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THE SHIRE OF HARTWOOD'S HARTBEAT

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Failte Hartwood!

The Shire of Hartwood rests on the traditional lands of the Kwakwaka'wakw, the Nootka and the Coastal Salish. We offer our thanks and respect for the use of their lands.

The heat of summer has waned and the showers and relief of Autumn are upon us. As we look forward to a new season, we also look forward to in-person events. The joy of seeing one another and participating in the dream of the SCA is long awaited. It is difficult to navigate these times of trial, not knowing if it's safe to attend, if the health of our loved ones are at risk, or even WHAT the health policy is going to be (it seems to change every few days). The decision we make MUST be our own, without undo pressure or influence from outside our families, and whatever the decision, be confident that you are making the right decision for your family.

Outside of the SCA there is much conflict over vaccination or no-vaccination; mask or no mask. The BOD, Crowns of An Tir, Coronets of Tir Righ and the Government of British Columbia have made it clear that we are to uphold and respect the directives and laws they have provided. As such, Hartwood will also follow those mandates. Already our practices are masked and social distancing is maintained; contact tracing sheets are at every practice to ensure we can contact the right people should it be required. While we all have our own very strong opinions on the matter, we must remember that we are participating in a group that honours the gentle aspects of medieval Society. Honour one another's ideals; remember that we are all volunteers participating for the joy of our experience; be patient; be courteous; respect each gentle you encounter; be kind; be gracious; be the person you would like to encounter.

Hartwood is more than a group of people gracing the lands across Vancouver Island, we are a family.

Slainte,
Ban tiarna Elphin o Flaithbheartaih
Seneschal, Shire of Hartwood



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A NEW EVENTING EXPERIENCE

After having limited contact with the outside world for what seems too long, I attended an SCA event. It felt challenging. Part of my concern was personal, with health issues that could make me especially vulnerable. However, I was more concerned that I might pick up something unwanted that could affect the health of a few people I still see without safeguards.

Once I calculated that I would be past the two to three week waiting period after the second vaccination by the date of the event, I looked at logistics of the event itself.

1. Stay overnight or not? A longer stay increases both length of time and proximity of other people. Would a day-trip feed my soul, seeing other humans in the flesh? Probably yes.

2. Travel on my own or ride-share? The cost of gas had conveniently risen, and there was the issue of stopping at stations that may or may not have Covid-19 protocols in place. Fortunately, there were others who were of similar mind, and we conspired to travel together, being that we all were fully vaccinated and were willing to be masked for the time in the car.

3. What to bring? Carpooling does have its limits in terms of space. However, not needing camping gear was helpful, and I decided to focus on merchanting; happily, there was enough space for my goods, and another friend provided shelter and company. We each packed our own food and drink.

The day itself was lovely, sunny and just the right temperature! When we arrived on site, we stopped outside the Gate for the usual "interview" of current status of health, travel outside the country, contact with others who are or could be infected with the Covid-19 virus, etc. Yay! We all passed with flying colors!

Then to Gate to sign in and pay our site fee, and learn about the protocols of the site. There were a multiplicity of hand-sanitizer bottles were everywhere, and the biffies were well-stocked with all the things needed to kill things that ought not to be there. Kudos for that!

The archery range was well set with protocols, including no sharing of gear, or else thorough sanitizing between loans. I suspect that was true in other areas, as well.

I noticed that people tended to wear their masks when close to others. I send the warmest of hugs to all who did so! People in masks tended to enunciate well, to be under-

stood, and were very good in using their eyes to convey smiles and kindness. People were also very good about not crowding, and not giving unasked-for hugs. Just having the space to "allow the winds of heaven to blow" between us was a blessing.

In the end, it was a great event, with people respecting space and acknowledging that we are helping each other as a community to stay in contact and to stay healthy. For this, I thank you.

For your information, I have used #staySMART on occasion. This comes from the "Nerdy Girls" (self-applied) at the Facebook page called 'Dear Pandemic'. On #StaySMART, here is what that acronym means:

- S - Space: 6 feet or more (that's 2 m for Canadians).
- M - Mask: Keep it on. Wear it correctly over nose and mouth.
- A - Airflow: Stay outside or in well-ventilated indoor spaces
- R - Restrict: Keep your circle of contacts small. Remember that circles are a Venn diagram, and your circle includes all those people who are in your circle members' circles.
- T - Time: Keep it short. Less viral load is good.

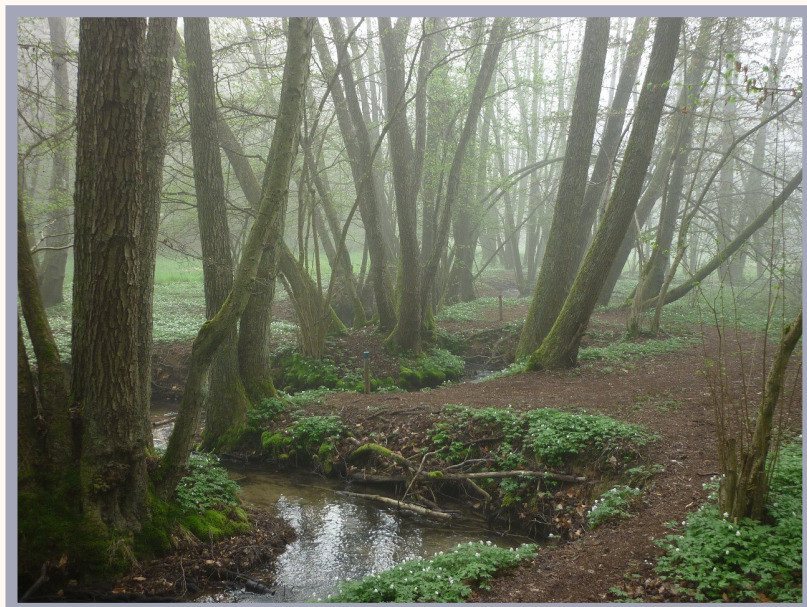
They didn't include hand-washing, and avoiding touching your face in the list; though they encourage both, I suspect it didn't fit into the acronym, or they expect people are doing that anyway.

With care, we can still attend events, and get through this troubling time... if we #staySMART!

Halima al-Rakkasa



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ARCHERY PRACTICES in HARTWOOD

South Hartwood

12 pm until 2 pm

Every second Sunday (next is Sept.
12th)

5105 Lee Rd in Duncan BC

North Hartwood

Tuesdays 5:30 near Seal Bay Park,
Courtenay; please contact Chief Archer
[John Mail-Macandrew](#) for details

HARTWOOD ARCHERY FORESTER'S PRACTICE

The early Latin treatise De Arte Bersandi, attributed to a German knight, Guicennas, lists the abilities necessary in a hunter:

- he must know how to shoot well with the bow,
- to train his scenting hound,
- to stand properly by his tree,
- to cut arrow shafts,
- to be handy with the crossbow,
- to make a bowstring,
- to direct his scenting hound,
- to sound a horn.

(The art of medieval hunting: the hound and the hawk by John Cumins. Pg: 47)

In the Shire of Hartwood we have a single day archery practice which begins with a potluck breakfast and a day of shooting. Using the above treatise as a guide the Hartwood foresters must do the following:

- shoot a 30 royal round with a longbow,
- shoot a 25 royal round with a crossbow,
- successfully shoot a moving deer target,
- stand safely by your tree when shooting,
- identify the three types of hounds used in hunting,
- identify the three styles of hunting,
- demonstrate how to make a bowstring: either loop or Flemish twist,
- demonstrate how to make an arrow or bolt
- sound the hunting horn to call the hunters.

Archers will need to meet the royal round requirements within two rounds. The only absolute fail during the day would be standing safely by your tree.

All will be explained before the practice and many times on the day of. No worries as it is all in fun. At least until I have to sound the horn.

Date of practice pending.

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

The loss of family or friend is never an easy topic nor is it easy on our hearts. I am confident in saying that Hartwood IS a family and here for one another. Never doubt or shy away from reaching out for a hand...a hug...or a heart. Believe that there are others sharing your pain, your grief and defeat. We can rise through any situation when we stand together with friends and family. Each and every one of you were put in our lives for a reason: to share our knowledge, our insight, our humanity, our humour, our talents, our love. Embrace those around you and know that you ARE loved.

With One Hartbeat
Ban tiarna Elphin o Flaithbheartaigh

Your health and safety is always first. Always.

We know and have heard in a thousand different ways that COVID seclusion and isolation is hard, that times are difficult to navigate and that people are struggling. We hear this often because it is true.

If you are struggling, please reach out to a friend, a colleague, or if you feel you need a non-judgemental third party, consider calling any of the following:

Vancouver Island Crisis Line: 1-888-494-3888

Crisis Text – 250-800-3806 – (6pm to 10pm nightly)

Crisis Line BC (24/7): 1-800-784-2433

Mental Health Support: 310-6789

Canada Suicide Prevention Service: 1-833-456-4566














You can call and speak anonymously to a crisis intervention worker about problems or issues, which have you feeling out of control in your life, and be heard and supported in a non-threatening, non-judgemental way. Talking with a caring, third party is helpful whether you are in a crisis yourself or worried about someone else.

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Check it out! So much going on!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN AN TIR

SEPTEMBER 2021












Event Date	Event	Activities	Hosts
5 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 44 – Panel Discussion: What to Keep – A History of An Tir Through a Modern Lens ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
10 - 12 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM	Ninth Known World Bardic Congress and Cooks Collegium <i>Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Scott County in Iowa, Kentucky (except the southwest counties) (US) as well as Essex County and Windsor, Ontario (Canada).</i>		
11 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Lions Gate Champions ★ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🏆 🎓 🎨 🎭 🎪	
12 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 45 – Camping: Taking Your Camp to the Next Level ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
18 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Summits Fall Coronet ☆ <i>The Principality of the Summits</i>	👤 🎓 🎨	
17 - 19 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Lord Defenders <i>The Barony of Blatha An Oir (Tacoma-Pierce county, WA)</i>		
18 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Summits Fall Coronet ☆ <i>The Principality of the Summits</i>	👤 🎓 🎨	
19 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 46 – Introduction to Archery ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
25 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Wyewood Harvest Court <i>The Barony of Wyewood (South King County, WA)</i>	👤	
26 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 47 – Introduction to Arts & Sciences ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	








NOVEMBER 2021

Event Date	Event	Activities	Hosts
6 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Harvest Feast <i>The Barony of Blatha An Oir (Tacoma-Pierce county, WA)</i>		
6 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM	As You Like It <i>The Canton of Akornebir (Walla Walla, WA)</i>		
6 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Honor Feast <i>The Barony of Three Mountains (Clackamas & Multnomah Counties, OR)</i>		
6 - 7 8:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Tir Righ November Coronet ★ <i>The Shire of Lionsdale (Fraser Valley, BC)</i>	🎓	
12 - 14 4:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Kingdom Collegium <i>The Kingdom of An Tir (Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia)</i>	🎓 🎨 🎭	
20 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Baroness' Inspirational Tournament <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>		

DECEMBER 2021

OCTOBER 2021

Event Date	Event	Activities	Hosts
2 9:00 AM - 11:45 PM	Forest Champions Tourney and Bent Bodkin <i>The Shire of Coill Mhor (100 Mile House, BC)</i>		
2 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Harvest Fest <i>The Barony of Dragon's Laire (Kitsap & N Mason counties, WA)</i>		
3 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 48 – Panel Discussion – Neurodivergence in the SCA/An Tir – Inclusivity and Awareness ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
8 - 11 5:00 PM - 11:00 AM	Golden Swan <i>The Shire of Appledore (Oliver and Osyoos, BC)</i>		
10 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 49 – For the Love of Swords: Cut & Thrust in An Tir ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
16 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Octoberfeast <i>The Barony of Wealdsmere (Spokane, Spokane County, WA)</i>		
17 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 50 – ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
22 - 24 2:00 PM - 2:00 PM	**CANCELED** Amergins Reboot <i>The Barony of Adiantum (Eugene, Lane County, OR)</i>	🎓 🎨 🎭 🎪	
22 - 24 7:00 PM - 1:00 PM	St. Crispian's <i>The Shire of Tir Bannog (Smithers, BC)</i>		
24 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Lions Den Episode 51 – Social: Celebrating a Year of Lions Den! ☼ <i>The Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)</i>	🎓	
30 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Baronial Social <i>The Barony of Madrone (King County, WA)</i>		

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4 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Inlands Yule <i>The Barony of Wealdsmere (Spokane, Spokane County, WA)</i>		
4 8:00 AM - 11:30 PM	Good Yule <i>The Barony of Aquaterra (Snohomish County, WA)</i>		
4 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Seagirt Yule <i>The Barony of Seagirt (Victoria, BC)</i>		
4 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Three Mountains Yule <i>The Barony of Three Mountains (Clackamas & Multnomah Counties, OR)</i>		
10 - 12 5:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Summits 11th Night Investiture <i>The Principality of the Summits</i>		
11 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Glymm Mere Yule Feast <i>The Barony of Glymm Mere (Thurston, Grays Harbor, and South Mason counties, WA)</i>	🍎	
11 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Stromgard Yule <i>The Barony of Stromgard (Vancouver, WA)</i>		

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Court Business Request Form	
Their Majesties' Progress	

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Their Highnesses Tir Righ's Progress	

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