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# Baronial Missive

## Greetings to the Populace of Aneala,

Happy new... actually, the SCA New Year doesn't arrive until the month of May, so happy January to everyone and we hope your December went very well.

Our December went very well, with one of the highlights being Toys for Tots. Thank you to the Honourable Lady Ilaria de Vale, who was steward of the event.

At this event, we had the great pleasure of handing over three awards that the Crown awarded at the Lochac Witenagemot and had entrusted to us. We passed on:

Award of Arms – Lord Grimr Grettirson

Award of Arms – Samuel of Saint Basil

Golden Tear – Gumuuinus de Eggafridicapella

There were tournaments and an arts & sciences competition at this event. We did something new and presented a small bouquet of flowers to the consort of each winner in these competitions. The winners were as follows:

Arts & Sciences Competition – Lord Zaven Zeitountsi

Armoured Combat Tournament – the Honourable Lord Lokki Rekk

Rapier Tournament – Lord Zaven Zeitountsi

The lists were kept by the Honourable Lady Isabel de Annesley, who at this event passed over the office of Baronial Listkeeper to the Honourable Lady Elizabeth Severn. Thank you Lady Isabel for your service and we welcome Lady Elizabeth into the office.

We also awarded a special once-a-year award, the "Holiday Cheer" tassel, for someone who brought great joy to the event. Congratulations and thank you to the Honourable Lord Pantera Pantero de Valembrosa, for bringing a smile to our faces and to the faces of all those who took the rapier field with him.

And perhaps mostly importantly of all, Toys for Tots is our event where we give back to the community. This means donating toys to children in need, ready for the holiday season. This year we donated to the Foster Care Shed and they happily received our donation of 81 toys. Given that there were fewer than 50 people in attendance at the event, we think that this donation is representative of the generous spirit and kind hearts of every person in the Barony, including those who did not attend the tournament.



In December we also invited the Canton of Dragon's Bay and the College of Saint Basil the Great to attend training at Lake Monger Primary School and then picnic with us afterwards. There was a great turnout and we were greatly pleased to meet some new faces from the Canton of Dragon's Bay and to fight and shoot alongside them. We would like to offer special thanks to Mistress Branwen and Dede Kilic and their team of TAMs for their work organising an exciting novelty shoot for the archers. And we would like to offer our sympathy to those who received severe sunburn on the day – Baroness Elizabeth was one of the many who needs to remember sunscreen in future.

Coming up this month is one of Aneala's signature events – Midsummer! This year, Baroness Elizabeth is running a "Midsummer Picnic" on January 9th. It's BYO picnic, tables and chairs to the beautiful Stirling Civic Gardens, for a summer evening in the park playing games, dancing and socialising. This event is child-friendly, dog-friendly (on leash) and will hopefully feature the distribution of some Kingdom-level awards that the Crown has asked the Baron and Baroness to pass on to the Populace. Please do attend what is sure to be a lovely, relaxing event and a chance to break out your warm-weather garb options. The event is on the same day that the Crown Tournament is taking place (over East), so we will be able to celebrate the new Heirs from a distance.

Also coming up this month is the first of our "Combined Training" sessions, which are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month for the first 6 months of this year. These are being run to bring together all the SCA groups here in WA. The Barony and Canton have both kindly cancelled their usual trainings on January 10<sup>th</sup> and will convene at Spearwood Primary School. There will be archery, heavy, rapier outside and A&S inside the hall. The A&S in the hall will include a 10-minute talk on an aspect of SCA Culture or Etiquette by Baroness Elizabeth – a must-see for those new to the SCA or just a good opportunity to brush up on your knowledge.

The Canton of Dragon's Bay will hold its annual meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the Canton to contribute to the running of the group and have their say about the group's direction for the next year. We will be there and are looking forward to the inspirational discussions that are sure to take place.

Otherwise, Baronial and Canton trainings continue as per usual. Do you have a new year's resolution for your SCA training or projects this year? Here are some of our suggestions for goals you could set:

- Beat my top score from last year shooting 6 arrows at 30 yards.
- Use the new move I learned at heavy training in December against the Baronial Champion or a Knight.
- Practice my rapier footwork drills every morning before work.
- Ask a local Laurel or the Baronial A&S Champion about their area of expertise/interest and try it out.
- Steward one event this year (ask Baroness Elizabeth about this – she has a list of events that need stewards and is happy to mentor!).
- Teach one class at Aneala Collegia.
- Make a rope bed before Western Raids so that we can upgrade from freezing on an air mattress! (We can't be the only ones who need to achieve this goal!)
- Win at least three games of Kubb this year.
- Start that big garb project that I've been putting off because cutting my fancy fabric is scary.



Looking further forward, the College is running a College Challenge on February 6<sup>th</sup>, which is always a great day out – check Facebook for the most up-to-date details about that event. The Canton of Dragon’s Bay was looking at rescheduling a previously cancelled event, possibly to run as a Valentine’s Event on February 13<sup>th</sup> – more information to come about that via the usual communication channels.

We hope that everyone takes care and stays safe and well. We hope to see you at Midsummer Picnic on the evening of January 9<sup>th</sup> or at another event in the near future.

**Yours in Service,**

**Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth**



# Event List

## Midsummer Picnic

Date: 09-01-2021

Time: 5:30pm set-up, with activities following shortly afterwards

Location: Stirling Civic Gardens, 2A Cedric Street, Stirling WA 6021

Cost:

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$10 adults and \$5 children (event insurance fee)

Steward: Elizabeth Rowe

On the same night that the long-awaited Crown tourney will be fought and the victors subsequently Crowned in the East of Lochac, the Barony of Aneala will gather together in celebration for a summer picnic in a beautiful garden.

Please bring along chairs & tables and a picnic feast (to be shared only with your family group). You may also wish to bring electronic candles to add light and ambience in a fire-safe way.

Activities on the evening will include games such as kubb and jomswikinger, country-style dances such as Jenny Plucks Pears and Goddesses, singing, and opportunities for willing performers to entertain the populace.

There will be an open Arts & Sciences competition. There will be no tournament held, but the venue is suitable for combat for those wishing to bring armour and do pick-up fights.

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.

Bookings not required.



The following regular activities occur unless superseded by an event above

### Baronial Events

- Baronial Meeting. 3rd Friday of each month, room opens at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. (Contact [Baron and Baroness](#)).
- Archery. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Archery Marshal](#)).
- Fighter Training. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Armoured Marshal](#)).
- Rapier Combat. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Rapier Marshal](#)).

Dragon's Bay

Please check the [Dragon's Bay website](#) for details

### Other non-SCA events of interest

- Music and Singing. For times and venues, contact [Lady Isabel](#).
- Scribes. Monday nights. Contact [Mistress Branwen](#).
- Dancing is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact [Baroness Elizabeth](#).

### Event Booking Policy

- Payment for all bookings must be made in advance of the event by the date advised in the booking confirmation email. If payment is not received by the due date your booking will be cancelled.
- Payment may be made either online or at any Westpac bank branch.
- Payment will not be accepted at the door except in exceptional circumstances and only by prior approval from the bookings officer and event steward..



# Kingdom of Lochac A&S Competitions

Details about Arts and Sciences in Lochac can be found here - [artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org](http://artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org)

## List of future Competitions by event

**2021**

**Competition season ends: 12th Night**

**Topics:**

1. Engineering
2. Edible
3. Rome

**Competition season ends: Autumn Crown**

**Topics:**

1. For the feet
2. Parchment & Paper
3. 14th century

**Competition season ends: Midwinter**

**Topics:**

1. Written words (poetry, story, saga, etc.)
2. Leather
3. Crusades

**Competition season ends: Spring Crown**

**Topics:**

1. Jewellery
2. Braided
3. Norse Culture

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



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:degrey@tpg.com.au)

## 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](mailto: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.

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# SCA Group Websites

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Canton of Dragons Bay

[dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org](http://dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org)

College of St Basil the Great (UWA)

[stbasil.lochac.sca.org](http://stbasil.lochac.sca.org)

Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)

[lochac.sca.org](http://lochac.sca.org)

SCA Corporate (Australia)

[sca.org.au](http://sca.org.au)

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