

The Althing

Reminding all good gentles of the Barony Marche that will be attending Pennsic that the last day to register is June 15th. To join the Barony encampment, choose "Debatable Lands" as your group.

If you want to get some classes in before attending Pennsic so that you have more time for fighting or throwing or shooting or shopping or imbibing, attend the Spring Æcademy and War College on June 25th. Many classes are scheduled already, as is a fabulous sideboard, to be followed by a keynote speaker.

Finally, all will be welcomed at the Baronial Investiture! Mark your calendars now for August 27th.



Christine de Pisan, Presenting Her Book to the Queen of France, 15th century

Being written and printed by the Chronicler, Elss of Augsburg, who is honored to tell of the events and activities relating to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, both past and to come, in this Merrie Month of May, in the suddenly hot and humid northern reaches of the Barony.

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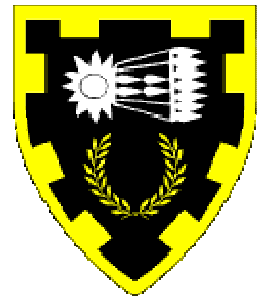
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Submissions

Any gentle wishing to submit articles, artwork, poetry, etc, to the Althing is invited to do so. Please send your work to the chronicler. All material in the Althing is copyrighted to the individual contributors. The chronicler reserves the right to edit, refuse, or reprint any submissions. The submission deadline for the Althing is the first Wednesday of the month.

Baronial Discussion E-List

Need more info on an upcoming baronial event? Just want to chat? To subscribe to the barony emailing list, go to <http://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/sca-bmdl>, and follow the instructions on the page.

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send your contributions to Elss at chronicler@debatablelands.org for inclusion in the next issue.

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness!

A new beginning comes soon to our Beloved Barony, as Byron and Ariella retire from the Comet Thrones, to make way for Liam and Constance, who will be your new Baron and Baroness. We are proud of how the election was held, with respect and honor for all the participants, and our most warm congratulations go to our successors.

The spring season has come and gone, and summer has sprung up around us. This is a busy time of year for the Society, with wonderful events almost every weekend. And if there are no local Aethelmearc events when you have a weekend free, don't forget that our friends in the Midrealm will welcome you with open arms to their events. Such are the benefits of living in a border Marche.

We thank the autocrats and staff of our recent events: War Practice, the Music and Dance Collegium, and the Iron Comet Challenge. These events stand as examples of excellence in organization and planning. And Pennsic is not far away! If you have not pre-registered, then you should do so immediately -- the deadline is June 15! This is doubly important if you plan to camp with us in the Debatable Lands encampment. We would love to have you spend Pennsic with us.

--Byron and Ariella

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness Elect!

Unto the populace of the Debatable Lands do Liam and Constance send humble greetings.

On Mayday, we were very happy to find that we had been selected by you to be the Baron and Baroness Elect. The Barony put forth an excellent group of candidates and I have no doubt that the Barony would have remained strong if any of the other candidates had won.

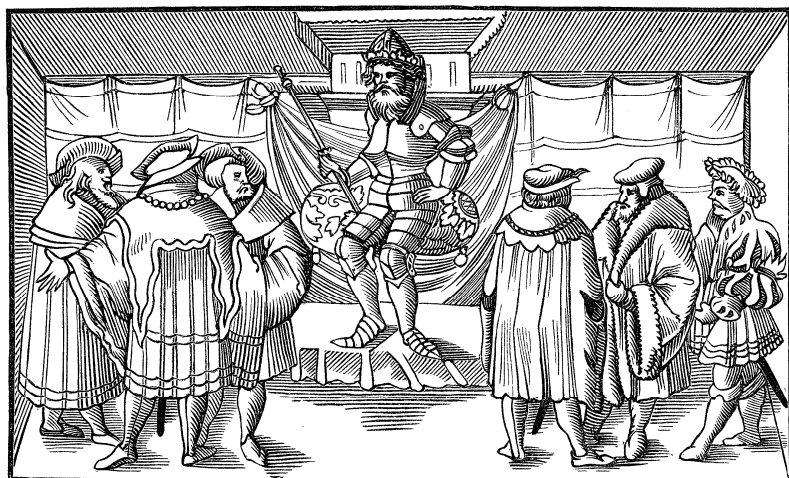
When we set out to run for Baron and Baroness, we had a vision of what we wanted for our term. We will present our ideas to the populace at our investiture. We invite you to send us comments and suggestions as we move forward. To assist in this we have set up a joint e-mail: [LiamandConstance\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:LiamandConstance(at)gmail(dot)com).

We look forward to speaking with all of you in the coming weeks and months and the continued pride in our Barony and our Kingdom.

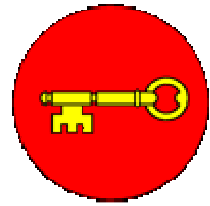
Vivat the Debatable Lands!
In Glorious, Aethelmearc!!

Yours, In Service,
Constance and Liam

Court of the Baron



From the Seneschale:



Greetings, and many happy tidings to you in this glorious month of May! First, let me add my voice to those already congratulating our Baron- and Baroness-elect (pending Crown approval): THL Liam and THL Constance. Vivant! They will be invested as Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands on August 27th, 2011. Look for the event announcement here in the Althing, online, and in the Aestel for more details. Many thanks to our Election Committee Chairman, Baron Byron, for running a smooth election, and also Baron Tofi, Lord Pavel, and Lady Elss, the rest of the Election Committee.

I would also like to thank the autocrats of our most recent events: Lord Jorundr and Master Alaric for Iron Comet Challenge, and Mistress Ts'veen'a and Lady Cynewyn for the Music & Dance Collegium. You and your staff produced two amazing days for the people of the Debatable Lands and far beyond. And also congratulations to our friends in Steltonwald for putting on War Practice XXII.

We look forward to the next events and activities:

- June 18th and 19th is the Zoo Demo, run by THL Rufina,
- Aethelmearc Aecademy on June 25, and
- July Barony Meeting on Sunday, July 10th, at Washington Blvd.

If anyone has any great ideas for fun things to do during the Barony Meeting, don't hesitate to drop me a line. And don't forget to pre-reg for Pennsic! Deadline for online registration is June 15th.

Officers' Meeting is June 1st, and we will discuss any event bids that are put forth, and also policy changes. Policy change plans include rearranging existing sections into a more organized document, and adding a section regarding Barony-owned property. If anyone has any ideas on these or other possible policy changes, let me know. Additionally, as always, I have a personal policy of transparency for the Baronial Seneschalate. Remember that you may contact me any time to discuss any Baronial matter, or other SCA matter that our Barony is involved in. Comments and feedback of any kind are always essential and welcome.

In Levitate et Caritate,

Hilda, Seneschale



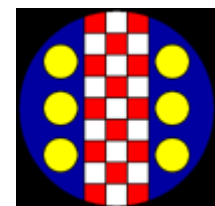
King of Acorns Playing Card

Greetings from the Exchequer:

My term as Exchequer is up in June. While I'm willing to take another term, I'd be even happier to pass the reins onto someone else. I am also looking for a deputy; ideally someone who would be interested in taking on the position in the reasonably-near future.

If you are interested in helping the Barony with your detail-oriented command of numbers, please contact both me and Hilda.

Yours, --Tofi exchequer@debatablelands.org



Aecademy Keynote Speaker

To the Kingdom of Aethelmearc does Odriana vander Brugghe, Chancellor of the Aecademy, bid greetings.

I am very pleased to announce that there will be joined by keynote speaker Saskia Beranek at the Spring Aecademy on 25 June 2011 in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands.

Saskia is a doctoral candidate at the University of Pittsburgh in art and architectural history. Having completed a Masters Degree at Duke University, she is currently writing her dissertation, which centers on 17th century Dutch female portraiture and its display within the domestic environment. In addition to teaching at Pitt, she is also a visiting faculty member at both Carlow University and St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

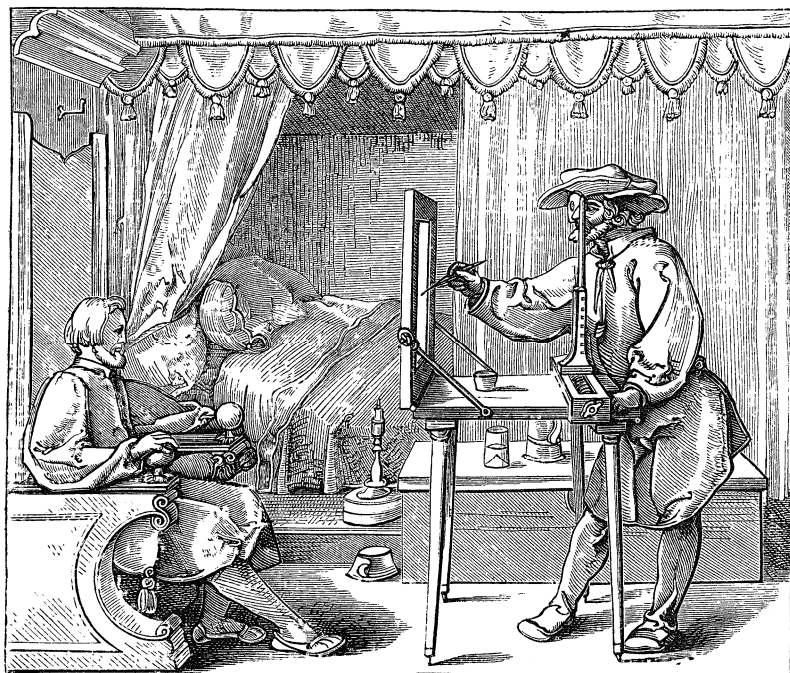
The keynote address will be: “Een rupse op een kool, een hoere in een huys: Women and Education in Late Medieval/Early Modern Europe”

In the last forty years, art historians have reshaped our idea of the production of images in the late medieval and early modern periods by the ways in which women were involved in artistic production. More recently, attention has turned to women both as patrons and consumers of art. In this talk, Saskia Beranek will give a brief introduction to major patterns of artistic production and consumption by women between 1400 and 1600, with particular emphasis on a series of late sixteenth century Northern European (Dutch and German) prints and books intended as behavioral manuals for young ladies.

The keynote will be held immediately after lunch in the sanctuary.

If you would like more information about the event, please go to <http://www.aecademy.org/spring11/>. If you have any questions about the classes or the keynote speaker, please contact me directly at aecademy (at) aeans (dot) org.

OVB



Using instruments of mathematical precision to execute a portrait

Important Dates Coming Up!

BMDL Officers' Meeting – June 1, 2011

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at CMU from 8 PM to 10 PM, exact room to be determined, and all are invited to attend, as always.

Zoo Demo – June 14 - 15, 2011

This fun event is once again scheduled for the weekend of Father's Day, June 14 and 15, 2011. More details will be forthcoming soon.

PENNSIC Registration Closes – June 15, 2011

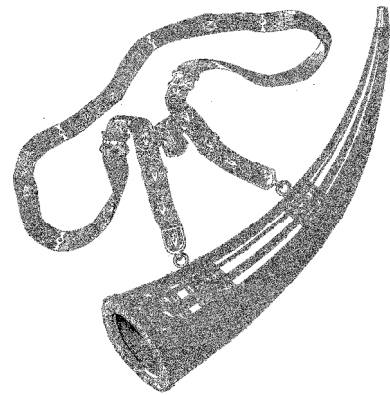
Visit <http://www.cooperslake.com/prereg/account/login.php> to set up an account and register online. If you are camping with the barony, select "Debatable Lands" as your group.

Barony Meeting – July 10, 2011

Sunday, July 10, 2011 from 1 PM to 5 PM at Washington Boulevard site.

The calendar on our website has been updated:
<http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.html>. Please let the seneschale or web minister know of any changes, additions or deletions.

Oliphant, or hunting horn



Announcing the Iron Comet Challenge Results

Greetings, I would like to thank everyone who attended The Iron Comet Challenge in the Debatable Lands, and to announce the results.

There were seven contestants in the Iron Comet Challenge.

- The winner of the Arts and Sciences portion was Don Anais Fenn.
- The winner of the Heavy Fighting portion was Baroness Ariella of Thornbury.
- The winner of the Thrown Weapons portion was Master Donnan MacDubhsidhe.
- The winner of the Fencing portion was Don Anais Fenn.
- The winner of the Archery portion was Baron Caleb Reynolds.
- The overall winner was Master Donnan Mac Dubhsidhe.
- Special Recognition goes out to Don Anais Fenn who was the only contestant to participate in every form of the competition.

There were five contestants in the Youth Iron Comet Challenge.

- The winner of the Arts and Sciences portion was Eiiden Abdul Salam.
- The winner of the Youth Fighting was Ian of the Debatable Lands.
- The winner of the Thrown Weapons portion was Eiiden Abdul Salam.
- The winner of the Archery portion was Lord Robert of the Debatable Lands.
- The overall winner was Eiiden Abdul Salam.
- Special recognition goes out to Eiiden Abdul Salam, Lord Robert of the Debatable Lands, and Ian of the Debatable Lands all of whom participated in every form of the competition.

I would also like to take this time to thank my staff for making this day happen.

- Lady Elss of Augsburg and her kitchen crew for cooking a wonderful sideboard and feeding all who attended.
- Mistress Arianna of Winthrope for running Youth Combat.
- Lady Þorfinna hrogn Josepsdottir for running Thrown Weapons.
- THL Deryk Archer for running archery.
- Lord Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou and THL Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir for running heavy weapons.
- Master Donnan MacDubhsidhe for running fencing.
- Lady Aileen ingen Proinnsias and An Ling for bein Mistresses of many lists.
- Lady Alime bint Yorgi, THL Myfanwy ferch Rhiannon, and Maestra Gianna di Aurelio for judging the Arts and Sciences competition.
- THL Cadell Blaidd Du for crying the lists of the day and making those announcements that needed made throughout the day.
- Mistress Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi for running a great baronial history project competition.
- Dame Elsbeth Anne Roth for running a heraldic consultation table.
- Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill for running troll and taking reservations.
- Lord Bovi Farmadr for making the prize.
- Master Alaric MacConnal for being my mentor and co-autocrat.
- THL Brandubh O Donnghaile and THL Hildarun Hugelmann for transporting those items of miscellany to the site that were needed.

Thank you all,

Jorundr hinn Rotinn

German musician
sounding the military trumpet



Spring Æcademy and War College Unitarian Universalist Church of North Hills June 25, 2011

To the good people of sylvan Æthelmhearc and to Æthelmhearc's friends far and wide does Lady Elss of Augsburg bid warm greetings! Now with spring's growth upon us and summer's richness at hand comes the time for personal growth and development at the Spring Æthelmhearc Æcademy and War College. Many classes will be available for the sharing of knowledge in the gentle arts, the sciences, and the arts martial.

The Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands invites one and all to attend on June 25, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of North Hills, 2359 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-1625. The site will open at 9 AM, classes will begin at 10 AM, and the site will close at 9 PM.

A hearty all-day sideboard is being planned by the very capable Master Alastar Scott MacCrummin to start at 12:00 PM; those with food concerns are urged to contact him at stephen_morrisson (at) yahoo (dot) com. Please note that the site is dry; open flames are permitted.

The Autocrat for this day is Elss of Augsburg (Rocky Hayeslip); direct all inquiries to her at elss_of_augsburg at yahoo.com or to Rocky Hayeslip, 221 Pine Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or contact her by cell at 724.759.3333.

The Dean of the War College is THL Liam MacanTsaor (ae.war.college (at) gmail.com), and the A&S class coordinator is Chancellor Odriana vander Brugghe (aecademy (at) aeans.org). For more information regarding Spring Æcademy, please see <http://www.aecademy.org>.

Reservations are being taken by THL Hildarun Hugelman (Krista Cogan, 3815 Baytree St. Pittsburgh, PA 15214; (412)606-6258); checks should be made out to SCA, Inc.-BMDL. The only good reservation is a paid reservation. Reservations must be received by June 15. The event fees for the day include the sideboard: Ages 18+ will be charged \$15, Ages 6 – 17 will be charged \$7, Ages 0-5 will be admitted for free. The non-member surcharge of \$5 will be collected at the door for those without proof of SCA membership. The NMS may either be sent with your reservation, or paid at the door.

Accommodations are available at the EconoLodge at 107 VIP Drive, Wexford, PA 15090 (724) 935-1000. For all details and to register, please call the hotel directly. Among other amenities, each room has a fridge and microwave, and there is a free more-than continental breakfast available daily. This hotel is at the Wexford exit (#73) of Route 79 and is about three miles from the site.

Other accommodations can be found at the Cranberry exit (#87) of Route 79, including the Four Points By Sheraton Pittsburgh North, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046, (724) 776-6900, which is about 6½ miles from the site.

Mistress Alea Bagah has very graciously agreed to arrange for **crash space** for those in need of a place to stay (if at all possible). You can reach her by email at aleabagah (at) comcast (dot) net or by phone at 412-766-5272 (but no calls after 10pm).

Directions from the north, south and west: Take your best route to Interstate 79. Take Exit 73/Wexford/Rt 910. At the end of the ramp, go east on Route 910. At the first light after the highway, turn right onto Brant School Road. Drive about 2½ miles to the first stop sign. Turn right onto West Ingomar Road (there will be a sign here) and drive about ½ mile to the site entrance (there will be a sign here also). Turn into the long driveway to reach the parking lot.

Directions from the east: Take the PA Turnpike to Exit 28 Cranberry, and follow the signs to connect directly to Route 79 South. Take Exit 73/Wexford/Rt 910. At the end of the ramp, go east on Route 910. At the first light after the highway, turn right onto Brant School Road. Drive about 2½ miles to the first stop sign. Turn right onto West Ingomar Road (there will be a sign here) and

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Interior of a kitchen

Baronial Investiture

Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills

Saturday, August 27, 2011

The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands is pleased to announce the Investiture of its seventh Baron and Baroness, Uilliam Mac an Tsaoir and Constance Glyn Dŵr, on August 27, A.S. XLVI (2011). This august event will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, 2359 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The site opens at 9 am and closes at 10 pm. Martial activities will include the Baronial Rapier Champion Tournament, the Baronial Youth Combat Champion tournament, a Rattan Bear Pit tournament and melees. In addition, there will be children's activities, scroll blank painting with a prize for the best entry (scrolls to be donated to the new Baron and Baroness for use in recognizing their subjects' good works), and an Arts and Sciences display on the theme of "Things I made for/at the Pennsic War." The last court of Byron and Ariella is scheduled for 10:30 am. Tournaments will begin around noon, and the first court of Uilliam and Constance will be held at 6pm. A bardic circle around a bonfire will cap off the evening.

This being the Debatable Lands, there will also be food in plenty! The renowned Dame Margaret Makafee will provide an all-day side-board fitting to the occasion. Those with food allergies should contact her at grm (at) andrew.cmu.edu or by phone at 412-344-4791.

The Autocrat of this event is Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope (Karen Kasper) who can be reached at arianna_wyn (at) yahoo.com or by phone at 412-367-1882.

Fees for this event are \$14 for adults, \$7 for youths aged 6-17, with children under 6 free. Send your reservations to Baron Tofi Kerthjalfadsson (Paul Placeway, 205 Lytton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. – BMDL". You can reach Tofi by phone at (412) 621-8610 or by email at paul.placeway (at) gmail.com. Paid reservations only, please. An additional \$5 non-member surcharge will be collected at the gate from those adults who cannot show proof of SCA membership.

Directions

From the North:

Take I-79 toward Pittsburgh, and take exit 73 (Wexford/Rt. 910).

Turn left off the ramp onto Rt. 910/Wexford-BayneRoad.

At the second traffic, light turn right onto Brandt School Rd.

Go 2.6 miles to the first stop sign and turn right on West Ingomar Rd.

Go 6/10 of a mile and turn right into the site, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.

From the South:

Take I-79 northbound past Pittsburgh, and take exit 73 (Wexford/Rt. 910).

Turn right off the ramp onto Rt. 910/Wexford-BayneRoad.

At the first traffic light, turn right onto Brandt School Rd.

Go 2.6 miles to the first stop sign and turn right on West Ingomar Rd.

Go 6/10 of a mile and turn right into the site, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.

From the East and West:

Take I-76 (PA Turnpike) as if you were heading for Pennsic (toward Pittsburgh).

At Cranberry, PA, exit onto I-79 southbound and follow the directions from the North, above.

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Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
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Archery

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,
except the third Wednesday of any month
Beaver Valley Archery Club
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
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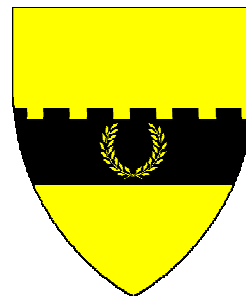
Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 6pm, at the Economy Grange
Contact THL Robert Marston

Sewing

Aoibheil of Dun Holen

<http://www.steltonwald.org/>



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The College of Cour d'Or is currently dormant. For information regarding local colleges and Universities, contact the Baronial College Liaison

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