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Hartwood Council

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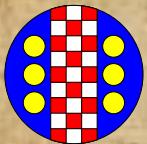
Apply for an Office

Please contact the Seneschal for details on specific positions
Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org

To become an officer of Hartwood, check the listings below to find your dream job, then please submit a Medieval/Modern resume and an application form found here:

Notice Given: **Chatelaine**

a. You can find information on this position here:
https://antir.org/offices/chatelaine/

b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.10:
The Chatelaine is responsible for ensuring that information and assistance are available for newcomers to the Shire.
Duties and Responsibilities of the Chatelaine include:
- Performing the office of the Chatelaine as required by directions from Kingdom and/or Principality superior(s).
- Ensuring that an up-to-date pamphlet and/or business cards, welcoming newcomers to the Shire, are provided at Shire activities, demonstrations, and as requested.
- Referring persons requesting information to Officials or persons who will assist them in areas of interest.
- Ensuring that a Newcomer's meeting is scheduled and open to those interested.
- Maintaining/disseminating information that presents a well-rounded view of the SCA.
- Overseeing Lesser Officers and/or deputies, which include:
  a. The Gold Key Officer , who is responsible for maintaining and making available the Shire's supply of loaner/rental clothing, as requested.
  b. The Demo Coordinator, who is in charge of coordinating SCA demos for the Shire.

OPEN: **Chief Scribe**
a. You can find information on this position here:
   https://scribes.antir.org/home/
b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.11:
The Scribe is responsible for scribal activities within the Shire.
Duties and Responsibilities of the Shire Scribe include:

- Performing the duties of the Office in accordance with the directions of Kingdom, and/or Principality superior(s).
- Working with Officials to ensure that ceremonial documents are produced to meet the needs of the Shire.
- The only documents required of this office are the official Shire documents.
- Working with the Shire Herald to ensure the accuracy and maintenance of the Order of Precedence and associated scribal records.
- Encouraging Shire scribal activities.

Notice Given: **TUTR Minister**
a. You can find information on this position here: https://tutr.tirrigh.org/
b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.12
The TUTR Minister is responsible for TUTR activity within the Shire, under the direction of The University of Tir Righ.
Duties and Responsibilities of the TUTR Minister include:
Performing the duties of the Office in accordance with the directions of Kingdom, and/or Principality superior(s).
Working with Officials to ensure that TUTR documents are produced and reported as needed for TUTR.
Encouraging and overseeing educational activities both formal and informal.

Show Hartwood Colours!

Halima al-Rakkasa

Are you a Hartwood enthusiast? Would you like some ideas to help you show it? Besides wearing the colours of green, white, black, and gold, and praising Hartwood from the rooftops, you can embellish your clothing, tableware, tents, and more with Hartwood's badge.

The badge:

A pattern for embroidery or beading:
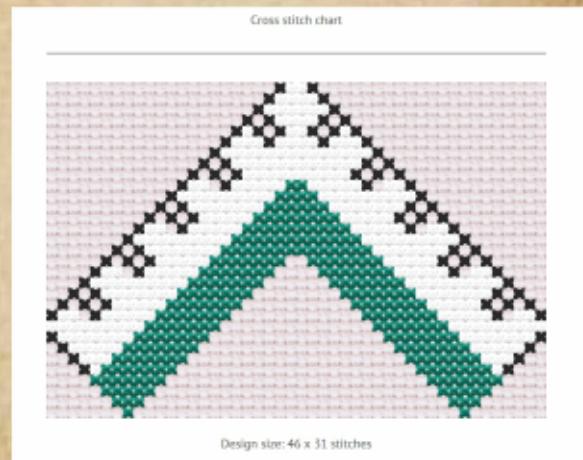
A pattern for inkle weaving, being the crenelations of the badge:
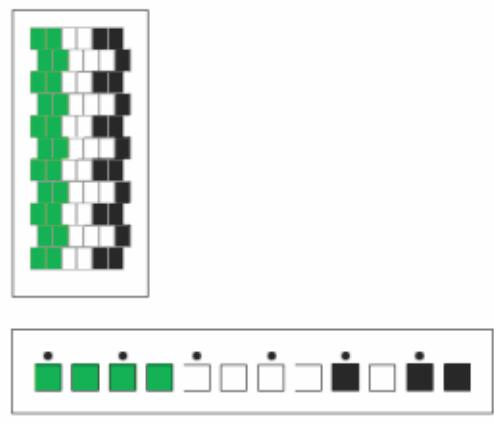
The badge can also be painted onto belt favours, armbands, tunics, surcoats, hoods, chair covers, tablecloths, napkins, feast boxes, banners, and anything else that will hold paint.

What are you waiting for? Go create!

Seneschal Stuff

Annual General Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2026

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Oceanside Arena

830 Island Hwy West

Parksville, BC V9P 2X4

Please join us for the annual meeting to plan for the next year and to review and ratify the updates to the Customary.

If you cannot make it in person, we will have a Zoom meeting set up so that you can be involved. Please make sure

To have your membership up-to-date and available as only card carrying members are eligible to vote on any items

on the agenda.

If you have questions, please contact the Seneschal – hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org or via PM on Facebook at

@Anastasia Szabo.

Watch for more information on the Facebook Event https://www.facebook.com/share/197XaChpoc/ or on the

Shire of Hartwood – SCA Discord event.

AGM Agenda

Boundaries!

We have some...

The Shire of Hartwood is on the western edge of the principality of Tir Righ in the kingdom of An Tir. In modern geography, Hartwood is on the coast of British Columbia, Canada as shown in the map below.

The red line marks the boundaries of
HARTWOOD'S LANDS
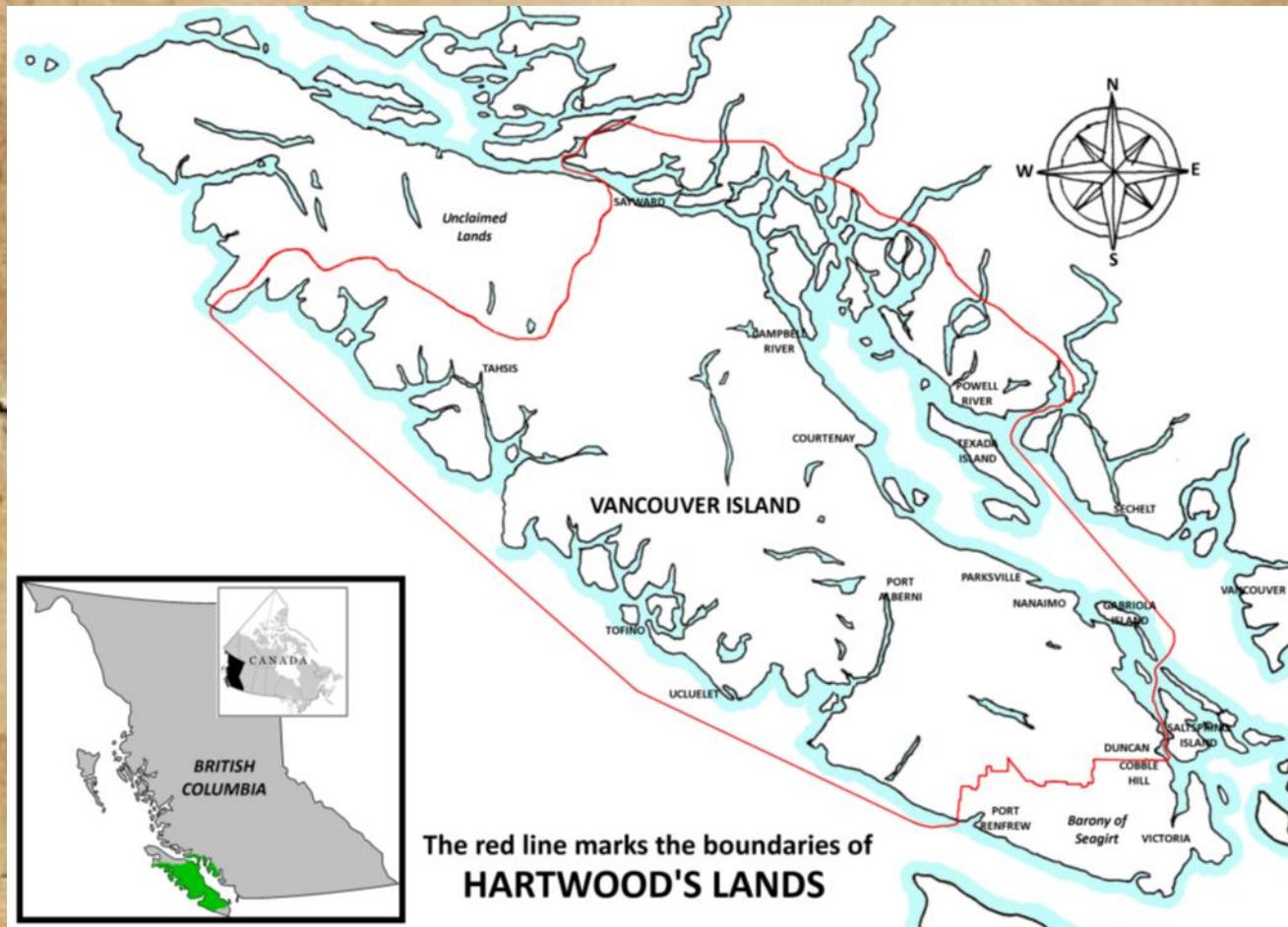
Hartwood, once four small shires now combined into a larger stronger branch, encompasses about two thirds of Vancouver Island, British Columbia as well as the neighbouring community of Powell River and islands associated with these areas. The irregular shape of the boundary lines is due to the geography of the island which includes mountains and rivers that limit access into the areas.

Hartwood's borders primarily follow those of the Regional Districts and include the following (listed roughly from north to south):

- **Strathcona** Regional District which runs on the east coast from Campbell River north to Sayward, over to the west coast of Vancouver Island and includes several of the islands to the east with the main one being Quadra Island;
- **Comox Valley** Regional District which sits below Strathcona RD on the east side of Vancouver Island from south of Cambell River to north of Qualicum Bay with the largest communities being Courtenay and Comox, and includes Denman and Hornby Islands; **Qathet** Regional District (not shown on the following map) is east of the Comox Valley RD, attached to the mainland of BC, and includes Powell River and communities from Lund to Saltary Bay as well as Texada and Lasqueti Islands and a couple smaller islands;
- **Alberni-Clayoquot** Regional District which encompasses a section of the western side and middle of Vancouver Island west of the Comox Valley and Nanaimo RDs with the primary communities being Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet and many smaller communities and islands;
- **Nanaimo** Regional District sits on the east side of Vancouver Island with the main communities being Qualicum Beach, Parksville, Nanaimo, and Gabriola Island but also includes several smaller communities and islands;
- **Cowichan Valley** Regional District is the southernmost of Hartwood's lands and the only one that does not include the entirety of the Regional District as there is a narrow section that runs south into the lands of the Barony of Seagirt. The Cowichan Valley RD sits below the Alberni-Clayoquot and Nanaimo RDs and runs the width of Vancouver Island although the main communities are on the east side. Hartwood's land includes Ladysmith south to Duncan and Cowichan Bay, Valdez, Thetis and Penelakut Islands and a few smaller islands but excludes the lands that fall

Vancouver Island Regional Districts

into Cowichan Valley's Electoral Areas A, B, and C (communities of Cobble Hill, Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake and Malahat).

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- Hartwood's lands do not include the northernmost part of Vancouver Island which fall in the **Mount Waddington** Regional District and is unclaimed.

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- Hartwood's lands also do not include the south end of Vancouver Island which belongs to the Barony of Seagirt whose lands include the **Capital** Regional District that runs west to Port Renfrew and east to Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula as well as Saltspring and Galiano Islands and several islands south of them. Seagirt's lands also include Cowichan Valley RD's Electoral Areas A, B, and C (Cobble Hill, Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake and Malahat).

- The map below shows the boundary line (red) between the south end of the Shire of Hartwood and the north end of the Barony of Seagirt.

Cowichan Valley Regional District

Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities
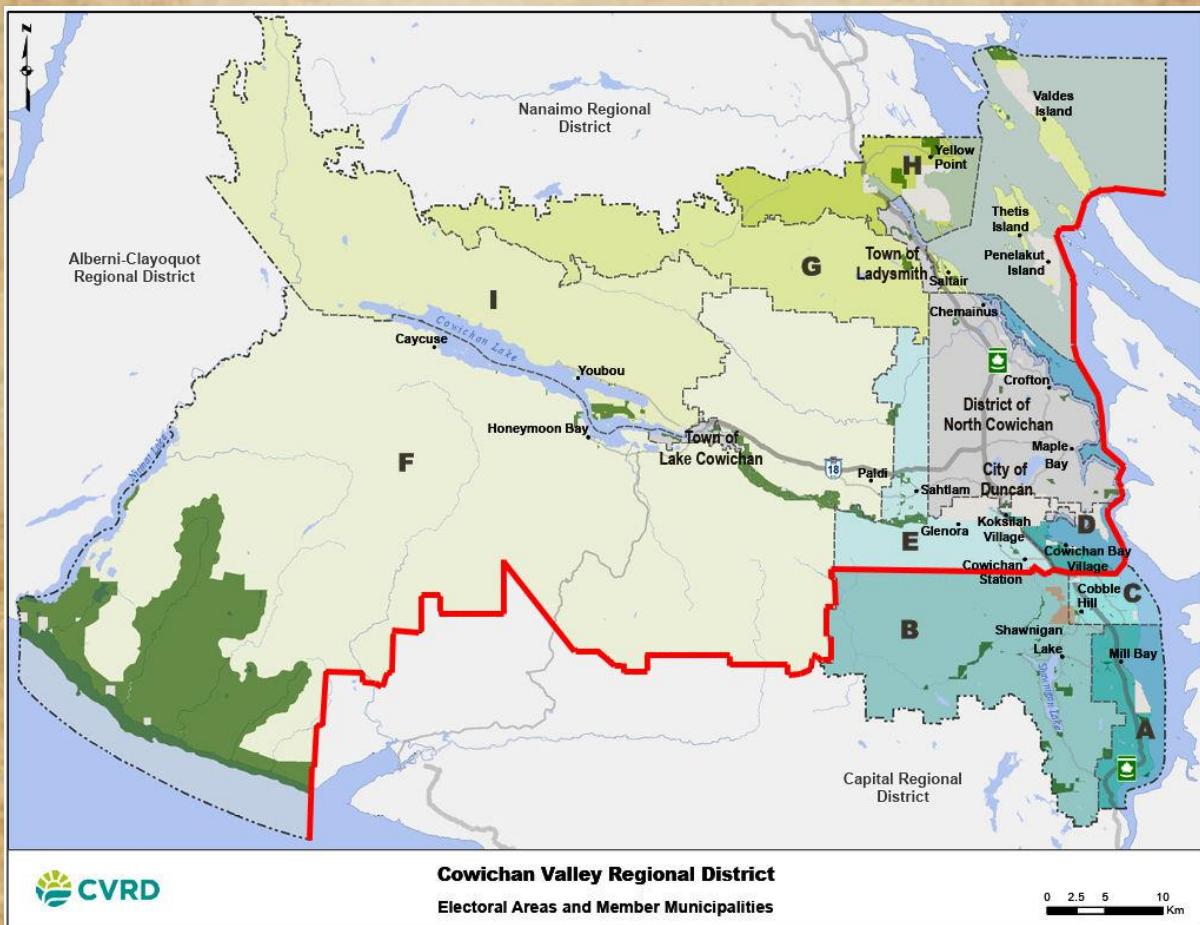
- Below is a list of the **Postal Codes** that fall within Hartwood's boundaries based on Canada Post's information as of December 2025. Those postal codes with only three characters are municipal areas and include all postal codes starting with those three characters. Those postal codes showing all six characters are rural areas and include **only** those exact postal codes as similar postal codes may exist outside of Hartwood's area and even elsewhere in British Columbia.

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Postal Code	Location
V8A	Powell River
V9G	Ladysmith
V9H	Campbell River
V9J	Courtenay (Northern Outskirts)
V9K	Qualicum Beach
V9L	Duncan
V9M	Comox
V9N	Courtenay (Central)
V9P	Parksville
V9R	Nanaimo (South)
V9S	Nanaimo (Central)
V9T	Nanaimo ((North / Wellington / Northfield / Departure Bay)
V9V	Nanaimo (Northwest)
V9W	Campbell River (Central)
V9X	Nanaimo (Cedar)
V9Y	Port Alberni
V0N 1E0	Blubber Bay (Texada Island)
V0N 1W0	Gillies Bay (Texada Island)
V0N 2G0	Lund
V0N 3K0	Van Anda (Texada Island)
V0P 1B0	Blind Channel (West Thurlow Island)
V0P 1G0	Gold River
V0P 1H0	Heriot Bay (Quadra Island)
V0P 1J0	Kyoquot
V0P 1K0	Mansons Landing (Cortes Island)
V0P 1N0	Quathiaski Cove (Quadra Island)
V0P 1P0	Refuge Cove (West Redonda Island)
V0P 1R0	Sayward
V0P 1T0	Squirrel Cove (Cortes Island)
V0P 1V0	Stuart Island
V0P 1W0	Surge Narrows (Read Island)
V0P 1X0	Tahsis
V0P 1Z0	Whaletown (Cortes Island)

V0P 2A0	Zeballos
V0R 1A0	Ahousat (Flores Island)
V0R 1B0	Bamfield
V0R 1G0	Bowser
V0R 1H0	Cassidy
V0R 1K0	Chemainus
V0R 1M0	Coombs
V0R 1N0	Cowichan Bay
V0R 1R0	Crofton
V0R 1S0	Cumberland
V0R 1T0	Denman Island
V0R 1V0	Errington
V0R 1W0	Fanny Bay
V0R 1X0	Gabriola (Gabriola Island)
V0R 1Y0	Honeymoon Bay
V0R 1Z0	Hornby Island
V0R 2B0	Kildonan
V0R 2C0	Koksilah
V0R 2G0	Lake Cowichan
V0R 2H0	Lantzville
V0R 2J0	Lasqueti Island
V0R 2K0	Lazo
V0R 2M0	Merville
V0R 2N0	Mesachie Lake
V0R 2V0	Royston
V0R 2Y0	Thetis Island
V0R 2Z0	Tofino
V0R 3A0	Ucluelet
V0R 3B0	Union Bay
V0R 3C0	Westholme
V0R 3E1	Youbou
V0R 4K0	Chemainus
V0R 5K0	Penelakut Island

Submission prepared by:

Alicia le Wilfulle

AGM Agenda

Items to be approved...

1.   Updated borders for the shire

2.   Changes to the Gentle Arts Defenders

3.   Officer Budgets

4.   Financial Policy Updates (delay until later in the year due to Changes in Society Policy)

5.   Customary

a.   Correct the numbering to proper Format. This does not affect the general content of the Customary and

will/may not even change the Articles as they are supposed to be set out. This does not need to be voted upon as we not creating a new numbering system, but does need to be entered into the minutes as acknowledgement.

b.   Article 4.8(c)

i.   Original Language:

Arranging court recordings for all Shire events. ii. Changed Language:

Arranging court reports to be completed and entered into minutes of the next meeting for all Shire events. This can be a summary of the Royal Court Report, Event Steward Report, Scribe's Report, Herald's Report, and notes from a responsible surrogate at the event, i.e. a Deputy.

c.   Article 6.3(b)

i.   Original Language:

Following a meeting, the Officials will review the minutes in OneNote within one week; once amendments are made, minutes are considered approved and posted in official publications no later than one week prior to the next council meeting. ii. Changed Language:

Following a meeting, the Officials will review the minutes in OneNote no later than two weeks after the meeting; once amendments are made, minutes are considered approved and posted in official publications no later than one week prior to the next council meeting.

d.   Article 6.7

i.   Original Language:

The Financial Committee shall meet every year. ii. Changed Language:

The Financial Committee shall meet, at a minimum, once every year.

e. Article 8.1(a)

i. Original Language:

Golden Fawn - Recognition of a youth (12 years old to 16) who, while residing in Hartwood, has fought in the Combat Arts with their own kit under Hartwood's banner. This token is not one that requires recommendation, but rather it is earned. ii. Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Golden Fawn" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

f. Article 8.1(b)

i. Original Language:

Silver Fawn - Recognition of a youth (11 years old and younger) who, while residing in Hartwood, has fought in the Combat Arts with their own kit under Hartwood's banner. This token is not one that requires recommendation, but rather is earned.

ii. Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Silver Fawn" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

g. Article 8.1(h)

i. Original Language:

Golden Cygnet - Recognition of a youth (12 years old to 16) in active participation in Arts & Sciences such as, but not limited to: competitions, demos, teaching, largesse. This token requires the populace to take note of their fellows' achievements and write a recommendation to the Seneschal. ii. Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Golden Cygnet" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

h. Article 8.1(i)

i. Original Language:

Silver Cygnet - Recognition of a youth (11 years old and younger) in active participation in Arts & Sciences such as, but not limited to: competitions, demos, teaching, largesse. This token

requires the populace to take note of their fellows' achievements and write a recommendation to the Seneschal.

        ii.   Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Silver Cygnet" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

        i.   Article 8.1(k)

i.   Original Language:

Golden Kit - Recognition of excellence in service by a youth (12 years old to 16) to the Shire of Hartwood. This token requires a written recommendation to the Seneschal.

ii.   Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Golden Kit" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

j.   Article 8.1(l)

i.   Original Language:

Silver Kit - Recognition of excellence in service by a youth (11 years old and younger) to the Shire of Hartwood. This token requires a written recommendation to the Seneschal.

ii.   Changed Language:

(This award must be put in abeyance until a name and device, passed by Branch Herald, through the College of Heralds has been achieved. The name "Silver Kit" is not registerable, and as such, cannot be used.)

k.   Article 8.1(o)

i.   Original Language:

Stag's Mark - Recognition of a person living outside the Shire who has been of great benefit to Hartwood. This token requires a written recommendation to the Seneschal.

ii.   Changed Language:

Argent Hound - Recognition of a person living outside the Shire who has been of great benefit to Hartwood.

Spring TUTR

Please find enclosed the spring TUTR event information.

Hartwood Spring TUTR 2026

Saturday, February 14, 9AM - Monday, February 16, 3PM

North Oyster Community Centre

1347 Cedar Road, Ladysmith

Event steward: Aspasia Bevilacqua eharvalias@yahoo.com

Event fee: Adults full weekend: $35, day fee: $30, Youth full weekend: $30, day fee: $25. $10 discount for members.

Some courses have an additional cost to participate and students pay the instructor directly on the day.

It's time again for 3 days of learning! With 30 classes to choose from, attendees will be satiated with all the knowledge you gain.

There will be day food available each day as well as 2 potluck dinners, Saturday and Sunday with socializing, dance, games and bardic.

Pre-registration is required and can be found on the An Tir Calendar, Facebook https://facebook.com/events/s/hartwood-spring-tutr-february-/1260768245524051/ and Discord some time in January. Billeting will also be an available option on the pre registration form.

Greetings Tir Righ!

I will be organizing the decorating for February Investiture.

In light of all the exciting news about **Tir Righ's Road to Kingdom**, **Hartwood's Road to Barony** and our **incoming Princes** we have come up with the theme **"Wear Your Colours with Pride!"**

I wanted to celebrate all the amazing Branches that make up Tir Righ as well as the rainbows which are so special to our incoming Princes.

So please dress in your Branches' colours, and wear many colours in support of our new Princes!

Please bring your Branches banners too! And indoor holes/poles.

I will be looking for volunteers for set up and take down teams (since some of us are morning folk, and others are night owls.)

I will be creating a FB group to discuss details, so pm me if you would like to help out.

Let's celebrate Tir Righ!

Aline de Seez, OP

The Road to the Barony
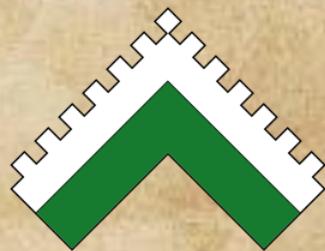
Call to Action Page

What can I do to be more …Medieval?

1. **Register your Arms with the Heralds**
   a. The Local Herald will help you!
   b. Research is fun!
   c. You will register your name as well…guaranteed!
2. **Recommend people you know for Awards they deserve**
   a. Many people don't have the Awards you think they do!
   b. Even if they have it, maybe they get looked at for something else… just by being mentioned!
3. **Travel to a nearby event**
   a. Like, the next Shire/Barony/Canton over…
4. **Attend local events**
   a. Provide a couch for the Scadian you met at the event we just talked about one group over!
5. **Help out at events**
   a. Help set up, Help tear down, Help keep things on track…
   b. Be a voice Herald
   c. Help set up someone's tent when they arrive late.
6. **Develop your Persona further**
7. **Take up a new and absurd hobby in the SCA**
   a. Make a plan, pack your car for an event, realize your car is too small, get a new friend with a bigger car…
   b. You need the bigger car to carry your fletching equipment? Maybe your spinning wheel? Forge?

Officer's Organizational Chart

Seneschal (G)

Family Activities   **Social Media**

Event Stewards
Media Relations

Exchequer (G)

Chamberlain

Chatelaine (G)

Newcomers/Demos

Master of Stables (G)

Marshalls/Combat

Web Minister (G)
Wiki
Infrastructure
IT

Chronicler (G)
Reporting
Newsletter

Herald (G)
Submissions
OP
Roll of Arms

Minister of Blades   Chief Archer

Chief Chucker   Youth Combat