

Welcome to Tourney Season



Hartwood Heartbeat

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Important Links

Hartwood Council Minutes/Officer reports etc <https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/library.html>

Kingdom officer current listing <https://antir.org/our-people/officers/>

SCA Kingdom calendar <https://antir.org/events/>

Insula magna calendars:

Hartwood <https://antir.org/events/branches/kingdom-of-an-tir/tir-righ/hartwood/>

Seagirt <https://antir.org/events/branches/kingdom-of-an-tir/tir-righ/seagirt/>

Nearby branch info/calendar

Lionsgate https://antir.org/events/branches/kingdom-of-an-tir/tir-righ/lions_gate/

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Hartwood Council and Defenders

<https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/officers.html>



Vacant Office: Social Media Officer (Deputy to the Seneschal)

Please contact hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for details



Upcoming Office: A & S Deputies

I am looking for 3 Arts and Science deputies, preferably one from North, one South and one West Hartwood. Duties are to work together as a team to make sure that all of Hartwood is being included; to assist me with activities associated with A&S and to create more opportunities for our gentles.

Please send an email to Hartwood.artsnsoci@tirrigh.org

Yours in service,

Maestra Aspasia Bevilacqua

Minister of Arts and Science



Events Needing Stewards

A series of Opportunities to be of Service

To access the forms to make a proposal:

<https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/library.html>

To ask questions about proposals etc:

hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org

Yule 2026



TUTR – spring session 2027



TUTR – fall session 2027

Gentle Arts 2027

Mid Summer Defenders 2027



Yule 2027

Insula Magna/Fall Fair 2027

For Shire Token Recommendations

For people who you think should be noticed...

Forms:

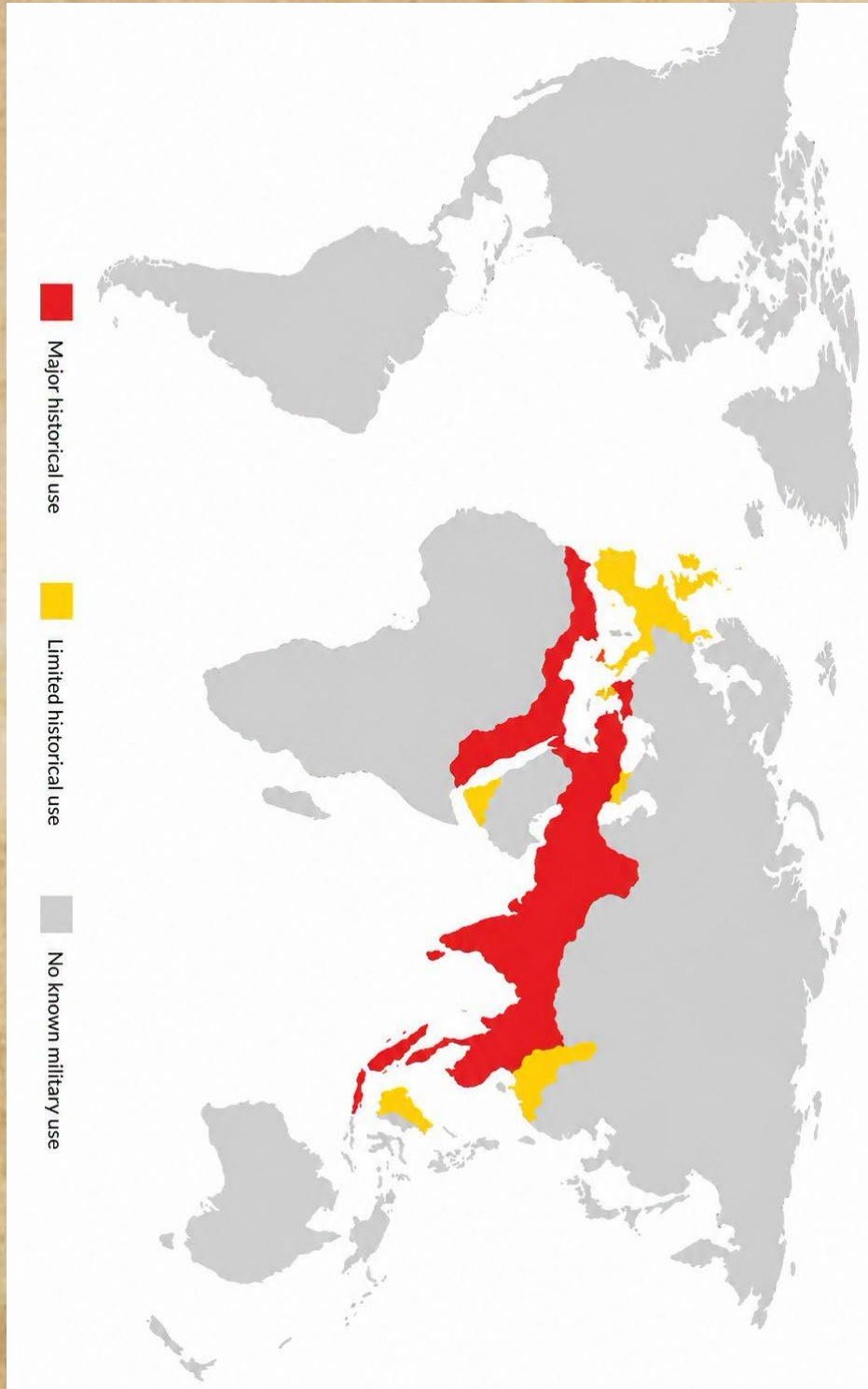
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Send to:

hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org

A Map...

Use of War Elephants 6th C BCE onward



Seneschal Stuff

Greetings to the Shire of Hartwood from your friendly neighbourhood Seneschal.

We are coming into eventing season and I for one am very excited to see everyone out and about in their more natural environs!

You know what else I'm looking forward to? Recognizing the amazing work and creativity of all our populous! But, as Seneschal, I can't do that without your help! Have you seen someone who is consistently doing good things?

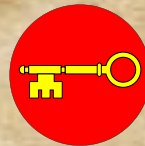
Have you seen someone who is making amazing stuff? Is there someone who has been around and deserves the recognition of a long time friend? Then fill out the recommendation form at (enter the http code here from the website please) or email me at Hartwood.Seneschal@tirrigh.org.

You don't even have to know what award to recommend them for (although you can look that up in our Customary or on our An Tir Wiki page). Just tell me about how and why you think that person is cool, and I'll work out the rest.

And remember, Defenders Tourney is just around the corner and we need to give our amazing scribes time to make those nifty scrolls.

Cheers for now!

HL Anastasia Szabo
Seneschal, Shire of Hartwood



"Also, since it is camping season, please be very aware of ticks as we are often in tall grasses. If you have a tick, we encourage you to seek medical attention. Tick-borne illnesses are insidious and on the rise."

The Beacons are lit!

Hartwood calls for Defenders!

The mists lift, the rains part, and a road stretches to the hills in the West, where nestled deep in the Valley lies the fortress of Camelot!

Harts and Hearts abound, leaping to defend its Keep from any who dare to invade.

Come Lords! Come Ladies! Come Gentles All!! Hartwood calls for it's Defenders!

Come and test your skills in Heavy, Thrown Weapon, Rapier and of course, Archery!

This MidSummer we are also debuting a new marshallate Defender: Atlatl! Of course we shall have diverting Artistic activities, entertaining Bardic and much more.

This July 24-26, in the Alberni Valley. We look forward to hosting you in West Hartwood. 9780 Somers Road, Port Alberni

More details will be posted in the Facebook event & forum, and the Discord channel.

So Come One and All, and we shall see who will rise to wear the Green and White of Hartwood as it's newest Defenders!

Our Hearts let Loose! We've Got Range!

Yours in Song
HL Mairi Bronwen nic Chamarran

Get to know me

Arts and Science Minister



My name is Maestra Aspasia Bevilacqua, Order of the Laurel and Court Baroness. I am also the current Shire's Minister of Arts and Sciences.

My persona is 1490 Firenze.

I'm best known for my fibre arts, Historic Arts get togethers and the Medieval Fall Faire.

I love to spin, dye, and weave wool and linen.

I started Historic Arts about 4 years ago to help get people together to socialize and work on projects, whether personal or taking a class.

My passion has been the Fall Faire, encouraging our gentles to come and share their skills and interests and enticing the public to join in the fun.

As Minister of Arts and Science, I am focused on supporting the Shire; I'm a Jane of many trades and like to help people with their learning.

My motto is: Intreccia La Fiducia con la Verità (weave trust with truth).

Saluti,

Aspasia

Road to the Barony

The Update...

My Lords and Ladies,

Your fund raising committee is still meeting and planning but is in a bit of a slow spot as we await Hartwood Defenders and Medieval Market.

Your regalia committee is awaiting further instructions having already completed the specs for circlets, thrones, and cloaks. Movement forward on these are very end of process so they have gone as far as they can for now.

Your steering committee has made huge progress with the map and postal codes.

Along with this amazing work comes the fantastic news of The Shire's paid members. As some of our members were hidden by lost or missing postal codes the new total members is 100. Yes, you heard that right.

Additionally, Letitia will be stepping back a bit on the steering committee. Aline will be assisting as co-chair as approved by the committee. I will be posting to the Facebook groups upcoming activities at Defenders and Medieval Market.

100 members, that's a number some Baronies would be proud to announce. Way to go everyone.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OM

A Child's Bill of Rights

S.C.A. Style...

HL Meredith of the White Cliffs
recorded CE 2006



1. I have the right to be fed. At camping events, I am hungry all the time, and I need small snacky meals (not sweets, though that's what I like best!). I need protein and carbs to buffer me from being outside all day. I need lots of water; my tummy will be much happier if it is bottled water, not water from a pump or well that I am not used to.

(Halima adds:

b. – Even at a feast, they may not serve it when I am hungry, or the food may not be something I can or want to eat; please have something so my tummy doesn't go empty.)

2. I have the right to warm clothing. I need at least 3 changes of outfits for a day; you want me to 'go play' – that's dirty work! I need a winter coat to put under my cape, and I need a hat for evening. I need 2 or 3 pairs of shoes, one pair of waterproof boots and lots of dry socks (and lots of clean undies!). I would like to have one 'fancy' outfit so I can show off, too.

3. I have a right to medicinal/medical aid. I may need sunscreen (and a hat). I may need insect repellent. Sometimes I need antihistamines or maybe an aspirin. I may be miserable and cranky because I am suffering from sunstroke or from hypothermia! I don't know how to tell you I need these things, so you must watch to see what symptoms I am developing. (I usually know if I need a bandage! – and you should have one when I need it.)

4. I need to be able to bring some of my toys, too. This is a really neat game you play, but sometimes I need my stuff. It would be fun to have toys that sort of matched your game too. And sometimes I don't want to share my toys with those other kids! They are all fine, but sometimes I want to play on my own and I have the right to be left alone with my stuff if I want. And sometimes those kids are not nice! Believe me when I say I don't like them; don't make me be with kids I am afraid of.

5. I need to have a right to my space. When you have lots of company, my chair gets used up and I have to eat my dinner standing up or sitting in a corner. That's not fair!

I need you to take me to the porta pots or outhouse; don't send me! Those things are real scary and I have trouble with the doors and I am scared I am going to fall in and they smell bad and it would be nice to have company!!

6. I need to have a reasonable bedtime. By the time it's evening, I am very tired and cranky and I can not make that decision for myself. I need you to feed me, and bath me, and spend some time letting me wind down; then I need a warm bed that is within calling range of you. I need to know that someone is close by in case I am scared at night! (My own flashlight would really help!)

7. I need to understand the 'rules' of this game. Sometimes you or other people get mad at me, and I don't understand what I have done wrong. It's not fun being yelled at when I don't know what the problem is. Explain to me what and where the fighting field ropes are. Show me where the danger areas are roped off, and explain why! Explain to me that tent sites are other people's homes, and that I should knock on their 'door' not just run in. Explain to me how I should act at 'court' (what is that anyway!?) (No, I really don't remember from one Event to the next!)

8. No, I don't understand about your sex life! And I don't need to be exposed to it. There are things in life I can learn about much later and I don't need an in-tent demo!! Actually, this goes for your need for Alcohol and Drugs, too; I do not need to have their abuse demonstrated. It is very scary for a child to be around you in these situations. If that's what you need from an event, why don't you leave me with someone else at home?

9. I need you to remember that, even though I am very little, I have feelings, too. When you discipline me in public, I feel like a worm!! This makes me really angry with you and it makes me ashamed to be around all your friends. I understand that I make you mad sometimes, but we would be able to work it out much better if you would take me aside and explain!! (Your friends would feel better about it, too.)



Brought to you by

Halima al-Rakassa

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?



Them's Fightin' Words

Hail and well met, Hartwood! I bring news from the War Effort.

The forces of Insula Magna sallied forth for the Sealion War this past weekend. Unfortunately, they only took two points out of seven - attaining both the Armored Combat point, as well as the Equestrian point. An overall loss, but a fantastic showing of mind, muscle, and teamwork upon their respective battlegrounds. Huzzah to all competitors! Events would not be as grand without their accomplishments and tireless effort.

In regards to martial prowess, Hartwood is looking to obtain more armored combatants and marshals (which can be non-combatants). Both Junior and Senior level marshalate upgrades will be available at events here on the Island, so don't miss out on an opportunity for service to Hartwood and its combatants! I hear there is a possibility of Siege Marshal qualifications coming to Insula Magna in the future, but Lionsgate is *quite* a far way to launch a stone, so don't expect it anytime soon.

We currently have practice available in Hartwood at the Historic Arts held in Parksville, and in Powell River. Please make good use of Discord and Facebook events to co-ordinate attendance and location data so that you can join in the fun. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged, with official Youth Armored Combat in the works so that, on the off-chance that your rattan-swinging stories bring youthful and exuberant younglings out to the field, we will have someone to make sure they can do so safely while learning.

If you have any questions, or this missive has lit a spark, please feel free to reach out to me via your preferred means of contact. I'd be more than happy to talk shop and help fan the flame of encouragement within our Populace as we strive for more people enjoying what armored combat is all about.

As always,

Yours In Service

Runólfr Hálfjótun mka Kelly Knitsch Hartwood's Armored Combat Deputy

Fun things to do

Hartwood Edition

Historic Arts & More!

Every 2nd Saturday 186 Shelley Rd, Parksville BC
This month: June 13th and 20th



Historic Arts in Campbell River Halibe Hall

Every 2nd Friday 6pm and 9pm at
8369 N Island Hwy, Black Creek BC

Archery



Come try out a new sport or hone your skills! Bend a bow, heck...Build one!

Fletch some arrows, shoot at stuff

Thrown Weapons

Spears, axes, knives... what more do you want?

TUTR



Learn something new (or really old) !

Attend Council

Find out where all the bodies are buried! Help out with burying new ones! Friends don't let friends dig alone...

Learn to fight heavy

Hit people with sticks and other fun games!



Learn to fight rapier

Poke people with sticks and look fancy doing it!

Recommend people for Awards

Every citizen's most ~~important~~ FUN job!

Volunteer



Meet new people, do a new job, have a fantastic time!

Travel to nearby events

Meet even more fantastic people!

Try the recipes in the "I could eat" section of this newsletter

Really!

Acknowledgments

Contributors need noticing

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Articles

Art

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Recipes

Photos

Reports

Etc

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