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Baronial Missive

Greetings to the Populace of Aneala,

Our SCA calendar is overflowing with fun events coming up in March. But first, an update on February:

We attended one SCA event this month, which was the Valentine's Feast hosted by the Canton of Dragon's Bay. It was an absolute pleasure to travel south and visit the members of our Canton. We were especially pleased to give a Demi-Sun to Andy of Dragon's Bay - congratulations Andy and thank you again for all the service you provide to the Canton of Dragon's Bay.

The performances at the Valentine's Feast were spectacular. From Lady Gwyneth's musical number, to Lady Aoife's improvised and occasionally off-track story, to the hilarious and romantic puppet show, every single performer entertained and made us laugh. We were also delighted to listen to singing and live music by the talented musicians of Ceoltoiri Aneala.

There was an Arts & Sciences competition but sadly there were insufficient entrants for us to award a prize. Luckily, puppet versions of us delivered some final words in a video on Facebook, and they were able to award a special Valentine's tassel from the Canton of Dragon's Bay to our one A&S entrant. Congratulations to Lady Skjalddis and thank you for sharing your delicious entry with us and of course for your delicious cooking all night long.

Be sure to check the calendar for March so that you don't miss out on anything. Coming up we have the Hyde Park Fair (3rd & 4th), a Newcomers' Tournament (17th) and the Golden Thimble costuming competition (30th-31st).

For those in Aneala who are travellers, Rowany Festival is sure to be on the brain. If you're heading over to Rowany for their annual festival this April, please let us know. The travels of our Populace are of great interest to us and we need to know who will be bringing home the best stories afterwards!

We also wish to invite you to our A&S open house(s). We have been inviting singers, dancers & musicians to our home on a somewhat sporadic schedule for practice on Sunday afternoons. These days are not just for musicians & dancers though, so please feel free to join us with whatever A&S project you're working on. You can enjoy the music while you work! Dates remain sporadic so please watch the Populace email list and/or Facebook for updates.

Yours in Service,
Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth



Kingdom of Lochac A&S Competitions

Twelfth Night (2019) hosted by Barony of Krae Glas

- *A Map or other cartographic item*
- *Woven*
- *From the Middle East*

May Crown LII (2019) hosted by Shire of Darton

- *Games & Toys*
- *Liquid*
- *14th Century*

Midwinter (2019) hosted by Barony of Southron Gaard

- *For the head*
- *Baked/Fired*
- *Tribal Nomads (think Mongols, Huns, Scythians, etc.)*

For more information, please refer to the Lochac A&S website
artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org

Entries for interstate events need to be sent at least 2 weeks prior to be received for judging or have other arrangements made.



Period Dancing with Elizabeth: What happened at Dance Practice?

Dance Practice is not an SCA event. It runs sporadically, hosted at various homes around Aneala. Dance Practice may be of interest to SCA members because the dances that we learn can be performed at SCA events. Please contact me directly if you are interested in attending Dance Practice.

Over the last two months we have had some rare opportunities to practice our dancing. Here's what you missed:

Romance Dances

In the lead-up to the Valentine's Feast hosted by the Canton of Dragon's Bay, we turned our attention to dances with a romantic theme. These ended up being Italian dances and we did a mixture of 15th century and 16th century dances. We did the following dances:

Ballo del Fiore (you may recognise this one as "the one with the flowers")

Rostiboli Gioioso (also known as "the relationship dance")

La Caccia d'Amore – The Chase Game

La Caccia d'Amore – The Wheel Game (if you had the good fortune to try this dance out at the Valentine's Feast, you'll remember it as a very silly dance that led to great fun and mayhem!)

English Country Dances – Glory of the West

Having worked so hard on Italian dances for so long, we have now decided to take a break from those and work on English Country Dances from *The English Dancing Master* published by Playford.

We did something fun and exciting with English Country Dances at a recent Dance Practice, and that was to randomly select a dance from Playford's book that we had never done before! It is called "Glory of the West". We didn't even have the music, apart from one recording that was incorrect anyway!

Luckily, Lady Isabel was present at Dance Practice and she was able to help with the music problem. The book had the notes for the music, but unfortunately it was all in medieval notation! This turned out not to be a problem for Lady Isabel, who transcribed it into modern musical notation so that she could easily play it on her portative organ. We then had live music to dance to, which really helped us learn.



Period Dancing with Elizabeth: What happened at Dance Practice?

We used a combination of Playford's instructions and a reconstruction that we found online to work out the steps to the dance. Unfortunately, it just didn't seem to be working. Some bits seemed like they went too slowly if we followed the steps-per-bar guidelines from the online notes, and other bits seemed much too quick – there is a limit to how fast we can move our feet, after all!

So we decided to look for other reconstructions to see if they could provide any guidance. The answer...? Yes! A group had posted a video online of them doing Glory of the West at an event! We watched it carefully and analysed all the different choices that they had made when they worked out how to do the dance.

As it turns out, our version was very close to theirs! We made some changes based on what we saw, and we kept some things the same where we were comfortable that those choices would be consistent with English Country Dance in general or consistent with the specific instructions for this dance.

Then, with Lady Isabel playing the music, we successfully danced "Glory of the West" for the first time. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved and now we know a fun new dance!

If you'd like to learn "Glory of the West" or if you'd like to be part of this dance reconstruction process, please consider coming along to future Dance Practice sessions.



Local Lochac Guild Contacts

Royal Fibre Guild of Lochac

For those interested in the arts, crafts and history of all textile matters. We encourage the doing, researching and teaching of fibre related skills as seen in pre 1600 cultures. We include weavers, spinners, dyers, cord makers, felters, knitters, njalbinders and lace makers.

Contact Lady Elizabeth: aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org

Royal Guild of Defence

Researching and teaching of the period martial arts of Europe, as detailed in the various extant fencing and wrestling manuals.

Contact Baron Dameon: dameongreybeard@gmail.com

Worshipful Company of Broiderers

The aim of the Company is to advance the study and practice of pre-1600 AD European needlework in Lochac and in the Known World.

Contact Baroness Leonie: degrey@tpg.com.au

The Performers and Entertainers Guild of Lochac.

This guild is dedicated to the promotion, encouragement, learning and performance of bardic, theatrical, instrumental and all other entertainment arts within an SCA context.

Contact Isabel: genierachel@iinet.net.au

Lochac Brewers Vintners and Imbibers Guild

We share a common interest in brewing and wine making as practiced in the Middle Ages, and the responsible consumption of said beverages.

Contact Wolfgang: chronicler@aneala.lochac.sca.org

SCA Group Websites

Barony of Aneala (Perth, WA)

aneala.lochac.sca.org

Canton of Dragons Bay

lochac.sca.org/basil

lochac.sca.org/dragonsbay

abertridwr.org

College of St Basil the Great (UWA)

Shire of Abertridwr (South of Perth, WA)

Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)

lochac.sca.org

SCA Corporate (Australia)

sca.org.au

SCA Corporate (World-wide)

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Regular Activities

Baronial Council Meeting

3rd Friday of the month, 7:00pm arrival for a 7:30pm start
Contact Nathan: seneschal@aneala.lochac.sca.org

Scribes Calligraphy & Illumination

SCA sign in required
Contact Mistress Branwen for session times.
Contact Branwen: bakerskeep@antiferus.net

Music and Singing

This is not an official SCA event. Practices held twice a month. Times and venues vary and are posted on our Yahoo group
<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/CeoltoiriAneala>
For more info join this group or contact Catherine:
vertragis@arach.net.au

Baronial Armoured, Rapier & Archery Training

Sundays, 10am - 12pm, Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley
Contact Agostino: marshal@aneala.lochac.sca.org

Dragon's Bay Training

Sundays from 9-9:30am, Casuarina Wellard Community Hall, corner of Mortimer Rd and Barker Rd Casuarina - 2km from the freeway at the Mortimer Rd exit.

College of St. Basil Armoured & Rapier Training

Wednesday (Armoured) & Thursday (Rapier) 5pm to 7pm, Oak Lawn, UWA



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