

Tales from the Mist

Shire of Wintermist, Kingdom of Caia



April 2013 Issue

From the Seneschal

Greetings Wintermistians!

Event season is coming up very quickly and I'd like everyone to consider volunteering some time. Volunteering is a great way to experience a different side of events, I started out years ago just working at the troll booth. It was a fun way to meet all the people that were attending the event, gave us something to do, and freed up others to do more involved projects. But there are lots of other ways you can help, whether it is assisting with set-up, helping out with lysts, marshaling, or even the courtesy table. Another way of helping is to donate items that may be needed for an event, such as prizes, food items or decorations; table clothes, cups, ice, drinks, banners or projects for the kids. Or you could even volunteer to run a class during an event. We all have to remember the SCA is a volunteer society and it runs only as well as the effort we put into it. Start thinking about ways in which you can be more involved.

~Kali Raqs Xahar

SWEBC Report

Have you heard of SWEBC?? We are your friendly Shire of Wintermist Encampment Beautification Committee. Our goal is to give our encampments and other day events a more period feel. The first project we started on was a encampment wall, made from +/- 4' square tarps. These panels are being painted by Shire members with heraldic devices, badges, and lozenges. The sections will be strung between posts and will surround our encampment and give us some privacy, while announcing who resides within.

We have been working on this project since early January, with many work nights and a few all day work days. If everyone finishes what they have started, we should have nearly 40 panels complete by Great Western War in October.

What's next for SWEBC? We have a couple of things at the top of the list; one being a silk banner workshop and the other, an entrance to our encampment that will connect to the banner fencing... Other projects we have discussed are working in conjunction with the metal workers group for some lanterns and shepherd's hooks...

In addition there has been discussion of some furniture and pavilion making workshops and ice chest/trash can/recyclable covers. We would love to more people on board helping with these projects. Wouldn't you love to have your device or badge on the Wintermist wall?? Please come join us. You can contact the committee through Lady Roes' Meurdoch, either on Facebook, or Contact the Chronicler for information.

~Lady Roes' Meurdoch

A&S Competition Themes:

April: Spring/ Easter	August: Sunshine/ Play
May: Mother's SCA New Year	
June: Youth Marriage	Remember: Your entry can be any period art or science
July: Summer Victory	technique, as long as it represents the theme of the month.

CAID CALENDAR

- > Apr 5-7: King's Hunt (Careg Wen)
- > Apr 6: Lyondemere Arts & Archery
- > Apr 12-15: QC Archery, Equestrian w/ Starkhafn Anniversary
- > Apr 20: Dun Or Anniversary
- > Apr 21: Robin Hood Tourney (Angels)
- > Apr 26- 28 Treasure Chest (Nordwache)
- > Apr 27: Mons Draconis/Dreiburgen Spring Tourney
- > Apr 28: Baron's Feast (Gyldenholt)
- > May 4: Darach Anniversary (See SCA-Ciad.org for full calendar)



Banner by SWEBC

Photo by

Michael of Berwick upon Tweed

WINTERMIST CALENDAR

- > Apr 4: Stitch n Bitch (Clothiers & String) FM
- > Apr 5: Brewer's FM
- > Apr 6: KNEWBIE KNOCKABOUT
- > Apr 10: Shire Business Meeting
Tony's Pizza on Mt. Vernon Ave
7:00 pm
- > Apr 13: Leatherworkers FM
- > Apr 13: Pavilion Workshop
- > Apr 21: Metalworkers FM
- > Apr 23: Illumination FM
- > Apr 25: Bardic FM
- > Apr 27: Woodworkers FM
- > Apr 29: Newsletter Articles Due
- > Sundays at 10 am Fighter Practice (Rapier and Heavies) at Patriot's Park
- > Thursdays at 5pm: Sewing Circle
(FM=Fellowship Meeting)

January Letter of Acceptance and Returns for Wintermist from the College of Herald's

These are the names, badges and devices submitted to the Caidan College of Herald's from October, 2012. Listings are in alphabetical order and have no bearing upon rank or precedence.

- **Adeline of Berwick-upon-Tweed:** device- Per bend vert and argent, a panpipe argent and three acorns proper.
- **Bako Miklos:** device- Per bend purpure and azure, a peacock contourney regardant within a bordure argent.
- **Bjorn inn Vikverski:** device- Azure, a bear passant argent and a ford proper.
- **Heinrich Augustein von Heldan:** name & device- Per saltire sable and Or, a sun and a bordure counterchanged. *Laurel says Nice Device!*
- **Isabel Silver:** badge- (Fieldless) Issuant from a sun Or in pall inverted a cubit arm vert maintaining a cup Or and two legs vert.
- **Mad Cellack:** name.
- **Sarah Minet:** device- Azure, a footbridge Or. *(This is the defining instance for the use of this charge and Laurel says nice device!)*
- **Sunnifa Jonsdottir:** name.
- **Tabitha Leah of Samarra:** device- Azure, a hand of Fatima inverted and a bordure urdy argent.

~Manus leDragonier, Wintermist Pursuivant

SCA Slang:

Dry, damp or wet site:

Indicates the level of alcohol that is allowed on a site.

- Dry means no alcohol is allowed.
- Damp means only wine, beer, or mead.
- Wet means the harder whiskey, vodka rum and rotgut types are permitted.

Remember: alcohol consumption by anyone under 21 years of age is against the law and forbidden at events.



Tree made by the Metalworker's Fellowship.
Photo by THlord Galen

38) Heart's ease



Heart's Ease

- A Sing care away with sport and play.
Pastime is all our pleasure;
If well we fare for nought we care,
In mirth consist our treasure
- B It is the best to live at rest,
And take as God doth send it;
To haunt each wake, with mirth to make
And with good fellows spend it.
- A O nothing is worse than a full purse
To churls and to pinchers;
They always spare and live in care
There's no one loves such flinchers
- B The merry man with cup and can,
Lives longer than do twenty;
The miser's wealth doth harm his health;
Examples we have plenty.
- A What doth avail the hour to wail
with pensiveness and sorrow
who can tell that he should well
live here until the morrow
- B We will, therefore, for evermore
while this our life is lasting;
eat drink and sleep and lemans keep
to save we folk from fasting
- A Sing care away with sport and play.
Pastime is all our pleasure;
If well we fare for nought we care,
In mirth consist our treasure
- B It is the best to live at rest,
And take as God doth send it;
To haunt each wake, with mirth to make
And with good fellows spend it.

Fellowship News and SWBEC Reports

Bardic Fellowship and Master Donn provided us with the lyrics and music to the period song 'Heart's Ease' which was arranged by Master Martin.

Greetings from the Chancellor for the **Metalworkers**. Several members of the Shire worked on a project for another member who asked for a tree. (picture on left) Thank you to Master Oso, THL Roc, Ylva, Lord Ragnar, Cheyenne and Brenn.

The Metalworkers will have a meeting on the 21st of April after fighter practice, due to the Dun Or Anniversery. Please bring a non alcoholic drink, a chair and your ideas. See you there.

Yours in Service, Galen

Fellowship of the String is now under the leadership of a new chancellor! Welcome THlady Samrah to the task.

SWBEC Announcement: Just a quick message to let people know on April 13th from 12pm till we are done we will have a pavilion workshop at my (Lady Collette's) house (contact her via Facebook). Bring tools and chairs. This is a demo of sorts on how to build the modified Viking a frame. I will provide drinks and snacks. Anyone with pavilion building knowledge is welcome!

From the Chatelaine's Office

I'd like to remind folks of an opportunity to help our lovely Shire. We need better Gold Key loaner garb. In order to make nice quality, mix and match items, we need material. If you have material lying around that you can part with, we would love to have it. If you want to donate a few dollars to us and have us go buy material with it, we can do that as well. Just to give you an idea, I have been buying cotton sheets at thrift stores to use since they are inexpensive, large pieces of solid colored fabric. As long as they do not have any stains or worn out areas, we can get a few garb pieces out of each. We can only make our Gold Key garb as good as the materials we have to work with. Contact Elena or myself if you'd like to make a donation. Help make a newcomer's first experiences better with loaner garb! We can't do this without you!

Piroska Bako Miklosne, Deputy Chatelaine

Wintermist Anniversary: Saturday, May 18th

Event Steward: Stacey of Wintermist
anniversary@sca-wintermist.org

The Shire of Wintermist invites all to come celebrate our 25th Anniversary! We will be hosting a heavy weapons tourney to determine Wintermist's champions, as well as rapier battles, a raffle, games, A&S competitions, and a delicious feast!

- Main Event at Fruitvale-Norris Park, 6221 Norris Road, Bakersfield, Ca 93308- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
This is a little used, older park with large, mature shade trees, stone privies and swings for the smalls. Come play with us in the days of old, when knights were bold and ladies oh so virtuous.
- Feast to follow at The Muddyfoot Ogres Compound, 6901 Cranbrook Ave, Bakersfield, Ca.93308 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Members of the Shire of Wintermist are encouraged to open their homes to our guests for showering and refreshing during this period. If a fighter declines this hospitality, their odoriferous solitude during the feast is a likely fallout.

***Fighting Information:** Four erics will be setup for the tourney; two dedicated to the heavy weapons tournament, one for rapier, and one for pickup fights. Additional Marshalls will be on hand to setup more erics if needed. Remember fighters, Wintermist is known for some of the more generous and attentive fighter refreshment tables in the Kingdom.

***Arts & Sciences Competition:** The theme of Wintermist's 25th Anniversary is Shire regalia. Locally, our artisans have begun a renewed emphasis on crafting items that celebrate Wintermist's history and look forward to the future. Items from competitors of all ages will be accepted, with prizes for first and second. Please include documentation or a background bio about your item, explaining it's significant and/or the techniques you used (authentic or anachronistic) to craft it. There will also be a 25th Anniversary gift basket raffle at the Tourney.

***Feast Information:** Wintermist's 25th Anniversary Feast is a semi-potluck. What's a semi-potluck? A wide variety of savory meats will be grilled by the Shire for everyone to enjoy, and guests are encouraged to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert of their own to dazzle the populace and complete the meal. The feast site will be damp, so please feel free to bring any wine or beer-type libations you desire to have with your meal. Please provide a chair and feast ware for you and yours.

Note: If a poor soul forgets their feastgear, a Shire appointed instrument will be provided for you at the expense of playful teasing and the occasional "neener-neener, plastic fork eater".

Event Website: <http://www.sca-wintermist.org/anniversary>

Directions to the event: Take 99 freeway to Bakersfield, turn west on Olive Drive (north end of town), turn right onto Fruitvale Avenue, then right onto Norris Road, park is to your right, Look out for SCA signs.

SCA slang:

Filk: a song written usually in parody of another song, or and SCA themed song using the tune of a modern day song.

Small: an SCA term for child.

Troll/troll booth: a term used to indicated the entry point for an event or place to pay site fees. Derives from fairy tale Troll guarding a bridge requiring payment of travelers before they are allowed to pass.

Anniversary Gate fees:

For the Tourney:

- Adults \$5
- Children 12-17 \$2
- Children 11 and under, guests of the shire

For the Feast:

- Adults \$5
- Children 12-17 \$2
- Children 11 and under, guests of the shire

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc. -
Shire of Wintermist
Merchanting is prohibited by location.

GWW Land Allocation for Wintermist

These totals are as of April 1st 2013 and are not a joke! The shire has twelve people pre-registered for the next Great Western War in October. This breaks down to eleven adults and one child. Six of these people have purchased extra land over and above the bonus for early registration. To remind everyone if you register for land at the war before the end of April (and pay for it) you will receive 350 feet per person rather than the standard 250 feet. Children get 125 feet each. If you want you can purchase an additional 125 feet at the time you register.

Land registration between May and the end of July will receive 250 feet per adult and 125 feet for a child. The purchase of additional land may not be available at this later date. If you have any questions about the land registration please contact either myself (Manus) or Cindi of Wintermist for help. Also if you would like to help as a deputy to the land Czar of Wintermist please talk to me at one of our events or message me on Facebook.

~Manus leDragonier, Wintermist Pursuivant

Wintermist Heraldry Report for April 2013

March was not the most successful effort that the Flourish has produced but we didn't go down in flames either. We were able to register items for three people and have five others that will be turned in this month that are now good. The next meeting of the College of Heraldry will be on Saturday, April 20th. This is unusual in that the meeting is on a Saturday but the situation made this necessary. If you have a submission for the college please contact one of the Flourish by the 16th to be considered this month.

March submissions:

- **Amaryllis le Pouke, device resubmission:** Schneckendripass, purpure, argent and sable.
Schneckendripass is a German heraldic term for a field division. The term translates loosely to snail-three-parted. Since there is an acceptable period name for the blazon and the field division the client is asking for that blazon rather than a lengthy Anglicized blazon.
- **Arria Cara, new name and device:** Argent, an otter rampant azure maintaining in its sinister paw an escallop Or within a bordure azure.
- **Lothar von Schwartzchildt, device resubmission:** Sable a horse courant head to base bendwise sinister and on a bordure embattled argent three mullets of four points gules.

~Manus leDragonier, Wintermist Pursuivant

SCA Slang:

Newbie: One who is new to the SCA—usually two years or less.

Mundane: indicates modern items such as clothes or plastic items.

Live Steel: a real blade (knife or sword) that is out of its sheath and in someone's hands.

My scattered recollections of the founding of Wintermist.

I had attended a couple of local events in the Shire of Darkwell during the mid 1980's as a guest of (the late) Morgan Trygvisson.

When I moved to Bakersfield in 1987, I discovered that the Shire of Darkwell was no more, and through gaming and school met up with other SCA people. We started attending events together as a household (Dun Caledonia).

In the spring of 1988, news reached us that the (then) Shire of Naevehjem and the new Barony of Dun Or, were going to be having a war (Darkwell I) in Tehachapi. The premise of the war was: who would claim the debatable lands left in the county, since the Shire of Darkwell was no more.

Rather than let this pass unchallenged, we decided to make an official request to form a SCA branch and thus was formed our Shire. After some research it was discovered that Darkwell was never officially dissolved as branch, so with a name change, and new officers, we were able to take up their charter. With the support of our friends from Nordwache, we fielded a creditable force at Darkwell War I and established our claim to these lands.

The first officers were

- Seneschal - Donn, son of Fergus
- Marshal - Achmed al Gran Shaban
- Herald - Manus le Dragonier

Our first Anniversary tourney was held April 29-30, 1989.

Hopefully others with memories better than mine will add to this chronicle.

~ Master Donn, son of Fergus

The Assassination

The assassin walked quietly down the deserted street and stopped near a vine covered wall. He looked around to make sure no one saw him as he slipped behind the vines. The gate there was cleverly hidden in the wall, and using a key provided by a spy the assassin quietly opened the gate. The garden on the other side of the wall was deserted as promised. Closing the gate behind him the assassin crept across the garden to a large tree hanging over a balcony. The spy had told him that from this tree he would be able to get a good shot at his target when he came out on the balcony in the morning to say his prayers. Settling into a spot high in the tree the assassin took out his crossbow and carefully loaded the poison bolt.

The Grand Master awoke and looked at the empty spot on the other side of his bed. His mistress was gone, though he wasn't surprised after last night's arguments. He got out of bed and went to the balcony to say his morning prayers. He always enjoyed looking out over the peaceful garden, thinking about how much it must look like the garden of Eden in the early morning light. Suddenly the bolt struck him in the side just as he finished his prayers and had turned to go. The guards posted outside the door rushed in at the Grand Master's scream, but looking over the balcony they saw nobody in the garden; the assassin was gone.

The bolt had flown true and the assassin heard the Grand Master scream as it struck. He had run across the garden just in time, ducking behind the hanging vines covering the hidden gate just as two soldiers had appeared looking over the balcony. He opened the gate, and discovered that the street on the other side was still deserted. As he turned to lock the gate, an arrow struck him in the back and he was dead before he hit the ground.

The spy stepped out of her hiding place and looked up and down the deserted street before crossing to where the assassin lay partially hidden behind the vines. She kicked the body a couple of times to make sure he was dead before going through his pockets. In one of them she found a small pouch containing 40 pieces of silver; his fee, she thought as she put it into her purse. Turning she headed up the street toward the docks. She would use the silver to buy her passage on a ship to another city.

The Grand Master had been generous with his gifts, and his enemies had paid her well for her services. The city would fall without the Grand Master's leadership, but what did she care? The fat oaf was dead and she would be far away living a life of luxury.

~Michael of Berwick Upon Tweed

Treasure Chest in Nordwache

Event Steward: Lord Cormac McCleod of Ostaig
treasurechest@nordwache.org

Do you like melees? Do you like camping, fighting and shopping on grass beneath beautiful mature trees? Their Excellencies, Sheik Mahmud Ali ben Sinan and Baroness Muirenn Inghian Chon Ruaidh, along with the Barony of Nordwache, wish to invite all of Caid and the Known World to "Treasure Chest XIII", to be held April 26th through April 28th, 2013. We are actively preparing to host the Kingdom for a splendid weekend of camping. There will be torch light tourneys Friday and Saturday nights, various war scenarios and a team melee to claim the Treasure Chest! This year, there will be an Arts and Science area, with shade, for anyone who wants to relax and work on your art projects and visit. A&S Competition Theme- Make your handmade beautiful things even more of a "treasure" with embellishments. The theme is Embellishments. Also a table will be provided for your ongoing incomplete works of art....show off what you are working on....Let the populace see your talents. And as always merchant shopping!

***Camping:** This event will again be held at Kearney Park in Fresno, California. This is a beautiful site with plenty of grassy areas and shade trees. There is a large battlefield with camping locations all around, not a bad camping spot anywhere! This is a public park and we will be locked in at night, however there will be a Hastings lock on the back gate for us. RV's are allowed in the parking lots, however, there are no RV hookups. Dogs are allowed and must be kept on leash at all times. Fires must be at least 12" off of the ground and water and a fire extinguisher should be kept nearby. This is an irrigated grassy site. Please keep tent stakes shorter than 9 inches.

***Merchants:** Merchants are welcome and are given prime camping space along the tree line with views of the battlefield. Merchant fee is \$15.00 Paying the merchant fee and the site fee purchases entrance for one merchant and one assistant (total of 2 people). The contact for merchants is the Event Steward.

***Site Fee:** Entrance into the park is \$5.00 per vehicle, which must be paid at the county booth at the time of entry into the park. The Site Fee is an additional \$15.00 per person (\$7.50 children 6-12) and no more than \$45.00 per family. Non-members must pay an additional \$5.00 surcharge. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc./Barony of Nordwache.

***Directions:** Make your best way to Fresno on State Hwy 41 or Hwy 99. Take the Jensen exit and head west on Jensen Ave. for approximately 3 miles. Turn right (north) on Marks, then left (west) another 3 miles on Kearney (Kearney is a palm tree lined road). The park entrance will be on your left. We are at a new site in the park. Towards the center of the park at Camphor Grove After 10 p.m follow the signs to the night entrance.

SCA slang:

Chirurgeon: 13th century word for surgeon, derives from the greek figure Chiron who was a healer. The word was originally pronounced 'sigh-ur-geon' but over time the ch became a hard sound.

Proposed schedule:

Friday

- noon -site opens
- sometime after dark- torchlight tourney sponsored by Tiberius start time 9pm

Saturday

- 10am or shortly after- opening court
- 30 minutes after the close of court the days events will start
- 2pm Rapier is being ran by Donn Fergerson of Wintermist .
- 4pm Silent Auction, A&S closes
- 4:30 or shortly after- closing court begins
- 6:30 pot luck feast Bring a dish to share
- Sometime after dark- torchlight tourney sponsored by Horsemen of Judgment Keep Theme, Sith VS Jedi, start time 9pm

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Current Champion of Wintermist and Protector of the Flock



Lord Alexander Æthewulf

Photo by A'isha

From the Chronicler

This is a test to see how many of you read this newsletter cover to cover! If you have done this, send me a message to chronicler@sca-wintermist.org stating the term I used on page 5 in the "SCA Slang" box. I'm curious to see who answers me.

Silliness aside, this issue is also a testament to all of you who filled these pages and make this newsletter possible each and every month. I have great fun reading what you have sent and trying to put it together in the best possible way. I look forward to carrying on with the "News From the North" as well and hope that the populace of each territory is as generous with their time and words. Meanwhile, I will carry on until December where I will hand the duties of the chronicler over to my new Deputy, Jani Shirazi. Thank you all for your contributions.

For the Dream,
~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa

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