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Baron and Baroness

Hello Debatable Lands! Salve Accolens!

Here we are, more than a year later, after the start of the great plague. We sit here today overwhelmed with gratitude. Thank you, our beloved Barony for showing resilience, creativity, fortitude, compassion for your neighbors, levity at times, and love. We didn't know what we were getting into last March, but you have buoyed us during hard times, laughed with us during fun times, cried with us during sorrowful times (some hard losses this year), and celebrated with us in joy. Both inside and out of our shared incredible hobby. And most importantly, even if nothing else, you carried on. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You are inspiring!

We would especially like to thank our Baronial Officers and the Debatable Lander Kingdom Officers who are keeping the home fires burning. We'd also like to thank the staff of our highly successful Virtual 12th Night. We had dozens of folks attend, and even some from across the Kingdom. It's was four hours of pure joy! Thank you especially to those that ran the Zoom Rooms all day, and to THL Sumayya for arranging all the technical bits.

We don't have much news for you, since SCA events are closed until June, but take heart! We may be able to enjoy some socially distanced and masked activities this spring as we did last year in the warm weather. We continue to be very cautious, and you will hear from the folks running those activities if they are approved by the Kingdom Pandemic Deputy. We will also have a few virtual social hours.

Pennic. Pennsic! We don't know yet if Pennsic will take place, but we will by the end of May. It's looking good, although many things would be altered if it happens for the safety of the attendees and the Butler community. If you would like to pre-register now (know it's still an "if"), and you camp with the Debatable Lands, you can pre-reg now, using "Debatable Lands" as your group. Ours is an open camp, but you must follow camp rules, and contact our Camp Reeve, Master Emrys (iambroom@gmail.com) when you pre-reg. And you MUST pre-register to camp in the Barony camp. We will be attending as Baron & Baroness.



We will also be holding a Court between now and Pennsic, possibly at Pennsic, but the details have yet to be determined. You know what that means! We need award recommendations! You can use the online form at bmdl. or email us at baron@debatablelands.org and baroness@debatablelands.org. It may be virtual or not...but it is our wish to have a virtual component if at all possible if not. Safety is our foremost concern.

And... HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEBATABLE LANDS! April 6th marks our 47th Birthday! Read more about our (apocryphal) founding story here: <http://debatablelands.org/history/short-cultural-history.php>

In celebration, Baroness Hilda will be organizing a Banner Buy from a merchant. These would be personal use banners, modern fabric, commercially made, each banner paid for and received by individuals, and is not associated with the official SCA, Inc. entity or finances. Baronial and Kingdom banners, any size and shape, each less than \$30. Contact Baroness Hilda for details - baroness@debatbalelands.org.

Take care of each other, Debatable Landers, and take care of yourselves. While there's a lot of online/virtual activities right now, we understand if we don't see you for a while. We will be here when you return!

In Levitate et Caritate and Cheers
Baron Brandubh & Baroness Hilderun





IExchequer

As all good things must come to an end, my time as Exchequer is nearing its completion. I was the deputy exchequer for approximately two years, and I have been serving in this office for the last four years. In that time, I have had the opportunity to work with a plethora of people at business meetings, addressing the barony as a whole at barony meetings, and working with staff at the barony's events to ensure the money was handled properly.

I am now issuing a call for letters. My last business meeting as Exchequer will be the first week of June. Please send any letters of interest to the seneschal at seneschal@debatablelands.org.

If you have any questions about what the position entails, please feel free to reach out to exchequer@debatablelands.org. The physical requirements for the position will require access to a computer with Office or Google Docs, a scanner or scanning program on your phone, (I use Adobe Scan), and space for about three or four file boxes. People with a history of retail cash management and some basic Excel knowledge will be well equipped for this position. The exchequer runs the budget meeting every April, attends 6 business meetings yearly, attempts to attend as many barony meetings as possible each year, attempts to attend kingdom exchequer meetings at select events including a one hour session at Pennsic, and keeps in touch with the barony's officers as well as the kingdom exchequer's

office. They will submit four reports each year, as well as a one-page report after each barony event.

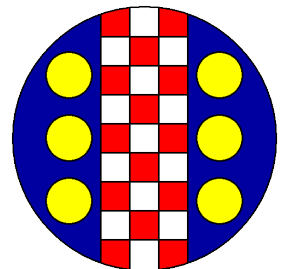
The overall time commitment will vary throughout the year; some weeks there will be zero hours spent in this position. Near barony hosted events or when reports are due, you may spend up to 10 hours per week ensuring other members have reimbursements, that the money ends up at the bank, and that the event reports are filed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the barony in this fashion. I plan on continuing to work with the barony's officers to help create the best place to play.

On Service

Lady Arthes of the Debatable Lands

Exchequer





A Arts & Science

Greetings artisans, crafters, and researchers!

Thanks to all of you who have been participating in Baronial A&S activities, even if that means you just sit at home doing your thing. One of my major missions as minister is to provide more support direct to the guilds and individuals of the Barony.

Her Ladyship Hara has been hosting monthly Sewing Guild meetings over zoom. Some of these are classes, some are workshops, and some are show and tell sessions. Please watch the Storfrettir or the Discord server for information on the next meeting, or contact Hara through email to request or volunteer a class.

Her Ladyship Elss is going to get Food Guild meetings running in the near future. Guild activities are planned to welcome both producers and consumers of food, so don't be shy about attending. Again, watch the Storfrettir and Discord, or contact Elss directly in email to discuss how you can participate.

Mistress Luceta and Mistress Irene are still looking for someone to take over as leader of the Fiber Guild. Please contact me or Mistress Luceta if you are interested in performing this valuable service to the Barony. There is plenty of room for your interpretation regarding the purpose, mission, and activities of the guild.

Scribal Guild has been meeting monthly online to discuss progress on Scriptorium assignments and personal work. Keep in mind that the Baronial and Kingdom Signets both love to have scroll blanks available, so this downtime without very many Courts is a great time to build the library.



I am hoping to set up monthly Baronial A&S roundtables to meet over Kingdom Zoom. The format of these will be open discussions of your personal projects and plans. Stay tuned for more information. I am also hoping that if outdoor practices re-commence any time this year that we will be able to have outdoor A&S activities as well.

Thank you for being involved and interested in Debatable Lands Arts and Sciences. Stay safe, and keep having fun making stuff!

Oshiyama Shonagon

Minister of Arts and Sciences

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Barony Marche of the Debatable



Good day Debatable Lands!

The office of Chronicler has been my position for nearly four years now. As of this winter I will done with my second term and my time as Chronicler is ending, it has been a fantastic time that I have enjoyed it immensely. At that time, the Barony is going to be in need of someone to fill the office. While this is not a formal call for letters it is a request that if you have interest in being Chronicler, please contact me at Chronicler@debatablelands.org to discuss the job. It is not an exceedingly difficult job and has a fairly low time requirement, but it is a required position.

There is nothing new in the office as of this quarter, I am hoping that changes as we are able to return to seeing each other more in person. The next deadline for the Althing is June 15th, please send me all content and reports to me by the end of that day.

Drottin Skjoldbjorn

Chronicler Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands