhra**

Photos and information from antir.sca.org/WhosWho/

What is the Council?

What makes the Shire work? The answer is maybe not what you would immediately think, but in truth, the answer is, "everyone." Everyone makes up all the different facets of this Shire and adds to its rich tapestry in their own way.

Some of have skill sets or a desire to learn and participate on a more in-depth basis and they are great candidates for what we call the Shire's 'Council.'

The Council is composed of a Seneschal (leader/guide), Exchequer (treasurer), Chamberlain (keeps track of our belongings), Chatelain (public liaison), as well, there are those who take care of more 'compartmentalized' things like Archery, Master of Stables (for heavy fighters), Master of Blades (for rapier fighters), Chronicler (taker of minutes, notes and distribution of propaganda), Arts & Sciences (watching and keeping us motivated with our crafty endeavours), Herald (*so many jobs rolled into one!*), Childrens' Activities Coordinator and other positions.

Our main purpose is to sustain a healthy Shire, who's population is engaged, growing, participating and functioning in the SCA. Oftentimes that takes creativity, brainstorming, event planning, bookkeeping, organizing and so much more! We always welcome your input.

Our goal is to always have a deputy or two for every single position, and that there is always engagement, learning, experience and interest in what is happening at the level of Council. If you are interested, you are welcome to attend a Council meeting as the they are open. If you are interested in becoming a deputy, come to a meeting and let us know what you may be interested in. Likely we will have a good fit for you!

Upcoming Council Meetings

We hold our regular Council meetings at

The Lighthouse Community Hall,
240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach, BC

May Council will be held online

The June 24 Council will be held at the
College of War event

August 20 - Spider Lake
-where we will have Wool War, picnic and
swim in the lovely lake. A.K.A. Let's learn
some wool things and do a yarn trade.

September 16 - Council will be held
the Friday night of our Championship
Camping Event

October 29 - Lighthouse Hall

Nov 19 - To be announced. Likely
Errington Hall but watch for details.

December: Online



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Projects

So. Many. Projects.

Our Shire is full of movers and shakers and creators and do-ers. Many people have signed up for many tasks and here are just a few of the things happening right now!

A demo kit is being created so that if we need to go do a demonstration, we have a core supply of 'stuff' to display.

A Map is being drawn up showing our area.

Walls are being painted. Huh? Yes walls! We have a team of creative people painting fabric walls to decorate events!

Ever wonder about hosting your own Hartwood event? A book is being created on just how you go about doing that!

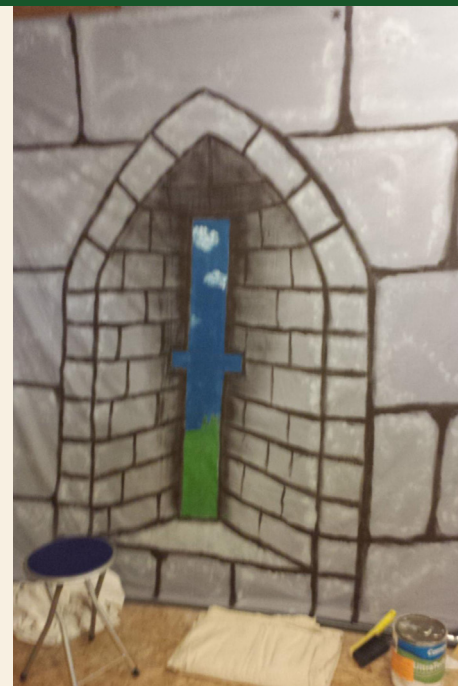
Tokens are being created so that we can show our appreciation and honour those who deserve recognition.

Tabards are being created for our Herald, newcomers and our fighters.

A whole new interactive website is being created.

...and a whole lot more is going on!

Events are being planned and ideas hatched - cool things are being created and mostly with smiles, fun and friends. Want to learn a new skill? Have one to offer? Let's talk! Come to a council meeting or ask - we'd love to have you work with us.



An example of the wonderful craftsmanship that is going into our painted walls! Photo by John MacAndrew

Recipe of the Season

Chicken Beer Stew

from Sigrún Bjarnhedinsdóttir - This is my version of a chicken beer stew from *Vikingars Gästabud* (The Viking Feast). One of the changes I made was removing the allspice from this recipe since that spice is from the New World.

If you are making this for a crowd, it's easier to portion if you leave the thighs whole. I have this stew in my regular camp kitchen menu and it's always a hit. I use chicken thighs instead of other cuts because they have a lot more flavour.

Ingredients:

Skinless, boneless chicken thighs (whole or cut into thirds)
2 - 3 cups carrots cut into coins
1 medium yellow turnip (swede) - peeled and cubed
1 - 2 yellow onions - chopped or quartered, as preferred
Optional: use parsnips to partially replace or in addition to carrots

Fat for browning chicken (I usually use bacon fat, but olive oil works fine)
1 bottle of dark beer (I personally use Guinness for maximum flavour)
Thyme (sprig of fresh or dry to taste), salt & pepper to taste

In a large heavy pot, heat oil and brown chicken on all sides. Add vegetables to pot with chicken, add thyme, beer, and salt & pepper. If the beer doesn't cover the chicken and veggies, add extra beer or water to just barely cover them.

Bring to a boil then reduce to simmer and cover.

You can also brown the chicken and onions then throw everything into a slow cooker. Make ahead of time and freeze in big ziplock freezer bags to pack in your cooler for camping.



What? When? Where?

I'm putting on my Chronicler's Hat and extending a warm welcome to anyone who would like to send me some nifty tidbits about the Shire and goings on. I love me a good nifty tidbit!

In all seriousness (Chronicler's face on now) our Shire is VAST, and there is no way in hel that I can cover it all - I rely on you. Yes, YOU, and you and you and you, to bring me stuff to put in this newsletter. Not a writer? No problem! Just tell me what is happening, I only need a sentence or two (or send me entire pages!) I will give it an honest shot at editing it and including you in the newsletter.

Here's the kicker: it is as easy as sending an email or facebook message.

ladyhartwood@gmail.com and on facebook I am on the Shire page as Leslie Eaton. If you can't seem to message me (it happens sometimes) post on the page - or better yet, come to A&S some Monday night!



Speaking of interesting... AND archery, our own Archos Aline made a spiffy shot at a Seagirt archery practice.

So, does that count as RED?

Source: photo taken by (from) Baron James Llewellyn (facebook)

A&S What the heck is A&S?

So, did you see a post about A&S (Arts and Sciences)?

What is it all about? In short, it is a gathering for us to get together and work on projects. We sometimes hold workshops, sometimes we bring something to share, ask a question about or sometimes we just bring some personal work and sit around and talk.

There is absolutely no requirement for anyone who wants to hold an A&S night. It can be held in a home or in a coffee shop - the important thing is to just get together and have a good time...and maybe bust your yarn stash out. That's always a great plan!

Parting Shot



The votes are in. A contest unleashed on facebook in the same manner as these arrows were unleashed at Daffodil - wild and ... um... sorta accurate?

THE WINNERS (TIED) WITH 8 VOTES ARE:

Senx Bourgeault Anyone seen my glasses?

Freydis Xexah Canukistani John was surprised when the team believed him about there being an invisible target.

Source: photo taken and donated by Symmone du Bois

