
The Chanticleer

Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

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Greetings unto the Barony Beyond the Mountain from Eloise,

*Another Artifacts of a Life is in the books. As we anticipated, it was a small event, but everyone appears to have had great fun. The caliber of the entrants was amazing - Dorigen and I had a very difficult time choosing an entrant to honor, and we came home inspired for our own projects. Artifacts, while very small, and very much a niche event, is rapidly becoming a prestigious event in the East, and the Barony should be proud of what we're building here. And of course, thank yous are in order to everyone who worked to make it happen. Particularly though, I would like to express my appreciation for Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, who does all the heavy lifting of making it happen; Master Jehan de Lac who recruits and organizes all the judges ahead of time; Master Peregrine the Illuminator who not only makes all the judging happen smoothly (I swear it's some form of black magic,) but also tolerates the fact that whenever I see him I lean on him to come teach me remedial weaving *again;* Lady Leandra who always runs our gate; and Lady Sisule who provided us with a tasty day board - under budget! I'm looking forward to Artifacts IV in 2019.*

And so the seasons turn, autumn is in the air, and it's time to think of Yule. Yule requires far more staffing and effort - please consider volunteering! No effort is too small. If you can offer even a little time, please contact Mistress Ciara or Lord Mark, who are stewarding the event. Also, if you have any idea of staying for feast, I suggest that you pre-register. NOW. I anticipate that feast will sell out quickly, and unless there is a significant increase in kitchen and cleanup staff - on Friday AND Saturday, don't expect to see any increase in how many we are seating. The menu might be familiar to you: I asked Mistress Elizabeth for a significant personal favor, and for my last Yule as Baroness, she is making me the feast that I would have chosen for my Investiture had I had the option: the Simple Fare menu. I am fortunate in my friends.

As always, Dorigen and I are eager to recognize the members of our Barony who do good things - and likewise the people from without our Barony who do good things for us. Please bring those people to our attention by sending us recommendations! The Baronial Order of Precedence is available on our website, and will shortly be up to date as of Artifacts. Check and see who is missing, and then send me an email about it. Otherwise I'm going to make up more things. Last week it was a ferry - who knows what could be next?



Baronial Officers:

Baron & Baroness - Baron Dorigen of Lewes, baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and Mistress Eloise of Coulter, baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Seneschal – Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org
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Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

Mistress of Arts & Science – Lady Alys du Bois, moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Minister of the List – Lord Mark of the Red Hand, mol@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Web Minister – Lady Sisuike Butler, webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM – By appointment Sundays, 3-5 at the Norwich Archery Club. Contact Siobhan 860-859-2773.

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

CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays 12-3 pm (in season, weather permitting) Oxford, CT. DragonshipHaven@yahoogroups.com

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: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass): Sunday from 1-3 pm weather permitting. Rozi and Brokk's, 472 Gleasondale Road, Stow, MA.

MA: Smoking Rocks - Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm and Fridays 6-8 pm – Trader Jan's, 288 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA. Lane fee is \$8. Loaner gear is available.

RI: Toby's practice: Practice is open by appointment. Website has current information: www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org. Contact Toby 401-741-9130 or Radagast 401-741-9067.

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Fencing

Sundays, 1-3 pm – 29 Florida Road, East Haddam, CT – Adult rapier only – Contact Grimolfr at 860-682-2526.

Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (Quintavia).

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.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Áine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact 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 the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

1st & 3rd Sunday, 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Saturdays, 9-12 Aschehyrst, 258 Edgell Rd, Framingham, MA. Contact Symon of Barnesdale, thrown-weapons-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org

Youth Fighter Practice

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact Aine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Photos by Baron Joseph of the Red Griffin and Baroness Ygraine of Kellswood

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Jonathan Buchanon

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwulf Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Lord Mark the Red Hand

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

Meetings:

Baronial: Next meeting is October 23, 2017 - location to be determined. Contact Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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 Su'ad (Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.); nancysuad@gmail.com.

Dance

First Tuesday of month – 7:30-9:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Sewing

Sewing & Throwing is the 3rd Sunday, bring your string based projects, hang out, throw sharp objects at wood. 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Grant of a ferry to Baron Angus and Mistress Ciara:

To the escheator of the Barony Beyond the Mountain. Order to grant Baron Angus Gove MacKinnon and Mistress Ciara McRobbie to have and hold the ferry over the Connecticut water at Hadlyme formerly held of Jonathan Warner and the profit thereof, save an easement for the tenants and men of the castle of Gillette to pass themselves, their property and merchandise over the said river, at their own costs to carry them elsewhere at their pleasure, and to bring them thither without payment of toll or custom to the Barony Beyond the Mountain, namely of one man passing over with a horse 2d, of one man only 2d, and of one man with a cart 5d, this grant to be for the term of Dorigen and Eloise, Baron and Baroness Beyond the Mountain, with reversion to the said Barony. September xxx, anno societatis lii, New Britain.

Archaeology News

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

8/30/17 - 9/26/17 - VIKING-ERA WEAVER'S SWORD DISCOVERED IN IRELAND - CORK CITY, IRELAND—A wooden weaver's sword has been discovered in southern Ireland, according to a report in RTE News. The tool, carved from yew, measures nearly 12 inches long and is decorated with carved human faces in the Viking style. Archaeologist Maurice Hurley said the sword dates to the eleventh century, and was found among 19 Viking-era houses with central hearths. "The sword was used probably by women, to hammer threads into place on a loom," Hurley explained. "The pointed end is for picking up the threads for pattern-making." A wooden thread-winder decorated with carved horse heads was also recovered. For more, go to "The Vikings in Ireland." <https://www.rte.ie/news/munster/2017/0926/907642-viking-sword-cork/>

9/20/17 - POSSIBLE VIKING BOAT BURIAL UNCOVERED IN NORWAY - TRONDHEIM, NORWAY

—According to a report in Live Science, a possible boat burial dating to between the seventh and tenth centuries A.D. has been discovered in a market square in Trondheim. The burial, which may have at one time been covered with a mound, was damaged by later construction. Ian Reed of the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage said nails and lumps of rust are all that remain of what could have been a flat-bottomed, wooden boat built to travel the shallow waters of the Nidelven River. Two long bones were found in the boat, but they were not well preserved. DNA tests may be able to determine whether the bones came from a human. A piece of bronze, part of a spoon, and the remains of a key that would have opened a chest were also found in the grave. For more, go to “Hoard of the Vikings.”

<https://www.livescience.com/60462-early-viking-boat-grave-discovered.html>

9/19/17 - PORPOISE BONES UNEARTHED AT MEDIEVAL MONKS' RETREAT - GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

—The remains of a porpoise have been unearthed at the site of a medieval religious retreat on the island of Chapelle Dom Hue, according to a report in The Guardian. Archaeologists expected the carefully dug grave to contain human bones, and were surprised to find a porpoise skull and other body parts. “If they had eaten it or killed it for the blubber, why take the trouble to bury it?” asked States of Guernsey archaeologist Philip de Jersey. He suggests that the body could have been salted and kept in the hole as a way to preserve it. The bones will be studied by a marine scientist. To read about a massive Celtic coin hoard discovered on the Channel Islands, go to “Ka-Ching!”

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2017/sep/19/medieval-porpoise-grave-on-channel-island-puzzles-archaeologists>

9/12/17 - VIKING SWORD FOUND ON MOUNTAIN IN NORWAY - OPPLAND, NORWAY

—Fox News reports that a well-preserved Viking sword made of high-quality iron was discovered by reindeer hunters at an elevation of 5,381 feet on a mountain in southern Norway. Archaeologist Lars Pilø of Oppland County Council said the cold, dry conditions on the mountain helped to preserve the sword, which had been resting among small loose stones with its blade sticking out. During the winters, the sword would have been covered with snow and ice. The archaeologists and hunters returned to the site with

a metal detector, but did not find any additional artifacts. They think the weapon may have been lost some 1,100 years ago by a Viking crossing the rough terrain during a blizzard. For more, go to “Hoard of the Vikings.”

<http://www.foxnews.com/science/2017/09/12/viking-sword-discovery-hunter-finds-1100-year-old-weapon-on-norwegian-mountain.html>

9/11/17 - MEDIEVAL VILLAGE DISCOVERED IN DENMARK - AARHUS, DENMARK

—Traces of a small, agricultural village dating to the medieval period have been unearthed in central Jutland, according to a report in The Copenhagen Post. Records of Hovedstrup date back to 1300, but the village is thought to have been founded even earlier. Moesgaard Museum archaeologists have uncovered a road paved with stones and three homes marked by their post holes. Hovedstrup was abandoned in the late 1600s, during a time when many landlords rearranged their holdings to create new farms or hunting grounds. To read about another discovery in Denmark, go to “Bronze Age Bride.” <http://cphpost.dk/news/archaeologists-uncover-medieval-village-in-mid-jutland.html>

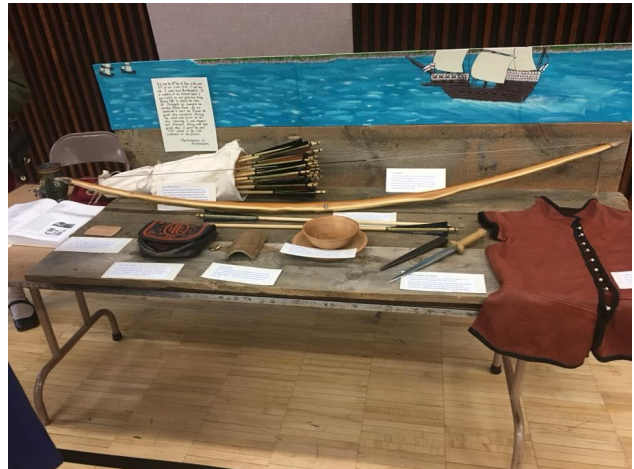
9/8/17 - REMAINS FROM VIKING WARRIOR'S GRAVE IDENTIFIED AS FEMALE - STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

—DNA testing has revealed that a warrior's grave discovered in the Viking-era town of Birka in the late nineteenth century contained the remains of a woman. Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson of Uppsala University told The Local that the woman stood about five feet, seven inches tall, and was over the age of 30 at the time of her death. She was buried with weapons, including a sword, an ax, a spear, armor-piercing arrows, a battle knife, shields, and two horses. She also had a board game, thought to have been used to try out battle tactics and strategies, in her lap. “She's most likely planned, led, and taken part in battles,” Hedenstierna-Jonson said. The DNA testing of the bones was done after osteologist Anna Kjellström of Stockholm University noticed that the skull's cheekbones were finer and thinner than usually found on a man's skull, and that the hip bones were also feminine. “It was probably quite unusual [for a woman to be a military leader], but in this case, it probably had more to do with her role in society and the family she was from, and that carrying more importance than her gender,” speculated Hedenstierna-Johnson. For more, go to “Hoard of the Vikings.” <https://www.thelocal.se/20170908/confirmed-viking-warrior-was-a-woman>

9/7/17 - YOUNG CHILD'S BURIAL UNEARTHED IN SIBERIA - TYUMEN, RUSSIA—*The Siberian Times* reports that a team of researchers led by Alexander Tkachev of the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography of Tyumen State University discovered the grave of a young Sikhirtya child among nine possible burials, surrounded by a small moat, on a high point on the Tazovsky peninsula. The child is thought to have been three or four years old at the time of death, which occurred in the late fifteenth or early sixteenth centuries. The body had been placed on pieces of birch bark that had been sewn together, and was buried with two iron knives and an arrowhead. The child wore an impressive hat made of pieces of fur lined with woolen cloth. Bronze decorations had also been sewn into it. Reindeer bones at the child's feet suggest that a meal of roasted venison, possibly cooked on mounds in the necropolis, was also provided for the afterlife. "The burial was unusually rich for such a little child," Tkachev said. "In fact, we were rather taken aback." For more, go to "Siberian William Tell."

<http://siberiantimes.com/science/casestudy/features/grave-of-medieval-infant-prince-found-in-arctic-one-of-nine-newly-discovered-burials-of-children/>

Artifacts for a Life



Lord Bartholomew of Northampton was an archer on board the Mary Rose when it sank.



Lady Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe, widow, left the contents of her broider shop to her son-in-law and daughter.



Lady Tola knitýr was a 14th century Swiss noblewoman. She made two knitted purses, likely to be used as reliquary bags in her church.



Lord Brendan Firebow's display was of various items found on his person at the time of his untimely death (possibly in a duel) in the late 1500's.



Baroness Ysabella de Draguignan's artifacts were discovered in an old box found under broken floorboards. It contained a few playing cards, a pewter token, a padlock key, a fire-damaged pendant, a toy horse, a gravoir (a hair parting tool), and several handwritten notes and letters – items that would have been lovingly treasured by her 14th century persona.



Lady Aibhilin inghean Ui Phaidin presented glass bead jewelry as found in the Deer Park Farms Settlement site in County Antrim Ireland

The following were not entered into the competitions but were on display:



Lady Rosamund von Schwyz presented the tools and technique of bobbin lace.



*Congratulations to the following gentles
who received awards at Artifacts for a
Life:*

*Lord Mark the Red Hand: Defender of
the White Oak*

*Baron Angus Gove McKinnon:
Companion of the White Oak*

Charlotte: Rank of archer



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