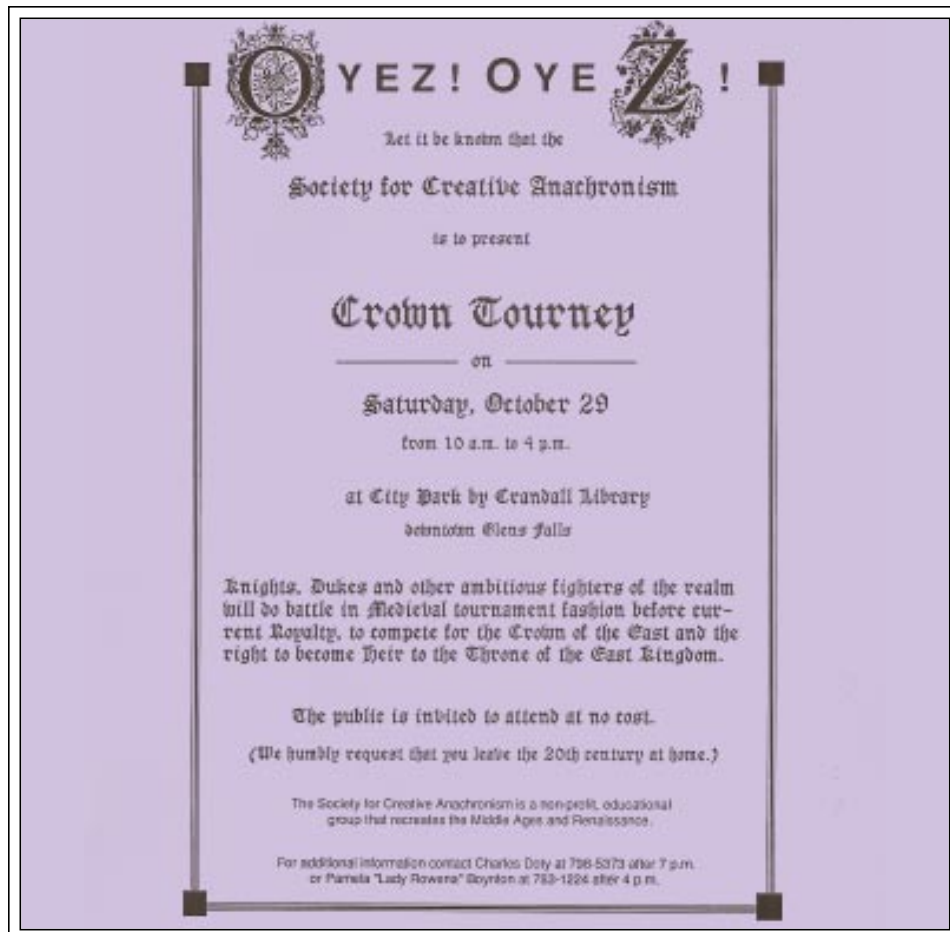


# !! hAPPY 30 YEARS !!



*The original Crown Tournament announcement from 1988 that kicked off the creation of Glenn Linn*

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## The Seneschal Says....

In 1988, it began with a glint in somebody's eyes. Then, 30 years ago this month, it happened – the Shire of Glenn Linn was born. As part of the “living history” movement, our founding is well documented in this issue of the “Cascadian.” But that's the past...we have yet to discover, even invent, our future. Even now, our Shire is strengthening, our membership growing. Be sure to check the calendar on our newly redesigned website, [www.glennlinn.eastkingdom.org](http://www.glennlinn.eastkingdom.org) for information about our exciting new demos that are underway and being planned. Our website and calendar also describe our Arts & Sciences program, which will kick off our new year at a unique multi-class indoor A&S gathering (Sunday, March 31, Moreau Community Center, South Glens Falls), and our huge upcoming premier event “The Great Northern Thyng” (July 5-8, Washington County Fair Ground, just east of Saratoga Springs)

Spring means warmer weather. With it comes the return of outdoor archery, and thrown weapons such as axes, spears, and atlatl, and potentially our first ever seige weaponry. We're also looking to bring back sword and shield fighting, and youth combat. Plus, we're exploring the introduction rapier fighting and an equestrian program.

Organizationally, we're also investigating the creation of geographic regions to better serve our membership and the communities within the Shire. We've already begun to introduce

and strengthen activities in local areas, such as Salem and Whitehall in Washington County, where they can be more interesting and effective. We would like your assistance in these locations, or perhaps your help to get started in your own community. You could be among the first recipients of “The Three Pillars,” our proposed Shire award for service and contributions throughout the year.

You are invited to join our adventure in experiencing, learning, and sharing, what life was like before the 1600s. It's fun. Plus, education experts say it even helps us, and our children, to better understand and relate to our world today. Whether we participate just to experience and learn new things, to increase our own self-confidence, or to make a positive difference in our community or another person's life, the Shire of Glenn Linn is a good place to be, and good people to be with. Let's propel our Shire into a historic future that we choose and work on together.

Lord Tomás an Bhogha O'Neill  
Seneschal



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Greetings All;

We were holding Shire of Glenn Linn Arts and Science sessions on the first and fourth Sundays of the month during the months of April to September and then, when the weather is colder and snowy from Oct to March, we will have A&S sessions on the first Sunday of the month, unless a holiday or other event interferes (All classes and times are subject to change at my discretion). I am currently looking into a new location. I will announce the next A&S sessions when I am sure of times and locations.

I am beginning to plan A&S sessions for 2019. If you would like to teach a class please feel free to email me with the following information at: moas@glennlinn.eastkingdom.org

01. Teacher's Name (As you want it to appear on the Schedule/Announcement):
02. Teacher's Contact Information (Please note if this is private or if you would like it posted in the A&S Class/activities info section on the website):
03. Class Name:
04. Class Description:
05. Class Size Limit (if there is one):
06. Class Participant Age Requirements (minimum and maximum if there are any):
07. Please note if this class is Family/Children Friendly:
08. Class Materials Cost (if there is one):
09. Materials/ tools participants will need to bring (if any):
10. Please let me know if there are any special requirements for your class (needs to be handicap accessible, need water, need electricity, needs to be ventilated) so I can try to meet these needs:
11. 1st and 2nd choices of day you want to teach:
12. 1st and 2nd choices of times you want to teach:
13. Is this a "clean" or "dirty" A&S subject:
14. Is this a lecture, make and take class, demonstration, meet and greet, or something else.

Thank you for your Time. I hope to see you at an A&S session soon.

Yours in Service,

Lady Saffir Weaver

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## The Sword Is Sharper Than The Pen

- Words from the Knight Marshal -

To date we have no fighter practice venue, so no fighter practices, no weapon inspections and no fighter training.

I have finished most of the work on the replica Norse centergrip shield, applying rawhide strips to the edge and painting the canvas front in a charming red and black maelstrom. This shield will be used for fighter practices and to stand as a reasonable example of a shield of the period for others to copy. The shield is 32" in diameter, constructed of 1/2" thick clear pine boards glued edge to edge, covered on the front in light canvas glued with milk glue, or rather it's modern equivalent: "wood glue". The rawhide for the edge was obtained by soaking long rawhide dog chews in hot water, unrolled, flattened and then cut into 2" strips. The rawhide is then clamped at one end, stretched down the edge and clamped along it's length. Strips overlap approximately 1" and are glued down upon drying. I plan to drill holes through the overlap and sew sinew through the holes to firmly attach those points. Some period shields show holes running along the full length of the rawhide and once I am able to test the sinew I will decide if I want to sew completely around the shield. I have some concern that drilling holes will weaken the edge. A leather strap is attached in this example slightly to the left of the Hand grip to facilitate threading it under the boss, over the back of the hand. This attachment system has been shown to greatly increase control of the shield when held at arms length and helps lessen the chance of losing the shield in combat.

We have been in contact with other reenactment/fighting groups to invite them to the Thyng and I have been studying their techniques and rules online to help me understand what they will be doing in July. I am also collecting URLs of interesting videos, images and blogs concerning history, reenactment and armed combat of the period to include in an augmented version of the Marshals Handbook. The handbook is in PDF format and I have installed it on a device with a PDF viewer, which I hope will enable easy viewing at the Thyng for quick reference. I plan to add images of weapons and armor as mentioned in the text so that future marshals and fighters will easily understand the text, which is currently without illustrations.

We are finalizing some details of the fighting fields and having discussions on the layout of the fighting fields and physical nature of barriers and other equipment such as the "ships" for sea battles, the "fleeing monk" and the "castle" from which the king and men must flee in the Hnefetafl Battle, also known as the

Burning House. The Deputy Seneschal has been the primary architect of these details due to his great experience and willingness.

I have been studying the problem of period correct footwear for fighters. Most modern fighters feel the need for hard soled boots in combat for foot protection and I am attempting to find a pattern which will remove the need for modern boots as they detract from the authenticity of the field and generally annoy me as much as blue plastic armor, but that is a personal prejudice and will not be a requirement of the fighters. To date modern boots are acceptable gear as is blue plastic armor. My hope is to supply fighters with better looking and effective alternative to modern materials.

Winter has brought some problems in outdoor work and some minor health issues due to my feeble frame (fibromyalgia and arthritis) but as the weather warms I will be clearing areas on our property as an alternative to fighter practice locations otherwise used such as public parks. You can't have too many fields to fight in.

Signed,

Master Helm Egilsson of Birka, Knight Marshal



## Words From The Web

Greetings from the web!

As always, the shire web page is much like a black hole, or really should be. Anything and everything information wise, that is useful or even just interesting to our members, potential members, friends and strangers should be sucked in and placed in our pages. Kind of like the one-stop shopping experience of Wal-mart (but with worse pay for its employee---I get zip!) In this regard, the work moves onward.

It should also be the place that we drive all our traffic, whether it be the interest of potential new members or for the discussion between current members. This aspect of our web presence has become significantly more important with the push toward having a kingdom social media policy, and as such, we will be moving toward limiting our planning, practices and policy discussions to the Shire's official forum rather than having them be diluted by the broader cross-talk on Facebook and other social media platforms.

So what does "active" mean? Well if you come to meetings (not necessarily all but at least a good number each year) and contribute time, effort and ideas to help propel the shire forward, you are active. We understand that not everyone can be active and that there are many reasons why people can and do participate at one level or another.

That being said, if you are an active member of the shire please join the shire forum on our web page because it is likely that you have been to the meetings where projects have been set in motion and it behooves you to continue participating in their discussion.

Hrotger the Tervingi





## From The Chroniclers Desk

Greetings Gentles,

Welcome to the newest edition of The Cascadian! I hope you enjoy our anniversary tribute to the Shire of Glenn Linn. I thank everyone who has taken part in sharing their memories. This newsletter is built on submissions, so without you, The Cascadian wouldn't be possible. Thanks again to Hrotgar for his tireless efforts in writing, layout, and overall enthusiasm for this newsletter.

Uallch O'Slatara



## OYEZ! OYEZ!

### What is the Valiance Proposal?

The Valiance proposal is designed to provide a pathway to peerage recognition for those individuals in each kingdom who excel in both quality and skill in archery, thrown weapons, siege, equestrian, or any other SCA martial activities not covered by the existing peerages.

TO FIND OUT WHAT THE MOVEMENT IS ABOUT

<http://endlesskills.net/valianceproposal.pdf>



## What's On YOUR Calendar?

You're invited! Every member of the public is invited to take part in our activities, workshops, meetings, or events. Workshops sometimes require a material fee. Entry fees, if any, for some events are reduced for registered members. However, formal membership is NOT required.

### MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

**Business Meetings:** Held the second Sunday of the month in the Crandall Room at Crandall Library, 251 Glen St, Glens Falls, NY 12801, from 14:30 to 17:00. The upcoming dates are Jan 13, Feb 10 and Mar 10.

**Arts & Sciences:** The A&S workshops usually have a pre-scheduled class or activity, such as for making garb (clothing), accessories or crafts, Medieval Games Night, or Glenn Linn Minstrels singing practice. Time & Location TBA

**Cooking Guild:** The Glenn Linn cooking guild meets sporadically to cook and eat dishes from various cultures and time periods. Participants have the opportunity to take the lead on selecting and researching a particular culture and / or time period. Time & Location TBA

### PRACTICES

Seasonal Outdoor Activities are currently on hiatus but Look for them to return with the nice weather.

**Archery Practice:** 1 May through 31 October, Sundays, 13:00 - 15:00, Community Recreational Area, 55 Main Street, Argyle, NY.

**Thrown Weapons Practice:** 1 May through 31 October, Sundays, 13:00 - 15:00, Community Recreational Area, 55 Main Street, Argyle, NY.

**Heavy Combat Practice:**  
Time & Location TBA

**Youth Combat Practice:**  
Time & Location TBA

**Fencing Practice:**  
Time & Location TBA

**Seige Engine Practice:**  
Time & Location TBA

*Please Note: Specific information on all activities date, time and location can be found on the official Shire Calendar on our Web Site. The official Shire of Glenn Linn Web Site is the only "official" source for information about the Shire and its activities.*



## Tossin It Out There

*Words from the thrown Weapons Marshals*

Well another quarter has come to past...the cold quarter when we all stay inside, sharpen our pointy-throwy things and yearn for an open field, a sunny day, and something to throw dangerous weapons at. Well, that time is coming folks, it's right around the corner. Hopefully before we have our first throwing weapon practice, I will have completed three new target stands for the shire along with some new composite targets (as opposed to giant log rounds). The new stands and targets will be designed in the same way as our archery stands, for ease of use and portability. Once completed, I look forward to having all the Shire folk and friends coming out to test them under fire. See you all on the throwing field soon.

Hrotger the Tervingi



## Katharine's Corner

Last quarter saw a lot of planning as we met with the director of the library in Salem. We also met with the team at the Salem Community Courthouse and discussed a cooking class as well as involvement in their Lunch, Learn, and Play summer kids program.

I am very excited to be able to work in this community and our upcoming events are creating quite a buzz. Once we are established in this library system, it will be a logical step to utilize the libraries in other communities for both outreach and community support. We are only as good as the face we present to the public.

I want to thank everyone for driving out to meetings and offering assistance as we establish a presence in this area.

### Did you know.....

**King Harold did not die from an arrow in the eye at the battle of Hastings?**

*None of the individuals who actually fought in the battle ever mentioned an arrow in the eye. It was first mentioned in the 1080s by the monk Amatus of Montecassino in his history of the Normans. Contemporary evidence even shows that the Bayeux Tapestry didn't originally depict an arrow in the eye. It was added in a 19th Century restoration.*



## The Kid's Corner

HASTINGS, 1066



## The Gathering of the Knitters

Please come and join us at our monthly gathering of knitters! Feel free to bring any knitting project you are working on!

If you are new to knitting, we would be happy to help you learn more! All are welcome!

Come enjoy an afternoon of knitting companionship. And learning! Period knitting...any knitting...we love knitting!

For information about our scheduled meetings, directions or if you have any other questions, please email me at:

redlioncanoe77@gmail.com

I wish everyone near and far happy knitting!

Lady Arnleif the Red





# EPICURIA



## Wurst is Best or Why Hot Dogs are Period - By Hrotger

*"Mix and knead together all the state business as you do for your sausages. To win the people, always cook them some savoury that pleases them."*

*From Knights (424 BCE) by Aristophanes*

Due to a combination of efficient butchery and a need to preserve meat, sausage has been an important item in man's diet for at least twenty centuries. Akkadian stone tablets housed at Yale University dating to 1700 BCE were revealed by the French scholar Jean Bottero to be the oldest extant recipe books. They included a text describing meat-stuffed intestinal casings (the world's first sausages). Of course, sausages also show up in other early texts; Homer mentions a kind of blood sausage in the Odyssey, Epicharmus wrote a comedy titled "The Orya" (The Sausage) in the 5th century, a 6th century Chinese agricultural manual contains instructions for making sausages, and the opening quote comes from a play by Aristophanes' about a sausage vendor who is elected leader of the state.

Not to be outdone, sausage on a stick was a favorite food of the Romans, becoming so popular during the Lupercalia Festival that the early church banned their consumption. In the 10th century, Byzantine Empire, Leo VI outlawed the production of blood sausages following an outbreak of food poisoning (possibly the oldest food law, ignoring religious prohibitions).

Although the origin of sausages is to be found in the classical

period, if not earlier, it was during the Middle Ages that sausage-making abounded. The daily consumption of fresh meat began to decline as the population in Europe recovered from the Black Death, and, as a result, more land was devoted to labor-intensive agriculture rather than stock rearing. As fresh meat consumption declined, the salting and preserving of meat grew, often taking the form of sausages, and the local sausage peddler in towns was a familiar character. A document from the Spanish vice-regent in Palermo on January 30, 1415 shows that lamb, pork, or sausages were bought thirteen days out of the month and macaroni only once a month. The sausages were usually purchased from street vendors and eaten for dinner.

Traditionally, sausage makers would salt various tissues and scraps such as organ meat, blood, and fat then stuff them into tubular casings made from the cleaned intestines of the animal. This process help use every consumable part of the animal and aided in preserving the meat as well. In fact the very name "sausage" is derived from the Old French "saussiche" which comes from the Latin word "salsus" meaning salted.

Different regions produced their own distinctive types of sausage, both fresh and dry, based upon the availability of ingredients as well as the climate. In areas with periods of cold climate, sausages could be kept fresh during the cold months, and smoked or cured to keep fresh during the warm months. In hotter climates, dry sausages were developed that kept fresh for extended periods.

Eventually, these regional styles of sausage, created through necessity, became associated with the area in which they originated. For example bologna originated in the town of Bologna in Northern Italy, Lyons sausage from Lyons in France, and berliner sausage from Berlin in Germany. The best known and most beloved of sausages in our modern world was created in 1562 for the feast at the coronation of Maximilians II. This sausage, a type of bratwurst, eventually came to be named after the town it was created in. Where was that you ask? Well, it was in Frankfurt that the Frankfurter (or hot dog) was born..

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## HOLDING THE LINE

(The mostly true events of a Northern Region War Practice)

by Ullach O'Slatara

War was coming. There was no stopping that now. The Kingdom of the East and the Kingdom of the Middle had walked away from peace and set a battle field between them.

It was my first summer in the Northern Army, and I feared it might be my last.

The warriors that carried the white star had a reputation as thugs- burly men and women who put killing the enemy ahead of saving their own skin. To die a glorious death wasn't just better than retreating, it was expected. But reputation isn't built on a moment's glory. The ranks of the Northern Army were full of gray hair and determination, skill coupled with a taste for war that saw fighters line up year after year to defend their lands long after glory and riches would have given them the comfort of a noble's life.

This was just a practice, I told myself, a time to teach us the maneuvers that would win us the war to come. No one here was going to die today. Probably.

It was brutally hot. The sun shone through a smokey haze that lay like a blanket over the field. All around, people wore the red faces that spoke of sun fever and we hadn't begun to fight yet. I settled into my sweat, at least my cooking duties had prepared me to deal with the heat.

We lined up in our groups, ours holding the left end of the line. I stood with members from my village, nothing more than an outpost in the Northern Region, and within that, I stood with Harald and his sons, Asulf, Ragnar, and Olaf. And then there was me, just a runaway from my father's cattle farm, knowing nothing of war but wanting little of the shame we would face in defeat.

Across from us was the other half of the Northern Army, ready to demolish us. To demolish me. There were scores of them and me with a large white shield- a perfect target coupled with an unsteady sword. There was nothing left to swallow in my dry throat as I faced a mock death. My place would be exposed as a weakness, the spearman behind me defenseless when I fell.

"They think they're invincible," Olaf said, nodding his head to the white tabards across from us. "Don't let their pretty armor fool you, they're human like everyone else here."

"Speak for yourself," Kveldulf said. He was a short man, a love of ale giving him a round gut that he passed off as mythical dwarven heritage. His board ax flashed on his shoulder.

"We'd be a lot better off if your arm were as quick as your tongue," Olaf said.

"Don't be jealous. Your bark is almost as bad as your bite, little dog."

Olaf's face reddened, but not from the heat and they pretended to kill each other in a brotherly show of northern love.

"Save it!" Harald stopped them as he walked our part of the line, making sure we were where he wanted us. "Keep the line. That is your job. Keep it straight, keep it strong. If they're going to break through anywhere, it better not be here." He stopped in front of me, he was a bear of a man, and his presence in our line alone might be enough to strike fear into the enemy we faced. "When they push, you push back with everything you have. I know you can do this."

I nodded, but I still wasn't sure how I could push against all those people.

"Hey," there was a tap on my shield and I looked over to see Olaf grinning. "Protect your brother on your left."

"Protect your brother on your left." I repeated his words, realizing he was the brother on my left. And that is when the wall became a wall for me. I was not one person defending one place against dozens of individuals. I was part of a line fighting another line. It wasn't one verses one hundred. It was one hundred verses one hundred.

I looked to the brother on my left and passed Olaf's wisdom down the line.

At the command, we marched, foot over foot at a measured pace. But soon, both lines began to falter and bend as people slowed in fear, or hastened in eagerness. Our part remained straight and strong, Harald's words keeping discipline long after he said them. My feet set to match only the brother on my left as Olaf kept to mine.

We were steps away when the spears behind us lowered and we lifted our shields into position. Another step and we locked eyes with the person we would shove against. One more and the last breath of peace sat between opposing lines of shields.

The crash of metal and wood split the heavy air followed by a chorus of grunts and the ring of spears against helms. I pushed the shield in front of me, underestimated for both my size and my sex, I gained ground. I dug in my feet, hunkering down behind my shield to give the spear behind me room to kill.

The line disintegrated into pockets of blades and boards as we walked among our fallen comrades. Somehow, I had managed to survive the initial onslaught to face an 'invincible' youth in a white tabbed. His blade flashed to my helmet, giving nothing more than a pleasant ting. Grinning, I shook my head while his eyes widened. I stepped into his defense like it belonged to me, almost pinning his toes under my boots as I fired shot after shot until something stuck. Behind him was man in a red belt. That was all I saw before he cracked the side of my helmet hard enough to give me the death I deserved.

We lined up again. The heat weakening arms and stealing breath as surgeons dragged Northern fighters from the field. "What good will it do us if you die here?" they said to armored temper tantrums. "Save your fire for the war."

Our numbers began to dwindle, until those taken from the ranks were greater than those who remained.

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## WHAT NEWS?

### A QUARTERLY COLUMN OF CURRENT COGNIZANCE

Wow, another quarter has flown by, in this case the cold months when little other than planning happens. So what has been going on?

Due to both weather related and personal issues occurring in the shire, we never had our Christmas / Yule business meeting / snack fest. We did however make up for that by having a birthday celebration for our seneschal Tomas at the February business meeting. There were many snacks and a good time was had by all.

Our business meetings are now being held back at Crandall Library earlier in the afternoon on the second Sunday of the month. I say back because once upon a time the shire used to use the library as their meeting spot, so the necessity of moving here due to the Red Cross building being sold was really no great hardship. In fact, meeting at the library earlier in the day has great deal more potential for attracting the interest of a casual passer by then we would have ever had at the Red Cross.

The new year brought the return of the event season with Birka as always being the unofficial kick off. Tomas journeyed into the far eastern reaches of the kingdom to do some shopping, hear the news, and discover what the final word would be on the kingdoms new proposed "royalty" structure. I say royalty as in a fee, not as in those who wear the crown, although it would in fact be a royalty on the royalty. The news came out that the East Kingdom was not and had not been making it's budget so something had to be done to gather more coin into the coffers. The proposal was and will be a kind of booking fee to have a royal progress at your event. This fee will be 20% of the profit generated by the event. The royals will decide which event they plan on attending (up to 30 days out) and groups can petition to NOT

pay the fee, but the decision will be up to the kingdom. The discussion of this led to a great conflagration on social media which was stamped out rather quickly, saving discussion for the Curia at Birka.

Planning for our major event, The Great Northern Thyng continues. In the interest in inclusivity and cross-play opportunities, shire members including myself, Tomas, Will, and Sam attended the inaugural event for a new Amtgard (LARP / Battle Game) group in our area. All had a grand time and it was noted that the similarities of our hobbies should allow for cross-game integration at the Thyng with very little difficulty. Also in preparation for the Thyng, personal invitations in the form of a scroll done with calligraphy and illumination have been being prepared and either presented in person or mailed to various groups. I presented one such invitation in person to Markland. Another is being mailed to the herald of the Kingdom of Acre. Tomas will be presenting one to our friends in the Shire of Mountain Freehold and more will be going out prior to Thyng.

The warm weather has of course also brought new Demo opportunities, several of which will be occurring in Salem thanks to the hard work of our Chatelaine Colleen. In addition to those, we have been invited to hold some A&S activities out there as well. We had not been having an regular group A&S activities for various reasons but the new year has brought a renewed interest in the arts and sciences. In fact, the multi-class day that had been in the planning stages sense last December has finally found a location and will be occurring at the end of the month. The location, the Moreau Community Center is very welcoming and may prove to be useful for a monthly meeting space.

## PRITHEE PAY HEED...

The Cascadian is the quarterly news letter of the Shire of Glenn Linn. That means it is your news letter. There are details that are required to be included (the boring bits), but almost anything else you (yes, ANY and ALL of you) would like to see can be included in these pages (the potentially fun, entertaining, and informative bits). But you need to tell us what you would like to see.

## Holding the Line

I never survived a battle, but I fought every one, and I always held the line.

The End

*This fictionalized account is an patchwork of a few different war practices I attended in my first incarnation of the SCA. Most of the material comes from my first war practice in the Shire of Glenn Linn during a brutally hot summer. I don't remember the year, but I do remember the sky was hazy and we later learned it was caused by a wild fire somewhere in Canada.*





**NORTHERN REGION WAR CAMPS  
2014 - 2017 EDITIONS  
BY LISABETTA VEDOVA DI ALESSANDRO**

### GETTING STARTED

When traveling to my godmother's funeral in CT back in 2013, I ran into a childhood friend, Tim, her nephew. At the social after the service, Tim told me about this thing he was doing the next week, going to a place called "Pennsic." I asked him what that was, and he gave me a brief description but told me to go look it up when I got home. I did.

What I found fascinated me. I was an avid reader of historical romances and a lover of the Elizabethan period. The stories of knights, royalty, chivalry, and even the mundane running of family households were what my dreams were about. The more I read, the more I wanted to learn.

I found out that there were local people doing the same stuff that I had always wanted to learn and wished I could live. So, I showed up at Hunter's Moon with my daughter. I had no idea what to do. After checking in at gate, I said we were new. The guy waved me over to 3 bins of garb I could go through and pick from.

After finding something suitable for me and my daughter to wear, we wandered over to the A&S pavilion. There I met Sabd, and she invited me to go to a Glenn Linn meeting the next week. I showed up there and felt really out of place. But Sabd was there to be my friend, and she guided me as I found my footing.

There was discussion about NRWC the next year, and Gage said there weren't any bids for an autocrat. I gathered from the conversation that an autocrat is the person in charge of the event. But what the heck was a War Camp? I figured it was kinda like this "Pennsic" thing that Tim had told me about.

### SERVICE FROM THE START

Since no one else was offering to be autocrat, Sabd reluctantly took the job at the October meeting. Because she was so helpful and friendly towards me, I didn't want to let my new friend have to do all this work that she really didn't want to do. I offered to help her.

As her deputy, and to relieve her of a lot of the pressure of organizing, I took it upon myself to do most of the legwork. Sabd dealt with the Town of Warrensburg and Warren County (NRWC was to be in Warrensburg at the Warren County Fairgrounds, as it had been for years).

After learning what kinds of things go on at NRWC, and finding out there was no record of what had been done in years

past, I researched the most cost-effective places to get the things we needed. First things first, and that was porta potties. I learned there was a building with toilets centrally located, but I figured there needed to be a few extra places for people to go.

After speaking with a few companies, I chose a vendor and contacted them to reserve the porta potties. Next, I learned we had to collect and remove trash from the site. So I found a vendor for that and arranged a dumpster. Since I'm not in the business of knowing all about dumpsters and trash collecting, I had no idea what size to get. I wound up getting one too big, but figured this was a learning experience.

### I HAVE TO BUILD A CASTLE?

Along the way, I learned that the fighters needed to build "castles" and "bridges" so they could practice their fighting. In my mind, I imagined a real castle and a real bridge, just like in the olden times. No, that's not it. The castle and bridge would be built out of bales of hay or straw. Really? I wondered, just how big are these structures going to be, anyway? No, not a real bridge and a real castle with doorways and such. Just a basic footprint so the fighters could pretend it's there was a bridge and a castle. I still didn't understand, but what the heck. My job was to just get the stuff. I didn't have to know the logistics of how it was to be used.

First, I had to find out the difference between straw and hay. Then I had to price them both. I was surprised to learn that hay is quite a bit less expensive than straw. Again, I found a vendor and arranged to have 100 bales of hay delivered to the site.

Since no one had bothered to keep notes about where to get all this stuff, I decided to start a list to make it easier for the person in charge the next year. I'm glad I did, since that person would be me.

### PERMITS AND PROBLEMS

Sabd told me horror stories of the frustration in getting permits from the town and county. Getting archery and thrown weapons included in NRWC that year was impossible. Tomas and Erik, especially, were upset with this, but there was nothing that could be done about it.

I had everything set by winter of 2014, so all I could do was sit back and wait.

At the June business meeting, I requested checks to pay for the hay and porta-potties, as payment was expected on delivery. I had to reserve the dumpster with my own credit card, so I was happy to get the reimbursement check.

Finally, the event was getting close. We were to set up the site that week. Sabd and I went to Warrensburg to get the keys to the gates and to the restrooms. I had heard that the autocrat or the deputy had to be on site the entire time. Sabd did not want to camp, so I had gone out and bought a 4-person nylon tent and



air mattress. I offered to stay on site from beginning to end. I became The Keeper of the Keys.

### FIRST ON, LAST OFF

On Thursday, the first day of NRW, I arrived on site at 7am to unlock the gates. I wasn't sure what time the hay would be delivered, and since I had the check for them, I had to be there. I'm glad I arrived early, because it was delivered at 7:30.

The porta-potties and dumpster soon followed, so I told the men where to place them. Finally, other shire people started to arrive. Someone from the town came and described how to work the lights, showed me where the toilet paper, trash can liners, broom, and mop were. We were responsible for cleaning the bathrooms, keeping them stocked, and disposing of the hay when we were finished.

It hadn't been easy to find people to volunteer to work gate. Since we are a small shire, everyone already had jobs to do just to run the event. As deputy, I sat at gate a lot along with Sabd during the day. She was unable to do much else. Because she was unable to in some way, or because she was stuck at gate? Maybe add sentence that shows her continued friendship or contribution?

I was occasionally able to leave gate to check and restock the bathrooms for supplies (Why wasn't I shown how to refill the paper towel dispenser? I must have struggled with that thing for half an hour or more) or to be sure the hose was hooked up and running for the fighters to cool off. I even got to walk around the site and see a few merchants, watch the fighters for a bit (So THAT's what the hay is used for), and chat with my friend Tim for a bit. He introduced me to a few of his friends. I even got to go to Court for the first time. And I met the King (Brennan I)!

I hadn't camped in a tent since I was a child. I really had no idea what I was doing. Since I needed to use electric for my CPAP device I brought a heating element so I could cook. I knew nothing about making a fire or cooking over one.

That first night, it was the pits. It had started to rain and the temperature dropped like a stone. My nylon tent did nothing to keep the cold out, and I was freezing on the air mattress. No one told me that an air mattress directly on the ground just sucks your body heat away from you. Even fully clothed, in a sleeping bag, with my blanket and wool cloak on top did nothing to keep me warm. I remembered from when I was a kid not to touch the inside of the tent so the rain wouldn't seep in, but that didn't help with the damp cold. Needless to say, I didn't sleep much that night. The following night wasn't much better.

The rest of the event went off pretty well, but cleaning up afterwards was no fun. It took two people almost four hours to industrially clean the bathrooms. Picking everything up after almost everyone left took a long time as well. By Sunday afternoon at 3pm, I was bushed. But I stayed to the bitter end. I was first

on and last off the property. Not bad for a deputy autocrat of a major event 11 months after first hearing about Pennsic.

### A NEW SITE, A NEW PLAN

At the event meeting the next week, Sabd and I gave the final report of the event and took care of last-minute financial things. I decided I actually had fun with this whole NRW thing and I wanted to do it the next year.

People mentioned to me that the site was getting too small for NRW. It had grown so much that we needed a bigger space, one that allowed archery and thrown weapons. So I began to look around. A couple people suggested I check out the Washington County Fairgrounds site.

Fair enough. Since it was my first time being autocrat, I figured we might as well start at a new place. As Sabd's deputy, I noticed some things that needed improvement, a new site could allow for better set up.

I spoke with Mark, the manager, at the fairgrounds. I explained our needs and he was more than willing to accommodate us. He was a gem to work with the three years I served as autocrat.

It turned out that the fairground personnel would take care of the bathrooms so we didn't have to spend all that time caring for them then cleaning them up. They also would provide trash pick-up, so we didn't have to rent a dumpster. A bonus was not having to dispose of the hay bales when we were done. They provided us with a compost dumpster, so all we had to do was load it up with hay bales.

Planning NRW at the new site was fun. No one had any expectations about where things happen, so I was free to decide all that. I had my contacts for the hay and the porta potties, so that was easy. Good thing I kept notes the previous year. I added to those notes with info about the new site. I also decided to manage the event differently than how it was managed before.

For NRW of 2014, Sabd maintained control over setting up classes, merchants, dealing with the Royals, getting gate volunteers, and site management. I kept her abreast of what I was doing, too. But I could see how much pressure that put on her, and I didn't want that.

I developed a new way of managing NRW. No longer would the autocrat be responsible for all the legwork. I would still oversee everything, but I was going to spread the joy of the planning process.

Erik became Merchant-o-crat and site coordinator, Æsa was in charge of planning everything to do with fencing, Tomás did archery and was Ice-o-crat (the shire fundraiser at NRW), and Gage was royal liaison (with a bit of help from Liam). Eikaterine was youth marshal. I found a heavy list marshal, a thrown weapons marshal, and an equestrian marshal to handle planning those things. Sandie planned classes and lined up teachers. And I was





in charge of getting volunteers for gate, providing loaner garb, and coordinating with the fairgrounds manager.

Just so everyone was kept abreast of what was going on with planning War Camp, I held meetings throughout the year. I wanted everyone to have input in planning and taking ownership of the shire event. It worked out well. The three NRWCs that have been held at the new site have gotten easier to plan every year. People know their jobs now, so that helps a lot.

It's still a struggle to find gate volunteers, and it's even harder now with the new kingdom rules added to our shire rules. There must be two blue-card-carrying, non-related adults who do not live in the same mundane household at gate at all times. In addition, since all active members of the shire are busy working the event, they do not have a lot of time to work two-hour shifts at gate.

The second year we were at the new site, we had a bit of unexpected weather to deal with. A Category E0 tornado blew by,

within a couple miles of the site. I spread the word to let people know we were sheltering in the Ag Center building.

In the Ag Center, we stood in the doorway and watched the funnel go slowly past in the distance. When it was all clear, we went to check on camps. There were many tents down and things were waterlogged. In our camp, my tent was the only one still standing. People pulled together and got things cleaned up over the next few hours.

The threat of the storm dropped attendance, but I am proud to say that for the three years I was autocrat of NRWC, the shire pulled a profit. The third year was best, about \$3,000. It was a welcome addition to our bank account as the following year, we were honored when the East Kingdom hosted their 50th anniversary celebration in our shire on the same weekend.

I've since passed the reins to the Hrotger to take charge of our summer event. I can't wait to see what he's cooked up!



## A Walk on the Wild Side

Ullach O'Slatara

The want to bring the middle ages to life in immersive detail is something most of us strive for. However, scant archeological records, limited first hand documentation, and the changing meaning of words has made that difficult. This is especially true in the realm of cooking, where today's carrot is not the same as the carrot enjoyed in the 14th century.

Even when authentic ingredients or their near relatives can be found, they might be prohibitively expensive. There is one source, often overlooked, that can give us authentic, widely used ingredients for the cost of some physical labor.

Wild edibles are in abundance, if you know where and when to look. Many herbs- even a continent away- are so similar to their European (or Asian) counterparts that it is worth the search and harvest. This article will focus on spring edibles found in the Shire of Glenn Linn and around the world.

Spring is a joyous time, but often a hungry one. Food stores have been depleted, and gardens are only turned and planted with what hardy seeds can survive a late frost. It was probably with great excitement that people plucked up the fresh greens of spring after months of their absence from their diet.



**Dandelions:** This plant is native to Eurasia and was brought to America by settlers. Chiffolo tells us that the greens have been eaten in the Mediterranean since ancient times and could likely be one of the original bitter herbs of Pass-over.

Known in many countries for their medical benefits, Chiffolo relates that they are high in vitamin C, calcium, iron, beta-carotene, and calories (vital after a long winter).

Their use in salads was included though the 17th century and would help authenticate the salad at your feast table.

Dandelions are easily identifiable and all parts of the plant are edible. Greens should be picked young, before the onset of flower buds. Flower petals make a wonderful visual addition to salad and baked goods.

If you are going to pick the greens, make sure it is in an area free from pesticides and wash them thoroughly before consuming.

You can grow dandelion from seed, but leaving a patch of unmowed lawn seems the easier option.

### Wild leeks or ramps:

Wild leeks in this country are not the same variety found in Europe, but are similar in both taste and appearance and make a much better addition to medieval cuisine than



cultivated leeks.

Wild leeks have a taste between mild garlic and sweet onion and usually grow in the filtered shade of the woods, especially near stream banks. Once you uproot a wild leek, it will be obvious by the garlic-like aroma emanating from the plant. Plants are harvestable between April and May.

This plant is something of a rarity and currently in high demand. Always ask permission before harvesting on property that does not belong to you. Harvest sustainably by taking only one of the two leaves present on the plant and allowing the bulb to stay in the ground. If you find a large patch, you can harvest entire plants, but only take what you will use.

Ramp seeds can be found for purchase, but are difficult to grow.

Ramps can be eaten raw or cooked but should be thoroughly washed before consumption.

#### RECIPE: Ramp Butter

Take freshly harvested ramps and wash them (four or five leaves to one half cup of butter works well). Blanch them for thirty seconds and set aside to cool. Pat them with a towel to remove as much moisture as possible. Mince the leaves and combine with softened butter. Roll butter into logs, wrap in parchment paper and then foil. Freeze until needed.

Heise tells us that mint was used in the middle ages, as it is often used now, for stomach problems, as well as fevers and wounds. Made into a vinegar, it was used as a mouthwash and a sauce made of mint was thought to restore the appetite. It is a favorite for inclusion in sauces and added to dishes both sweet and savory.

Mint can be harvested at anytime, but is easiest to spot in late spring and early summer.

You can grow this plant in your garden, but it is highly invasive and is best kept in an isolated location. I find the wild version to be more flavorful and abundant enough not to have to devote time and space to growing it.

**Nettle:** Stinging nettle or 'seven minute itch' is a wonder plant that provides significant amounts of iron, vitamin k, manganese, and other nutrients. Often, we see this plant as a nuisance whose hair-like fibers give a short-lived burning rash, but it was a multi-use plant in the middle ages.

Nettle soup was a common addition to the table and a favorite of St. Columba in Ireland. Later in the season, it was made into string



Salat From The Forme of Curye found on the blog A Dollop of History

*Take parsel, sawge, garlec, chybollus, oynons, lek, borage, myntes, porrettes, fenels and towne cressis, rewe, rosmarye, purslary, lauen and waische hem clene pyke hem pluk hem small with thyne hond and mynge hem wel with rawe oyle. lay on vyner and salt and surve hem forth.*

Translation:

*Take parsley, sage, garlic, chives, onions, leek, borage, mint, scallions, fennel, garden cress, rue, rosemary, purslane, rinse and wash them clean, pick them pluck them small with thine hand and mix them well with raw oil. Lay on vinegar and salt and serve them forth.*



**Mint:** Mint is a plant known to much of the world and your spice cupboard. According to Elpel, rosemary, sage, and thyme, along with several other herbs, are members of the mint family. The flavor of wild mint is a far cry from the artificial flavoring many of us are used to. There are several varieties of mint, but, they all have a square stem and opposite leaves (directly across from one another on the stem). You will be

able to tell wild mint by the familiar scent of its crushed leaves.

and even woven into cloth.

Harvest young tops early in the season, as later they become inedible. You can wear gloves to avoid the sting, or grasp the plant firmly, crushing the filaments before they can enter your skin.

If you can't find this plant near you, seeds are available.

#### RECIPE: Rich Nettle Broth (courtesy of Wytrig.com)

- 1 cup, packed down, of young, freshly picked tops of nettles (don't use nettle that has begun to flower or set seed\*)
- 2 cups chicken broth or vegetable stock



- 2 oz butter (50gm)
- 1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal, or one medium potato cooked and diced
- 4 TBS sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Wearing gloves, pick tender top growth of nettles
2. Still wearing gloves, wash nettle tops, then coarsely chop
3. Melt butter in sauce pan; add nettles and heat gently until wilted
4. Add the stock and bring to low boil
5. Turn down the heat, add oatmeal or potato; simmer for 10-15 minutes
6. Puree in blender and sieve topped with sour cream, swirled gently to make a spiral

*\*Soaking nettles in water or cooking them will remove the stinging chemicals from the plant. Nettles should be eaten only when young and green, as once it begins blooming and setting seed, its leaves develop tiny, gritty particles of calcium carbonate called cystoliths, and these can cause urinary tract irritation.*

**Wild Strawberries:** As a child I had a spot where I would gather these every year. If you find one, guard it well, for the berries are a favorite of wild creatures as well as people. These tiny berries look just like their store



bought counterparts, but much smaller. Their taste, however, is something to experience, as the tiny fruit will fill your mouth with flavor. Look for the tell tale three leaved plants set on runners along with their white flowers in late spring. Fruit sets in early June just as spring wanes.

According to [abbeymedievalfestival.com](http://abbeymedievalfestival.com), the strawberry was met with mixed reviews in medieval Europe being both praised as a fruit of perfection associated with the Virgin Mary and a plant to be avoided as it grew on the ground where serpents might pass by.

The Norse had more love for the plant, connecting it to both the goddess Frigga and Freyja. The website [abbeymedievalfestival.com](http://abbeymedievalfestival.com) relates a tender reverence for a fruit so small, yet intensely flavorful: "In Norse mythology Frigga gave strawberries as a symbol to the spirits of young children who had died in infancy who would then ascend to heaven hidden within a strawberry."

This is not something that you will be able to gather in sufficient quantities for the feast table, but a small bowl of them

for your most honored guests would be a luxury well remembered.

You can grow alpine strawberries in your garden, the taste is similar, but the berries are larger. As with the wild variety, berries should be picked as close to consumption as possible.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Before foraging for wild foods, consult field guides or take a class to help determine that you have plants properly identified.

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# The Founding of the Shire of Glenn Linn

In 1988, the twenty-second year of the Society for Creative Anachronisms, a handful of gamers, history buffs and Sci-Fi fans in North Eastern New York decided to join the dream. The inspiration came from a friend and former resident of the area who still had connections with the local gamers and had several years of experience in the society through involvement with the Barony of Concordia of the Snows, and it's Canton of Brewers Keep (now defunct). At the time, Glens Falls, Queensbury and the surrounding towns lay in a large, mostly unclaimed area between what is now the Central and Northern Regions of the East Kingdom. While years earlier, an incipient shire called Galagalen had briefly staked claim to the lands around nearby Lake George, it had become defunct and was long forgotten. Because of this, there was no local SCA activity, so interested individuals would have to travel almost an hour at the very least, and often much further in order to participate.

Trips to events in Vermont (Mountain Freehold), Massachusetts (Bergental), and the relatively nearby Barony of Concordia (Schenectady NY) were undertaken as were visits to Brewers Keep in Albany for fighter practices and soon a remedy for the necessity of travel was decided upon by trying to bring an event to Glens Falls. By approaching the Glens Falls Common Council, backing was gained to hold an event in the park outside of Crandall Library and the Canton of Brewers Keep was approached and agreed to sponsor the event. The result being that the East Kingdoms Fall Crown Tourney for 1988 was held in the center of Glens Falls. This event, which garnered a lot of attention, was well advertised (the local Post-Star newspaper even ran an Arts Section cover story promoting the upcoming event), open to the public and included an "information booth" to provide more details about the society, jump started the process to form a local Shire.

The turn out for this event and increased public interest lead to an informational meeting being held in Crandall Public Library the next month to provide information to those individuals who wished to join the "Not Yet Incipient Shire of Glenn Linn". A large turnout of interested parties spoke well for the need of a local SCA presence in and around Glens Falls. After the November meeting, the soon-to-be Shire was off and running. The core group of local gamers were joined by a few transplants from the Canton of Brewers Keep and several more dedicated individuals from the informational meeting, in working toward the goal of full status within the Society.

Officers were soon elected, a news letter published, and the appropriate paperwork was filed with the Society. Soon, many activities were planned and executed. Arts and Sciences along with combative skills all flourished in those early days, with single day and even weekend campouts on various A&S themes being held. Heavy list combat, fencing and even archery practices occurred from the very beginning of the Shire with the archery program itself getting off the ground with a gift of equipment from HRH Prince Morghun in Jan of 1989. In addition, the Shire also held its first official events, Rattan Rally and Romp In The Park, both of which were very successful with Romp occurring many more times in years to come.

In February of 1989 the Shire was first listed in the Kingdom news letter (The Pikestaff). In May of 1989, the new Shires name, Glenn Linn became officially registered and the device representing a river running through a green valley was officially accepted in October of the same year. In April of 1990, the Shire left its incipient status and became a fully recognized group in the SCA. From then until now the Shire has been proud to be home to over one hundred members who have been recognized for merit over eighty times by the Kingdom. We have also put on numerous demonstrations throughout the local community, and run more than sixty events in service to the Society and to benefit its members.

## THE SHIRE OF GLENN LINN FOUNDING OFFICERS

Lord Charlton du Rill (Seneshal)

Lady Rowena nic Dhonnchaidh (Herald)

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Lady Jeanne die Spinnerin (Minister of Arts)

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# THE BOUNTIFUL SHIRE OF GLENN LINN

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

03 - 10 - 2019

14:00 – 17:00

Crandall Library, Glens Falls New York



Called to Order: 2:10pm

Present:

- \* Seneschal- Tomas
- \* Exchequer & Web Minister- Sean
- \* Knight Marshal- Helm
- \* Minister of the List and Herald- Sam
- \* Mistress of Arts and Sciences- Saffir

Alecia, Ruth, Margarette and Lucien and guest

Excused: 0

Absent:

- \* Chatelaine and Chroniclers- Colleen Maloney

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to approve: Alecia 1<sup>st</sup> Saffir 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 6-5-0, Approved

Welcome to Guest(s)/Announcements:

Angela/ Æliana is in attendance for this months meeting. She will be co-house mom at the Northern Thyng as well as the CA MIC and the siege MIC. She wanted to introduce herself and let everyone know she is available to help and to be contacted any time regards to her areas that she will be in charge of.

Announcements:

No new announcements

Seneschal Reports:

Tomas went to Mountain Freehold on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 an event in Vermont. He attended several classes and will forward the information of the classes to members later this week. Tomas also advertised the Northern Thyng in hopes to raise awareness and gain attendance. Tomas also procured a couple extra people to help marshal the event. David from Mountain Freehold will be a archery marshal. Tomas also made an unofficial donation from the Shire populace to a member of Mountain Freehold, Eleanor Grey, to support them in their school efforts as a mid-wife and medical professional. The Shire was thanked by Ms. Grey. No Shire funds were used for this donation.

Exchequer Report:

The end of year report has been submitted to the kingdom. The balance of the Shire's account is \$9169.21.

Web Minister Report:

The web minister needs shire members' SCA email. This is a new thing to the SCA. A member's email will be their member [number@sca.org](mailto:number@sca.org) for example: [12345@sca.org](mailto:12345@sca.org) If members have not set up their member email address they can do so at [member.eastkingdom.org/newaccount](http://member.eastkingdom.org/newaccount) — Type member number, then click set up email

Officers please send web minister your new email address once it has been set up. The google forum will now be the place to discuss official things for Glenn Linn. This forum will be used to discuss official business for events, demos, fundraising efforts, public appearances, etc. Please make sure when you make your new email that your username is not your member ID number and it is your personal or persona name. Facebook will now be used for finished plans. It should be emphasized that anything said on social media is public and can be viewed by the SCA and as an "official" SCA webpage it is subject to SCA ownership and therefore bound by bylaws, which means anything said is subject to sanction by the kingdom and or the society. Please watch your language or keep it to a private forum. When replying to the forum one must hit reply all or it will not post to the forum. Alecia has been made the Shire's unofficial assistant to social media coordination.

Herald Report:

Herald has a kindle and wants to start a collection of herald-related material and instead of transporting multiple books, only transport the kindle to events. To do this the herald would need to buy books from amazon via an account.

Motion to create and Amazon kindle account using the Shires name and funds: Sam 1<sup>st</sup> , No second;

Motion to table: Tomas 1<sup>st</sup> , Sean 2<sup>nd</sup> , Vote 5-6-0, Motion passed

Knight Marshal:

No night practice has been held, no location has been found to hold practice. Knight marshal would like to create a more comprehensible hand book for newcomers and current SCA fighters. The current handbook is complex and wordy. Helm will



make a pdf of a new handbook that will be easy to understand not only to SCA members and fighters, but to different groups as well such as larp, dag, ACL, etc. There will be videos as well as a section for weapon and armor requirements for the perspective collaborative groups.

**Rapier Marshal:**

No Attendance

**Target Archery Marshal:**

Will start working on the coming year's practices.

**Combat Archery Marshal:**

Angela spoke on behalf of the region as the regional marshal and offered to work with Tomas with authorizing him in heavy list and Combat Archery, but with a modification only as a non-combatant marshal not as a fighter. Tomas will MIT with Angela at the Northern Thyng and start the paperwork and process.

**Youth Marshal:**

Sean is in limbo waiting on paperwork from the kingdom to become a full youth marshal. Angela offered to step in as needed until Sean is fully authorized.

**Minster of the Lists:**

Working on paperwork with the kingdom. Working with outside groups to try and get them involved in the Shire and in the SCA such as: Amtard. MOL suggested to send official invites to SCA and non SCA groups for the Northern Thyng and for future events.

**Chatelaine Report: Given by proxy: Tomas**

The demo date on March 24<sup>th</sup> has changed from 11-2pm to 3-5 pm. Demo will still be held in Salem at historical court house community center.

Cambridge Lights of Learning A&S demo display for kids is a week-long event held the 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of May. Need volunteers. Will elaborate next meeting

Launch, Learn, Play held in Salem at the historical court house community center is a week-long event held July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, need volunteers to help demo and display. Will elaborate next meeting.

Spoke with Mistress Ellen about equestrian. She stated it was a lot of work and to try and work with already established stable and try to coordinate with them.

**Mistress of Arts and Sciences:**

The A&S day is not an official event. It is a day of classes.

Teaching spots have been filled. There is a fee for the classes, it will vary depending on the class and individual teacher. The fee for feast currently is \$13. There are 19 people scheduled for feast.

Set up: 10am

Site opens at 11am

First class: 11-12:45pm

Lunch: 12:45-1:15pm

Second class: 11:15- 3pm

Feast: 3:30-5pm

Tomas will talk to the Chronicle to market the event to promote attendance.

The Mistress of Arts and Sciences would like to host A&S classes all year round for the shire. 1x a month in the winter and 2x a month in the warm months. Once a month the classes could be held at the Moreau Community Center.

**Chronicler Report:**

Did not attend

**Old Business:**

\*Northern Thyng: Promote-Promote-Promote

Northern will have a gold key, classes, non gender changing room, day trip hospitality tent, teen area, charging station, and the

Thyng plans on having a boffer event for non SCA and SCA member to bond together. NO marshal is needed for this.

Classes: In need of teachers for Thyng, ask a friend, promote.

Merchants: In need of merchants: ask a friend, promote, Angela is now the merchant coordinator for the event her email is [angela\\_puccinelli@yahoo.com](mailto:angela_puccinelli@yahoo.com) please refer prospective vendors to her. If asked tell merchants space is limited and they will need to provide their own tent, but for an additional small fee they can use the barn, very limited space, first come first serve and only as needed basis for the barn.

\*Angela and Lisabetta are going to be house moms for the event. Please give Angela your tent dimensions as well as a list of food allergies. Please give Lisabetta all other medical information in a sealed envelope. Contact moms for things you may need, table, fan, cooler, etc.

Girl Scout Jamboree: Tomas is teaching a class and asking for members of the Shire to attend and assist in classes and promote SCA and Glenn Linn awareness.

**New Business:**





No new business

Crandall library was where Glenn Linn was born. Sean gave a history of the founding members.

**General Information:**

Sean is working on a webpage for Northern Thyng.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Tomas 1<sup>st</sup>, Sam 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting adjourned at 4:53pm Vote: 6-5-0

Tomas will contact Tim for Herald property

**Allocations Approved at this Meeting:**

None

**Open Floor Discussion:**



## THE MUNIFICENT SHIRE OF GLENN LINN

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Feb 10, 2019

14:00 – 17:00

Crandall Library, Glens Falls New York



**Seneschal's Report:** Tomas would like to open business meetings with the Song of the East Kingdom.

A reminder that when we are on unofficial web pages, those are for unofficial things. Nothing is official without seneschal approval.

Be kind and courteous to one another. Officers, part of your duty is to stop unchivalrous behavior. Let us try and eliminate the politics to the best of our ability.

When we have conversations at business meetings, please direct comments to those who have the floor.

**Birka Report** (Given by Tomas)

While at Birka, Tomas attended the East Kingdom Finances meeting.

Tomas gave a Birka merchant list to Hrotgar (in preparation for the Great Northern Thing), and a Birka pamphlet was passed around to table. After speaking to the merchants, most said they would. Not be able to attend the Great Northern Thyng.

Social media officer is a new post for the kingdom, but unofficial for now.

EK finances- Pennsic funding from the East Kingdom used to be \$14,000, it is now \$8,000. It is not felt that the crown is overspending, however, the Kingdom Exchequer does not have to provide a report, so an accountant will be reviewing account statements.

The East Kingdom web minister suggested using Quick Books so that all exchequers have access to the information.

At an East Kingdom event, the kingdom splits the profits 50/50 with the event host. At a Royal Progress event, the kingdom gets 20% of the profit.

We have a new East Kingdom Exchequer. There are bills that need paying and there is a question as to where that money will come from.

Currently, the Kingdom provides travel, lodging, crowns, gate

costs, etc for the royalty. Only six events make substantial money for the crown. One of these is Birka which net the kingdom \$4,000.

In 2018, 50% of groups reported a loss, one of them being Glenn Linn as we held no event that year.

2012 was the last year in which the kingdom posted a profit, and no one is certain of the exact size of the population for the East Kingdom.

Since money comes from events, it has been a the kingdom's prerogative to host as many events as possible and allowing only one championship per event. For example, EK 50 held the equestrian championship.

It was suggested that a professional handle money for the royals.

Transparency and communication area focus for the new exchequer, as well as an overhaul of the exchequer manual.

No changes will be made to policy until January 2020.

**Exchequer Report:** Balance is \$9,169.21 The revised budget was sent by Arnliof. Our 2018 budget was \$3,602.22 and we spent over \$1,700. Our 2019 budget is over \$10,000

Budget report accepted.

**Web Minister Report:** Our officer pics went missing, so no new photos are up.

Google forum to email will be our official discussion page.

Each officer has a private calendar in which they can access and post things which will in turn change the calendar seen on the Glenn Linn website.

East Kingdom Web Minister was consulted as to issues with the Glenn Linn page setting off security systems on some browsers.

**Herald Report:** Manuscripts are being looked at to help member with research for name.



Letter of intent sent to group seneschal.

**Knight Marshal Report:** Looking to expand some loaner gear, has some materials for repair/ creation of armor. Working on memorizing the new handbook.

**Youth Marshal Report:** Still in limbo with paperwork. Calibration is going up for the older youth to combat loss of interest in the sport.

**Rapier Marshal Report:** We have no official rapier marshal, but someone is working on becoming one.

**Siege Weapons Marshal Report:** We don't currently have a siege weapons marshal, but for those interested, it takes five siege events in a colander year to become a marshal. Pennis has many and so one could earn marshal status entirely at that event. A siege marshal is only needed for siege weapons used in combat situations, not for firing of siege weapons in general.

**Archery Marshals Report:** Only half of the practices available were actually held at the Argyle site. No one from the community came last year (thought they had in previous years) Many of the archery practices could not be held because the archery marshal was not present.

Insurance questions still linger for the Argyle site, and we don't know if we will be utilizing it this year.

Other places to practice include West Mountain (unsure about storage), the Fish and Game Club, the Warrington Country Sheriff's shooting range in Warrensburg (no storage available), and the Maloney property (free and storage available). The Monrau State Park is also a suggestion which features hiking trails.

**Minister of the List Report:** Letter of intent sent to Tomas.

**Chatelaine report:** We had a meeting last month with Janice, director of the Historic Salaem Courthouse Community Center in Salem, NY. We toured the facilities, which includes a commercial kitchen that can fit up to fifteen people, a performance space, some side room, a pottery studio, outdoor space, and a barn capable of holding over 100 people.

The Lunch, Learn, and Play program was discussed and we offered a weeks worth of classes to the program between mid July and Early August.

A program outline was written out and sent to the appropriate people.

A medieval cooking class and or brewing llass was also discussed with great interest from both parites.

The Salem demo needs a firm dates that we can move for-

ward. At last check, the library was open every weekend in March with the exception of the 16th and the 30th. Proposed dates were the 23rd and the 24th.

The demo will run as a series of five minute talks with hands on displays available. I can have pamphlets ready, but will need help with items for display.

We can offers one light medieval refreshments.

We are also doing a demo for the Lights on Learning program on Sunday, May 19 from 1-2:30

**Mistress of Arts and Sciences Report:** We are still searching for a site to have classes. Most churches require someone to be a member.

The Moreau community center has no cost, but it is harder to get there in the winter for some members.

The Crandall Library- we can use it 24 times year, but only six of those can be in the community room. During the summer, no Sundays are available at the library, but somethings could be done outside. The library wouldn't mind sponsoring some of our events as they love educational activities.

West Mountain Ski Area is another site we might be able to use, but we have no information on cost, insurance, etc.

**Chronicler's Report:** Paper work is in and Ullach is waiting to hear back from Kingdom. Ullach is interested in soliciting stories about Glenn Linn from people in surrounding shires via facebook. If anyone in the shier has stories they would like to share, please email them to Ullach by March 1st. Any and all memories are needed.

#### Old Business

- We could build up fighting by focusing more on the boffer competitions at the teen center.

- Fund raiser for the Great Northern Thyng- Teeshirts and mugs. If we go through T-Spring, we get all the profit. Will has offered to help make some things by hand in his kiln.

- We have only one event a year, last year there was no event because of EK 50. This year we will have The Great Northern Thyng.

- Girl Scout Event - we are assisting. Sean is teaching story telling and Tomas is teaching archery.

- Great Northern Thyng prizes are being worked on.

- The Moreau community center will be the site of our craft day on March 31st. Please contact Sandi with your info.

#### New Business

- Headway is being made into underrepresented areas of the shire.

- Several libraries and community centers should be contacted where we can hold demos and meetings including (but not lim-



ited to): Chestertown, Pottersville, Horicon (Brant Lake), Corinth, Lake Luzerne, Easotn, Johnsburg, Minerva, Olmsteadville, Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga, Warrensburg, Lake George, Bolton, Greenwich, and Argyle.

- Fort William Henry Settlers Gathering is a dinner in which people can hob-nob with other members of the reenactment community. Tomas is going.

- Please support the following events:

3/9 Mimir's Well in Mountain Freehold

4/13 Feast of Fools- Mountain Freehold

4/27 Spring Garden Scola- Concordia of the Snows.

- Tomas would like to have us start up the photography guild again.

- Alicia is working on a cookbook as part of fundraising efforts. It will include not only recipes, but discussions about the food and cultural impacts on food. It will be placed for sale on Amazon.

- Glenn Linn can receive a portion of profits made through amazon orders. Hrotgar will put a portal on the Glenn Linn webpage.

Motion to adjourn.



## THE MUNIFICENT SHIRE OF GLENN LINN

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Jan 13, 2019

14:00 – 17:00

Crandall Library, Glens Falls New York



**Seneschal Report:** Tomas is going to Birka to talk up the Great Northern Thyng.

One letter has been received by officers.

All incoming officers need to submit their modern name, address, email, and phone number along with their SCA name, membership number and expiration date.

A permanent location is still being scouted to hold meetings and A&S classes. Tomas is in talks with Christ the King United Methodist Church, but a sponsor from the church might be necessary. In the past (distant past) there was an event held at Christ the King in which a member pushed for mead to be available. This was seen unfavorably by the church and is still remembered today. If someone has an idea for a place to hold meetings and classes, stay organized through Tomas and Sandi.

We need to expand so we can get greater numbers in the shire and we can accomplish more.

Salem area and others could be designated 'hamlets' (not an official SCA designation). These places can have 'local' A&S nights or practices. The Mistress of Arts and Sciences does not have to be present, she just needs a report before and after each class.

We are also looking to expand into equestrian. We have made contact with a woman who is interested.

**Exchequer Report:** Arnleif has sent in her last exchequer report. No business has been done this month. The balance stands at \$9,169.21.

There are a few pieces of paper work for the seneschal to sign. The exchequer is actively seeking a deputy.

**Herald's Report:** Looking into an inquiry made for clarification

on naming procedures and source material.

Current herald is interested only being a book herald. It was suggested that children could be trained to do voice heraldry duty and give them something to do. It was suggested that children should not be announcing more than simple requests and statements and other voice herald duties require more finesse.

**Arts and Sciences Report:** December 2nd, there was no class as we had no location and people were busy with the holidays. On December 6th, there was no location and with the Mistress of Arts and Sciences injured, the class was cancelled.

Classes are still being added to to calendar for the event. The MoAS requires contact information for the teacher, age requirements for participants, cost of materials needed, whether the class is considered 'clean' or 'dirty' and first and second choice of days wanted for the class. She would also like to know if special accommodations are needed such as electricity, etc. She also needs to know which spaces/services are available at the event site.

It was suggested that people give the seneschal a list of talents and organizations they belong to so that this might be best exploited for the benefit of the group. For instance, if someone is a member of a certain church, that person could be called up to head up negotiations on that space.

**Knight Marshal Report:** The Knight marshal would like to hold a boffer tournament in the community room of the library as a way to ease the site into use for heavy fighters. (East Greenbush uses their library community room for fight practice). Outside the Glens Falls library is available for heavy use.





**Chronicler's Report:** The letter intended for the kingdom chronicler (their deputy and the regional chronicler) and is awaiting the seneschal's letter to accompany them. Since only the kingdom can sanction me as a chronicler, I cannot call myself such until I have kingdom approval. I will still work on our newsletter.

The December issue of The Cascadian is out! Now we must begin recruiting stories and memories for the March issue, which will celebrate Glenn Linn's thirtieth anniversary! Please have all of your memories, stories, photos, etc. of the shire in to me NO LATER than March first. I am aiming for a March 15th pub date.

**Chatelaine's Report:** A meeting was held with Susan Getty at the Bancroft Salem Library. There are several days open for use of Proudfit Hall, a community room to the library including the following weekends: Saturday February 9, Saturday February 23, and all Sundays in February. Every weekend in March, with the exception of the 16th and the 30th.

Susan said if the library is allowed to bill it as a library event, she will be able to distribute our flyer, advertise on the library facebook and place the demo in the local paper.

We are asked to come back and help with the summer program. They have an outdoor space suitable for a fighting demonstration. This would be a great place for regional arts and sciences nights, if we can keep ourselves in good standing with them. There are many long tables and even a small kitchen. There is no cost to use the hall, but a helpful relationship and/or a small donation would be in order if we continue to rely on the space.

There has also been communication with the people in charge of the Historic Salem Courthouse. They would like to meet with us next week. They have a commercial kitchen and a performance space. These things are not free but entail a yearly \$100 membership plus a kitchen fee that is \$25/hour for the first two hours and \$15 after that. They do run cooking classes and we would be allowed to run our own medieval cooking classes and it could be a unique way to recruit new members. It could also help to offset the cost of our membership and fees. Beyond that, they run a summer program called Laugh, Learn, and Play for the community children. They are incredibly interested in our involvement. It would be beneficial to us to volunteer our services as help create buzz in the area.

A reminder that there is a demo planned in May for the Lights on Learning program in Cambridge, NY.

Considering the interest generated by the minor outreach done in Salem, growth is anticipated in the area. With archery practice already established in Argyle, and members in Salem able to foster newer members, the chatelaine is hoping for a high retention rate of said new members.

Gold key- As the weather warms, there are plans to go to the

shire storage shed located in Greenwich and catalogue the loaner garb and feast gear. This was done a couple of years ago, but I garb should be organized, repaired, and replaced before the Great Northern Thyng, as the event will be open to the public on the last day.

**Minister of the Lists Report:** Nothing to report.

**Archery Marshal Report:** The archery program needs more membership. At one time there were twelve people submitting archery scores, now there are none.

We could put notices in the Stewart's shop in Argyle advertising the Argyle archery shoot.

We can also use the county firing range in Warrensburg. There are trails so we could do trial shoots.

Last year Argyle said we could shoot on the current archery site, but there was a question about insurance. It is unclear if we will be able to continue using that site.

West Mountain might be available between May and October as a shooting venue.

Hudson Falls fish and Game Club has a 20 yard indoor range. Outdoor is any distance. There are no insurance problems, as long as Tomas is on site as he is a member of the Fish and Game club.

**New Business:** Beautiful scrolls were made for some of the youth competitions at The Great Northern Thyng. The youth at the meeting agreed they were beautiful.



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