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# *The Chanticleer*

## *Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain*

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### *Meet the Candidates for Seneschal!*

*Our Seneschal, Mistress Anarra Karlsdottir, wishes to step down before the end of the year. The following two gentles have put forth their names for consideration. Please note they are in the order received:*



Hello my name is Lady Alys du Bois and I am interested in being considered for the position of Seneschal in January of 2017.

I have been a SCAdian since the 1980s. It is true, I have had quite a few years of interrupted service within the Society, but that often falls into the territory known - as life. I began my service to the SCA in the Kingdom of Atlantia as the Seneschal of an insipid shire to be known as Seareach located in Wilmington, North Carolina. The shire was the creation of myself and two other SCAdians who lived in that part of the kingdom at that time. I worked extremely hard growing the shire in its infancy and served as its leader for a total of five years. I have seen my way through quite a few reigns and have learned much about kingdom building even on an international level when I had the privilege to live and play in the Kingdom of Lochac in Western Australia. In those days I was known as Lady Fiona ni Magnus O'Connor, but alas the trials and tribulations of that lady were put to rest when I moved to the Kingdom of the East and the fine Barony Beyond the Mountain.

Starting fresh as Lady Alys du Bois, I joined the barony and by the second meeting I was invited to become the Minister of Art and Sciences by Mesterinde Ana

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## *Baronial Officers:*

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## Canton Seneschal:

**Ravenhill** . Michael Christian Longstryde,  
michael.seneschal@yahoo.com

## Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion:** Lady Ciara McRobbie

**Fencing Champion:** Lord Grimolfr Skulason

**Heavy Weapons Champion:** Mistress Shiro

**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Lord Grimolfr Skulason

## Meetings:

**Baronial: Baronial:** Monday, August 22, 2016,  
7:15 . 9:00 p.m. Joann's Fabric Store, 3105 Berlin  
Turnpike, Newington, CT. Joann's is on the Berlin  
Turnpike behind TGIF and near Price  
Choppers. You can get there from either Highway  
9 or I-91.

**Newcomers Meeting:** TBD

### Canton:

**Ravenhill:** Second Monday of the month, at the  
home of Seneschal Michael Christian Longstryde  
(Michael Intemann), 28 John Beach Rd, Newtown,  
CT 06470, 203-270-3670 (Before 9:00 pm),  
[michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com).



## Arts & Science

### Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Authur Murray Dance Studio,  
Glen Lochen Marketplace, 39 New London  
Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Mistress Suad  
(Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.);  
[nancysuad@gmail.com](mailto:nancysuad@gmail.com).



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# Combat Arts

**NOTE: Practices are subject to change without notice. Please call ahead.**

## Archery

**CT: BBM – The former Canton of Fennbrycg archery practice:** Practice to Tuesdays at 4:30 indoors for the winter at the Norwich Archery Club; crossbows welcome. Contact Bob Smith to ensure practice is on due to weather or other issues at 860-848-3525. \$5.00 for non-members of the club.

**CT: BBM - Bowman's rest:** Tuesdays . 5:30 p.m. Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

**CT: BBM – Woodstock:** Practice may still be open by appointment. Crossbows welcome. Contact Krakken at 860-928-0578 or Email: Dean\_Whitehead@bose.com.

**CT: Dragonship Haven:** Thursday from 8pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Closed for the Season  
**MA: Carolingia - Carlisle MA:** Practice is closed until spring.

**MA: Carolingia – Carlisle, MA:** Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm - Archery practice runs year round, by Master Peter the Red, at his *home* at 94 Laurelwood Drive, Carlisle, MA. All are welcome and loaner equipment is available. Contact Peter at peter.carmichael@comcast.net or call 978-287-0808.

**MA: Smoking Rocks - Trader Jan's:** Practice is open Wednesdays 5:30-7:30PM; Friday 6-8PM at 288 Plymouth Ave, Fall River MA. Lane fee is \$8.00. Loaner gear is available. Contact Owen at Owen\_Hudleston@yahoo.com

**MA: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass):** Practice is closed until spring.

**RI: Tobyn's practice:** Practice is open by appointment. Website has current information: [www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org](http://www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org). Contact Tobyn 401-741-9130 or Radagast 401-741-9067.

## Fencing

**Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.** Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

**Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, Hamden, CT** (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @ [fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org](mailto:fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org).

**Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA** (hosted by the Shire of Quintavia). Contact Captain Anssem van Rienen, Marshall of Fence, Carolingia, at [fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org](mailto:fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org).

## Heavy-List Fighting

**Tuesdays, 7-10** Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Áine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m.** Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415. **PLEASE NOTE the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month is for Youth Combat Practice Only.**

**Wednesdays, 7 p.m.,** Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Cedric of Armorica, Knight Marshall of Barony of Bergental for more information.

**Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., Keefe Community Center, Hamden, CT,** hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact Baron Oskgar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); [oskar@earthlink.net](mailto:oskar@earthlink.net). Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wyman Elementary School, 1 Columbia Ave., Warwick, RI. Directions and contacts on BBM website.

## Thrown Weapons Practice

**Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.** at Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact Aine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, Youth Combat Practice Only 7-10 p.m.** Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415. Contact Karrah at [youthmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:youthmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.,** weather permitting In the Canton of Ravenhill, 28 John Beach Rd Newtown, CT. Contact Michael Longstryder (Michael Intemann) [thrownweapons@ymail.com](mailto:thrownweapons@ymail.com) 203-270-3670 (no later than 8:30 p.m.)

## Youth Fighter Practice

**Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Keefe Center** in Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Youth Fighter Marshal (Taoisech Holt Kincaid) for more information at [youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org](mailto:youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org). Those who are new or need loaner gear should arrive a little early and a marshal will be there assist them. Please bring your own personal protection (athletic cup) and water bottles.

## Youth Combat Practice – Orientation

Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 6 . 7 p.m. @ Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact Aine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

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## *Meet the Candidates for Seneschal!*

Ilevna who was stepping down. I was hesitant to take on an officer's mantle having just returned to the Society and being new to the group. Yet my introduction the SCA came from a married couple who wanted me to take the role of Seneschal, so it was only fitting that my return to the SCA came through another married couple, who asked me to serve and had a similar confidence in me. I have served in the capacity of Minister of Arts and Sciences since and my three year term will end in January of 2017.

As Seneschal I hope to continue the high standard of service established by Mesterinde Anarra Karlsdottir, while adding my personal strengths to the position. I admit that I have some hesitancy in assuming this role, (who wouldn't) but I am confident of two things: 1) We do not exist without a seneschal and 2) I do not wish to see number one happen. So it is with great humility and strength of conviction that I submit my name for the office of Seneschal.

En votre service,

Alys du Bois



Hello, my name is Drusus Arminius Rufus, aka Roman Joe, and I am requesting the post of BBM seneschal. I have many skills to bring to the post, I have been around the SCA since 2001 starting in Trimaris and have moved around since thanks to the Army. My time in the military has taught me patience, networking, acceptance and many other valuable skills that will help me execute the jobs required by the seneschal. I also have a good sense of humor and like hitting people with sticks.

I have not only the skills from the military, but the skills given as a father and a husband. I feel as though I have the time needed to fulfill the duties of the barony seneschal as my schooling is now done. If anyone has any questions of me I will gladly answer them. Thank you for your time.

Drusus Arminius Rufus (Roman Joe)





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## A Message from Our Baroness:

Greetings, and happy August! At the time of this writing, Pennsic gate has just opened, many of you are already on the road, and Dorigen, Charlotte and I will depart in six days. I am hemming as fast as I can. I hate hemming.

At the time most of you read this, Pennsic will be complete. One side or the other will have won, the weather will have done all the things it does at Pennsic, and the Barony will have a new Armored Combat champion. Lots of things will happen in that intervening time. I hope everyone had a great time, and that the weather was kind to us.

Since last I wrote, the Barony has acquired another new practice! Lady Aine's paperwork is final, and she will be starting up a weekly Youth Combat practice at 6:30 on Tuesdays at the Middlefield site. There will be a parent orientation on August 23 (I believe that there will be sword construction!), and then actual practice will be weekly thereafter. My thanks and congratulations to Aine for her efforts to get this practice up and running. We now have an embarrassment of riches . after the long drought of youth programs, the Barony now has \*two\*! The monthly practice in Colchester, and the weekly practice in Middlefield. Kudos to Karrah and Aine.

As always, watch the calendar on the front page of the Baronial website for the day-to-day happenings in the Barony. Any changes to the schedules of any of the practices . armored combat, youth combat, fencing, or archery . will be reflected there.

We have a few things coming up this fall of which people should be aware. For those in the thrown weapons community, we will have a tourney to determine the new Baronial champion on Sunday, October 9. It will be a potluck affair at Rumhann and Sisuile's home in Vernon. Details will follow once we've hashed them out. I encourage everyone who might be interested to come and try their hand. I'm hoping to try it out myself. I'm sure Rumhann and Sisuile will be fine with me throwing sharp things at their house, right?

Lastly, it's never too soon to think about Yule. It's Bergental's rodeo this year, but we still need to hold up our end. We will need people to help with all aspects of the event . setup, break down, clean up, kitchen help, gate, all the usual jobs. Please consider volunteering to help.

I hope everyone had a great Pennsic, however they spent it.

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## Archaeology News

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/>

**7/29/16 – AMERICAN STUDENT FINDS MEDIEVAL KITE BROOCH IN IRELAND** - DUBLIN, IRELAND- An American student from New York University was taking a tour of Ireland's Omev Island with archaeologist Michael Gibbons when she discovered a twelfth-century kite brooch in some rabbit burrows. The brooch would have been used to fasten a cloak or shawl. "I kept it with me until I caught up with Michael and he was very intrigued," Gibbons told *Irish Central*. "He had me take him back to the site at which I found it. I didn't fully realize how important the find was at the time. Now, I'm amazed and surprised and I'm very happy that I was able to place it in the hands of people who would appreciate it." The artifact will be housed in the National Museum of Ireland. <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/American-student-finds-12th-century-Irish-brooch-on-a-Galway-Beach-PHOTOS.html>

**7/21/16 – ANGLO-SAXON CEMETERY FOUND IN A BRONZE AGE BARROW** - LEICESTER, ENGLAND- A team led by Gavin Speed of the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) excavated the site of a Bronze Age barrow in central England ahead of the construction of a housing development. A stone ax dating to the Neolithic period was found in the backfill of the barrow ditch, suggesting that use of the site could date back 6,000 years. "By the Iron Age the barrow had partly eroded and its ditches had silted up but much of the mound was likely still upstanding, making it a visible landmark in the local landscape even if its original purpose and meaning had changed," Speed told the *Loughborough Echo*. The site was used for at least 12 burials during the Anglo-Saxon period. These skeletons were poorly preserved, but a pottery vessel, spears, knives, a spike, a brooch, and the boss and studs of a shield were recovered. Some scholars think that the Anglo-Saxons may have reused Bronze Age barrows for burials as a display of power through connection to the past.

**7/15/16 – ROMAN MOSAIC DISCOVERED IN CYPRUS** - LARNACA, CYPRUS- The AFP reports that a Roman-period mosaic thought to depict the 12 labors of Hercules has been discovered by sewerage workers in an area that was once part of the Roman city of Kition. So far, a section of the mosaic measuring 62 feet long and 23 feet wide has been uncovered. "The intention is to transfer it to a museum, to build a specific room [where it will be displayed] because this is the best way to protect it," said Transport Minister Marios Demetriades. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-15/rare-roman-mosaic-uncovered-in-cyprus/7631368>

**7/15/16 - LARGE ANGLO-SAXON BUILDING UNEARTHED IN SCOTLAND** - EAST LOTHIAN, SCOTLAND- The *East Lothian Courier* reports that the foundations of a large Anglo-Saxon building dated to about 1,200 years ago have been found in a field in Aberlady, a stop on a Christian pilgrimage route located on Scotland's eastern coast. Archaeologists from AOC Archaeology Group and a team of volunteers began

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looking for the remains of an Anglo-Saxon timber hall after a large concentration of metal artifacts was discovered in the field. It may have been monastic, or a feast hall or a royal site," said Ian Malcolm of the Aberlady Conservation and History Society. "There have been other excavations but no evidence of a structure on this scale has been discovered." The excavation also revealed a paved area with a pit that may have held the original eighth-century Northumbrian Cross. There may have also been a workshop area, where the team discovered pieces of bone, a carved antler, a ninth-century coin, and two bone combs. For more, go to "Anglo-Saxon Hoard - Staffordshire, England."

[http://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/14620182.Archaeologists\\_find\\_evidence\\_of\\_39\\_largest\\_Anglo\\_Saxon\\_building\\_in\\_Scotland\\_39\\_in\\_East\\_Lothian/](http://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/14620182.Archaeologists_find_evidence_of_39_largest_Anglo_Saxon_building_in_Scotland_39_in_East_Lothian/)

**7/12/16 - "HOLY ISLAND" EXCAVATION REVEALS POSSIBLE TOWER FOUNDATION - NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND.** A team led by archaeologist Richard Carlton of The Archaeological Practice has found traces of two structures on Lindisfarne, an island off the northeast coast of England known for its seventh-century priory and Christian saints. One trench revealed the foundation of a massive wall that may have been the foundation for a tower built without mortar, probably during the early medieval period. A second trench revealed traces of a similar structure that may have been a church. Historical sources dating to the eighth century refer to two churches, a guesthouse, a dormitory, and a watchtower on Lindisfarne. Holy Island is one of the most significant sites in Britain in terms of early medieval heritage, there is a real possibility that we have uncovered two very significant buildings associated with the early Christian foundation of the priory which could provide a tangible link to the time of St. Cuthbert," Sara Rushton of Northumberland County Council told the *Berwick Advertiser*. <http://www.berwick-advertiser.co.uk/news/local-news/all-news/archaeologists-find-st-cuthbert-s-tower-1-4175447>

**7/11/16 - ANGLO-SAXON GRAVE MARKER FOUND - LINDISFARNE, ENGLAND.** A volunteer working on an excavation on Lindisfarne Island off England's northwest coast has discovered an Anglo-Saxon grave marker dating to the mid-seventh or eighth century A.D. According to the *BBC*, the team is searching for evidence of the earliest monastery on the island, and the marker may prove to be an important clue to its location. "It's unimpeachable evidence for Anglo-Saxon activity and confirms we're hot on the trail of the very earliest monastery here in Lindisfarne," says Durham University archaeologist David Petts, who is the project's co-director. The name on the stone appears to end in "aith," which is common in Anglo-Saxon names. Scholars are still deciphering the rest of the letters on the grave marker. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-tyne-36712209>

**7/11/16 - NEW FINDINGS AT A ROYAL DANISH CASTLE - VORDINGBORG, DENMARK.** Excavations at a twelfth-century castle on the south coast of the Danish island of Zealand have shown much of its fortifications were built during the reign of a king who was previously not believed to have had a role in its the

construction. *The Local* reports that Vordingborg Castle was originally built by King Valdemar the Great, and that scholars believed subsequent construction at the site was conducted by the Danish kings Valdemar II and Valdemar IV. But now archaeologists have dated extensive wood remains at the site to the late twelfth century, when Denmark was ruled by King Canute VI. "He didn't just build over the castle, he expanded it continuously," says Aarhus University archaeologist Lars Sass Jensen. "He was, in other words, a king that invested heavily in the site as well as in its political function as a base for Baltic Sea expansion." <http://www.thelocal.dk/20160711/history-of-danish-royal-castle-to-be-rewritten>

**7/7/16 - ROMAN BELT BUCKLE UNEARTHED IN LEICESTER - LEICESTER, ENGLAND.** A team of archaeologists from University of Leicester Archaeological Services excavated 83 skeletons in a Late Roman cemetery in Leicester's West End. In one of the burials, they found the remains of a middle-aged man who had been buried wearing a type of belt often worn by soldiers stationed on the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire. The survival of the delicate thin sheet bronze belt plate is remarkable," post-excavation manager Nick Cooper told the *Leicester Mercury*. The belt plate, decorated with interlocking spirals, was probably riveted to a wide leather belt or girdle. It had a thinner strap, capped with a tapered strap end, that ran through the buckle to secure it. The strap end features crouching dogs on either side, while the buckle bears images of dolphin heads. The condition of the man's skeleton supports the idea that he had been a soldier. The researchers found evidence of a healed fracture in his left forearm, perhaps from warding off a blow with a raised arm, and signs of muscle damage in his upper right arm and shoulder. The muscle damage could have been caused by repeated throwing and lifting. <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/rare-belt-find-remarkable/story-29488101-detail/story.html>

**7/1/16 - MEDIEVAL BURIALS UNEARTHED IN WALES - PEMBROKESHIRE, WALES.** Excavations at an early medieval chapel graveyard on a beach in southwest Wales have revealed Christian burials dating to the early sixth century, making them contemporaries of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. *BBC News* reports that analysis of skeletons found at similar sites in the region shows that some belonged to people who were not local to the area, but had been born in continental Europe and Ireland. Initial results of the recently discovered remains suggests similar diversity in the group. The Dyfed Archaeological trust is conducting the excavation of the cemetery because the burials are at risk of being washed out to sea. For more on archaeology in Wales, go to "Hillforts of the Iron Age." <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-36682520>

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